

HUTCHISON<0013> - Announcement

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HUTCHISON WHAMPOA LIMITED
(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

CONNECTED TRANSACTION

The board of directors ("Directors") of Hutchison Whampoa Limited (the "Company") announces on 15 March 2000, that it has agreed to make a loan, through one of its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Hutchison Communications (Australia) Pty Ltd ("HCAPL"), of A\$670 million (approximately HK\$3,220 million) (the "Loan") to Hutchison Telecommunications (Australia) Limited ("HTAL"). HTAL, a non wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company listed on the Australian Stock Exchange, is owned as to 54% by HCAPL, 16.5% by Leanrose Pty Ltd ("Leanrose"), a company incorporated in Australia, and the balance by the public.

Leanrose is a connected person of the Company by virtue of it being (i) a substantial shareholder of a subsidiary of the Company and (ii) an associate of Mr Barry Roberts-Thomson, who is a director of HTAL. The Loan constitutes a connected transaction of the Company under the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules").

THE LOAN

Parties

Borrower: HTAL
Lender: HCAPL, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company

Loan Amount: \$670 million in Australian dollars,
equivalent to approximately HK\$3,220 million

Purpose: To provide short term funding to HTAL for HTAL's purchase of 1800 megahertz spectrum licences in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth (the "Licences").

FURTHER PARTICULARS OF THE CONNECTED TRANSACTION

The Loan is a short term bridging facility which will be repaid when HTAL concludes long term funding later this year. The Loan will bear interest at commercial rates and will be unsecured.

REASONS FOR ENTERING INTO THE CONNECTED TRANSACTION

The Directors consider that the terms of the Loan are fair and reasonable and that they are arrived at after arms-length negotiations between the parties. The Directors further consider that the Loan is upon normal commercial terms, in the usual course of business and in the interests of the Company in that the Loan will enable its subsidiary, HTAL, to fund the purchase of the Licences. Upon acquisition of the Licences, HTAL will acquire 1800 megahertz spectrum covering Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane,

Adelaide and Perth. The spectrum will be used to build a high speed data network.

GENERAL

HTAL carries on the business of providing telecommunications services in Australia. The Loan constitutes a connected transaction of the Company under the Listing Rules. The aggregate amount payable under the transaction will be A\$670 million (approximately HK\$3,220 million) and is within the de-minimis exemption in respect of connected transactions under Rule 14.25(1) of the Listing Rules. Details of the transaction will also be disclosed in the next annual report and accounts of the Company.

By Order of the Board

Edith Shih
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 15 March 2000