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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 that on 5 May 2000, an agreement (the "Underwriting Agreement") has been entered into between the Company and Hutchison Telecommunications (Australia) Limited ("HTAL") to underwrite the subscription of certain shares to be offered in a rights issue (the "Rights Issue") proposed to be made by HTAL (the "Underwriting"), a non wholly owned subsidiary of the Company listed on the Australian Stock Exchange, which is owned as to 54% by Hutchison Communications (Australia) Pty Limited ("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 Underwriting 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 UNDERWRITING

Date of Underwriting

Agreement: 5 May 2000

Parties

Issuer: HTAL

Underwriter: the Company

Rights Issue: the offer by HTAL to its shareholders the right to subscribe for 3 ordinary fully paid new shares in the capital of HTAL (the "Shares") for every 7 ordinary fully paid shares of HTAL held at an issue price of A\$3.45 per Share, to raise approximately \$700 million in Australian dollars (before costs), equivalent to approximately HK\$3,235 million.

Terms: the underwriting by the Company of all the Shares which are the subject of the Rights Issue other than those to which HCAPL, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, is entitled as of right as a shareholder of HTAL, i.e. approximately 93.6 million Shares (the "Underwritten Shares"). Pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement, the Company has the right to sub-underwrite some or all of the Underwritten Shares. The Company intends to sub-underwrite to sub-underwriters and/or HCAPL.

Underwritten Amount: approximately \$323 million in Australian dollars, equivalent to approximately HK\$1,492 million

REASONS FOR ENTERING INTO THE CONNECTED TRANSACTION

The proceeds of the Rights Issue will be used to repay the short term loan provided by HCAPL for the acquisition of the 1800 megahertz spectrum licences by HTAL (the "Acquisition"). The Directors consider that the Underwriting is in the interests of the Company in that it provides support to HTAL in its Rights Issue which will ultimately allow HTAL to fund its Acquisition.

The Directors consider that the Underwriting is upon normal commercial terms and the terms of which are arrived at after arms-length negotiations between the parties and are fair and reasonable.

GENERAL

HTAL carries on the business of providing telecommunications services in Australia. The Underwriting constitutes a connected transaction of the Company under the Listing Rules. The maximum amount underwritten by the Company under the Rights Issue is approximately A\$323 million (approximately HK\$1,492 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 be disclosed in the next annual report

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and accounts of the Company.

By Order of the Board

Edith Shih
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 8 May 2000

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