

HUTCHISON<0013> - Announcement

The Stock Exchange has received a message from Hutchison Whampoa Limited which is reproduced as follows:-

"HUTCHISON WHAMPOA LIMITED ("Hutchison")  
(Stock Code :13)

Hutchison, NTT DoCoMo, Inc. ("NTT DoCoMo") and KPN Mobile N.V. ("KPN Mobile") announce the entering into of arrangements for strategic co-operation regarding European third generation ("3G") mobile multimedia between three of the world's leading mobile operators.

The co-operation is implemented by agreements covering four European markets - the United Kingdom, Germany, France and Belgium - with 210 million customers and a projected value of Euro 200 billion by 2010. The agreements extend the existing arrangements between Hutchison, NTT DoCoMo and KPN Mobile and position them to secure the maximum benefits from the European 3G mobile multimedia opportunity whilst preserving the flexibility of the parties to achieve their own strategic objectives.

The agreements combined will allow each party to extend substantially its European footprint whilst sharing the costs of growing their 3G businesses. Such co-operation strengthens the ability of the parties to secure 3G licences in the target markets. It will also secure time-to-market advantages and generate significant economies of scale in product development, network procurement and construction as well as content and other supplier relationships. European customers will derive substantial benefits through enhanced service offering and service innovation.

Concurrently, Hutchison has entered into conditional agreements with NTT DoCoMo and KPN Mobile whereby NTT DoCoMo will acquire 20 per cent. and KPN Mobile a 15 per cent. interest in Hutchison 3G UK Holdings Limited ("Hutchison 3G UK Holdings"). Hutchison will retain the remaining 64.999998 per cent. interest in Hutchison 3G UK Holdings (including 6.4999998% allocated for the remaining option of Telesystem International Wireless Inc. ("TIW") to acquire shares in Hutchison 3G Holdings) and the balance of 0.000002% in Hutchison 3G UK Holdings is held by TIW. Hutchison will receive GBP1.2 billion for the interest to be sold to NTT DoCoMo and KPN Mobile will pay GBP0.9 billion for acquiring its interest (out of which approximately GBP50 million will be payable to TIW for the waiver of its option to acquire 3.5 per cent. of Hutchison 3G UK Holdings). Hutchison 3G UK Holdings is the holding company of Hutchison 3G UK Limited which holds a third-generation mobile licence issued in the United Kingdom. NTT DoCoMo is a connected person for the purpose of the Listing Rules by virtue of it being a substantial shareholder of an existing subsidiary of Hutchison. The disposal of interest in Hutchison 3G UK Holdings to NTT DoCoMo therefore constitutes a connected transaction for Hutchison, in respect of which a formal press announcement will be released by Hutchison later today.

By Order of the Board  
Edith Shih  
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 12 July 2000"