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## **HGC to work on IPX peering arrangements with telecoms giants in Japan, Taiwan and the UAE**

**HONG KONG, 13 May 2014** - Hutchison Global Communications Limited (HGC), the fixed-line division of Hutchison Telecommunications Hong Kong Holdings Limited (stock code: 215), today announced agreements with Taiwan's Chunghwa Telecom (Chunghwa) and Japan's NTT Communications Corporation (NTT Com) to establish multiservice IPX peering connections. HGC has also entered into a memorandum of understanding on IPX platform interconnection with Emirates Telecommunications Corporation (Etisalat) in the UAE.

These interconnection partnerships will enable the four telecoms carriers to deliver greater reach to more mobile network operators (MNOs) and ensure their end customers can roam seamlessly across IPX platforms, enjoying extended coverage along with a high-quality voice and mobile data experience.

IPX stands for IP Packet eXchange, by which multiple operators can exchange IP traffic in a security and quality-aware manner, without traversing the Internet.

### **MNOs benefit from extended global reach**

HGC's international business operations will work closely with Chunghwa, NTT Com and Etisalat on IPX peering connections. Together, HGC and the three carriers will enable MNOs to launch next-generation IP services swiftly by connecting to the Hutch-IPX platform and its community of mobile networks around the world.

### **Hutch-IPX platform offers comprehensive one-stop IPX solutions**

The Hutch-IPX platform was launched in July 2012 to interconnect fixed and mobile operators, along with application service and content providers. This arrangement facilitates provision of comprehensive IP interconnect services such as 2G, 3G and 4G data roaming, mobile signalling, Voice-over-IP (VoIP) and high-definition voice and video traffic, as well as BlackBerry data traffic.

Hutch-IPX is based on the technology-neutral Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) system and provides a highly-secure virtual private network with end-to-end quality of service assurance. It also comes complete with stringent service level agreements that cover jitter, network backbone latency and availability.

MNOs served by HGC and the three carriers are now in a position to categorise and prioritise traffic over the IPX network when linking with roaming and inter-networking partners. This

helps manage the traffic profile of ever-increasing end-user demand for bandwidth and services such as instant messaging, social media and VoLTE.

Andrew Kwok, HGC's President of International and Carrier Business, said: "We fully recognise the significance of IPX platforms in forming an efficient channel for delivering IP-based mobile and next-generation services to both new and existing IPX platform providers. This is why we have made unrelenting efforts to extend Hutch-IPX coverage throughout the world."

He added: "We are excited to interconnect with operators the stature of Chunghwa, NTT Com and Etisalat. In short, we are very confident that this collaboration will enable MNOs, fixed network and application content providers to deliver traffic with the benefit of extended coverage, while adding even greater value to HGC's unparalleled international network."

C C Chien, Chunghwa's Vice President of International Business Group, said: "Being the first 4G operator in Taiwan, we aim to provide our customers with the best quality for LTE service. In 2014, we have scheduled to have international voice and mobile data roaming traffic migrated to IPX platform. We are pleased to cooperate with HGC, one of the leading IPX providers, for multi-service via IPX peering connections and believe that our customers will enjoy the high quality services with great benefits under our great efforts."

Toru Maruoka, NTT Com's Senior Vice President of Voice and Video, said: "We are pleased to be entering into this IPX interconnection partnership with HGC, which will enable us to extend mutual coverage and high-quality roaming and voice services to respective customer operators."

Ali Amiri, Etisalat's Executive Vice President of Carrier & Wholesale Services, said: "We are delighted to be working with HGC, a long-term partner, to further extend the network reach and service sets of both companies. Ultimately this collaboration will result in faster and more flexible services for our customers on a global basis. Peering with the Etisalat SmartHub IPX will also enable HGC to widen its IPX footprint globally adding the Middle East and improve its coverage in Africa while extending Etisalat's reach across HGC's impressive IPX Asian footprint."

An official signing ceremony on 12 May featured HGC and its three partners in Chicago during International Telecoms Week (ITW) 2014.

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Hutchison Global Communications Limited (HGC) owns one of the largest fibre-to-the-building telecommunications networks in Hong Kong. Since establishment in 1995, it has been fully committed to building its own optical-fibre network infrastructure and introducing advanced facilities. Coupled with its four cross-border routes integrated with all three of mainland China's

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