

Hutchison Whampoa Limited

(incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 13)

OVERSEAS REGULATORY ANNOUNCEMENT

Please refer to the attached press release dated 22 January 2009 issued by Partner Communications Company Ltd., a subsidiary of Hutchison Whampoa Limited held through Hutchison Telecommunications International Limited.

As at the date of the announcement, the Directors of Hutchison Whampoa Limited are:

Executive Directors:

Mr. LI Ka-shing (*Chairman*)
Mr. LI Tzar Kuoi, Victor (*Deputy Chairman*)
Mr. FOK Kin-ning, Canning
Mrs. CHOW WOO Mo Fong, Susan
Mr. Frank John SIXT
Mr. LAI Kai Ming, Dominic
Mr. KAM Hing Lam

Non-executive Directors:

Mr. George Colin MAGNUS
Mr. William SHURNIAK

Independent Non-executive Directors:

The Hon. Sir Michael David KADOORIE
Mr. Holger KLUGE
Mr. William Elkin MOCATTA
*(Alternate to The Hon. Sir Michael
David Kadoorie)*
Mr. OR Ching Fai, Raymond
Mr. WONG Chung Hin

Hong Kong, 23 January 2009



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PARTNER COMMUNICATIONS ANNOUNCES IT RECEIVED A LAWSUIT REQUESTING CERTIFICATION AS A CLASS ACTION

Rosh Ha'ayin, Israel, January 22, 2009 – Partner Communications Company Ltd. ("Partner" or "the Company") (NASDAQ and TASE: PTNR), a leading Israeli mobile communications operator, announced that it was served on *January 20, 2009* with a lawsuit requesting certification as a class action, filed against Partner in the District Court of Tel- Aviv-Jaffa. The claim alleges that Partner misled its customers who purchased a particular model of handset (the "**Concerned Customers**") by not highlighting the fact that there were faults with certain of that model's functions and not offering replacement models free of additional obligation.

If the lawsuit is certified as a class action, the total amount claimed from Partner is estimated by the Plaintiff to be approximately NIS 70 million. Also, the Plaintiff seeks a declaration to require the Company to attach to the particular model of handset a notice describing its limitations and to credit the Plaintiff and the Concerned Customers for handset payments made or alternatively to replace the handsets with a different model free of additional obligation.

Partner is reviewing and assessing the lawsuit and at this preliminary stage is unable to evaluate the probability of success of the lawsuit or the range of potential exposure, if any, with any degree of certainty.

About Partner Communications

Partner Communications Company Ltd. ("Partner") is a leading Israeli mobile communications operator providing GSM / GPRS / UMTS / HSDPA services and wire free applications under the orange™ brand. The Company provides quality service and a range of features to 2.882 million subscribers in Israel (as of September 30, 2008). Partner's ADSs are quoted on the NASDAQ Global Select Market™ and its shares are traded on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange (NASDAQ and TASE: PTNR).

Partner is a subsidiary of Hutchison Telecommunications International Limited ("Hutchison Telecom"), a leading global provider of telecommunications services. Hutchison Telecom currently offers mobile and fixed line telecommunications services in Hong Kong, and operates mobile telecommunications services in Israel, Macau, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Vietnam and Indonesia. It was the first provider of 3G mobile services in Hong Kong and Israel and operates brands including "Hutch", "3" and "orange". Hutchison Telecom, a subsidiary of Hutchison Whampoa Limited, is a listed company with American Depositary Shares quoted on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker "HTX" and shares listed on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong under the stock code "2332". For more information about Hutchison Telecom, see www.htil.com.

For more information about Partner, see http://www.orange.co.il/investor_site/

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