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# Hutchison Whampoa Limited

*(incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)*  
**(Stock Code: 13)**

## OVERSEAS REGULATORY ANNOUNCEMENT

Please refer to the attached press release dated 26 August 2009 issued by Partner Communications Company Ltd., a subsidiary of Hutchison Whampoa Limited held through Hutchison Telecommunications International Limited.

As at the date of this announcement, the Directors of the Company 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  
Mrs Margaret LEUNG KO May Yee  
Mr William Elkin MOCATTA  
*(Alternate to The Hon Sir Michael  
David Kadoorie)*  
Mr WONG Chung Hin

Hong Kong, 27 August 2009



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

***Rosh Ha'ayin, Israel, August 26, 2009*** – Partner Communications Company Ltd. ("Partner" or "the Company") (NASDAQ and TASE: PTNR), a leading Israeli mobile communications operator, announced today that it was served with a lawsuit requesting certification as a class action, filed against Partner, another cellular operator and two content providers and integrators, in the District Court of Petach-Tikva.

The claim alleges that Partner charged subscribers for certain content services, without their consent.

If the lawsuit is certified as a class action, the total amount of claim against Partner is estimated by the Plaintiffs to be approximately NIS 227,822,400.

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.

### **Forward-Looking Statements**

This press release includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the US Securities Act of 1933, as amended, Section 21E of the US Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the safe harbor provisions of the US Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Words such as "believe", "anticipate", "expect", "intend", "seek", "will", "plan", "could", "may", "project", "goal", "target" and similar expressions often identify forward-looking statements but are not the only way we identify these statements. All statements other than statements of historical fact

included in this press release regarding our future performance, plans to increase revenues or margins or preserve or expand market share in existing or new markets, reduce expenses and any statements regarding other future events or our future prospects, are forward-looking statements.

We have based these forward-looking statements on our current knowledge and our present beliefs and expectations regarding possible future events. These forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions about Partner, consumer habits and preferences in cellular telephone usage, trends in the Israeli telecommunications industry in general, the impact of current global economic conditions and possible regulatory and legal developments. For a description of some of the risks we face, see "Item 3D. Key Information - Risk Factors", "Item 4. - Information on the Company", "Item 5. - Operating and Financial Review and Prospects", "Item 8A. - Consolidated Financial Statements and Other Financial Information - Legal and Administrative Proceedings" and "Item 11. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk" in the form 20-F filed with the SEC on April 27, 2009. In light of these risks, uncertainties and assumptions, the forward-looking events discussed in this press release might not occur, and actual results may differ materially from the results anticipated. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

### **About Partner Communications**

Partner Communications Company Ltd. ("Partner") is a leading Israeli provider of telecommunications operator (cellular, fixed-line telephony and Internet Services Provider) under the orange™ brand. The Company provides mobile communications services to 2.944 million subscribers in Israel (as of June 30, 2009). 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 Israel, and operates mobile telecommunications services in Thailand, Sri Lanka, Vietnam and Indonesia. It was the first provider of 3G mobile services in 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](http://www.htil.com).

For more information about Partner, see [http://www.orange.co.il/investor\\_site/](http://www.orange.co.il/investor_site/)

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