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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 5 October 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, 5 October 2009



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## **PARTNER COMMUNICATIONS ANNOUNCES S&P MAALOT AFFIRMS ITS 'iIAA-' BOND RATING WITH STABLE OUTLOOK**

***ROSH HA'AYIN, Israel, October 5, 2009*** - Partner Communications Company Ltd. ("Partner" or "the Company") (NASDAQ and TASE: PTNR), a leading Israeli mobile communications operator, announces that Standard & Poor's Maalot ("S&P Maalot") affirmed Partner's 'iIAA-' bond rating with stable outlook. At the same time, the rating was removed from CreditWatch with negative implications where it was placed on September 17, 2009.

In its report, S&P Maalot stated that: " We believe that Partner should be able to sustain a materially more leveraged capital structure whilst at the same time maintain a financial risk profile appropriate for the current rating."

### **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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