

# Hutchison Whampoa Limited

*(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)*

**(Stock Code: 013)**

## **OVERSEAS REGULATORY ANNOUNCEMENT**

Please refer to the attached press release dated 10 December 2007 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, 11 December 2007



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## **PARTNER COMMUNICATIONS ANNOUNCES IT RECEIVED A PETITION CONCERNING BILLING UNITS**

***ROSH HA'AYIN, Israel, December 10, 2007 - Partner Communications Company Ltd. ("Partner") (NASDAQ and TASE: PTNR; LSE: PCCD), a leading Israeli mobile communications operator,*** announced that it was served on Tuesday, December 4, 2007, with a petition, filed against the Minister of Communications, Pelephone Communications Ltd. (a cellular operator in Israel) and others, and against Partner and Cellcom Israel Ltd. (another cellular operator) as formal respondents, in the High Court of Justice in Jerusalem. The petition requests that the High Court of Justice shall order the Ministry of Communications to determine that the amendment to the licenses of all cellular operators in Israel (entered into force on 3 September 2007), regarding the requirement of the cellular operators to only offer tariff plans based on the basic billing unit (12 seconds) rather than any other billing unit, shall be applied retroactively, or alternatively, the petitioner requests that subscribers with existing tariff plans based on non-basic billing units, be able to move to a tariff plan based on the basic billing unit with no charge imposed.

At this preliminary stage, Partner is considering the merits of the petition and is unable to assess the extent of the validity and the merits of this petition.

## **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 2.796 million subscribers in Israel (as of September 30, 2007). Partner's ADSs are quoted on the NASDAQ Global Select Market™ and the London Stock Exchange. Its shares are also traded on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange (NASDAQ and TASE: PTNR; LSE: PCCD).

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, Ghana, 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](http://www.htil.com).

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

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