Hutchison Whampoa Limited

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 013)

OVERSEAS REGULATORY ANNOUNCEMENT

Please refer to the attached press release dated 20 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, 21 December 2007



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

ROSH HA'AYIN, Israel, December 20, 2007 - Partner Communications Company Ltd. ("Partner") (NASDAQ and TASE: PTNR; LSE: PCCD), a leading Israeli mobile communications operator, announced that it was served on Monday, December 17, 2007, with a lawsuit for which certification as a class action is sought, filed against Partner and two other mobile communications operators, in the Tel-Aviv District Court. The plaintiffs allege that cell sites were erected near their properties illegally, causing environmental damage. They seek various remedies, including the removal of all allegedly illegal communications devices, including the Company's and the other operators' 3G communication devices (for which relevant building permits have been obtained under National Zoning Plan 36), wireless access devices (which were deployed pursuant to a waiver from obtaining building permits under the Communication Law) and communication devices which have been "concealed" in another structure.

The plaintiffs estimate the class damages against all 3 cellular operators together at NIS 1 billion, which amount, if awarded, is to be given to a fund managed by environment and communications specialists.

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Some of the plaintiffs' claims have been similarly raised lately by several local planning and building authorities while the validity of the waiver for wireless access devices is pending in an appeals court decision.

The Company believes it has strong legal arguments against those claims and intends to contest this lawsuit vigorously. At this preliminary stage, the Company is unable to assess the lawsuit's chances of success.

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.

For more information about Partner, see <u>www.orange.co.il/investor_site/</u>.

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