

# Hutchison Whampoa Limited

*(incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)*

**(Stock Code: 013)**

## **OVERSEAS REGULATORY ANNOUNCEMENT**

Please refer to the attached press release dated 12 March 2008 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, 12 March 2008



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## **PARTNER COMMUNICATIONS ANNOUNCES DISMISSAL OF A PURPORTED CLASS ACTION FILED AGAINST THE COMPANY**

*Rosh Ha'ayin, Israel, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008* – Partner Communications Company Ltd. ("Partner") (NASDAQ and TASE: PTNR; LSE: PCCD), a leading Israeli mobile communications operator, announced that on March 5<sup>th</sup> 2008, following the plaintiffs' request, a claim that was filed with the Jerusalem District Court in January 2007 against the Company, two other cellular operators and two land-line operators, was dismissed with prejudice, and a request for the certification of the claim as a class action was dismissed without prejudice.

It had been claimed by the plaintiffs that the defendants had not implemented number portability and were in violation of the Communication Law. It had also been claimed that the defendants were thus harming the plaintiffs and consumers of telephone services in general.

For additional details see note 7(4) to our Financial Statements included in our Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2006.

### **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 2.86 million subscribers in Israel (as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 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 [http://www.orange.co.il/investor\\_site/](http://www.orange.co.il/investor_site/)

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