



News Release

Hutchison Global Communications Launches Ethernet Service to Connect Hong Kong with Beijing and Guangdong Province *Spearheading in China market with novel telecom services linking Mainland and Hong Kong*

Hong Kong, 2 April 2006 – Hutchison Global Communications Limited (“HGC”) today announced that it has launched the first Ethernet service in Hong Kong to connect Beijing and Guangdong Province, providing highly cost-effective and flexible multipoint-to-multipoint Metro Ethernet connectivity for enterprises of all sizes in these three places.

HGC partners with China Telecom to offer this novel service connecting Hong Kong with Beijing and Guangdong Province, which adopts an Inter-Autonomous System and is built on Virtual Private LAN service (VPLS). Riding on an extremely scalable Internet Protocol (IP)/ Multi-Protocol Label Switching (MPLS) network, its service quality is considerably enhanced.

Ethernet, which replaces cross-area Wide Area Network (WAN) with a Local Area Network (LAN) to LAN network architecture, provides stable and easy-to-operate network services of low operating costs. In recent years, there has been a growing interest among enterprises in Ethernet as a telecom interface.

The easy-to-manage Ethernet, which supports excellent network operation performance, allows user-enterprises to “plug and play” without the need to reconfigure their system or install new and customised equipment, saving substantial investment in hardware. In addition, Ethernet is extremely flexible in terms of network connection. Enterprises can expand or adjust network connection scale and bandwidth at any time when needs arise by using Ethernet, Fast Ethernet or Gigabit Ethernet interface. Also, they can utilise Layer 2 Ethernet for complete control of network operation.

Demand for cross-border communication services between enterprises in the Mainland and Hong Kong is on the rise following the accession of China to the World Trade Organisation (WTO) and the implementation of the Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA). In light of this, HGC launched this new product which will help enterprises to run their businesses more smoothly and offer quality services to their customers. To multinational and cross-border large enterprises, this Ethernet service allows them to choose the bandwidth as needed at a transmission speed from 2M to 45M or even higher. This is the most cost-effective way to realise seamless cross-geographic area network connectivity.

Meanwhile, this new Ethernet service allows small and medium-sized enterprises to construct their own networks in a hassle-free way to meet the growing communications demand and raise operational efficiency, without having to acquire WAN technologies and knowledge all over again.

HGC provides complete customer support with its 24-hour monitoring and management as well as one-stop-shop services.

Besides harnessing its status in the international telecom arena, the official roll-out of this Ethernet service which connects the Mainland and Hong Kong symbolises another step forward by HGC towards being a network leader in the Asia-Pacific region. HGC and China Telecom fostered a strong partnership relationship over the past few years. In December 2002, HGC became the first overseas telecom operator to build a single 10Gbit/s SDH transmission system with China Telecom to increase interconnection capacity by 10Gbit/s to 12.5Gbit/s.

Andrew Kwok, Vice President – International Business of HGC, said, “HGC is always devoted to providing customers with diverse and advanced telecom services which can facilitate their business and product development. This Hong Kong-Beijing-Guangdong Metro Ethernet service not only fulfills the pressing demand for telecom and connectivity services in these places but also demonstrates HGC’s accomplishments in expanding into the international network market.”

HGC has successively teamed up with three leading international telecom operators to launch international Ethernet service. In March 2004, HGC joined hands with KT Corporation of South Korea to construct the world’s first international Ethernet, followed by the launch of another Ethernet service linking Hong Kong and Taiwan in collaboration with Taiwan Fixed Network Co Ltd in October of the same year. In January 2006, HGC and Broadwing Communications, LLC jointly established a trans-Pacific Ethernet network connecting Hong Kong and the USA to further broaden HGC’s scope of international Ethernet services and to harness its leadership in the regional telecom market.

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About Hutchison Global Communications Limited

Hutchison Global Communications Limited (“HGC”) owns the largest fibre-to-the-building telecommunications network in Hong Kong. Since its establishment in 1995, it has been fully committed to building its own network infrastructure. With the scalability of its global bandwidth capacities and direct links to networks in Mainland China, HGC provides instant connectivity around the world, including Asia, North America and Europe.

Riding on HGC’s advanced fibre-optic technology, customers enjoy leading-edge services such as Ethernet symmetrical broadband access, corporate data transmission solutions, International Private Leased Circuit services, Internet Protocol Transit services and quality local and overseas call services. Building on its leading presence in Hong Kong, HGC is also establishing a strategic foothold in the global marketplace.

HGC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Hutchison Telecommunications International Limited (“Hutchison Telecom”). Hutchison Telecom is a leading listed telecommunications operator (SEHK:2332; NYSE:HTX) focusing on dynamic markets. It currently offers mobile and fixed-line telecommunication services in Hong Kong, and operates or is rolling out mobile telecommunication services in India, Israel, Macau, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Ghana, Indonesia and Vietnam.

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