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Attention: TE(R21)

SK Telecom would like to thank the Office of the Telecommunications Authority (OFTA) for this opportunity to provide comments to, with regards to the October 27, 2006, consultation paper entitled *Licensing of Spectrum in the 850 MHz Band to Enable the Provision of CDMA2000 Service*. SK Telecom has a keen interest in the Telecommunications Authority's proceeding, as the actions taken based on this consultation will clearly affect the ongoing deployment CDMA service in Hong Kong.

SK Telecom pioneered commercial CDMA-based cellular service and has spread the scope and variety of wireless internet service. This has established a solid foundation for the development of Korea's competitive-edge in the global telecommunications market.

As a leader of the Information Technology, SK Telecom's research and development efforts have evolved from the first-generation analogue cellular systems to the world's first second-generation CDMA, and then to the CDMA 1X RTT system, which has led to the current third generation multimedia mobile communication service based on synchronized IMT-2000 technology called CDMA 2000 1x EV-DO.

SK Telecom is becoming a key player in the global information communication industry. By CDMA mobile communication and wireless internet technologies which it has, as well as platform, solutions and content, SKT's business activities are spreading throughout the world. Based on close cooperation with global information communications operators, and combining rational business strategies, SK Telecom will make every effort to pioneer new overseas markets

On this point of view, SK Telecom strongly supports OFTA's proposal to make available the necessary spectrum in Hong Kong to foster the provision of CDMA2000<sup>®</sup> service after November 20, 2008. SK Telecom's CDMA2000 technologies facilitate the delivery of a wide range of voice and data services. Our experience in the Korean market has demonstrated clearly that the services enabled by CDMA2000 1xEV-DO technologies will lead to greater consumer choice and product innovation providing great benefit to users in Hong Kong and around the world.



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SK Telecom believes that the licensing of a CDMA2000 operator to replace the current ANSI-95 network will serve to increase competition by giving users a choice of two IMT-2000 technologies in the Hong Kong marketplace. The goal of advancing a competitive mobile market is essential, and SK Telecom believes that the introduction of CDMA2000 1xEV-DO technologies is critical to achieving this in the broadband mobile marketplace. In addition, SK Telecom supports OFTA's views expressed in ¶17 that CDMA service should continue to be available to visitors to Hong Kong, supporting Hong Kong's status as a great world city and a telecommunications hub in the Asia-Pacific region.

SK Telecom supports OFTA's proposed band plan to make the 825-835 MHz/870-880 MHz band available for a CDMA2000 network. As a means to support the future development of new services, SK Telecom believes that these bands are pivotal, as they form the foundation for deployment of services globally, especially in markets such as Korea, China, the United States, Canada, Latin America and the Caribbean, and parts of the Middle East, Africa and Central Asia, where the 824-849 MHz/869-894 MHz band is often assigned to mobile technologies.

SK Telecom appreciates the opportunity to weigh in on this very important matter and we welcome any questions that OFTA may have regarding our position.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Francisco SY Lee". The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

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