

Hutchison Essar heads towards pan-India coverage
Hutchison Essar receives Letter of Intent to operate in six new licence areas

HONG KONG, 20 November 2006 - Hutchison Telecommunications International Limited (SEHK: 2332; NYSE: HTX) today announced that its Indian subsidiary Hutchison Essar Limited has received Letters of Intent from Department of Telecommunications ('DOT') for licences in the six licence areas of North East, Himachal Pradesh, Bihar, Orissa, Assam, and Jammu and Kashmir.

A Letter of Intent from the DOT is its offer to issue a licence upon the applicant's acceptance and payment of the relevant fees.

Hutchison Essar expects to launch in these licence areas during 2007.

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Hutchison Telecom 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. A member of the Hong Kong-based Hutchison Whampoa Group, Hutchison Telecom is dedicated to providing superior telecommunication services in dynamic markets. For more information about Hutchison Telecom, see www.htil.com.

About Hutchison Essar Limited

Hutchison Essar Limited, under the brand name Hutch, operates in 16 licence areas in India and has about 20.4 million subscribers as of 30 September 2006. Over the years, it has been named the 'Best Mobile Service in the country' and the 'Most Creative and Most Effective Advertiser of the Year'. This year Business World magazine recognised Hutchison Essar as the "Most Respected Telecom Company of the Year".

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