

Hutchison Essar Completes Acquisition of BPL Cellular

Hong Kong, 17 January 2006 – Hutchison Telecommunications International Limited ('Hutchison Telecom'; SEHK: 2332; NYSE: HTX) today announces that Hutchison Essar Limited ('Hutchison Essar'), its joint venture in India with Essar Teleholdings Limited, has completed the acquisition of BPL Mobile Cellular Limited ('BPL Cellular').

BPL Cellular operates in three licence areas – Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Kerala. With the completion of this acquisition, Hutchison Essar now operates in 16 circles including all metro and A circles.

Dennis Lui, Chief Executive Officer of Hutchison Telecom said, "We are very pleased to have completed this acquisition. We remain confident in the growth opportunities in India, and we will continue to invest to position ourselves as a major provider of mobile telecommunications services."

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About Hutchison Essar Limited

Hutchison Essar Limited, with about 13 million* subscribers after the BPL Mobile Cellular Limited acquisition, is one of the most reputed telecom companies in India. Over the years, it has been named the 'Most Respected Telecom Company', the 'Best Mobile Service in the country', and the 'Most Creative and Most Effective Advertiser of the Year'.

*Figures from Cellular Operators Association of India, 31 December 2005

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