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**Hutchison 3G HK teams up with NEC and Siemens
to build world-class 3G mobile network in Hong Kong**

Leveraging on the success of NEC Corporation (NEC) and Siemens Information and Communication Mobile (Siemens mobile) in building Hutchison's 3G networks in the UK and Italy, Hutchison 3G HK Limited (Hutchison 3G HK) has awarded a contract to NEC and Siemens mobile for the supply of the radio network of its third generation (3G) WCDMA-based network. Hutchison 3G HK targets to launch its 3 service in August 2003.

Under the contract, NEC and Siemens mobile provide the major component of the 3G network other than the core network and supply Hutchison 3G HK with a world-class and comprehensive 3G radio access network comprising radio network controllers, radio base stations and network management system on a turnkey basis. The NEC and Siemens mobile's infrastructure is based on WCDMA technology and is fully compliant to the international specifications set by the 3G Partnership Project (3GPP).

Over 1000 radio base stations have been installed by NEC and Siemens mobile across Hong Kong. These base stations include a number of micro node-B "NB-341", which are cost-effective, space-saving base stations optimal for the smooth deployment and rapid expansion of service areas. The micro-node-B is developed as part of the NEC-Siemens mobile alliance in Universal Mobile Telecommunications System (UMTS) technologies.

Mrs. Agnes Nardi, Managing Director of Hutchison Telecommunications (Hong Kong) Limited said, "We are pleased to have teamed up with NEC and Siemens mobile as our radio network suppliers following their successful deployment of Hutchison's 3G networks in the UK and Italy. With the installation of over 1000 radio base stations across Hong Kong, we will be offering our 3 customers with full coverage in the territory. As the largest mobile operator with 20 years extensive experience in Hong Kong's mobile industry, we will deliver the first 3G network in Hong Kong with a full range of robust and compelling new services."

"NEC and Siemens mobile have developed an unrivalled track record in implementing 3G network solutions worldwide and we hope to accelerate the 3G market," said Ben Nakamura, Senior Vice President and member of the board at NEC Corporation. "Our fast and efficient delivery for 3, not only in Hong Kong but also in the UK and Italy, further highlights our strength, and demonstrates high quality and commitment of our team. As a strategic partner, NEC will fully support and contribute to Hutchison 3G HK with its 3G competence and know-how in mobile internet field, handsets and infrastructure technologies."

"The construction of the 3G radio network for Hutchison 3G HK demonstrates Siemens mobile and NEC are best-in-class: when the network is completed it will be one of the fastest network roll-outs ever. It shows our capacity to react quickly and flexible and at the same time be uncompromising when it comes to reliability. In terms of delivering successful 3G network roll-outs Siemens mobile and NEC are now the leading 3G suppliers", said Lothar Pauly, board member of Siemens Information and Communication Mobile.

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