

**Seeking Views on Requests for Extension of Consultation Period
Deregulation for Fixed-Mobile Convergence
Second Consultation Paper issued on 14 July 2006**

The consultation period of the captioned consultation paper will end on 13 October 2006.

2. The Telecommunications Authority (TA) has received requests from 3 network operators for an extension of the consultation period by 2 months. The reasons given for the requests were:

- (1) they need more time to consider the responses published by the TA on 26 and 28 September 2006 to questions raised by two network operators;
- (2) commercial negotiations are in progress among some operators.

3. The TA now invites views, with reasons, from interested parties on the following questions:

- (1) whether they agree or disagree with the extension requested;
- (2) if they agree to the requested extension, what should be the appropriate extension period.

4. Responses to this consultation may be published by the TA.

5. Parties who request, or agree to, the extension on the ground that commercial negotiations are in progress should provide the TA, on a confidential basis, for his consideration:

- (1) with which parties they are conducting the commercial negotiations;
- (2) reasons why the non-extension of the consultation period would affect these commercial negotiations.

6. Responses to this consultation should reach the TA by close of business on 10 October 2006.

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