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For the attention of the Head, Economic Analysis and Research

Dear Sirs,

Proposal to seize and auction 3G spectrum

As a resident of Hong Kong for almost 43 years and a subscriber to mobile telephone services from a local provider for 26 years I am an interested party in the proposal to take back spectrum from the existing providers in or around 2016.

It seems to be accepted by all parties, including the Hong Kong Government, that the removal of some spectrum from existing providers will undoubtedly result in a degradation of service to their subscribers, although the amount of this degradation is disputed between the various parties.

It further seems inevitable, should the proposal be adopted, that costs to subscribers will be increased.

The main reason behind the proposal seems to be one of attempting to increase competition in Hong Kong. I cannot agree that

increasing the number of providers from four to five would increase competition offer than marginally and the disadvantages of the proposal seem to heavily outweigh this slight advantage, if any. In my opinion there is already considerable competition between the existing providers.

I am a little surprised that our Government is proposing something which would affect the Hong Kong public so negatively. I would definitely not support such a move.

Thank you for your kind attention in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard WITTS', with a stylized, cursive script.

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