

FORTUNE TELECOM HOLDINGS LIMITED 長遠電信網絡集團有限公司^{*}

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability) Stock Code: 110

Final Results Announcement For the year ended 31st December, 2006

The board of directors (the "Board") of Fortune Telecom Holdings Limited (the "Company") is pleased to announce the audited results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively, the "Group") for the year ended 31st December, 2006, together with the comparative figures as follows:

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT		2006	2005
	Notes	2000 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000
Revenue Cost of sales	2	3,046,805 (2,933,472)	2,664,254 (2,569,618)
Gross profit Other income Distribution costs Administrative expenses Increase in fair value of an investment property Finance costs	3	113,333 17,904 (36,716) (29,502) 60 (27,535)	$94,636 \\ 13,485 \\ (31,138) \\ (34,739) \\ 200 \\ (22,100)$
Profit before taxation Income tax expense	4	<u> (27,333)</u> <u> 37,544</u> (6,205)	20,344 (4,137)
Profit for the year	5	31,339	16,207
Attributable to: Equity holders of the parent Minority interests		31,339	11,380 4,827
		31,339	16,207
Dividend	6	3,021	11,329
Earnings per share – basic	7	10.4 cents	3.8 cents

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

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Held for trading investments 12,064	-
Pledged bank deposits 150,567	147,211
Bank balances and cash 50,448	205,906
1,163,453	664,535
Current Liabilities	
Trade and other payables9108,453	26,159
Bills payable – secured	28,846
Taxation payables 1,737	1,802
Bank borrowings 675,608	271,692
Bank overdrafts – secured 1,058	- 100
Obligations under finance leases	100
786,856	328,599
Net Current Assets 376,597	335,936
396,168	353,914
Capital and Reserves Share capital 30,210	30,210
Reserves 365,200	322,946
Equity attributable to equity holders of the parent 395,410	353,156
Share option reserve of a subsidiary 758	758
396,168	353,914

Notes:-

1. Application of new and revised Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") and significant accounting policies

In the current year, the Group has applied, for the first time, a number of new standard, amendments and interpretations ("new HKFRSs") issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA"), which are either effective for accounting periods beginning on or after 1st December, 2005 or 1st January, 2006. The adoption of the new HKFRSs had no material effect on how the results and financial position for the current or prior accounting periods have been prepared and presented. Accordingly, no prior period adjustment has been required.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for investment property and certain financial instruments, which are measured at fair values.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards issued by the HKICPA. In addition, the consolidated financial statements include applicable disclosures required by the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and by the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

2. Segment information

Revenue represents the net amounts received and receivable for goods sold and services provided by the Group to outside customers during the year.

No segment analysis is provided as substantially all the Group's revenue and contribution to profit for the year were derived from the distribution and trading of mobile phones. In addition, no geographical market analysis is provided as substantially all the Group's revenue and contribution to profit for the year were derived from the People's Republic of China ("PRC") (including Hong Kong) and substantially all the assets are located in the PRC (including Hong Kong).

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3. Finance costs

	2006 HK\$'000	2005 HK\$'000
Interests on: Bank borrowings wholly repayable within five years Obligations under finance leases	27,522 13	22,073 27
	27,535	22,100
4. Income tax expense	2006 HK\$'000	2005 HK\$'000
The charge comprises:		
Current tax:		
Hong Kong Profits Tax calculated at 17.5% (2005: 17.5%) on the estimated assessable profit for the year PRC Enterprise Income Tax	7,850	590 4,599
	7,850	5,189
Deferred tax	(1,645)	(1,052)
	6,205	4,137

PRC Enterprise Income Tax represents taxation charge on the assessable profits of the Company's subsidiaries, Fortune (Shanghai) International Trading Co., Ltd. ("Fortune Shanghai") and 上海遠嘉國際貿易有限公司 ("Shanghai Yuanjia"), established in Shanghai Waigaoqiao Free Trade Zone, the PRC. Fortune Shanghai and Shanghai Yuanjia are entitled to a preferential PRC Enterprise Income Tax rate of 15% which is granted to companies established in Shanghai Waigaoqiao Free Trade Zone.

The charge for the year can be reconciled to the profit before taxation per the consolidated income statement as follows:

	2006 HK\$'000	2005 <i>HK\$`000</i>
Profit before taxation	37,544	20,344
Tax at the domestic income tax rate of 15% (2005: 15%) (<i>Note</i>) Tax effect of expenses not deductible for tax purpose Tax effect of income not taxable for tax purpose Reversal of tax effect of deductible temporary differences not recognised Tax effect of tax losses not recognised Effect of different tax rates of companies operating in Hong Kong	5,632 1,615 (2,397) (9) 1,364	3,052 1,175 (1,681) (30) 1,537 84
Tax expense for the year	6,205	4,137

At the balance sheet date, the Group had unused tax losses of approximately HK\$64,619,000 (2005: HK\$55,528,000) available for offset against future profits. No deferred tax asset has been recognised in respect of the unused tax losses due to the unpredictability of future profit streams. The entire sum of unrecognised tax losses may be carried forward indefinitely.

At the balance sheet date, the Group also had deductible temporary differences of approximately HK\$2,839,000 (2005: HK\$2,899,000). No deferred tax asset has been recognised in relation to such deductible temporary differences as it is not probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary differences can be utilized.

Note:

The domestic income tax rate represents the preferential PRC Enterprise Income Tax rate where the Group's operations are substantially based.

5. Profit for the year

Profit for the year	2006 HK\$'000	2005 HK\$'000
Profit for the year has been arrived at after charging:		
Allowance for trade receivables Allowance for other receivables	5,380	6,608 421
Auditor's remuneration	- 989	421 997
Bad debts written off	816	1,355
Depreciation on	010	1,000
- owned assets	401	690
- assets held under finance leases	-	78
Exchange loss	-	411
Write down of inventories	5,393	4,431
Cost of inventories recognised as expense	2,928,079	2,565,187
Impairment loss recognised in respect of club membership	60	-
Loss on disposal of plant and equipment Staff costs	-	3
– directors' emoluments	3,216	2,024
– other staff costs	41,191	34,273
– share-based payment expenses	-	758
– retirement benefit scheme contribution (excluding directors')	600	686
	45,007	37,741
and after crediting:		
Bank interest income	8,515	7,114
Exchange gain	2,000	
Gain on fair value changes of held for trading investments	6,185	_
Rental income on an investment property, net of outgoings of		
approximately HK\$39,000 (2005: HK\$12,000)	273	260
Dividend		
	2006	2005
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Final dividend recognised as distribution:		
1 cent per share for the year ended 31st December, 2005	3,021	_
3.75 cents per share for the nine-month period ended 31st December, 2004		11,329
	3,021	11,329

A final dividend of 1 cent (2005: 1 cent) per share for the year ended 31st December, 2006 has been proposed by the directors and is subject to approval by the shareholders in the annual general meeting.

7. Earnings per share

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The calculation of the basic earnings per share is based on the profit for the year attributable to equity holders of the parent of HK\$31,339,000 (2005: HK\$11,380,000) and on 302,100,000 (2005: 302,100,000) ordinary shares in issue during the year.

8. Trade, bills and other receivables

	2006 HK\$'000	2005 HK\$'000
Trade receivables	187,320	90,426
Less: accumulated allowance	(16,329)	(10,949)
	170,991	79,477
Value-added-tax receivables	66,920	1,815
Rebates receivables	62,359	28,930
Deposits and prepayments	33,076	19,878
	333,346	130,100
Bills receivable	15,845	
	349,191	130,100

The Group allows credit period ranged from 30 to 90 days to its trade customers. The following is an aged analysis of the trade and bills receivables (net of allowance) at the reporting date:

	2006 HK\$'000	2005 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Trade and bills receivables:		
0 to 30 days	119,415	46,498
31 to 90 days	57,360 10,061	30,466 2,513
Over 90 days	10,001	2,313
	186,836	79,477
Trade and other payables The following is an aged analysis of the trade payables at the balance sheet date:		
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	2006	2005
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Trade payables:		
0 to 30 days	40,865	5,567
31 to 90 days	12,369	1,102
Over 90 days	2,004	417
	55,238	7,086
Other payables	53,238	19,073
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	108,453	26,159

FINAL DIVIDEND AND CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The Board proposes the payment of final dividend of 1 cent per share for the year ended 31st December, 2006 (2005: 1 cent) to be paid to shareholders whose names are registered in the Register of Members as at 20th June, 2007. For the purpose of determining dividend entitlement, the Register of Members will be closed for transfer of shares during the period from 21st June, 2007 to 26th June, 2007 (both days inclusive).

REVIEW AND OUTLOOK

Financial Review

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During the year, the Group obtained nationwide distribution rights for one more Nokia's new handset model, namely E50. Nokia model E50 is belong to business-themed E-Series which is targeted at the business users and supports today's most popular and newly announced corporate mobile email solutions. Although E50 was launched in the mainland China market in last October and thus not forming a very significant part in the Group's total sales turnover, its contribution towards the Group's result was promising. The Group's sales turnover for the year was mainly contributed by other Nokia models, namely 7610, 3220, 6708 and 2600.

In September 2006, the Group reached an agreement with Nokia regarding the Fulfillment Distributorship for Nokia Stores and Nokia Professional Centers ("NPCs"). According to the said agreement, the Group was appointed as the fulfillment distributor for NPCs in mainland China and supplies to approximately 100 NPCs all over the country. The Group is entitled to certain types of rebates according to the rebate scheme as agreed with Nokia from time to time. At present, the Group is the sole fulfillment distributor for NPCs in mainland China. In order to facilitate the order placing and management processes, the Group self-invented a web-based distribution resources planning system. The NPCs can place orders and make enquiry on order status real-time on-line. The fulfillment distributorship of Nokia creates more business opportunity and generates comparatively stable revenue and profit for the Group.

In this year, the Group firstly obtained nationwide distribution rights in mainland China for eight Samsung's new handset models, namely D848, E778, E788, i858, X508, X518, X638 and X688. Together with the long-term partnership with Nokia, the Group's distribution foundation is further enhanced. The Samsung handset models D848 and E788 also had an outstanding contribution towards the Group's sales turnover and result during the year.

The Group recorded a consolidated turnover during the year of total HK\$3.047 million as compared with that of HK\$2,664 million for last year. The total number of handsets sold in 2006 of approximately 2,802,000 sets was around 2% higher than that of 2005 which was approximately 2,760,000 sets. Both the sales turnover and the number of handsets sold increased mainly because the Group has started the new businesses as stated above. The gross margin did not have any significant change and stayed at 3.7% as compared to 3.6% last year.

To increase the geographical coverage, to deepen market penetration and to cope with the increase of models being distributed, the distribution costs showed an increase of 18% in comparison with that of last year. With tightening control over various administrative functions, the administrative expenses dropped for 15% as compared to last year. The raise in bank borrowings due to the commencement of new businesses in the year led to an increase in finance costs of 25% over last year.

As a result, the Group reported a profit before taxation of HK\$37 million for the year, an increase of HK\$17 million in comparison with that of HK\$20 million for the year ended 31st December, 2005. The net profit attributable to shareholders for the year was HK\$31 million, increased by 182% as compared with that of HK\$11 million for the year ended 31st December, 2005. The net asset value of the Group as at 31st December, 2006 amounted to HK\$396 million or HK\$1.31 per share versus HK\$354 million or HK\$1.17 per share as at 31st December, 2005. The earning per share for the year ended 31st December, 2006 was 10.4 cents, while the earning per share for the year ended 31st December, 2005 was 3.8 cents.

As at 31st December, 2006, the Group's aggregate borrowings amounted to approximately HK\$677 million, of which HK\$458 million was revolving working capital loans denominated in Renminbi to provide flexibility to the Group in response to the changing monthly trading volume. The increase in bank borrowing from HK\$272 million as at 31st December, 2005 to HK\$677 million was mainly attributable to the increase in working capital requirement arising from the commencement of new businesses during the year. There was a 3-year syndicated loan of US\$13 million as at 31st December, 2006, which was raised in September 2005 and amounted to US\$16 million as at 31st December, 2005. Due to the breach in certain financial covenants, the loan was classified as short-term in accordance with the corresponding accounting standards. The Group was granted a waiver from strict compliance with the relevant covenants on 13th April, 2007. The Group did not have any gearing as the Group did not have any long-term liability as of 31st December, 2006. The total bank deposits and cash balances amounted to approximately HK\$201 million, of which HK\$151 million has been pledged to banks. The finance costs for the year of HK\$28 million were higher than that of last financial year because of the raise in borrowings which was in turn due to the commencement of new businesses. The interest cover was 2.4 times. To cope with the high bank borrowing ratio, the Group continues to monitor its working capital requirement closely with a view to reduce its total bank borrowings and lower the finance costs accordingly.

During the year, there was no material change in the Group's funding and treasury policy. As over 90% of the Group's sales and purchases are denominated in Renminbi and the exchange rate of Renminbi against Hong Kong dollar is relatively predictable, the risk of currency exposure is considered minimal.

The amount of inventory as at 31st December, 2006 was HK\$601 million, which represented approximately 75 days stock turnover as compared to 26 days stock turnover based on the inventory level of HK\$181 million as at 31st December, 2005. The increase in stock turnover period was mainly attributable to the commencement of NPC fulfillment distribution and Samsung mobile phone distribution businesses. Inventory level tends to be higher during the preliminary stage of a new business, but it is expected to go down to a lower level as the businesses approach their maturity in the year of 2007. The Group keeps on taking a cautious approach in inventory ordering and price negotiation with the suppliers. Any drop in price of the product has no material impact on the financial position of the Group as most inventories are covered by the pre-arranged price protection rebates from the suppliers. The Group was only required to make a small provision of HK\$5 million for slow-moving and obsolete stocks for the year as most inventories were current models of mobile phones as at 31st December, 2006.

The amount of trade receivable as at 31st December, 2006 was HK\$171 million, which represented approximately 20 days debtor turnover period as compared to 11 days last year. The increase in debtor turnover period was also because of the commencement of the two new businesses during the year. As the businesses approach their maturity in 2007, the debtor turnover period is expected to decrease accordingly. The Group adopts a tight credit control policy and most of the sales are on either cash basis or limited credit period of less than 30 days. As at 31st December, 2006, more than 60% of trade and bills receivables were aged less than 30 days. Bad debts written off for the year was HK\$0.8 million or 0.03% of the Group's turnover. As normal practice and for prudence sake, the Group made an additional allowance for the year of HK\$5 million, which represented approximately 0.2% of the Group's turnover.

As at 31st December, 2006, the Group had a total number of 1,620 employees, which included 1,531 marketing representatives and non-contracted promoters in various cities in the mainland China. The increase in the number of employees was mainly due to the commencement of the two new businesses during the year. Employees were remunerated according to the nature of their jobs and market trend. Quarterly performance evaluation is done in order to determine rewards in motivating individual employee. The Group provided staff welfare and fund contribution to its employees in accordance with prevailing regulations in the PRC and Hong Kong. There was no material change in remuneration policy, bonus and share option scheme since 31st December, 2005. No option had been granted during the year.

Operational Review

Market Overview

According to the statistics released by the Ministry of Information Industry ("MII"), the PRC, there were more than 461 million subscribers to mobile phone services in the mainland China as at the end of 2006, equivalent to a penetration rate of 35.3 users per 100 persons. The number of mobile phone users in China increased by approximately 67.7 million during the year. The existing penetration rate is, nevertheless, still low in comparison with that of other developed countries of more than 50%. With a continuous economic growth rate of more than 8% per annum in the PRC, it is expected that the PRC mobile phone market will continue to grow at a double-digit figure per annum.

The Chinese government has not yet confirmed the time of issuing 3G licenses but it is expected that the licenses will be issued within the year of 2007 and 3G phones services will be provided during the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games, as pledged by the MII last December. The launch of 3G phones will definitely attract new customers and create additional demands for the market. However, as 3G phone requires a substantial supports and add-on services from operators, operators should then play a more active role in pushing the sales and this may differ from the existing distribution modes.

The mobile phone market remains competitive with over 1,000 models at various price ranges. Foreign brands, however, especially the top three brands: Nokia, Motorola and Samsung, continues to increase their markets shares and together capture more than half of the overall market shares. As the PRC government released the production licenses for the domestic brands, some domestic manufacturers started to produce low-end handsets. The MII recorded a figure of 480 million handsets produced in the PRC during the year. Domestic brands' low production cost and high channel profit develops a huge market of low-to-mid-end handsets, which unquestionably creates some impacts to the existing market. The senior management of the Group is closely monitoring this phenomenon.

Business Review

Mobile phone distribution continued to be the Group's core business for the year, which accounted for over 90% of the Group's turnover and operation profit. For low-end market, Nokia's models 2600 and 3220 accounted for approximately 7% and 19% respectively of the Group's turnover during the year. In mid to high-end market segment, the performance of Nokia's models 6708, 7610 and Samsung model D848 were promising which accounted for approximately 8%, 24% and 7% respectively of the Group's turnover during the year.

With continuous effort in expanding the Group's distribution network and deepening market penetration in the past few years, the Group maintained a customer base of more than 10,000 active customers by the end of 2006. The Group would continue to pay more attention on the quality of the customers and provide them with high standard services with a view to generate more sales revenue and profits per customer.

In Hong Kong, the Group's wholly-owned subsidiary, Synergy Technologies (Asia) Limited launched a number of new products, namely Slingbox and Palm Treo 680 and 750v, in the year. At the same time, the distribution of network systems continued to maintain a stable growth.

Prospect and Outlook

During the year, the Group was granted NPC Fulfillment Distributorship from Nokia. This business provides the Group with the opportunity to carry the full range of Nokia mobile phone models and generate stable revenue and profit in the future.

In the same period, the Group obtained the national distribution rights for eight Samsung handset models. This is the first Samsung distributorship for the Group and it is expected that more new models will be brought into the Group in the coming year. The development of this business will continue to improve the Group's distribution portfolio.

In earlier 2007, the Group fixed two merger and acquisition ("M&A") deals in which the Group acquired 51% stake and 50% stake in 珠海市雷鳴達通訊設備有限公司 and DW Mobile Technology Limited respectively. The Group believes that these two investments will further diversify the income sources of the Group and are in line with the Group's current business strategy. Notwithstanding the Group's diversified business scope within the industry of wireless communications, it has always maintained a key focus in the mobile phone distribution business.

The Group will continue to seek for other business opportunities which include developing other fulfillment and/or distribution modes in order to provide added value to suppliers as well as operators for the upcoming 3G phones; expanding existing brand portfolio to cover more major foreign brands of mobile phones in mainland China; and cooperating with internet services providers in providing application software based on the Group's self-invented web-based distribution resources planning system. The Group will also consider other M&A possibilities in order to further diversify its business scopes.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF THE COMPANY'S LISTED SECURITIES

During the year ended 31st December, 2006, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

In the opinion of the Directors, the Company has complied with the Code of Best Practice as set out in Appendix 14 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange throughout the accounting period under review, except that there is no separation of the role of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer; all Non-executive Directors of the Company are not appointed for specific terms but are subject to retirement by rotation and reelection at the annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the Bye-laws of the Company and the Chairman of the Board of the Company does not need to retire by rotation.

AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD

The audit committee of the Board comprises of two Independent Non-executive Directors, Mr. Chang Wing Seng, Victor and Mr. Wong Lit Chor, Alexis and one Non-executive Director, Mr. Fung Oi Ip, Alfonso. The primary duties of the audit committee are to review and supervise the financial reporting process and internal control systems of the Group and to provide advice and comments to the Board. The audit committee has reviewed and approved this announcement.

PUBLICATION OF THE RESULTS ON THE STOCK EXCHANGE'S WEBSITE

All information required by paragraph 45(1) to 45(8) of Appendix 16 to the Listing Rules will be published on the website of the Stock Exchange.

SCOPE OF WORK OF MESSRS. DELOITTE TOUCHE TOHMATSU

The figures in respect of the Group's consolidated balance sheet, consolidated income statement and the related notes thereto for the year ended 31st December, 2006 as set out in the Preliminary Announcement have been agreed by the Group's auditor, Messrs. Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, to the amounts set out in the Group's audited consolidated financial statements for the year. The work performed by Messrs. Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu in this respect did not constitute an assurance engagement in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing, Hong Kong Standards on Review Engagements or Hong Kong Standards on Assurance Engagement issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and consequently no assurance has been expressed by Messrs. Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu on the preliminary announcement.

By Order of the Board Fortune Telecom Holdings Limited Lau Siu Ying Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Hong Kong, 23rd April, 2007

As at the date of this announcement, the Board of Directors of Fortune Telecom Holdings Limited comprise two Executive Directors, Mr. Lau Siu Ying and Mr. Luo Xi Zhi; two Non-executive Directors, Mr. Fung Oi Ip, Alfonso and Mr. Lo Wing Yat; and three Independent Non-executive Directors, Mr. Chang Wing Seng, Victor, Mr. Wong Lit Chor, Alexis and Mr. Chen Yi Gang.

* For identification purpose only

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Please also refer to the published version of this announcement in International Herald Tribune.