

## **OFTA awards Tricom Asia a Fixed Carrier License in Hong Kong**

**Hong Kong 22 November 2006** – Tricom Asia announced today that it has received its EFTNS License to operate in Hong Kong SAR China.

The Hong Kong telecommunications regulator, Office of the Telecommunications Authority (OFTA) has awarded Tricom Asia an External Fixed Telecommunications Network Services (EFTNS) license, which grants Tricom the right to provide and operate international facilities-based telecommunications services via its undersea fiber-optic cable, “VNHKC” linking Hong Kong and Vietnam .

The EFTNS license is the second telecommunication license awarded to the Tricom Group of companies who will operate PoP:s in Europe, where a license is already granted to VNHKC Services AB, and in Japan and the US where the licenses are anticipated to be granted to VNHKC Services Corp. and VNHKC Services Inc. in the near future.

“The award of the EFTNS license brings us an important step closer to delivering much needed international bandwidth services between Vietnam, Hong Kong and the rest of the world together with our partner VNPT”, said Peter Landgren, CEO and president of Tricom Asia. “This represents the last significant milestone to enable Tricom to land and operate the VNHKC in Hong Kong, we are particularly proud to be the first carrier to be granted an EFTNS license since China Telecom received its license in 2005”.

### **About Tricom Asia**

Tricom Asia Ltd was established as a Hong Kong company in 2003. The business strategy is, as a neutral “player” in the market, together with strong partners supply and invest in telecommunication solutions in emerging markets in the Asia Pacific region.

Tricom Asia is currently finalizing the project to design, construct and operate a new fiber optical submarine cable system between Vietnam and Hong Kong, the VNHKC System. The 1050 km cable system will provide Vietnam with sufficient international bandwidth for the coming decades and interconnections to several global networks. Tricom Asia operates offices in Stockholm, Hong Kong and Hanoi and on Ready For Service date for the VNHKC Tricom Asia will also operate POPs in Hong Kong, Europe, Japan and the US. For more information, please visit: [www.tricomasia.com](http://www.tricomasia.com)

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