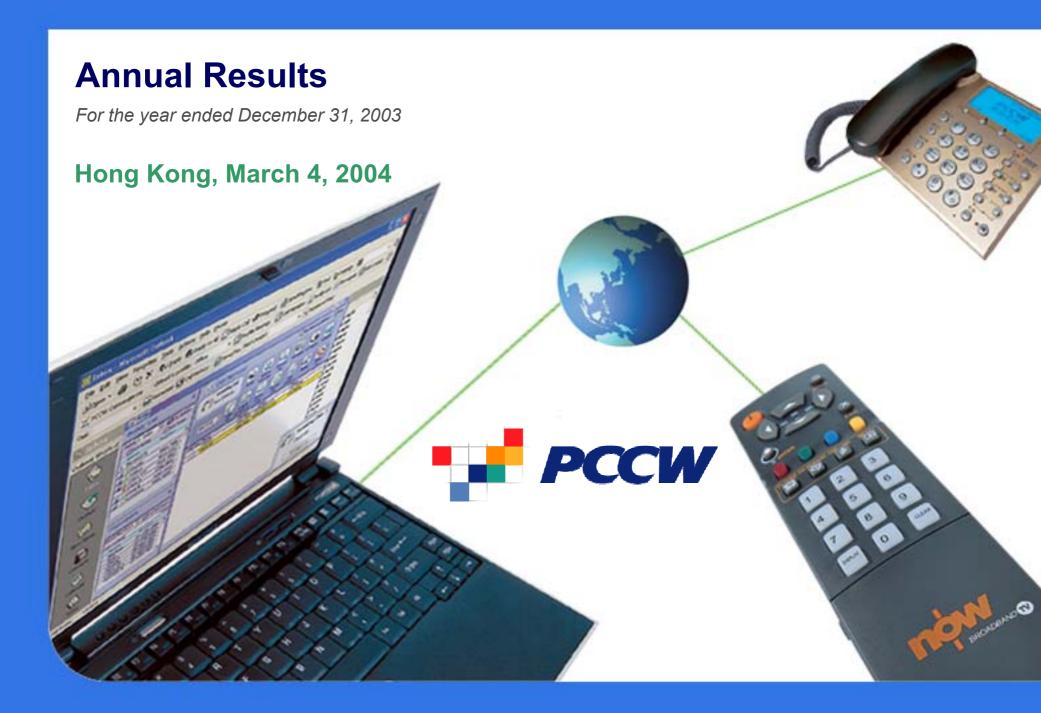
# A Year of Innovation



# **Forward Looking Statements**

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# **Overview**

Jack So

Deputy Chairman &

&
Group Managing Director



# **Company Focus in 2003**

- Stabilizing the core business
- Revitalizing our offer to the market
- Improving the Company's financial position
- Pressing for reform of out-dated regulation
- Expanding business beyond Hong Kong



## A Year of Substantial Achievement

Innovative Services Launched

- New Generation Fixed-line Services
- now Broadband TV
- PCCW Convergence

Customerdriven Initiatives

- Increased value of our core offerings
- Marked improvements in retention rates
- Rapid growth in new services, & IT business in China

Cash Flow Improvement

- Sellout of Residence Bel-Air phases 1 & 2
- No further cash injection needed
- Strong operating cash flow

Debt Further Reduced

- Net debt reduced by US\$485 million
- Moved majority of debt to low fixed rates
- Extended average length of debt to 7 years



# **2003 Financial Performance**

(US\$ million)	<u>2003</u>	Change y-o-y
Revenue (excl. Bel-Air)	2,891 <i>2,364</i>	+12% -8%
EBITDA  EBITDA Margin (incl. Bel-Air)  EBITDA Margin (excl. Bel-Air)	945 33% 40%	-9% vs. 40%(2002) vs. 40%(2002)
Operating Profit	556	-17%
One-time Charges	(892)	-
Profit/ (Loss) for the year attributable to shareholders	(782)	_
Net Debt	3,735	-11%



# **One-time Charges**

- All non-cash items
- Do not affect cash flow
- Will not hinder our dividend plans
- US\$ 892m in one-time provisions
  - US\$ 533m against our entire stake in Reach
  - US\$ 359m Japan, fixed assets, other intangible assets
- We do not expect material impairments in 2004 & the foreseeable future



# **Dividend Policy**

## Management remains committed to paying dividends

- Significant progress made towards goals of reducing debt and achieving "A" ratings at HKTC
- Technical matters need to be resolved including the reorganization of the balance sheet
- This process expected to be completed by end of 2004



## Outlook

# **Exploit Growth Opportunities**

- Offer more innovative services to our customers
  - Continue to expand our Unihub IT business in China
  - Exploit our broadband expertise beyond Hong Kong
     wireless broadband in UK

#### **Operating cost**

Maintain strict cost control & operational efficiency

#### **Regulatory Reform**

 Persist in pressing for reform of out-dated regulatory policies, for fair competition

#### **Debt reduction**

Continue to pay down debt & strengthen financial flexibility

## **Committed to Start Paying Dividends**



(Jack So's section in Chinese)

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副主席 兼 集團董事總經理

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# 2003年業務重點

- 鞏固核心業務
- 推陳出新
- 改進財務狀況
- 争取改革過時的規管政策
- 拓展香港以外業務



# 2003年重大進展

推出多項

創新服務

貫徹以客爲尊 策略

提升現金流量

進一步減債

- •「新世代」固網電話服務
- now 寬頻電視
- PCCW Convergence
- 提升核心業務價值
- 大幅減低傳統電話服務客戶流失
- 新服務以及內地的資訊科技業務取得增長
- 貝沙灣第一及第二期全部售出
- 毋須再爲項目注資
- 現金流量穩健
- 債務淨額下降 4.85億美元
- 大部分債務轉爲定息貸款
- 債務的平均還款期延長至約7年



# 2003年財務業績

(百萬美元)	<b>2003</b> 年	與去年同期比較
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債務淨額	3,735	-11%



# 一次過撥備

- 並非現金項目
- 不會影響穩健現金流量
- 不會妨礙派發股息目標
- 一次過撥備8.92億美元
  - 於恆通的 5.33 億美元投資全數減值
  - 日本遊戲業務、網絡固定資產、其他無形資產減值 3.59 億美元
- 預期於2004年以至可見未來,不會再有重大的 撥備



# 派息政策

## 管理層致力令公司派發股息

- 在 (一) 減債,及
  - (二) 令香港電話公司邁向「A」級信貸評級;

兩個方面取得莫大進展

- 著手解決因派發股息而涉及的技術問題,包括重整資產 負債表
- 預期2004年年底可完成這項程序



# 展望未來

#### 拓展業務

- 推出更多創新服務
- 拓展「優創」在內地的資訊科技業務
- 應用我們在香港開發寬頻技術的經驗,在英國拓展無線 寬頻業務

#### 提升營運效益

• 貫徹嚴謹的成本控制措施,提升營運效益

### 爭取改革規管政策

繼續向政府爭取改革過時的規管政策,以免競爭能力受到不公平限制

#### 償還債務

• 繼續減債,並加強公司的財務靈活度

## 致力令公司及早派發股息



# Financial Review

Alex Arena

**Executive Director** 

&

Group Chief Financial Officer



# **Financial Highlights**

	<u>Group</u>	Ex Bel-Air
Revenue	US\$2,891m (+12%)	US\$2,364m (-8%)
EBITDA	US\$945m (-9%)	US\$944m (-9%)
EBITDA Margin	33%	40%
Recurring Operating Cash Flow (1)	US\$184m (+59%)	
Net debt	US\$3,735m (Reduced b	oy 11%)



<sup>(1)</sup> After investment in Cyberport but before non-recurring items

# **Summary P&L**

(US\$m)	2002	<u>2003</u>
Turnover	2,578	2,891
Operating profit before net gains on investments & one-time charges	668	556
Gains on investments, net	2	52
Provision for impairment & restructuring costs	(109)	(320)
Profit from operations	561	288
Finance costs, net	(256)	(271)
Share of results of associates & JVs	107	(106)
Loss on disposal of JVs & impairment loss	(1,243)	(572)
Profit/(Loss) before taxation	(831)	(661)
Taxation	(180)	(149)
Minority interests	16	28
Net loss attributable to shareholders	(995)	<u>(782)</u>



# **One-time Charges**

(US\$m)

	<u>2003</u>
Provision for Impairment Loss on Assets & Restructuring Costs:	
<ul> <li>Obsolete Fixed Assets</li> </ul>	150
<ul> <li>Multimedia Business Related Assets</li> </ul>	49
<ul> <li>Game Business Related Assets in Japan</li> </ul>	114
<ul> <li>Other Provisions &amp; Restructuring costs</li> </ul>	<u> </u>
	320
Impairment Loss on JVs and Associates :	
- Reach	533
<ul> <li>Other JVs and Associates</li> </ul>	39
	572
	<u>892</u>

These are non-cash flow related. NO impact on Group's operating cash flow nor its ability to pay down debt



## **REACH Results**

(US\$m)	2002*	<u>2003*</u>
Revenue	1,263	902
EBITDA	423	94
Profit / (Loss) Before Tax	189	(215)
Share of REACH's operating results	95	(105)

<sup>\*</sup> The amounts are presented in accordance with HK GAAP. FY 2003 figures are unaudited

- PCCW still puts nearly 100% of its international traffic through REACH
- Trading conditions remain very difficult at REACH
  - the sector suffers from aggressive pricing and over-supply of capacity
- The outlook has deteriorated
  - consequently PCCW has made provisions against its entire stake in REACH



# Impairment Provision for REACH

(US\$m)			
	Book Carrying Value	Goodwill	<u>Total</u>
Investment Balance as at Dec 31, 2002	461	40	501
Equity pick up for the year (post tax)	(114)	0	(114)
Capacity Prepayment (with Interest)	146	0	146
Impairment Provision made in 2003	(493)	(40)	(533)
Investment Balance as at Dec 31, 2003	0	0	

- Group's interest in REACH written down to zero as at Dec 31, 2003
- No further equity pick up of future losses from REACH
- REACH's debts are non-recourse



## Profit before One-time charges & REACH

(US\$m)	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
Reported Net Loss	(995)	(782)
Adjusted for:		
One-time charges	(1,352)	(892)
Share of REACH's operating results	95	(105)
Net Profit Before One-time Charges and REACH	<u>262</u>	<u>215</u>



## **Group Cash Flow**



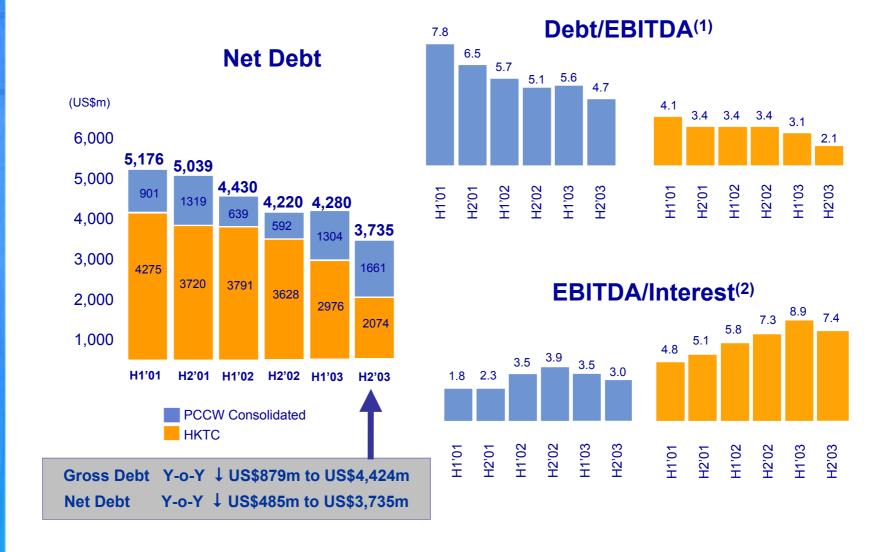
#### **Future cash flow:**

- Target US\$100m –120m cash back from Cyberport in 2004
- Capex at similar level
- Expect continued strong operating cash flow

## Further Debt Pay Down & Dividends are Priorities



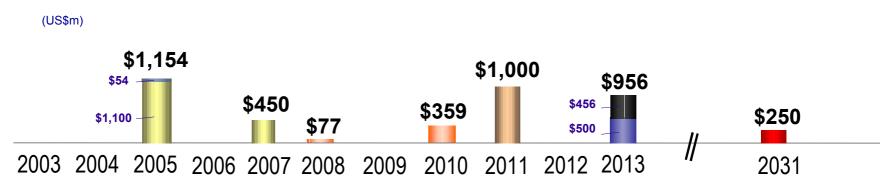
# **Improving Credit Fundamentals**



- (1) Debt/EBITDA is calculated based on the gross debt as at period end divided by the EBITDA for the last 12-month period
- (2) Based on 6-month period EBITDA divided by gross interest plus finance fees



# Improving Debt Profile



(See appendix for detailed legend)

#### **Debt Profile**

- No short-term debt
- Average maturity 7 years
- Average cost of debt approximately
   5.6%
- Fixed/floating mix approximately 60%/40%

#### **Recent Events**

- Prepaid total US\$617m in Q1 '04
- Drew down revolvers of US\$436m in Q1 '04
- 5-Year, 6-Year & 7-Year revolving credit lines of > US\$ 1.1 bn obtained for long term liquidity & working capital purposes



# Cyberport -Residence Bel-Air

Robert Lee

Executive Director







Chairman of PCCW Infrastructure



## Continued Success of Residence Bel-Air Sales

Sales Update

All of phases 1 & 2 (1204 units) were sold

Sales Achieved

- US\$1.25 b (average > US\$1 m per unit)
- 1.9 Million Sq. Ft. of Real Estate

**Total Investment** 

- US\$ 568m
- 2003 US\$ 69m

**Pricing** 

Above breakeven point

Strong sales of Bel-Air sufficient to cover all future construction costs for all phases

# Positive Outlook for Phase 3 Sales and beyond

**HK Property Market** 

- Strong property market sentiment
- Limited supply of new luxury flats on Hong Kong Island

**Positive Cash Flow** 

- No future cash investment required from PCCW
- Expect to recoup approx. US\$100-120 m cash by Dec 2004

**Future Sales Target** 

 Phase 3: 250 units in Q2'04 and 250 units in Q4'04

Continued Strong Sales Will Accelerate Return of Cash to PCCW

# Operational & Strategic Review

Mike Butcher

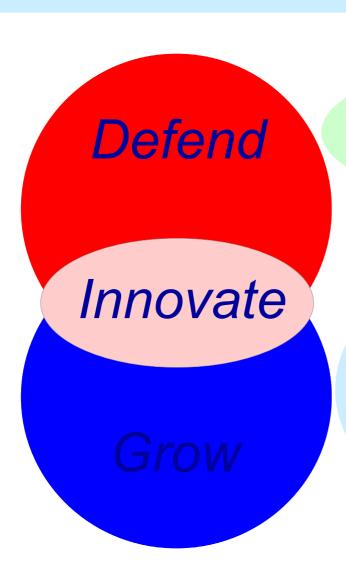
**Executive Director** 

& Chief Operating Officer



# 2003 - Operating Strategy Review

#### **Year of Innovation**



## **Aggressively defended market share**

- Innovative new products & services
- Regulatory initiatives

## **New products & services**







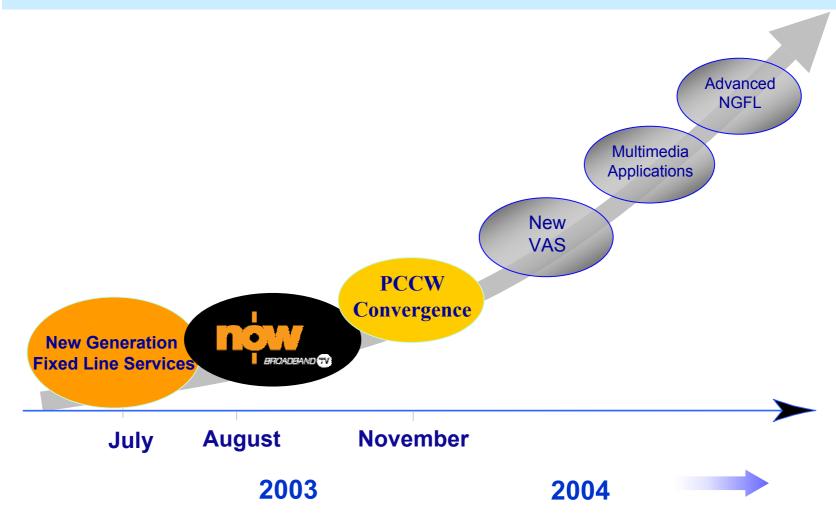
PCCW Convergence





# PCCW Innovations Protect Customer Base & Drive Growth

We will continue to Innovate in our core businesses



**Setting New Standards in Value Differentiation** 



# NGFL Services



- Rapid adoption of new technology
- 655,000 customers selected NGFL
   Services in less than 6 months
  - Targeting 50% NGFL penetration by YE2004
- More premium services in 2004
  - SMS phones for SMEs
  - International SMS
  - Messaging portal
  - Customized network-based -IVRS\*\*
  - More infotainment

\* source: OFTA

\*\* IVRS - Interactive voice response system

**Retaining Customers & Creating New Revenue Sources** 



## Our new cordless SMS phone



- Same capabilities as wired SMS phones
  - SMS sending/ receiving
  - Interactive download of information services
  - Personal Assistant Service short-cut key
- Additional new features
  - Predictive English & Chinese text input
  - 4-chord polyphonic ring tone
- More innovation to come

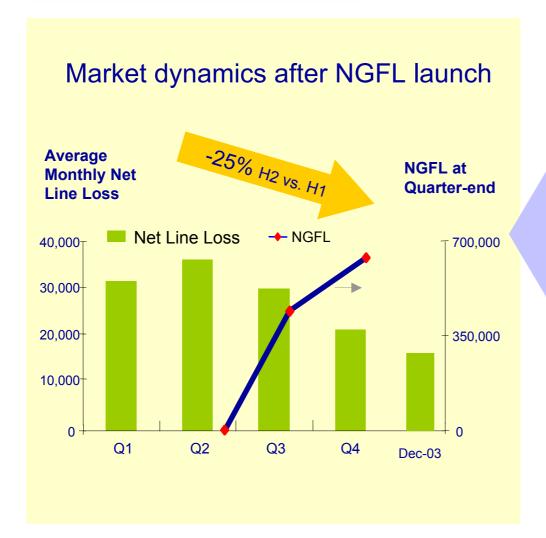
**Enhancing the Customer Experience** 





## **Improved Customer Retention**

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# Our Innovative products widely accepted

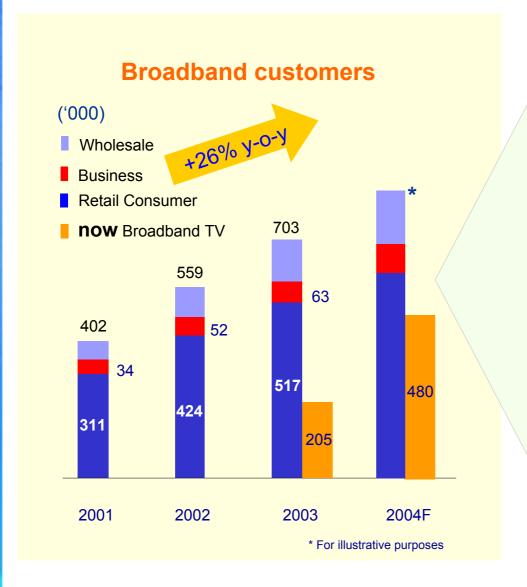
- Customer loyalty increasing
- Customer winback rising

Reducing Churn & Increasing Win Back





## **Broadband - A Growth Engine**



- Strong customer growth revenue rising from broadband access & VAS services
- More reasons to use our broadband

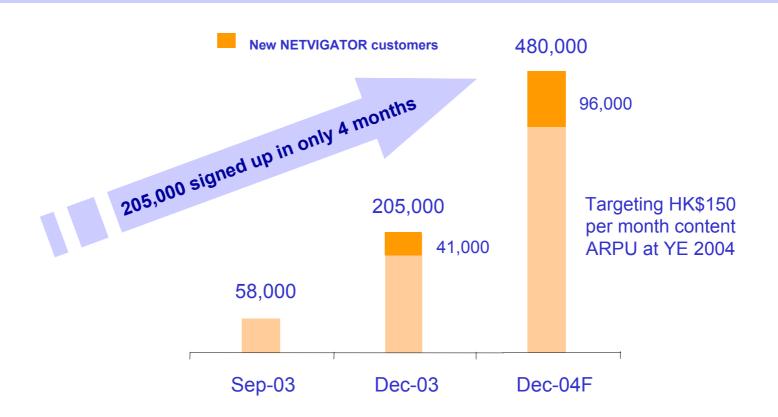


- 25M VDSL service offering in Q1 2004 will satisfy business applications & demanding consumers
- Gaming, interactive applications, and home media center launching in Q4 2004





### Strong sign-up continues as channels & offerings grow



### **Important New Revenue Stream in 2004**





# **Platform for Quality Pay-TV**

#### 23 channels at launch

#### 7 more since launch

















#### **Football**

- · French League
- · Spanish FA Cup
- Italian FA Cup German FA Cup
- UEFA Cup



A la Carte Menu Allows Customers to Choose Their **Own Package of Favorite Channels** 

# **Announcing New Channels**



## **New Channels Announced**





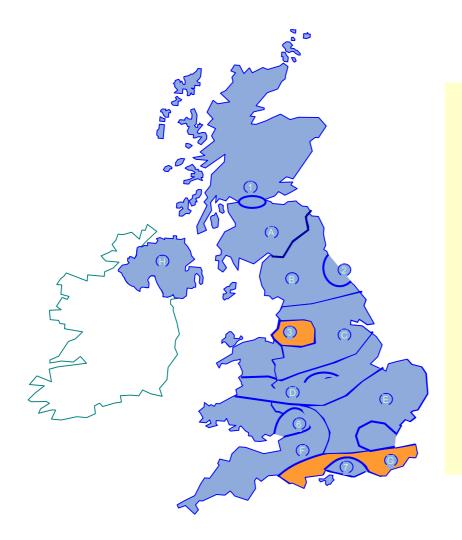






Providing 34 Video and 15 Audio Music Channels - More Popular Content Will Arrive During 2004

## **UK Wireless Broadband**



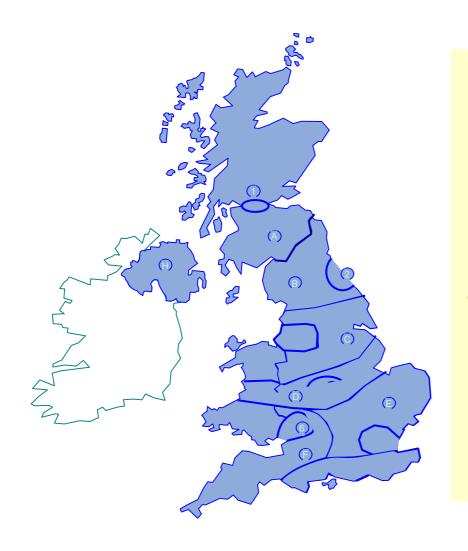


- Won 13 of 15 licenses
- Acquired last two licenses
- Own nationwide license 3.4 GHz
   band of the radio spectrum
  - PCCW now has 100% UK footprint
  - No roll out obligations

**Soft Launch on Schedule** 



## **UK Wireless Broadband**





Soft launch in Q2 2004

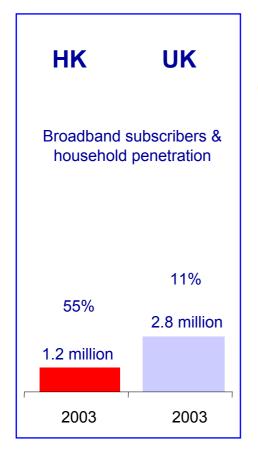


netvigator wireless broadband service to be launched

Seamless back-end support based in HK

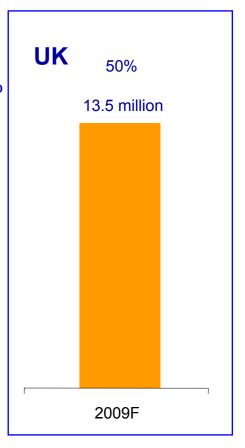
**Bringing Proven NETVIGATOR Services to** a New Market

# **Huge Market Potential**



2003 UK broadband penetration only 11%

- UK expected to add 2.1 million new broadband subscribers in 2004
  - Double the total Hong Kong market
- UK forecast 13.5 million broadband subscribers (50% penetration) by 2009
  - Over 10 times the current HK market



\* Industry estimates

Broadband Market Potential of UK Greatly Exceeds Hong Kong

## Outlook

# **Exploit Growth Opportunities**

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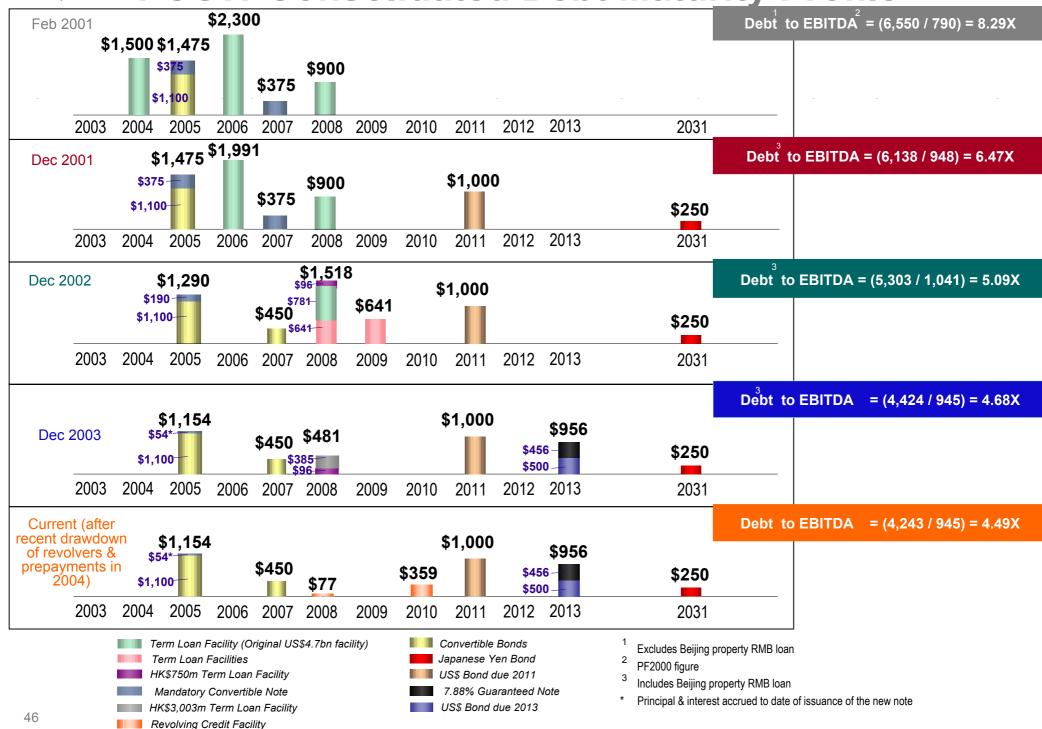
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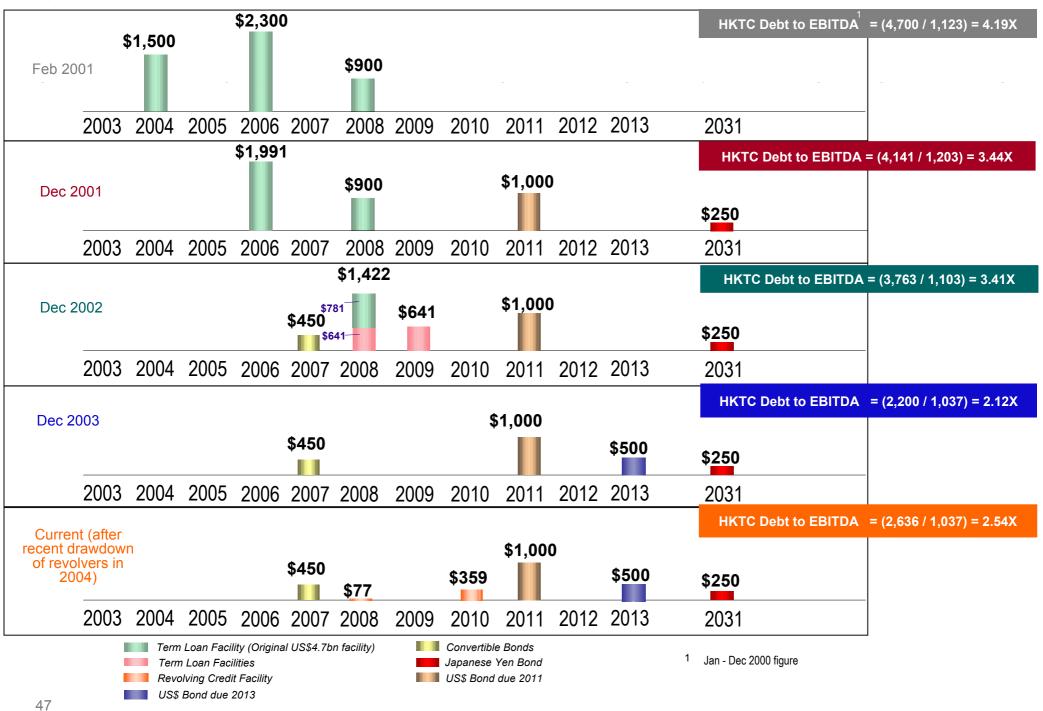


**PCCW Consolidated Debt Maturity Profile** 



## **HKTC Debt Maturity Profile**





## **Metrics**

#### **TSS Revenue**

#### 2003 (US\$ million) 2002 **Local Telephony Services** 879 772 (Direct Exchange Lines, interconnection, local access link and exchange co-location) **Local Data Services** 571 564 (Wholesale and retail Consumer Internet access, traditional IP/data products) International 381 456 (IDD, retail IPLC, int'l data & messaging, LAC/MDF) **Other Services** 408 403 (Equipment sales, TeleServices, sub-contracting services) **Total** 2,125 2,309 **EBITDA** 1,142 1,063 **EBITDA Margin** 49% **50%**

#### **TSS Operating Drivers**

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
Exchange lines in service ('000)	3,138	2,779
Business lines	1,336	1,236
Residential lines	1,802	1,543
Local Market Share	82%	73%
Business Lines (incl. IDA)	79%	73%
Residential Lines	84%	73%
Traditional Data (Exit Gbps)	172	190
Retail IDD minutes ('M mins)	1,041	1,226
IPLC Bandwidth (Exit Mbps)	855	1,592
Total broadband access lines ('000)	559	703
(Retail Consumer, Business and wholesale custome	ers)	
Retail Consumer Broadband		
Subscribers('000)	424	517
Consumer Narrowband Subscribers ('000)		
	225	175



# **Metrics**

### **Business eSolutions (Unihub)**

Retail business broadband ('000)  (US\$ million)  Revenue	<u>2002</u> 52	<u>2003</u> 63
IT Business <sup>(1)</sup>	179	195
<b>Business broadband</b>	68	68
<b>Directory Business</b>	39	35
Total Revenue	286	298
EBITDA	19	6

(1) Includes IDC

#### **Headcount**

	2002	<u>2003</u>
TSS	8,445	8,897
<b>Business eSolutions</b>	1,280	2,229
Infrastructure	361	365
Others <sup>(1)</sup>	1,474	1,019
<b>Total</b> (including part-time/ temp)	11,560	12,510
<b>Total</b> (excluding part-time/ temp)	10,978	12,013

<sup>(1)</sup> Ventures, Corp Functions, **Jaleco**, Internet Services and Others

