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IDEA Cellular

February 4, 2014

The National Stock Exchange of India Limited,
"Exchange Plaza",
Bandra-Kurla Complex,
Bandra (E),
Mumbai – 400 051.

Dear Sirs,

Sub: Direction to DoT for endorsement of erstwhile Spice Communications Telecom Licenses for Punjab and Karnataka to Idea Cellular - Supreme Court latest Judgment dated 29.01.2014

Ref: "Idea Cellular Limited" (Symbol: IDEA)

As you are aware erstwhile Spice Communications Limited was merged with Idea Cellular Limited (Idea) w.e.f 1st March, 2010, with said merger being reconfirmed vide Delhi High Court Division Bench Order dated 13.07.2012. The DoT has, on 01.02.2014, transferred the licenses for Punjab & Karnataka service areas held by erstwhile Spice Communications Limited (erstwhile Spice) to Idea. This is subject to final outcome of Idea petition at TDSAT challenging penalties imposed by DoT in connection with acquisition of erstwhile Spice which remain stayed.

The above action of DoT is result of order passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 29.01.2014, wherein the DoT was directed to endorse the erstwhile Spice licenses to Idea, pursuant to Idea submitting an undertaking to the Court as well as to the DoT to the effect that in case Idea is held liable by TDSAT to pay the penalty as imposed by DoT and other dues, then the DoT would be at liberty to invoke the Bank Guarantees furnished by Idea to it and in such eventuality, Idea would replenish the Bank Guarantees to the extent of their encashment. The Court order also states, inter alia, that all remedies available to Idea are specifically kept open.

The long pending issue of transfer of Punjab and Karnataka licenses of erstwhile Spice, pending since March 2010, thus now stands resolved.

The transfer of licenses would also enable Idea, the commercial use of 3G spectrum won by it in 2010 auction conducted by DoT and for which it had paid Rs. 322 crores to the DoT.

The above is for information and dissemination to public at large.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,
For Idea Cellular Limited

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