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## **SmarTone Telecommunications Holdings Limited**

*(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)*

**(Stock Code: 00315)**

### **APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

The board of directors (the “Board”) of SmarTone Telecommunications Holdings Limited (the “Company” or “SmarTone”) announces that Mr. Lee Yau-tat, Samuel (“Mr. Lee”) has been appointed as Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company with effect from 9 April 2021.

Mr. Lee, aged 53, is the chief executive officer of Digital Edge DC. He co-founded the company in 2020 with an aim in transforming the data centre business and building digital infrastructure platforms for businesses in Asia-Pacific. With more than 25 years of experiences in the IT and telecom industry, Mr. Lee is widely recognised as a dynamic and forward-looking business leader, with proven track record in driving business growth and expanding the data centre business footprint in the Asia-Pacific region.

Prior to joining Digital Edge DC, Mr. Lee was the President of Equinix Asia-Pacific, overseeing the company’s management, strategy and growth in the region. In this role, he successfully led the growth and expansion of the company’s business, including its acquisitions of Asia Tone, Bit-isle and Metronode, and the ongoing integration of the company’s regional operations into its global business. Under his leadership, Equinix’s business in Asia-Pacific had undergone rapid expansion to become one of the market leaders in the region with more than 40 data centres in 12 markets, and with its revenue to reach US\$1 billion. Mr. Lee also held senior management positions at various leading technology companies, including Pacific Gateway Exchange, Teleglobe International, Intel and Sprint. In addition, he was the founder of a consulting firm offering strategic consultation services to network providers in Asia.

A native of Hong Kong, Mr. Lee holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Business from the City University of Hong Kong.

Mr. Lee has been a senior advisor for Sun Hung Kai Real Estate Agency Limited (“SHKREAL”) since September 2019. SHKREAL is a subsidiary of Sun Hung Kai Properties Limited, the holding company of SmarTone. Mr. Lee has not had any management function in the Company, its holding company or any of their respective subsidiaries during the two years immediately prior to his appointment as director of the Company.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Lee (1) has not held any directorships in any public listed companies, whether in Hong Kong or overseas, during the last three years; (2) does not hold any other positions in the Company and its subsidiaries; and (3) does not have any other relationship with any directors, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company.

As at the date of this announcement, Mr. Lee does not have any interests in the shares of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance.

There is no service contract entered into between Mr. Lee and the Company and there is no fixed term of his service with the Company. Pursuant to the Company's Bye-laws, he will retire and be eligible for re-election at the next general meeting of the Company. Thereafter, he will be subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the Company's annual general meetings in accordance with the Company's Bye-laws. Mr. Lee will be entitled to a director's fee which is currently at HK\$144,000 per annum and is determined based on the prevailing market rate of directors' fees for companies listed in Hong Kong. Fees payable to directors are subject to review and authorisation on an annual basis by shareholders at the annual general meetings of the Company.

Save as disclosed above, there are no other matters relating to the appointment of Mr. Lee that need to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Company and there is no further information to be disclosed pursuant to the requirements of rule 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

The Company would like to welcome Mr. Lee in joining the Board.

By order of the Board  
**SmarTone Telecommunications Holdings Limited**  
**Mak Yau-hing, Alvin**  
*Company Secretary*

Hong Kong, 9 April 2021

*As at the date of this announcement, the Executive Directors of the Company are Mr. FUNG Yuk-lun, Allen (Deputy Chairman) and Mr. CHAU Kam-kun, Stephen; Non-Executive Directors are Mr. KWOK Ping-luen, Raymond (Chairman), Mr. CHEUNG Wing-yui (Deputy Chairman), Mr. David Norman PRINCE, Mr. SIU Hon-wah, Thomas and Mr. John Anthony MILLER; Independent Non-Executive Directors are Dr. LI Ka-cheung, Eric, JP, Mr. NG Leung-sing, JP, Mr. GAN Fock-kin, Eric, Mrs. IP YEUNG See-ming, Christine, Mr. LAM Kwok-fung, Kenny and Mr. LEE Yau-tat, Samuel.*