

FEBRUARY

Hutchison Essar consolidates its mobile operating companies in India, creating one of the largest mobile operations in the country.

Hutchison Telecom receives the investment licence to build and operate a nationwide network in Vietnam in cooperation with Hanoi Telecom.



MARCH

Partner completes the largest public corporate debt offering in the history of Israel.



APRIL

3 Hong Kong becomes the world's first operator to launch video conferencing services on 3G video mobile phones.



HGC, the first fixed telecommunications network service operator in the world to partner Skype, unveils the "HGC-Skype" portal in Hong Kong.

Partner in Israel completes a share buy back and as a result Hutchison Telecom's stakes rises to over 50%.

JULY

Hutchison Telecom acquires a 60% interest in Hutchison CP Telecom, which has a licence to provide GSM and UMTS mobile communications services in Indonesia.

The Group successfully privatises Hutchison Global Communications Holdings in Hong Kong.

Partner in Israel announces a first time dividend.

3 Hong Kong connects the entire MTR network and all twelve major road tunnels, becoming the first operator to achieve this milestone in Hong Kong.

Hutchison Telecom disposes of its Paraguay operations.

NOVEMBER

Hutchison Telecom completes a HK\$9 billion senior revolving loan.



OCTOBER

Hutchison Essar's customer base hits 10 million.

SEPTEMBER



Hutchison Essar signs an agreement to acquire the operations of BPL and Essar Spacetel, paving the way for nationwide coverage in India.

Hutchison Telecom Lanka commences GPRS enhancements to its GSM network in Sri Lanka.

Kasapa switches on its CDMA2000-1X network in Ghana.

DECEMBER

Orascom Telecom becomes a shareholder in Hutchison Telecom.

Hutch becomes a nationwide brand in India.

