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THE ORDER FRAMING CHARGES IS BY NO MEANS A FINDING OF GUILT

RELIANCE TELECOM AND THE 3 EXECUTIVES WILL IMMEDIATELY MOVE THE HON'BLE DELHI HIGH COURT FOR QUASHING OF THE CHARGES FRAMED

THE BAIL PETITIONS OF THE 3 RELIANCE EXECUTIVES ARE LISTED FOR HEARING BEFORE THE HON'BLE SUPREME COURT ON 31ST OCTOBER, 2011

THE TRIAL WILL COMMENCE ON 11TH NOVEMBER, 2011

The Special Court has today passed an Order framing charges against, inter alia, Reliance Telecom and the 3 executives. The framing of charges is **a preliminary stage** in the commencement of the trial process. The framing of charges is **NOT A FINDING OF GUILT** by the Special Court.

At this preliminary stage, the Court **ONLY** considers the materials placed before it by the CBI, and **NOT** materials which will be relied upon in defence. At this stage, there is **NO PRODUCTION OR CROSS-EXAMINATION OF WITNESSES**, by either the Prosecution or the defence. It is thus **RE-EMPHASISED THE FRAMING OF CHARGES IS BY NO MEANS A FINDING OF GUILT BY THE SPECIAL COURT.**

The Special Court has today also directed that **the trial will now begin on 11th November 2011.**

Reliance Telecom and the 3 executives are very confident of mounting a successful defence in the trial proceedings, against the charges framed. The substantive charges framed on Reliance Telecom and the 3 executives remain **limited only to the alleged abetment to cheating by others**, as part of an alleged conspiracy.

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NO substantive charge has been framed under S. 409 on Reliance Telecom and the 3

executives, for alleged criminal breach of trust. The substantive reference to S. 409 is

limited to the alleged offences committed by certain public servants, as part of the

alleged conspiracy.

The substantive charges framed on Reliance Telecom and the 3 executives are on the same

lines as per the original charge sheet, and **NO NEW CHARGES HAVE BEEN FRAMED**.

Reliance Telecom and the 3 executives will immediately be moving the Hon'ble Delhi

High Court, for quashing of the charges. The hon'ble Special Judge has stated that "the

observations made hereinabove (in the order) are tentative, and do not tantamount to

expression of opinion on the merit of the case in any manner."

The order framing charges has no impact on the licenses, operations and business of

Reliance Telecom or any other group company. Reliance Telecom and the 3 executives and

/ or any other person from Reliance Group have not received any of the licenses issued in

January 2008, nor derived any benefits from the same.

With the framing of charges completed, the 3 Reliance executives will pursue their bail

petitions pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court, which are listed for hearing on

Monday, 31st October, 2011.

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