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## Independent Financial Adviser to the Independent Board Committee and the Independent Shareholders



## **APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL ADVISER**

The Independent Board Committee, comprising the three independent non-executive Directors, has been established. Guangdong Securities has been appointed as the independent financial adviser to advise the Independent Board Committee and the Independent Shareholders in respect of the Transactions.

Reference is made to the announcement ("Announcement") issued by the Company dated 31 March 2008 in relation to, among other things, (i) the proposed Disposal which constitutes a special deal, a major transaction and connected transaction for the Company; and (ii) the proposed amendment to the condition of the Convertible Bonds which requires the approval from the Independent Shareholder pursuant to the Listing Rules and constitutes an off-market repurchase pursuant to the Code on Share Repurchases of Hong Kong (collectively, the "Transactions"). Unless the context requires otherwise, terms used herein shall have the same meanings as those defined in the Announcement.

An independent board committee of the Company ("Independent Board Committee"), comprising the three independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Leung, Yun-fai, Mr. Lam, Yat-fai and Dr. David Chain, Chi-woo, who have no direct or indirect interest in the Transactions, was established by the Board. Guangdong Securities Limited ("Guangdong Securities") has been appointed by the Company as the independent financial adviser to advise the Independent Board Committee and the Independent Shareholders in respect of the Transactions. Such appointment has been approved by the Independent Board Committee and the Independent Board Committee Board Committee and the Independent Board Committee Board Committee and the Independent Board Committee Board

among other things, the Transactions, together with the advice(s) and recommendation(s) from the Independent Board Committee, to be despatched to the Shareholders and the Bondholders.

By order of the Board Lam, Kwong-wai Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 14 April 2008

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Mr. Leung, Wing-pong and Mr. Kong, Chi-ming, Mr. Chan, Wing-kwan and Mr. Chang, Wing-yiu as executive Directors and Mr. Leung, Yun-fai, Mr. Lam, Yat-fai and Dr. David Chain, Chi-woo as independent non-executive Directors.

The Directors jointly and severally accept full responsibility for the accuracy of the information in this announcement and confirm, having made all reasonable enquiries, that to the best of their knowledge, opinions expressed in this announcement have been arrived at after due and careful consideration and there are no other facts not contained in this announcement, the omission of which would make any of the statements in this announcement misleading.