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CHANGE OF COMPANY SECRETARY

Pursuant to Rule 13.51(5) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules"), the Company announces that it has appointed Mr. Charles Bennett Brown to replace Mr. David J. Brimacombe as group company secretary with effect from 1 September, 2005. Mr. Brown, a qualified Chartered Secretary, became a Graduate of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators (ICSA) in England in 1991, an Associate of the ICSA in 1993 and a Fellow of the ICSA in 1997. From 2000 to 2005, he was Deputy Company Secretary of Allied Domecq PLC, a FTSE 100 company listed in London and New York, and prior to that he held various senior company secretarial positions in international listed companies.

By Order of the Board **David J. Brimacombe** *Group Secretary*

As of the date of this announcement, the Board of Directors of the Company comprises:

Executive Directors – Mr. Bryan Kaye Sanderson, CBE; Mr. Evan Mervyn Davies, CBE; Mr. Michael Bernard DeNoma; Mr. Richard Henry Meddings; Mr. Kaikhushru Shiavax Nargolwala; Mr. Peter Alexander Sands; and

Independent Non-Executive Directors – Sir CK Chow; Mr. James Frederick Trevor Dundas; Ms. Valerie Frances Gooding, CBE; Mr. Ho KwonPing; Mr. Rudolph Harold Peter Markham; Ms. Ruth Markland; Mr. Hugh Edward Norton; Mr. Paul David Skinner; and Mr. Oliver Henry James Stocken.

Hong Kong, 31 August, 2005

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