

Standard Chartered   
**Standard Chartered PLC**  
**(渣打集團有限公司)**

(the “Company”)  
(Registered in England and Wales number 966425)  
(Stock Code: 2888)

**CHANGE OF SECRETARY**

Pursuant to Rule 13.51(5) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, the Company announces that it has appointed Mr Clive Burns to replace Mrs Julie Bamford as Group Company Secretary of the Company with effect from 1 November 2006. Mr Burns qualified as a Chartered Secretary in England in 1986 and became a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators (ICSA) in 1999. Mr Burns was Company Secretary of NTL Inc (formerly Telewest Communications plc and Telewest Global, Inc) from 2000 to 2006, and prior to that he held various senior company secretarial positions in other listed companies.

Mrs Julie Bamford, the Acting Group Company Secretary in the interim period, will resume her role as Deputy Group Secretary of the Company with effect from 1 November 2006.

By Order of the Board  
**Julie Bamford**  
*Group Company Secretary*

Hong Kong, 31 October 2006

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 – Mr Hugh Edward Norton; Sir CK Chow; Mr James Frederick Trevor Dundas; Ms Valerie Frances Gooding, CBE; Mr Rudolph Harold Peter Markham; Ms Ruth Markland; Mr Paul David Skinner; Mr Oliver Henry James Stocken; and Lord Adair Turner.

Please also refer to the published version of this announcement in South China Morning Post.