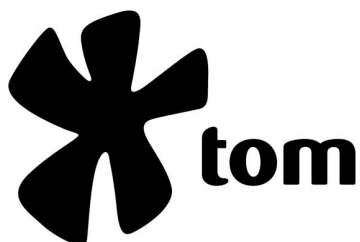


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## **TOM.COM LIMITED**

*(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)*

### **DEFERRAL OF DESPATCH OF CIRCULAR**

**in relation to**

**MAJOR TRANSACTION**

**ISSUE OF GUARANTEED CONVERTIBLE BONDS DUE 2008**

**IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF US\$150,000,000**

As additional time is required in finalising certain financial information to be contained in the Circular, despatch of the Circular to the Shareholders will be deferred. It is currently expected that the Circular will be despatched to the Shareholders on or before 24 December 2003.

Reference is made to the announcement of the Company dated 6 November 2003 (“Announcement”) in respect of the issue of the convertible bonds in an aggregate principal amount of US\$150,000,000 by the Issuer. Unless otherwise defined herein, terms used herein shall have the same meanings as defined in the Announcement.

#### **Deferral of despatch of the Circular**

Pursuant to Rule 19.38 of the GEM Listing Rules, the Company is required to, among other things, send a circular (“Circular”) in respect of the issue of the Convertible Bonds to the shareholders of the Company (“Shareholders”) and the Stock Exchange within 21 days after the publication of the Announcement, being on or before 27 November 2003.

As additional time is required in finalising certain financial information to be contained in the Circular, the Company has applied for, and the Stock Exchange has granted, a waiver from strict compliance with the requirements under Rule 19.38 of the GEM Listing Rules and the Stock Exchange has approved the Company’s application for an extension of time for the despatch of the Circular to 24 December 2003. It is currently expected that the Circular will be despatched to the Shareholders on or before 24 December 2003.

By Order of the Board  
**TOM.COM LIMITED**  
**Angela Mak**  
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 26 November 2003

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