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FAR EASTERN POLYCHEM INDUSTRIES LIMITED

(遠東化聚工業股份有限公司)*

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

Further deferral of Completion of the Acquisition of Business Assets from Dupont Suzhou Polyester Company Limited

The Board announces that FEPI and DSPC have agreed to further extend the long stop date for completion of the Agreement and the Investment Agreement, by which time all conditions precedent are to be fulfilled (or waived), to 29 February 2004.

Reference is made to the announcement of Far Eastern Polychem Industries Limited (“FEPI”) dated 18 April 2002, the circular of FEPI dated 8 May 2002, the announcements dated 30 December 2002, 1 April 2003 and 30 September 2003 in respect of the acquisition of certain assets, raw materials and work-in-progress from Dupont Suzhou Polyester Company Limited (“DSPC”) for a consideration of not more than US\$37.62 million. Capitalised terms used herein have the same meanings as those defined in the announcements and the circular.

Pursuant to the Agreement and the Investment Agreement, completion was expected to take place on or before 31 December 2002, after all the conditions precedent set out in the Agreement and the Investment Agreement had been fulfilled (or waived). As stated in our announcements dated 30 December 2002, 1 April 2003 and 30 September 2003, due to administrative delay and certain approvals remaining outstanding from the PRC government authorities, the long stop date was extended to 31 March 2003, 30 September 2003 and 31 December 2003, respectively.

After entering into the Agreement and the Investment Agreement, the PRC government authorities required DuPont to acquire all the equity interest, amounting to 18.9%, held by the Chinese joint-venture partner of DSPC, Suzhou Chemical Fibre Plant, with such acquisition being a pre-requisite to their approving the sale of DSPC's Business Assets to FEPI. Accordingly, DuPont has negotiated and agreed in principle with Suzhou Chemical Fibre Plant the terms on which Dupont would acquire the 18.9% equity interest held by Suzhou Chemical Fibre Plant. DuPont and FEPI are now in the process of obtaining relevant government approvals.

One of the conditions set out in the Agreement and the Investment Agreement is to obtain approvals from the PRC government authorities, being a condition that cannot be waived. As the Directors consider that the reasons for the acquisition of Business Assets from DSPC as set out in the announcement of FEPI dated 18 April 2002 and the circular of FEPI dated 8 May 2002 are still valid and the acquisition is still beneficial to the Group's future development as of the date of this announcement, the Board announces that FEPI and DSPC have agreed to further extend the long stop date for completion of the Agreement and the Investment Agreement, by which time all conditions precedent are to be fulfilled (or waived), to 29 February 2004, or such other date as the parties may otherwise agree. FEPI has not paid any of the consideration for the Acquisition as of today. The consideration will be paid upon completion of the Agreement and the Investment Agreement.

Save for the above, the terms and conditions of the Agreement and Investment Agreement remain unchanged, and had been fulfilled as of the date of this announcement. No terms and conditions of the Agreement and Investment Agreement were waived. A further announcement will be made should completion of the Agreement and Investment Agreement not take place by 31 January 2004 or otherwise a further announcement will be made after completion of the Agreement and the Investment Agreement.

By Order of the Board
Far Eastern Polychem Industries Limited
Wai-Kit Kong
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 31 December 2003

** for identification purposes only*

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