



中國石化鎮海煉油化工股份有限公司

SINOPEC ZHENHAI REFINING & CHEMICAL COMPANY LIMITED

(a joint-stock limited company incorporated in the People's Republic of China)

(Stock Code: 1128)

ANNOUNCEMENT

As at the date of this announcement, the Company has not employed a qualified accountant with the qualifications specified in Rule 3.24 of the Listing Rules, as the Company believes that it is in the interest of the Company and its shareholders to take more time to ensure that the right person is appointed. The Company will use its best endeavour to identify and recruit a suitable candidate to take up the position of “Qualified Accountant” under Rule 3.24 of the Listing Rules as soon as practicable.

Pursuant to Rule 3.24 of the Rules Governing The Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Listing Rules”), Sinopec Zhenhai Refining & Chemical Company Limited (the “Company”) should appoint a qualified accountant with the qualifications specified in the said Rule 3.24.

As at the date of this announcement, the Company has not employed a qualified accountant as the Company believes that it is in the interest of the Company and its shareholders to take more time to ensure that the right person is appointed. The Company will use its best endeavour to identify and recruit a suitable candidate to take up the position of “Qualified Accountant” under Rule 3.24 of the Listing Rules as soon as practicable.

The Company will keep the shareholders informed of the progress of the arrangement.

By Order of the Board
Su Dwen
Company Secretary

18 October 2004, Ningbo, the PRC

As at the date of this announcement, the executive directors of the Company are Mr Sun Weijun, Mr Zhan Juping, Mr Xu Liqiao, Mr Sun Jianli, Mr Zhao Jinxuan and Mr Yu Renming; the non-executive directors of the Company are Ms Wang Lisheng and Mr Hu Weiqing; and the independent non-executive directors of the Company are Mr Sun Yongsen, Mr Cen Kefa, Mr Li Linghong and Ms Qiu Yun.

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