(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 712)

## DELAY IN DESPATCH OF PROSPECTUS DOCUMENTS

## Financial adviser ANGLO CHINESE CORPORATE FINANCE, LIMITED

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## INTRODUCTION

Reference is made to the circular issued by the Company dated 24 December 2004 ("Circular") in relation to, amongst other things, the Clawback Offer. Terms defined in the Circular have the same meanings when used herein.

## EXPECTED TIMETABLE

Given additional time is needed for the preparation of the prospectus, the prospectus cannot be despatched on 12 January 2005. Accordingly, the expected timetable is amended as follows:

2005

Latest time for acceptance and payment 4:00 p.m. Monday, 14 February
Announcement of results of acceptance and if applicable, allocation, appearing in newspapers Friday, 18 February
Refund cheques and, or, certificates for the Bonds despatched Tuesday, 22 February
Expected commencement date of dealings in the Bonds Friday, 25 February
Further announcement will be made if the above timetable is being amended.

By Order of the Board

LEE Yip Wah, Peter

Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 11 January 2005

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises eleven Directors, of which six are executive Directors, namely Mr. Qiao Shibo, Mr. Shi Shanbo, Ms. Zhou Junqing, Mr. Zhou Longshan, Ms. Sun Mingquan and Mr. Zheng Yi; two are non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Jiang Wei and Mr. Keung Chi Wang, Ralph and three are independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Chan Mo Po, Paul, Mr. Lin Zongshou and Mr. Lui Pui Kee, Francis.

Please also refer to the published version of this announcement in The Standard.