

(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 of the Company dated 24 December 2004 ("Circular") in relation to, amongst other things, the Clawback Offer and the announcement of the Company dated 11 January 2005 ("Announcement"). Terms defined in the Circular have the same meanings when used herein.

EXPECTED TIMETABLE

As stated in the Announcement, the Prospectus Documents will be despatched on 24 January 2005. Given additional time is needed for the preparation of the Prospectus Documents, the Prospectus Documents cannot be despatched on 24 January 2005 and the expected timetable is further amended as below:

Commencement of the Clawback Offer Monday, 31 January
Latest time for acceptance and payment 4:00 p.m. Thursday, 17 February
Announcement of results of acceptance and if applicable, allocation, appearing in newspapers
Refund cheques and, or, certificates for the Bonds despatched Friday, 25 February
Expected commencement date of dealings in the Bonds Wednesday, 2 March
Further announcement will be made if the above timetable is amended.

By Order of the Board

LEE Yip Wah, Peter

Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 21 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.