



Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited

香港交易及結算所有限公司

The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

(A wholly-owned subsidiary of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited)

ANNOUNCEMENT

In relation to the matter of
Shanxi Central Pharmaceutical International Limited
(In Liquidation)
(Stock Code 327)
Cancellation of listing
in accordance with Practice Note 17 to the
Rules governing the Listing of Securities on
The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Listing Rules”)

The Exchange hereby announces that with effect from 9:30 a.m. on 6 April 2005, the listing of the shares of the Company will be cancelled in accordance with the Delisting Procedures.

By the end of the Deadline mentioned below, the Company has failed to submit a valid proposal for resumption. Therefore, the Exchange will cancel the listing of the Company’s shares in accordance with the Delisting Procedures.

The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Exchange”) announces that the listing of the shares of Shanxi Central Pharmaceutical International Limited (In Liquidation) (the “Company”) will be cancelled with effect from 9:30 a.m. on 6 April 2005 in accordance with the delisting procedures stipulated in Practice Note 17 to the Listing Rules (the “Delisting Procedures”). Practice Note 17 to the Listing Rules formalises the procedures to be adopted to delist long-suspended companies.

Dealings in the Company’s shares have been suspended since 25 July 2003. Accordingly, dealings in the Company’s shares have effectively been suspended for over 20 months.

The Company was put into the third stage of the Delisting Procedures on 10 September 2004. Pursuant to the Delisting Procedures, at the end of the third stage which in the case of the Company was 9 March 2005 (the “Deadline”), where no valid proposals have been received for resumption, the listing of the Company’s shares will be cancelled. Following the suspension in trading in the Company’s shares and before the Deadline, a resumption proposal (the “Proposal”) was submitted to the Exchange on 7 June 2004. After reviewing the Proposal, the Listing Division decided that the resumption proposal was not viable.

The Exchange has notified the Company of its obligation under paragraph 3.1 of Practice Note 17 to issue an announcement on the same day of this announcement informing the public of the cancellation of the listing of its shares.

The Exchange advises shareholders of the Company who have any queries about the implications of the delisting to obtain appropriate professional advice.

Hong Kong, 4 April 2005

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