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WING LUNG BANK LIMITED

(incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

Stock Code: 0096

EXPECTED DATE OF WITHDRAWAL OF LISTING

It is expected that withdrawal of listing of the WLB Shares will take effect from 9:30 a.m. on Friday, 16 January 2009, conditional upon no application having been made by any Dissenting WLB Shareholders within 2 months from the date of the Compulsory Acquisition Notice.

Reference is made to the Composite Offer Document jointly issued by China Merchants Bank Co., Ltd. ("CMB") and Wing Lung Bank, Limited ("WLB") and despatched to the WLB Shareholders on 6 October 2008 (the "**Composite Offer Document**") and a joint announcement made by CMB and WLB on 27 October 2008 regarding the close of the General Offer and suspension of trading of WLB Shares (the "**Joint Announcement**"). Further reference is also made to the Compulsory Acquisition Notice despatched to the holders of the Outstanding WLB Shares on 13 November 2008. Capitalised terms used in this announcement shall have the same meaning as ascribed to them in the Composite Offer Document and the Joint Announcement, unless the context otherwise requires.

WLB has applied to the Stock Exchange to voluntarily withdraw the listing of the WLB Shares from the Stock Exchange under Rule 6.15 of the Listing Rules. Assuming no application has been made to the High Court of Hong Kong by any Dissenting WLB Shareholders within 2 months from the date of the Compulsory Acquisition Notice (i.e. by 14 January 2009), all the Outstanding WLB Shares shall be compulsorily acquired by CMB and WLB shall by then become a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of CMB. It is expected that the withdrawal of listing of the WLB Shares will take effect from 9:30 a.m. on Friday, 16 January 2009, conditional upon no application having been made by any Dissenting WLB Shareholders within 2 months from the date of the Compulsory Acquisition Notice. In such event a further announcement in relation to the completion of the Compulsory Acquisition and the withdrawal of listing of the WLB Shares will be made as soon as practicable.

By the Order of the Board
Wing Lung Bank, Limited
Dr Ma Weihua
Chairman

Hong Kong, 13 January 2009

As at the date of this announcement, the executive directors of the Company are Mr. Zhu Qi (Chief Executive) and Mr. Che-shum Chung, the non-executive directors of the Company are Dr. Ma Weihua (Chairman), Dr. Zhang Guanghua (Vice-Chairman), Mr. Li Hao, Dr. Zheng Xianbing, Dr. Xu Shiqing, Dr. Philip Po-him Wu and the independent non-executive directors of the Company are Dr. Norman Nai-pang Leung, Mr. Lincoln Hung-leung Soo and The Hon Bernard Charnwut Chan.