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Placing of existing shares and subscription for new shares Completion of the bookbuilding

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On 9 May, 2006, the Company announced that the Vendor, the Company and Citigroup entered into the Agreement under which (a) Citigroup agreed to place, on a fully-underwritten basis, the Placing Shares held by the Vendor to independent placees at an underwritten Placing Price of HK\$89.00 per Share; and (b) the Vendor to apply the net proceeds of the Placing in the subscription of such number of new Shares equal to the number of Shares actually sold under the Placing, and the Company agreed to allot and issue such new Shares to the Vendor.

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Words and phrases defined in the announcement issued by the Company in relation to the Placing and the Subscription dated 9 May, 2006 have the same meanings when used in this announcement.

By Order of the Board LAI Ho-kai, Ernest Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 10 May, 2006

As at the date of this announcement, the board comprises eight Executive Directors, being KWOK Ping-sheung, Walter, KWOK Ping-kwong, Thomas, KWOK Ping-luen, Raymond, CHAN Kai-ming, CHAN Kui-yuen, Thomas, KWONG Chun, WONG Yick-kam, Michael and WONG Chik-wing, Mike; six non-executive Directors, being LEE Shau-kee, WOO Po-shing, LI Ka-cheung, Eric, KWAN Cheuk-yin, William, LO Chiu-chun, Clement and LAW King-wan; and four Independent Non-Executive Directors, being CHUNG Sze-yuen, FUNG Kwok-king, Victor, YIP Dicky Peter and WONG Yue-chim, Richard.

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