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# KING PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LTD. (耀 榮 明 泰 國 際 控 股 有 限 公 司\*)

(\*For identification purpose only) (Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

## ANNOUNCEMENT FURTHER DELAY OF ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH, 2001

#### (1) Delay in Announcement of Audited Financial Statement

The Board of directors of the Company wishes to inform the shareholders of the Company that the announcement of the results for the financial year ended 31st March, 2001 and despatch of the reports for the same period of the Company and its subsidiaries will be further delayed from 13th November 2001 and 20th November 2001 to 30th November 2001 and 7th December 2001 respectively for the reasons set out below. Such delay will constitute a breach of paragraphs 8(1) and 11(1) of Part B of Appendix 7 of the Listing Rules of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited. The Stock Exchange reserves the right to take any appropriate actions against the Company and/or its directors in this regard.

## (2) Suspension of Trading

At the request of the Company, trading of the shares of the Company on the Stock Exchange was suspended with effect from 10:00 a.m. on 6th November 2000 and will continue to be suspended until further clarification has been satisfactorily made to the Stock Exchange on the latest financial and operational positions of the Group.

### (1) Delay in Announcement of Audited Financial Statements

The Board refers to the Company's announcements dated 31st July 2001 and 16th October 2001 (the "October Announcement"). The October Announcement advised the shareholders that the announcement of audited financial statements ("Financial Statements") for the year ended 31st March 2001 ("Relevant Period") and despatch of the annual report of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for 2000-2001 ("Annual Report") had to be delayed to 13th November 2001 and 20th November 2001 respectively. Due to the following reasons, the announcement of the Financial Statements of the Group for the Relevant Period and despatch of the Annual Report for the Relevant Period of the Group would be further delayed to about 30th November 2001 and 7th December 2001 respectively (the "Delay").

The main reason for the Delay is due to late delivery of certain documents/information in relation to a PRC project which are essential for the audit to the Auditors, therefore extra time is required to finalise the audit of the Financial Statements for the Relevant Period. The management did not receive such documents/information of the PRC project early enough so that the Auditor would have finalised the audit of the Financial Statements for the Relevant Period as expected.

The Board expects to be able to announce the Financial Statements for the Relevant Period in the press on or about 30th November 2001 and to despatch the Annual Report to the shareholders on or about 7 December 2001. Having worked closely with the auditors of the Company, the Board and the Auditors believe the two target dates mentioned above are achievable and realistic. The Company's Delay does not violate any provisions of the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda (as amended) or its Bye-laws.

The Delay, however, constitutes a breach of paragraphs 8(1), and 11(1) of Part B of Appendix 7 of the Listing Rules of the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange"). The Stock Exchange reserves its right to take any appropriate action against the Company and/or its directors in this regard.

Each member of the Board is aware of and will comply with rule A.3 of Appendix 10 of the Listing Rules. Rule A.3 requires that during the period of one month immediately preceding the publication of the Company's Financial Statements, a director should not purchase any securities of the Company nor should he sell any such securities unless the circumstances are exceptional.

The Directors have confirmed that they have not dealt with any securities of the Company since 1 July, 2001 and have undertaken that they will not deal in any securities of the Company until announcement of the Financial Statements for the Relevant Period has been made.

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By order of the Board of King Pacific International Holdings Limited Frederick Chen Vee Yong Managing Director