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漢寶集團(龍蝦大王)有限公司

Hon Po Group (Lobster King) Limited

(incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Board is not aware of any reason for the increases in the price and trading volume of the shares of the Company on 11th August, 2003 except that certain directors of the Company have been approached by an independent third party which has expressed interest in acquiring existing and/or new shares of the Company and may result in a change of control of the Company. **These discussions may or may not materialise into any transaction. Further announcements will be made as and when appropriate.**

Shareholders and potential investors should exercise caution when dealing in the shares of the Company.

This statement is made at the request of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("Stock Exchange").

The board of directors ("Board") of Hon Po Group (Lobster King) Limited ("Company") have noted the increases in the price and the trading volume of shares of the Company on 11th August, 2003 and wish to state that they are not aware of any reason for such increases save for the following matters.

Discussions regarding interest in acquiring shares in the Company

Certain directors of the Company have together been approached, since July 2003, by an independent third party not connected with the directors, chief executive or substantial shareholders of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or their respective Associates (as defined in the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange) which has expressed interest in acquiring existing and/or new shares of the Company and may result in a change of control of the Company. The aggregate interests of these directors in Hon Po Holdings Limited ("Hon Po Holdings"), the ultimate holding company of the Company, as required to be notified to the Company under the Securities and Futures Ordinance, are 68.76% and Hon Po Holdings is interested in 100% of Hon Po Investment Limited, a company which holds 60.32% shareholding in the Company. No legally binding agreement for the sale and purchase of existing shares and/or new shares of the Company has been entered into between the parties and/or the Company. Accordingly, these discussions may or may not materialise into any transaction. The Company will make further announcements to update shareholders of the Company in relation to the progress of the discussions as and when appropriate.

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Save for the above discussions, the directors also confirm that there are no negotiation or agreements relating to intended acquisitions or realisations which are discloseable under paragraph 3 of the Listing Agreement, neither is the Board aware of any matter discloseable under the general obligation imposed by paragraph 2 of the Listing Agreement, which is or may be of a price-sensitive nature.

Made by order of the Board of the Company, the directors of which individually and jointly accept responsibility for the accuracy of this statement.

By order of the Board
Hon Po Group (Lobster King) Limited
Cheung To Sang
Chairman and Managing Director

11th August, 2003, Hong Kong

The directors of the Company jointly and severally accept full responsibility for the accuracy of information contained in this announcement and confirm, having made all reasonable inquiries, that to the best of their knowledge, opinions expressed in this announcement have been arrived at after due and careful consideration and there are no other facts not contained in this announcement the omission of which would make any statement in this announcement misleading.