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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)*

## **DELAY IN DESPATCH OF CIRCULAR**

The despatch of the circular containing details of the major and connected transaction announced by the Company on 9 July 2003 will be postponed to on or before 25 August 2003.

Reference is made to the announcement of the Company dated 9 July 2003 (the “Announcement”). Terms used herein shall have the same meanings as defined in the Announcement unless the context otherwise requires.

Pursuant to Rules 14.13 (2) and 14.29 (2) of the Listing Rules, the Company is required to despatch a circular (the “Circular”) containing details of the major and connected transaction as disclosed in the Announcement to the shareholders on or before 31 July 2003. As the Company requires more time to finalize certain financial information, inter alia, the indebtedness statement of the Group, for the preparation of the Circular, an application has been made by the Company to the Stock Exchange for a waiver from strict compliance with Rules 14.13 (2) and 14.29 (2) of the Listing Rules and an extension of time for the despatch of the Circular to on or before 25 August 2003.

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

Hong Kong, 30 July 2003