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# WORLD HOUSEWARE (HOLDINGS) LIMITED

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 713)

# DISCLOSEABLE TRANSACTION: DISPOSAL OF A PROPERTY

The Board announces that on 13 June 2006, the Vendor a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company had entered into the Agreement for Sale and Purchase with an independent third party Purchaser whereby the Vendor agreed to sell and the Purchaser agreed to purchase the Property at an aggregate consideration of HK\$30,000,000.

The Disposal of the Property constitutes a discloseable transaction of the Company under Chapter 14 of the Listing Rules.

The Company will send a circular containing, among other things, the details of the Disposal to the Shareholders as soon as practicable.

## THE AGREEMENT

#### Date

13 June 2006

#### **Parties**

- (a) The Vendor; and
- (b) The Purchaser

# **Subject matter of the Agreement**

Pursuant to the Agreement, the Vendor agreed to sell and the Purchaser agreed to purchase the Property subject to the following terms:

(a) Formal Agreement for Sale and Purchase shall be entered into between the Vendor and the Purchaser on or before 26 June 2006 and the Date of Completion of the Agreement shall be on or before 28 February 2007;

- (b) Vacant possession of the Property shall be given to the Purchaser on the Date of Completion; and
- (c) The Property shall be sold to the Purchaser free from any incumbrances.

# **Property**

The Property consists of a residential flat and two carparking spaces. The said residential flat situated in Simplex 1 (also known as Simplex A) on 32nd Floor of Block 3, Parc Palais, No.18 Wylie Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong. The total saleable floor area of the Flat is approximately 2,537 square feet. The said carparking spaces situated in Private Carparking Spaces No.61 and 62 on Level 2, Parc Palais, No.18 Wylie Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong. The Property was acquired by the Vendor as an uncompleted building from the developer (namely Grace Sign Limited) on 20 January 2004 and the Property was later completed and possession was delivered by the developer to the Vendor on 10 August 2004. The aggregate consideration for the purchase (together with relevant costs amounted to HK\$43,138) was approximately HK\$24,288,500.

The purchase of the Property was financed through the mortgage loan with the Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited and the outstanding mortgage loan in the sum of approximately HK\$6,527,500 shall be repayable on completion.

The Property was used by the Group for leasing purpose since January 2006 and is currently leased out for a monthly rental of HK\$83,000 inclusive of management fee, government rents and rates.

A professional valuation which had been done by a professional independent valuer (including all relevant costs) of the Property as at 31 December 2005 was approximately HK\$26,600,000.

#### Consideration

The consideration for the Disposal is HK\$30,000,000 which shall be paid by the Purchaser to the Vendor in the following manner:

- (a) A deposit of HK\$1,000,000 has been paid to the Vendor upon the signing of the Agreement;
- (b) A further deposit of HK\$2,000,000 shall be paid upon the signing of the Formal Agreement for sale and purchase on or before 26 June 2006; and
- (c) The remaining balance of HK\$27,000,000 shall be paid on the Date of Completion.

If the Purchaser shall fail to complete on the Date of Completion all the deposits paid by the Purchaser shall be forfeited by the Vendor who may resell the Property to other party and any deficiency in price arising from such resale shall be recovered from the Purchaser as liquidated damages. If the Vendor shall fail to complete the Property all deposits shall be returned to the Purchaser who may recover from the Vendor such further damages over and above the deposits as the Purchaser may sustain.

The consideration is arrived at after an arm's length negotiation between the Vendor and the Purchaser. The Board considers the terms of transaction and the consideration is fair and reasonable and is in the interests of the Group and the Shareholders as a whole by reference to the recent market value of comparable properties and the professional valuation made by the Vendor on 31 December 2005.

## INFORMATION OF THE PURCHASER

To the best of the Directors' knowledge, information and belief having made all reasonable enquiries, the Purchaser and the ultimate beneficial owner of the Purchaser are independent third parties not connected with the Company and its connected persons (as defined in the Listing Rules).

## REASONS FOR THE DISPOSAL

The Board considers the terms of the Disposal is fair and reasonable and is in the interests of the Group and the Shareholders as a whole by reference to the recent market value of comparable properties and the professional valuation made by the Vendor on 31 December 2005.

Given the current favourable property market condition, the Board considers it is the right time to realise the Property and the net proceed derived from the Disposal will improve the liquidity and financial position of the Group.

## USE OF THE PROCEEDS FROM THE DISPOSAL

The Company intends that part of the net proceeds from the Disposal will be used for the repayment of the mortgage loan relating to the Property in the amount of approximately HK\$6,527,500 upon completion and the remaining balance will be used for working capital purpose.

It is estimated that on the Disposal of the Property the Company is expected to record a gain from the net sale proceeds of approximately HK\$2,799,000 for the year ending 31 December 2006 based on the carrying value (including all relevant costs) of the Property of approximately HK\$27,201,000 as at 31 May 2006.

According to the audited financial statements of the Vendor for the year ended 31 December 2005, there was no revenue recognized for that year and net loss (before and after taxation and extraordinary items) attributable to the Property for that year was approximately HK\$592,017. According to the audited financial statements of the Vendor for the year ended 31 December 2004, there was no revenue recognized for that year and net loss (before and after taxation and extraordinary items) attributable to the Property for that year was approximately HK\$242,650.

# **GENERAL**

The Vendor is engaged in the Property investment in Hong Kong and its place of business is located in Hong Kong.

The Group is principally engaged in the design, manufacture, and marketing of PVC and fabric household products and PVC pipes and fittings.

The Disposal of the Property constitutes a discloseable transaction of the Company under Chapter 14 of the Listing Rules.

The Company will send a circular containing, among other things, the details of the Disposal to the Shareholders as soon as practicable.

In this announcement, the following expressions shall have the following meanings unless the context requires otherwise:

"Agreement" the provisional agreement for sale and purchase in relation to the sale and

purchase of the Property dated 13 June 2006 and entered into between the

Vendor and the Purchaser

"Board" the board of Directors

"Company" World Houseware (Holdings) Limited, a company incorporated in the Cayman

Islands and whose shares are listed on the Stock Exchange

"Date of Completion" the date on which completion of the Disposal takes place

"Directors" the directors of the Company from time to time

"Disposal" the disposal of the Property by the Group pursuant to the Agreement

"Formal Agreement" the formal agreement for sale and purchase in relation to the sale and purchase

of the Property to be entered into between the Vendor and the Purchaser

"Group" the Company and its subsidiaries

"Hong Kong" the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC

"Listing Rules" the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange

"Property" ALL THOSE 426 equal undivided 341,874th parts or shares of and in ALL

THAT piece or parcel of ground registered in the Land Registry as KOWLOON INLAND LOT NO.11118 And of and in the whole of the development constructed thereon and now known as "PARC PALAIS (君頤峰)", No.18 Wylie Road, Kowloon ("the Development") TOGETHER with the exclusive right and privilege to hold use occupy and enjoy ALL THAT SIMPLEX 1 (also known as SIMPLEX A on the THIRTY-SECOND FLOOR of BLOCK 3 together with TWO PRIVATE

CARPARKING SPACES NO. 61 and 62 on LEVEL 2 of the Development

"Purchaser" Chantilly (Hong Kong) Limited, a company incorporated in Hong Kong is an

independent third party of the Company

"Shareholders" shareholders of the Company

"Stock Exchange" The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

"Vendor"

Gold Quality Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in Hong Kong which is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company

By Order of the Board

Lee Tat Hing

Chairman

Hong Kong, 20 June 2006

As at the date of this announcement, the executive directors of the Company are Mr. Lee Tat Hing, Madam Fung Mei Po, Mr. Lee Chun Sing, Madam Lai Lai Wah, Mr. Lee Pak Tung, Mr. Kwong Bau To, Mr. Choi Kwok Keung Sanvic and Madam Chan Lai Kuen Anita; the non-executive director of the Company is Mr. Cheung Tze Man Edward; the independent non-executive directors of the Company are Mr. Hui Chi Kuen Thomas, Mr. Ho Tak Kay and Mr. Tang King Hung.

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