

## APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL ADVISER

Reference is made to the Company's announcement dated 2nd March, 2005 ("Announcement"). Terms used in this announcement shall have the same meaning as those defined in the Announcement unless the context requires otherwise.

Kingsway Capital Limited has been appointed as the independent financial adviser to advise the Independent Board Committee and the Independent Shareholders in respect of the Subscription, the Whitewash Waiver and the granting of the general mandate to issue shares.

As at the date of this announcement, the Directors comprise nine executive Directors, namely Mr. Jaran Chiaravanont, Mr. Montri Jiaravanont, Mr. Dhanin Chearavanont, Mr. Sumet Jiaravanon, Mr. Prasert Poongkumarn, Mr. Min Tieanworn, Mr. Thirayut Phitya-Isarakul, Mr. Thanakorn Seriburi and Mr. Veeravat Kanchanadul, and two independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Budiman Elkana and Mr. Cheung Koon Yuet, Peter.

By Order of the Board Dhanin Chearavanont

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Hong Kong, 15th March, 2005

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 enquiries, 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.

Please also refer to the published version of this announcement in The Standard.