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(北海集團有限公司)

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## DISCLOSEABLE TRANSACTION DELAY IN DESPATCH OF CIRCULAR

Reference is made to the announcement of the Company dated 23rd December 2005 (the "Announcement") in relation to the entering into of a discloseable transaction as described in the Announcement. An application has been made by the Company to the Stock Exchange for a waiver from the compliance with rule 14.38 of the Listing Rules by extending the dispatch date of the circular to not later than 10th February 2006.

Reference is made to the Announcement in relation to the entering into of the Agreement by the Company which constitutes a discloseable transaction under the Listing Rules. Terms and expressions used herein shall have the same meanings as defined in the Announcement.

As stated in the Announcement, the consideration for the sale of the Equity Interest shall be determined with reference to the consolidated net asset value of the PRC Company attributable to the Equity Interest as at 31st October 2005 as assessed by an independent qualified valuer within 45 days after the date of the Agreement and confirmed between the Vendor and the Purchaser. Pursuant to the Agreement, the Company expects that the assessment of the consideration for the sale of the Equity Interest pursuant to the Agreement will be completed on or about 3rd February 2006.

Pursuant to rule 14.38 of the Listing Rules, the Company must send a circular to its shareholders and the Stock Exchange and arrange for its publication in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 2 of the Listing Rules within 21 days after publication of the Announcement, that is, on or before 18th January 2006. As the amount of the consideration for the sale of the Equity Interest pursuant to the Agreement has not been assessed and determined by 18th January 2006, the Company has made an application to the Stock Exchange for a waiver from the compliance with rule 14.38 of the Listing Rules by extending the dispatch date of the circular to not later than 10th February 2006.

On behalf of the Board Lam Ting Ball, Paul Chairman

## Hong Kong, 18th January 2006

The Board as at the date of this announcement comprises Messrs. Tsui Tsin Tong, Lam Ting Ball, Paul, Tsui Ho Chuen, Philip and Tsui Yam Tong, Terry as executive directors; Mr. Hung Ting Ho, Richard as non-executive director and Sir David Akers-Jones, Messrs. Lau Wong Fat, Li Hui Yan and Danny T Wong as independent non-executive directors.

Please also refer to the published version of this announcement in China Daily.