



中銀香港(控股)有限公司

BOC HONG KONG (HOLDINGS) LIMITED

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

(the "Company", Stock Code: 2388)



服務香港 共建未來

COMMITTED TO BUILDING A BETTER TOMORROW

ANNOUNCEMENT

With a view to diversifying the Group's investment portfolio, the Company has acquired 4.94% of the issued share capital of Bank of East Asia Limited from an independent third party at a total consideration of approximately HK\$3.95 billion, or at HK\$51 per share.

In line with the Group's commitment to transparency and good corporate governance practices, the Company hereby makes this announcement for the information of shareholders and investors.

With a view to diversifying the Group's investment portfolio, the Company has acquired approximately 77.5 million shares, representing 4.94% of the issued share capital, of Bank of East Asia Limited ("BEA") from an independent third party. The total consideration was approximately HK\$3.95 billion, or HK\$51 per share, which will be financed entirely by the Group's internal resources. The transaction price was reached after arm's length negotiation between the parties and represented a premium of 3.3% to the 10 day average closing prices of BEA up to 16 November 2007. The investment in BEA is part of the Group's financial investment. The Group has no present intention or agreement to have board representation on BEA, or to involve itself in the management or operation of BEA. Other than ordinary inter-bank business relationship, both banks will continue to be run independently.

The Company's shareholders and potential investors are urged to exercise caution when dealing in the securities of the Company and are recommended to consult their own professional advisers if they are in doubt as to their investment positions.

By Order of the Board
Jason C.W. Yeung
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 19 November 2007

As at the date hereof, the Board of Directors of the Company comprises Mr. XIAO Gang (Chairman), Mr. SUN Changji* (Vice-chairman), Mr. HE Guangbei (Vice-chairman and Chief Executive), Mr. LI Zaohang*, Mr. ZHOU Zaiqun*, Mdm. ZHANG Yanling*, Mr. LEE Raymond Wing Hung, Mr. GAO Yingxin, Dr. FUNG Victor Kwok King**, Mr. KOH Beng Seng**, Mr. SHAN Weijian**, Mr. TUNG Chee Chen**, Mr. TUNG Savio Wai-Hok**, Mdm. YANG Linda Tsao**.*

* Non-executive Directors

** Independent Non-executive Directors