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**(the "Company", Stock Code: 2388)**

### **VOLUNTARY ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Board wishes to announce that two employees of BOCHK have been charged by the CCB for offences under section 107 of the Securities and Futures Ordinance. A third employee of BOCHK was arrested by the CCB in connection with offences under the same section and may or may not be charged.

The board of directors (the "**Board**") of the Company wishes to announce that on 8 April 2010 two employees of Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited ("**BOCHK**"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, have been charged by the Commercial Crime Bureau of the Hong Kong Police Force (the "**CCB**") for offences under section 107 of the Securities and Futures Ordinance, Cap. 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong in connection with the sale of Lehman Brothers-related structured products on behalf of BOCHK. A third employee of BOCHK was arrested by the CCB on 26 March 2010 in connection with offences under the same section. The arrest was also in connection with the employee's sale of Lehman Brothers-related structured products on behalf of BOCHK and this third employee may or may not be charged (the "**CCB Matter**").

Based on the information available to the Board, all three BOCHK employees are now on bail. In accordance with the internal rules of BOCHK, such three employees are also on compulsory leave from duties.

To the best knowledge, information and belief of the Board, the Board believes that the CCB Matter will not have material impact to the operation and financial position of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "**Group**") as a whole.

As the CCB Matter is now undergoing criminal investigation or proceedings, it would not be appropriate for the Company to give any comments. However, the Company and BOCHK will continue to cooperate with all authorities, including the CCB, in all investigations.

The Board would also like to reiterate that the Group is committed to regulatory compliance in the conduct of its business for the protection of interests of its customers, shareholders and employees. The Group cherishes the long-term relationship with its customers and one of its key missions is to provide professional services to meet customers' needs and expectations.

Further announcement will be made by the Company as and when appropriate in accordance with the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

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

Hong Kong, 11 April 2010

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

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