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The board of directors of the Company notes recent media speculation with regards to a potential asset disposal by the Company.

The board of directors of the Company wishes to announce that the Company is conducting a feasibility study to review its group's business and assets portfolio, the results of which may or may not lead to a disposal of certain banking assets held by the Company.

In the event that the Company were to proceed with any potential asset disposal, the Company will comply with the necessary requirements of the Listing Rules accordingly.

As the feasibility study undertaken by the Company may or may not lead to the undertaking of any disposal and even if so, such disposal may or may not proceed to completion for various reasons, shareholders and/or potential investors of the Company are advised to exercise caution when dealing in the securities of the Company.

> By order of the board of directors of BOC Hong Kong (Holdings) Limited CHAN Chun Ying Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 29 January 2015

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