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**SOUTH CHINA HOLDINGS LIMITED** (Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 265)

# ANNOUNCEMENT OF DECLARATION OF SPECIAL DIVIDEND

# DISTRIBUTION IN SPECIE OF SHARES IN SOUTH CHINA (CHINA) LIMITED (Stock Code: 413)

This announcement is made pursuant to Rule 13.09 of the Listing Rules.

# The Distribution

On 22 May 2009, the Board passed a resolution to declare a special dividend to be satisfied by distribution in specie.

As required under the Articles of Association of the Company, the Distribution will be subject to the sanction of the Shareholders at the EGM.

As the Distribution is subject to the approval of the Shareholders, Shareholders and potential investors are reminded to exercise caution when dealing in the securities of the Company.

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#### THE DISTRIBUTION

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The Company currently holds, through its wholly-owned subsidiaries, and controls an aggregate of 1,983,206,785 SCC Shares and 396,641,357 SCC Warrants, representing approximately 74.78% of the issued SCC Shares and 74.83% of the outstanding SCC Warrants respectively. As at the date of this announcement, the issued shares of the Company are 1,823,401,376 Shares and the outstanding Share Options which are exercisable are 33,599,999 Share Options.

#### **Basis of the Distribution**

The Distribution will be on the basis of 106 SCC Shares and 21 SCC Warrants for every 100 Shares held by the Shareholders whose names appear on the register of members of the Company on the Record Date. As at the date of this announcement and assuming no outstanding Share Options are exercised on or before the Record Date, a maximum of 1,932,805,458 SCC Shares and 382,914,288 SCC Warrants will be distributed to the Shareholders

In case all the 33,599,999 outstanding Share Options are exercised on or before the Record Date, an additional 33,599,999 Shares will be issued pursuant to the exercise of these Share Options. As a result, a maximum of 1,968,421,457 SCC Shares and 389,970,287 SCC Warrants will be distributed to the Shareholders. Fractional SCC Shares and SCC Warrants will not be distributed to Shareholders but will be aggregated and retained by the Company.

The Company will consider disposing the remaining SCC Shares and SCC Warrants held when the time is appropriate.

#### **Overseas Shareholders**

The SCC Shares and SCC Warrants pursuant to the Distribution will not be distributed to the Overseas Shareholders. Arrangements will be made for the SCC Shares and SCC Warrants which would otherwise have been distributed to such Overseas Shareholders pursuant to the Distribution to be sold in the market as soon as practicable after the posting of the share certificates and warrant certificates of the Distribution. Any proceeds of sale will be distributed in Hong Kong dollars to such persons pro rata to the Overseas Shareholders' entitlements (except that amounts of less than HK\$100 payable to the respective Shareholders will be retained for the benefit of the Company).

#### Value of the Distribution

The audited consolidated net asset value of SCC Group as at 31 December 2008 was approximately HK\$1,907.6 million.

The SCC Shares to be distributed under the Distribution are credited as fully paid and rank pari passu in all respects with all other SCC Shares in issue and with each other, save for any dividends/distributions declared, paid or made by SCC before the Record Date. The SCC Warrants to be distributed under the Distribution carry the same rights as with all other SCC Warrants in issue.

#### **Condition of the Distribution**

As required under the Articles of Association of the Company, the Distribution will be subject to the sanction of the Shareholders at an EGM.

#### Shareholding and warrant holding structure of SCC

Assuming that there is no change to the issued share capital (other than the issue of additional Shares pursuant to the exercise of Share Options) of the Company up to the Record Date, the shareholding structure of SCC as at the date of this announcement and immediately following the Distribution is set out below:

#### **Immediately following the Distribution**

	<u>As at the date of this</u> <u>announcement</u>		Assuming no		Assuming all the exercisable Share Options are exercised	
	No. of		<u>No. of</u>		<u>No. of</u>	
Shareholders	SCC Shares held	%	SCC Shares held	_%	SCC Shares held	%
Fung Shing <sup>1</sup>	-	-	419,813,267	15.83	419,813,267	15.83
Parkfield <sup>1</sup>	-	-	394,175,840	14.86	394,175,840	14.86
Earntrade <sup>1</sup>	-	-	265,685,184	10.02	265,685,184	10.02
Bannock <sup>1</sup>	-	-	251,541,561	9.49	251,541,561	9.49
Ronastar <sup>1</sup>	-	-	17,665,536	0.67	17,665,536	0.67
Mr. $Ng^{l}$	-	-	75,951,332	2.86	75,951,332	2.86
Holders of Share Options <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	-	35,615,999	1.34
The Company <sup>3</sup>	1,983,206,785	74.78	50,401,327	1.90	14,785,328	0.56
Sub-total:	1,983,206,785	74.78	1,475,234,047	55.63	1,475,234,047	55.63
Public	668,768,641	25.22	1,176,741,379	44.37	1,176,741,379	<u>44.37</u>
Total	<u>2,651,975,426</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>2,651,975,426</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>2,651,975,426</u>	<u>100.00</u>

The holding structure of SCC Warrants as at the date of this announcement and immediately following the Distribution is set out below:

Immediately following the Distribution

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	<u>As at the date of</u> announcemen		Share Option	ming no s are xercised	Assumin exercisable Share are e	0
	No. of		No. of		No. of	
Shareholders	SCC Warrants	%	SCC Warrants	%	SCC Warrants held	%
	held		held			
Fung Shing <sup>1</sup>	-	-	83,170,552	15.69	83,170,552	15.69
Parkfield <sup>1</sup>	-	-	78,091,440	14.74	78,091,440	14.74
Earntrade <sup>1</sup>	-	-	52,635,744	9.93	52,635,744	9.93
Bannock <sup>1</sup>	-	-	49,833,705	9.40	49,833,705	9.40
Ronastar <sup>1</sup>	-	-	3,499,776	0.66	3,499,776	0.66
$Mr. Ng^{1}$	-	-	15,046,962	2.84	15,046,962	2.84
Holders of Share Options <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	-	7,055,999	1.33
The Company <sup>3</sup>	396,641,357	74.83	<u>13,727,069</u>	<u>2.59</u>	<u>6,671,070</u>	<u>1.26</u>
Sub-total:	396,641,357	74.83	296,005,248	55.85	296,005,248	55.85
Public	<u>133,391,669</u>	25.17	234,027,778	44.15	234,027,778	44.15
Total	<u>530,033,026</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>530,033,026</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>530,033,026</u>	<u>100.00</u>

#### <u>Notes</u>

1. Fung Shing, Parkfield, Earntrade, Bannock, Ronastar and Mr. Ng hold 396,050,252 Shares, 371,864,000 Shares, 250,646,400 Shares, 237,303,360 Shares 16,665,600 Shares, 71,652,200 Shares respectively.

Fung Shing, Parkfield and Ronastar are wholly-owned by Mr. Ng, while Bannock is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Earntrade which is owned as to 60% by Mr. Ng, 20% by Mr. Richard Howard Gorges and 20% by Ms. Cheung Choi Ngor. Accordingly, Mr. Ng is deemed to have an interest in the totalling 1,272,529,612 Shares held by Fung Shing, Parkfield, Ronastar, Bannock and Earntrade.

- 2. Holders of Share Options include Mr. Richard Howard Gorges, Ms. Cheung Choi Ngor, Ms. Ng Yuk Mui, Jessica and Mr. Ng Yuk Fung, Peter, all being Directors of the Company, each of whom holds 6,000,000 exercisable Share Options, totalling 24,000,000 exercisable Share Options. Accordingly, if all the exercisable Share Options are exercised on or before the Record Date, each of these Directors will obtain 6,360,000 SCC Shares and 1,260,000 SCC Warrants, totalling 25,440,000 SCC Shares and 5,040,000 SCC Warrants pursuant to the Distribution.
- 3. The Company holds the SCC Shares and SCC Warrants through intermediate companies.

## **REASONS AND BENEFITS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION**

The Directors consider that the segregation of core business activities into separate groups enable the performance of each activity to be readily valued by the market, allowing an investor to select the type of investment and the risk he would like to take.

The Directors believe that the Distribution will:

- 1. reflect the intrinsic value of SCH and SCC shares;
- 2. minimize and save administrative and compliance work in maintaining a chain of listed companies, simplify group reporting structure, enhance operating efficiency and decision making process as well as expedite financial reporting process;
- 3. allow the Shareholders to have a clearer view of the business of the Company and SCC; and
- 4. give an opportunity to the Shareholders to hold a separate and direct investment in each of the Company and SCC, allowing their investments to be more liquid and easier to capture their underlying value.

Following the Distribution, the Remaining Group will continue to be engaged in information technology related businesses, the implementation and marketing of software application, sale of airline tickets and provision of other related services, and investment holding.

# **EFFECT ON THE DISTRIBUTION**

The consolidated financial results of SCC Group will not be consolidated into the financial results of the Company following the Distribution. SCC will cease to be a subsidiary of the Company. The Directors do not expect that there is any change to the management and the board of SCC as SCC Group continue to be controlled by Mr. Ng, the respective Chairman of the Company and SCC, and his associates.

# POSSIBLE CONTINUING CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS

It is expected that the continuing connected transactions amongst the Remaining Group and SCC Group will continue after the Distribution. They include rental agreements between SCC Group and the Remaining Group, purchase of airline tickets from the Remaining Group by SCC Group, and the sharing of supporting services such as company secretarial, corporate finance and legal services. Future transactions will comply with Chapter 14A of the Listing rules.

# EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

As required under the Articles of Association of the Company, the Distribution will be subject to the sanction of the Shareholders at the EGM.

A circular incorporating the notice convening the EGM will be sent to the Shareholders as soon as practicable in accordance with the requirement of the Listing Rules.

# CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS AND REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

The register of members of the Company will be closed from 18 June 2009 to 19 June 2009 (both dates inclusive) for the purpose of determining the entitlements of the Shareholders under the Distribution. No transfer of Shares may be registered during the book close date.

In order to qualify for the Distribution, all transfers accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the share registrar of the Company in Hong Kong, Union Registrars Limited, at Rooms 1901-02, Fook Lee Commercial Centre, Town Place, 33 Lockhart Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong by not later than 4:00 p.m. on 17 June 2009.

#### TENTATIVE TIMETABLE

Declaration of special dividend	Friday, 22 May 2009
Despatch of circular and notice of EGM	Wednesday, 3 June 2009
Last day for dealing in the Shares cum-entitlement to dividend	Monday, 15 June 2009

First day for dealings in the Shares ex-entitlement to dividendTuesday, 16 June 2009
Latest time for lodging transfer of the Shares to qualify for the special dividend
Register of members of Company closes (both dates inclusive)Thursday, 18 June 2009 to Friday, 19 June 2009
EGM Friday, 19 June 2009
Record Date for determining the entitlement to dividends Friday, 19 June 2009
Despatch of SCC share certificates and warrant certificates Friday, 3 July 2009

The above timetable is an indication only. Further announcement will be made if there were changes to the above tentative timetable.

## INFORMATION ON THE COMPANY

The Company is an investment holding company. Its subsidiaries and associates principally engage in the trading and manufacturing, information technology related businesses, property investment and development, the implementation and marketing of software application, magazine publishing businesses, marketing and promotional services, agriculture and woods, sale of airline tickets and the provision of other related services.

## **INFORMATION ON SCC**

SCC is an investment holding company. Its principal subsidiaries engage in the trading and manufacturing of toys, shoes, electronics toys products, leather products, motors and capacitors, magazine publishing business, property investment and development and agriculture and woods.

The shares of SCC are listed on the Main Board with Stock Code: 413.

# As the Distribution is subject to the approval of the Shareholders, Shareholders and potential investors are reminded to exercise caution when dealing in the securities of the Company.

In this announcement, unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms have the meanings set opposite them below:

"Bannock"	Bannock Investment Limited, a company incorporated in the Republic of Liberia with limited liability and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Earntrade;
"Board"	the board of directors of the Company;
"Company"	South China Holdings Limited, an exempted company incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability, the shares of which are listed on the Main Board;
"Directors"	the directors (including the independent non-executive directors) of the Company;
"Distribution"	payment of a special dividend by way of distribution in specie of 106 SCC Shares and 21 SCC Warrants for every 100 Shares held by the Shareholders registered on the register of members on the Record Date;

"Earntrade"	Earntrade Investments Limited, a company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability which is owned as to 60% by Mr. Ng, 20% by Mr. Richard Howard Gorges and the remaining 20% by Ms. Cheung Choi Ngor;	
"EGM"	the extraordinary general meeting of the Company to be held to approve the Distribution;	
"Fung Shing"	Fung Shing Group Limited, a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands with limited liability, which is wholly-owned by Mr. Ng;	
"Group"	the Company and its subsidiaries;	
"Hong Kong"	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China;	
"Listing Rules"	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange;	
"Main Board"	Main Board of the Stock Exchange;	
"Mr. Ng"	Mr. Ng Hung Sang, Chairman and controlling shareholder of the Company and SCC;	
"Overseas Shareholders"	Shareholders whose addresses as shown in the register of members of the Company at the close of business on the Record Date are outside of Hong Kong;	
"Parkfield"	Parkfield Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands with limited liability, which is wholly-owned by Mr. Ng;	
"Record Date"	the record date by reference to which entitlements to the Distribution are determined;	
"Remaining Group"	the Group excluding SCC Group ;	
"Ronastar"	Ronastar Investments Limited, a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands with limited liability, which is wholly-owned by Mr. Ng;	
"SCC"	South China (China) Limited, an exempted company incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability, the shares of which being listed on the Main Board;	
"SCC Group"	SCC and its subsidiaries;	
"SCC Shares"	ordinary shares of HK\$0.02 each in the share capital of SCC;	
"SCC Warrants"	the warrants issued by SCC, in registered form, in units of subscription rights entitling the holder(s) thereof to subscribe for fully paid SCC Shares at a subscription price of HK\$0.40 per share, payable in cash and subject to adjustment, on or before 6 September 2010;	

"Share Options"	the subscription rights attaching to share options granted under the share options scheme of the Company adopted on 31 May 2002;
"Shares"	ordinary shares of HK\$0.025 each in the share capital of the Company;
"Shareholders"	holders of the Shares;
"Stock Exchange"	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited; and
"HK\$"	Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong;

On behalf of the board of South China Holdings Limited Cheung Choi Ngor Director

Hong Kong, 22 May 2009

As at the date of this notice, the Board comprises (1) Mr. Ng Hung Sang, Mr. Richard Howard Gorges, Ms. Cheung Choi Ngor and Mr. Ng Yuk Fung, Peter as executive directors; (2) Mr. David Michael Norman and Ms. Ng Yuk Mui, Jessica as non-executive directors; and (3) Mr. David John Blackett, Mrs. Tse Wong Siu Yin, Elizabeth and Mr. Cheng Hong Kei as independent non-executive directors.