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South China Holdings Limited

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 265)



South China Brokerage Company Limited

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 619)

**JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT
DELAY IN DESPATCH OF CIRCULARS**

Extension of time limit for despatch of the circulars for each of SCB and SCH to 29 June 2006.

Reference is made to the joint announcement of SCB and SCH dated 7 March 2006 (the “Joint Announcement”) in respect of the acquisition of 100% interest in a company with a controlling interest in exploration / mining rights in gold, copper and tungsten mines. Terms used in this announcement shall have the same meaning as defined in the Joint Announcement unless the context otherwise provides.

Pursuant to Rule 14.38 of the Listing Rules, the circulars for each of SCB and SCH containing details of the Acquisition (the “Circulars”) shall be despatched to the shareholders of SCB and SCH respectively within 21 days after the publication of the Joint Announcement, being no later than 29 March 2006. As SCB is in the process of engaging technical adviser to prepare the technical report as required under Chapter 18 of the Listing Rules and the technical advisers verbally advised that three-month period is normally required to prepare the aforesaid report, both SCB and SCH have applied to the Stock Exchange for the extension of time for despatch of the Circulars on or before 29 June 2006.

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

On behalf of the Board
South China Brokerage Company Limited
Chan Hing Wah
Director

Hong Kong, 29 March 2006

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

As at the date of this announcement, the board of directors of SCB comprises (1) Mr. Ng Hung Sang, Ms. Cheung Choi Ngor, Mr. Richard Howard Gorges, Mr. Chan Hing Wah, Mr. Ng Chun Sang and Mr. Ng Yuk Yeung, Paul as executive directors; and (2) Ms. Wong Siu Yin, Elizabeth, Hon. Raymond Arthur William Sears, Q.C. and Mr. Tung Woon Cheung, Eric as independent non-executive directors.

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