



ALLIED GROUP LIMITED

(聯合集團有限公司)

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 373)



ALLIED PROPERTIES (H.K.) LIMITED

(聯合地產 (香港) 有限公司)

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 56)

JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT

APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The board of directors of Allied Group Limited (“AGL”) is pleased to announce that Mr. Mak Pak Hung (“Mr. Mak”) was appointed as an executive director of AGL with effect from 3rd January, 2006.

The boards of directors of AGL and Allied Properties (H.K.) Limited (“APL”) is pleased to announce that Mr. Alan Stephen Jones (“Mr. Jones”) was appointed as an independent non-executive director of each of AGL and APL, as well as the following positions in AGL and APL, all with effect from 3rd January, 2006:

1. member and the chairman of the audit committee of each of AGL and APL;
2. member of the remuneration committee of AGL;
3. member and the chairman of the remuneration committee of APL; and
4. member of the share repurchase committee of APL.

Mr. Mak, aged 59, holds a Bachelor of Arts Honours Degree in Economics from the University of Hong Kong and a Master of Business Administration Degree from the University of Western Ontario, Canada. Mr. Mak is the Director of Banking and Treasury of Sun Hung Kai & Co. Limited (“SHK”) and is a director of Sun Hung Kai International Bank [Brunei] Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of SHK. Formerly, Mr. Mak was the Chief Financial Officer of SHK. Prior to joining SHK, Mr. Mak was with A.S. Watson & Company Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary company of Hutchison Whampoa Limited, as Chief Operating Officer and Group Finance Director. Before that, he was the Managing Director of Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce for Hong Kong and China and has also held senior positions with Manufacturers Hanover Trust Co. and Citibank N.A., with extensive experience in banking and finance. Mr. Mak will be in charge of the banking and treasury matters of the AGL group. SHK is a non wholly-owned subsidiary of APL which in turn is also a non wholly-owned subsidiary of AGL. SHK is a company listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited. Mr. Mak was also appointed as a director of United Asia Finance Limited, a non wholly-owned subsidiary of AGL, with effect from 3rd January, 2006.

As at the date of this announcement, no service contract has been entered into between AGL and Mr. Mak. He will have no designated length of service with AGL but will be subject to the provisions of retirement and re-election at the general meetings of AGL in accordance with the articles of association of AGL.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Mak does not have any relationship with any directors, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholders of AGL, nor does he hold any other positions with AGL or any of its subsidiaries. As at the date of this announcement, Mr. Mak does not have any interest in the shares of AGL within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (“SFO”). Mr. Mak is not aware of any other matters that need to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of AGL.

Mr. Jones, aged 62, chartered accountant, has extensive experience in management, administration, accounting, property development, carparking, finance and trading and has been involved in successful mergers and acquisitions of a number of public companies in Australia and internationally. Mr. Jones was also appointed as an independent non-executive director, a member and chairman of the audit committee as well as a member of the remuneration committee of SHK with effect from 3rd January, 2006.

The term of Mr. Jones’s appointment in AGL and APL shall continue until 31st December, 2006, subject to the provisions of the respective articles of association of AGL and APL or any other applicable laws whereby a director shall vacate his office. In particular, the term of his appointment shall be subject to the provisions of retirement and re-election at the general meetings of AGL and APL in accordance with the respective articles of association. Based on mutual agreement and in view of the time commitment and the responsibilities to be taken by Mr. Jones, each of AGL and APL will pay to Mr. Jones a consultancy fee of HK\$200,000 per annum together with all appropriate business class travel and accommodation expenses for attending relevant meetings as is required by AGL and APL in Hong Kong.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Jones does not have any relationship with any directors, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholders of AGL and APL, nor does he hold any other positions with AGL and APL or any of their subsidiaries. As at the date of this announcement, Mr. Jones does not have any interest in the shares of AGL and APL within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO. Mr. Jones is not aware of any other matters that need to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of AGL and APL.

The board of directors of AGL would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mr. Mak and Mr. Jones to join the board of AGL and the board of directors of APL would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Mr. Jones to join the board of APL.

By Order of the Board
Allied Group Limited
Edwin Lo King Yau
Executive Director

By Order of the Board
Allied Properties (H.K.) Limited
Patrick Lee Seng Wei
Executive Director

Hong Kong, 3rd January, 2006

As at the date of this announcement, the board of directors of Allied Group Limited comprises Messrs. Lee Seng Hui (Chief Executive), Edwin Lo King Yau and Mak Pak Hung being the executive directors, Ms. Lee Su Hwei and Mr. Arthur George Dew being the non-executive directors, and Messrs. Alan Stephen Jones, Wong Po Yan, David Craig Bartlett and John Douglas Mackie being the independent non-executive directors.

As at the date of this announcement, the board of directors of Allied Properties (H.K.) Limited comprises Messrs. Patrick Lee Seng Wei (Chief Executive) and Li Chi Kong being the executive directors, Messrs. Henry Lai Hin Wing and Steven Lee Siu Chung being the non-executive directors, and Messrs. Alan Stephen Jones, John Douglas Mackie and Steven Samuel Zoellner being the independent non-executive directors.