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**EC-FOUNDER ENTERS INTO A CONDITIONAL AGREEMENT
TO DISPOSE SEMI-CONDUCTOR SALE AND MANUFACTURING BUSINESS**

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**VITAL STEP TO STREAMLINE OPERATIONS
FOCUSES ON ADVANCED INTERNET TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS SOFTWARE AND SERVICES**

(April 7, 2002, Hong Kong) – Leading Internet software technology, solutions and service provider, EC-Founder (Holdings) Company Limited (“EC-Founder”) (Stock code: 618) today announced that it has entered into a conditional agreement to dispose the manufacturing and sale of semi-conductor business operated by its wholly own subsidiary, the Yung Wen Group. The business will be taken over at a total consideration of HK\$15 million by a substantial shareholder, Ricwinco, who holds approximately 10.68% of the issued share capital of EC-Founder. The transaction is subjected to the approval of shareholders at the Special General Meeting of EC-Founder and the fulfillment of certain conditions.

Engaging mainly in the manufacturing and sale of semi-conductor products, the business of the Yung Wen Group has been deteriorating over the past few years as a result of the adverse impacts of the changing world economy on market condition and the prospect of semi-conductor business. This transaction will thus allow EC-Founder to discharge the risk induced by its corporate guarantee for the semi-conductor operation.

Mr. Ricky Lei, President of EC-Founder, said, “To capture the opportunities arising in the rapidly growing Internet era, since September 2000, EC-Founder has repositioned itself as an advanced Internet technology software solutions and service provider in the PRC. Our new position is solidly founded on our strong R&D capabilities and innovative software technology, our superb management expertise and solid customer base, and also our deep understanding of the Chinese business environment. With the disposal, EC-Founder will be able to better allocate and focus its resources on the development of its high growth Internet technology business. We are confident that we will be able to successfully capture arising opportunities, hence, secure better returns to shareholders.”

Mr Lei concluded, “The disposal of such non-core business is a vital step for the Company to streamline its existing operation and focus on the development of its core Internet technology business. The Company is ready to capture the tremendous opportunities arising from China’s entry into WTO. It is our hope to be a major contributor in helping China’s software industry to develop into a major player in the international market.”

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About EC-Founder (Holdings) Company Limited

EC-Founder is an Internet software technology, solutions and services provider in the PRC. The Company current business covers four major areas – network securities products and solutions, geographic intelligence systems, e-finance and enterprise application platform. The Company is committed to providing high quality, customer-oriented and technology-led services and solutions to its customers.

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