



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)

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(Stock Code: 56)

JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT

**RESIGNATION OF NON-EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN
AND
INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

The boards of directors of Allied Group Limited (“AGL”) and Allied Properties (H.K.) Limited (“APL”) announce that Sir Gordon Macwhinnie (“Sir Gordon”) has resigned as the non-executive chairman and an independent non-executive director of each of AGL and APL, both with effect from 30th December, 2005, due to his retirement for personal reasons.

Accordingly, Sir Gordon has stepped down from the following posts of AGL and APL, all with effect from 30th December, 2005:

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.

AGL will procure the compliance of the following requirements as soon as possible : (i) at least one of the independent non-executive directors must have appropriate professional qualifications or accounting or related financial management expertise; and (ii) an audit committee to be chaired by an independent non-executive director and at least one of the members of the audit committee is an independent non-executive director with appropriate professional qualifications or accounting or related financial management expertise, under Rules 3.10(2) and 3.21 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Listing Rules”) respectively.

APL will procure the compliance of the following requirements as soon as possible : (i) every board of directors of a listed issuer must include at least three independent non-executive directors; (ii) at least one of the independent non-executive directors must have appropriate professional qualifications or accounting or related financial management expertise; and (iii) an audit committee to be chaired by an independent non-executive director and at least one of the members of the audit committee is an independent non-executive director with appropriate professional qualifications or accounting or related financial management expertise, under Rules 3.10(1), 3.10(2) and 3.21 of the Listing Rules respectively.

Further announcement will be made by AGL and APL upon the appointment of the suitable replacement.

Sir Gordon has confirmed that he has no disagreement with the boards of directors of AGL and APL and there is no matter in his knowledge which he considers need to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of AGL and APL.

The boards of directors of AGL and APL would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Sir Gordon for his valuable contributions during his long period of past service.

By Order of the Board
Allied Group Limited
Phoebe Lau Mei Yi
Company Secretary

By Order of the Board
Allied Properties (H.K.) Limited
Phoebe Lau Mei Yi
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 30th December, 2005

As at the date of this announcement, the board of directors of Allied Group Limited comprises Messrs. Lee Seng Hui(Chief Executive) and Edwin Lo King Yau being the executive directors, Ms. Lee Su Hwei and Mr. Arthur George Dew being the non-executive directors, and Messrs. 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. John Douglas Mackie and Steven Samuel Zoellner being the independent non-executive directors.