

THE HONG KONG BUILDING AND LOAN AGENCY LIMITED

香港建屋貸款有限公司

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 145)

ANNOUNCEMENT RETIREMENT OF NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Board of Directors of The Hong Kong Building and Loan Agency Limited (the “Company”) announces that at the Annual General Meeting of the Company (“AGM”) held on 3rd June, 2005, Mr. Michael Kwok Shung Chan, a non-executive Director and a member of the audit committee of the Company, retired by rotation in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company. Due to his business commitment, Mr. Chan has elected not to offer himself for re-election and has therefore retired at the conclusion of the AGM. Accordingly, he ceased to be a member of the audit committee of the Company at the same time. Mr. Chan has confirmed that there are no matters relating to his retirement that need to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Company.

The Board of Directors of the Company would like to express its heartfelt thanks to Mr. Michael Kwok Shung Chan for his valuable contributions to the Company over the years.

By Order of the Board
The Hong Kong Building and Loan Agency Limited
Marisa Mak
Secretary

Hong Kong, 3rd June, 2005

After the retirement of Mr. Michael Kwok Shung Chan, the Board of Directors of the Company comprises ten directors, of which Messrs. Ning Gaoning, Leon Nim Leung Chan and Wai Lam Chan as non-executive Directors, Messrs. David T. Yeh, Jark Pui Lee, Jonathan Miles Foxall and Tai Chiu Ng as executive Directors and Dr. Nai Kong Leung and Messrs. King Fai Tsui and Victor Ha Kuk Yung as independent non-executive Directors.