

## Change in shareholding in Gold Peak Industries (Taiwan) Limited

The Directors of GP Batteries International Limited ("GP Batteries" or the "Company") wish to announce that it has, through a wholly-owned subsidiary, entered into an agreement (the "Agreement") with Meiloon Industrial Company Limited ("Meiloon") of Taiwan, an independent third party, to purchase 8,977,000 shares in Gold Peak Industries (Taiwan) Limited ("GPIT") at NT\$24 (approximately S\$1.22) per share (the "Purchase"). After the Purchase, GP Batteries' shareholding in GPIT will increase from 75% to about 80%.

Based on the unaudited accounts of GPIT at 31 December 2002, the net tangible asset value per share was about NT\$11.7 (approximately S\$0.59). The Purchase price of NT\$24 per share is arrived at on a willing-buyer, willing-seller basis after taking into account factors such as the earnings potential of GPIT as well as the satisfactory progress of the operation of the plant since GPIT commenced commercial production in early 2002.

The total consideration of NT\$215,448,000 (approximately S\$10.9 million) for the Purchase will be payable in cash and financed from both internal resources and bank borrowings.

The transaction is not expected to have any material effect on the earnings per share and net tangible asset per share of the Company for the current financial year.

As at the date of the Purchase, other than an aggregate of about 0.7% shareholdings held by the Directors of GP Batteries in GPIT, none of the Directors or Controlling Shareholders of the Company have any interest, direct or indirect, in this transaction.

By Order of the Board

Tan San-Ju  
Company Secretary

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