

## FAR EAST CONSORTIUM INTERNATIONAL LIMITED

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)
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## FINAL DIVIDEND FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2005 AND RETIREMENT OF INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

On 13th July, 2005, the Board of Directors resolved to recommend a Final Dividend for the year ended 31st March, 2005 of HK5 cents per Share in the form of scrip dividend with cash option. The scrip price has been fixed at HK\$3.33 per Share,

being the average of the closing prices per Share on the Stock Exchange for the five consecutive trading days up to and including 19th August, 2005.

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Company announces that Datuk Kee Leong Chee retired by rotation, according to the Company's articles of association, as an independent non-executive director of the Company at the Annual General Meeting of the Company held on 19th August 2005.

The Company shall appoint an independent non-executive director so as to meet the requirements under rules 3.10 and 3.21 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules") within three months from the said date of retirement pursuant to rule 3.11 of the Listing Rules.

## FINAL DIVIDEND FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2005

On 13th July, 2005, it was announced that the Board of Directors of Far East Consortium International Limited (the "Company") resolved to recommend a final dividend of HK5 cents ("Final Dividend") per ordinary share of HK\$0.10 each (the "Share(s)") for the year ended 31st March, 2005 to shareholders whose names appear on the register of members of the Company on 19th August, 2005 in the form of new fully paid Shares ("Scrip Shares") with shareholders being given the option to receive cash in lieu of all or part of their scrip dividend entitlements ("Scrip Dividend Scheme").

At the Annual General Meeting of the Company held on 19th August 2005 ("AGM"), the resolutions as set out in the Notice of the AGM including the Final Dividend were approved.

The number of Scrip Shares to be allotted to shareholders pursuant to the Scrip Dividend Scheme was calculated by reference to the market value of HK\$3.33 per Share which was the average of the closing prices per Share ("Average Closing Price") on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") for the five consecutive trading days up to and including 19th August, 2005. Accordingly, the number of Scrip Shares which shareholders will receive in respect of the existing shares registered in their names as at 19th August, 2005 will be calculated as follows:

Number of Scrip Shares to be received Number of existing Shares held on 19th August, 2005 or number of Shares elected for Scrip Shares

HK\$0.05 (Final Dividend per Share)
HK\$3.33 (Average Closing Price)

The number of Scrip Shares to be issued to each shareholder will be rounded down to the nearest whole number. Fractional entitlements will be disregarded and the benefit thereof will accrue to the Company. The Scrip Shares to be issued pursuant to the Scrip Dividend Scheme will rank pari passu in all respects with the existing Shares of the Company except that they will not entitle to the Final Dividend.

Shareholders who wish to receive the Final Dividend in cash, or partly cash and partly Scrip Shares are reminded that Form of Election must be completed and returned to the Share Registrar of the Company, Standard Registrars Limited at G/F., Bank of East Asia Harbour View Centre, 56 Gloucester Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong by not later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, 9th September, 2005.

Failure to complete and return the Form of Election in accordance with the instructions printed thereon will result in the relevant shareholder's dividend being in the form of Scrip Shares.

The issue of Scrip Shares pursuant to the Scrip Dividend Scheme is conditional upon the granting by the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange of a listing of and permission to deal in the Scrip Shares to be allotted and issued pursuant to the Scrip Dividend Scheme, for which the Company will make application.

It is expected that the relevant dividend warrants and share certificates will be posted to shareholders at the risk of those entitled thereto on or about 27th September, 2005.

A circular describing the details of the Scrip Dividend Scheme together with the Form of Election (if applicable) will be despatched to the shareholders on or about 26th August, 2005. The Company will make enquiry and comply with the requirement of Rule 13.36(2).

## RETIREMENT OF INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Company announces that Datuk Kee Leong Chee retired by rotation, according to the Company's articles of association, as an independent non-executive director of the Company at the Annual General Meeting of the Company held on 19th August 2005, and did not offer himself for re-election due to his personal reasons. Datuk Kee Leong Chee also ceased to be a member of the Company's audit committee at the conclusion of the AGM.

Datuk Kee Leong Chee confirmed that he has no disagreement with the Board and there are no matters in respect of his retirement that need to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Company.

Following the retirement of Datuk Kee Leong Chee, there being two independent non-executive directors in the Company. The Company shall appoint an independent non-executive director so as to meet the requirements under rules 3.10 and 3.21 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules") within three months from the said date of retirement pursuant to rule 3.11 of the Listing Rules.

The Board takes this opportunity to thank Datuk Kee Leong Chee for his valuable contributions to the Company during his tenure of service.

By Order of the Board **David Chiu**Deputy Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Hong Kong, 19th August, 2005

As at the date of this announcement, the Board of Directors of the Company comprises executive directors namely Mr. Deacon Te Ken Chiu, Dato' David Chiu, Mr. Craig Grenfell Williams, Mr. Dennis Chiu; non-executive directors of Madam Ching Lan Ju Chiu, Mr. Dick Tat Sang Chiu, Mr. Daniel Tat Jung Chiu and independent non-executive directors namely Mr. David Kwok Kwei Lo and Mr. Jian Yin Jiang.

Please also refer to the published version of this announcement in South China Morning Post
and Hong Kong Economic Times.