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國浩集團有限公司  
**Guoco Group Limited**

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)  
(Stock Code: 00053)

**POSSIBLE MAJOR TRANSACTION**

**Mandatory Conditional Cash Offer**

by

**CIMB-GK Securities Pte. Ltd.**

(formerly known as G. K. Goh Stockbrokers Pte Ltd)

for and on behalf of

**High Glory Investments Limited**

for

**BIL International Limited**

**DELAY IN DESPATCH OF CIRCULAR  
AND**

**EXTENSION OF THE OFFER AND THE CAPITAL NOTES OFFER**

As Guoco requires additional time for preparing financial information for the financial year ended 30 June 2005 for inclusion in the Circular, Guoco has applied to the Stock Exchange for a waiver from strict compliance with Rule 14.38 of the Listing Rules such that the despatch of the Circular can be postponed. Guoco expects to despatch the Circular on or around 30 September 2005.

Reference is made to the announcements issued by Guoco Group Limited dated 14 July 2005 (the **"First Announcement"**), dated 22 July 2005 (the **"Second Announcement"**) and dated 4 August 2005. Terms used in this announcement have the same meanings as those defined in the First Announcement and the Second Announcement unless otherwise stated.

Pursuant to Rule 14.38 of the Listing Rules, Guoco is required to despatch a circular to Shareholders in relation to the Acquisition, the Offer and the Capital Notes Offer (the **"Circular"**) within 21 days after publication of the First Announcement, which is on or before 5 August 2005. The Stock Exchange has previously granted a waiver to extend that period to 6 September 2005. As Guoco requires additional time for preparing financial information for the financial year ended 30 June 2005 for inclusion in the Circular, Guoco has applied to the Stock Exchange for a waiver from strict compliance with Rule 14.38 of the Listing Rules such that the despatch of the Circular can be postponed. Guoco expects to despatch the Circular on or around 30 September 2005.

Further, on 2 September 2005, the Offeror announced that the closing date for the Offer and the Capital Notes Offer has been extended from 2 September 2005 to 30 September 2005. Further details of the Offer and the Capital Notes Offer will be contained in the Circular.

As at the date of this announcement, the board of directors of Guoco comprises Mr. Quek Leng Chan as Executive Chairman; Mr. Kwek Leng Hai as President, CEO; Mr. Tan Lim Heng and Mr. James Eng, Jr. as executive directors; Mr. Kwek Leng San as non-executive director and Mr. Sat Pal Khattar, Mr. Harry Richard Wilkinson and Mr. Volker Stoeckel as independent non-executive directors.

By Order of the Board  
**Stella Lo Sze Man**  
Company Secretary

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