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國浩集團有限公司
Guoco Group Limited

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

MAJOR TRANSACTION

Mandatory Conditional Cash Offer
by
CIMB-GK Securities Pte. Ltd.
for and on behalf of
High Glory Investments Limited
for
BIL International Limited

DELAY IN DESPATCH OF CIRCULAR

As Guoco requires additional time for finalising 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 4 November 2005.

Reference is made to the announcement issued by Guoco Group Limited dated 14 July 2005 (the “**First Announcement**”), dated 22 July 2005 (the “**Second Announcement**”), dated 4 August 2005, 5 September 2005 and 30 September 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 waivers to extend that period to 31 October 2005. As Guoco requires additional time for finalising 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 4 November 2005.

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

Hong Kong, 31 October 2005