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## **TOM.COM LIMITED**

*(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)*

### **CLARIFICATION ANNOUNCEMENT**

This announcement is to clarify the Articles appeared in the newspapers today in relation to Tom.

The directors (the “Directors”) of TOM.COM LIMITED (“Tom”) refer to the recent newspaper articles (the “Articles”) which reported that, among others, the possible acquisition of a Taiwanese publishing media company, Sharp Point Publishing Co., Ltd. (“Sharp Point”) by Tom (the “Proposed Acquisition”).

The Directors confirm that Tom is currently in negotiation with the relevant parties to acquire the equity interest of Sharp Point. However, no definitive agreement has yet been reached between the parties in respect of the timetable, the consideration and the method of payment in respect of the Proposed Acquisition. **Shareholders of Tom and the public investors are advised to exercise caution when dealing in the shares of Tom.**

If required by the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Growth Enterprise Market of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (“GEM Listing Rules”), the Directors shall promptly inform the public as and when any terms concerning the Proposed Acquisition have been agreed or any legally binding definitive agreement has been signed in accordance with the GEM Listing Rules.

By Order of the Board  
**TOM.COM LIMITED**  
**Angela Mak**  
*Company Secretary*

Hong Kong, 10th October, 2001

*This announcement, for which the Directors of Tom collectively and individually accept full responsibility, includes particulars given in compliance with the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Growth Enterprise Market of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited for the purpose of giving information with regard to Tom. The Directors of Tom, having made all reasonable enquiries, confirm that, to the best of their knowledge and belief: – (i) the information contained in this announcement is accurate and complete in all material respects and not misleading; (ii) there are no other matters the omission of which would make any statement in this announcement misleading; and (iii) all opinions expressed in this announcement have been arrived at after due and careful consideration and are founded on bases and assumptions that are fair and reasonable.*

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