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DELAY IN DESPATCH OF CIRCULAR IN RELATION TO DISCLOSEABLE AND CONNECTED TRANSACTION

Reference is made to the announcement of Ares Asia Limited (the “Company”) dated 26 February 2014 (the “Announcement”) in relation to the proposed disposal of entire interest in the China Compass Group which constitutes a discloseable and connected transaction for the Company. Capitalised terms used herein shall have the same meanings as defined in the Announcement unless the context requires otherwise.

As stated in the Announcement, a circular (the “Circular”) containing, among other things, (i) further details of the Sale and Purchase Agreement and transactions contemplated therein; (ii) recommendations from the Independent Board Committee of the Company; (iii) the advice from the Independent Financial Advisor to the Independent Board Committee of the Company and the Independent Shareholders; (iv) the notice of the SGM; and (v) other information required under the Listing Rules will be despatched to the Shareholders on or before 19 March 2014.

The Board announces that as additional time is required to prepare and finalise certain information to be included in the Circular, the date of despatch of the Circular will be postponed to a date on or before 2 April 2014.

By order of the Board
ARES ASIA LIMITED
Junaidi YAP
Executive Director

Hong Kong, 19 March 2014

As at the date of this announcement, the executive directors of the Company are Mr. CHUA Chun Kay (Chairman) and Mr. Junaidi YAP (Chief Executive Officer), and the independent non-executive directors of the Company are Mr. LAM Pun Yuen, Frank, Mr. NGAN Hing Hon and Mr. YEUNG Kin Bond, Sydney.