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## **ASIA ORIENT HOLDINGS LIMITED**

**(滙漢控股有限公司)\***

*(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)  
(Stock code: 214)*

### **APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL ADVISER**

The Company has appointed VC Capital Limited as the independent financial adviser to the independent board committee of the Company and the Independent Shareholders in relation to the Whitewash Waiver.

Reference is made to the announcement of the Company dated 19 July 2007 in relation to the Bonus Issue of Warrants and the Whitewash Waiver (the "Announcement"). Terms used in the Announcement shall have the same meanings when used herein unless the context requires otherwise.

The Company is pleased to announce the appointment of VC Capital Limited as the independent financial adviser to the independent board committee of the Company and the Independent Shareholders in relation to the application for the Whitewash Waiver to be made by the Concert Party Group to the Executive pursuant to Note 1 on dispensations from Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code as described in the Announcement. This appointment has been approved by the independent board committee of the Company, comprising its independent non-executive Directors (being Messrs. Cheung Kwok Wah, Ken, Hung Yat Ming and Wong Chi Keung), which has been formed to advise the Independent Shareholders on the Whitewash Waiver.

By order of the Board of  
**Asia Orient Holdings Limited**  
**Fung Siu To, Clement**  
*Chairman*

Hong Kong, 26 July 2007

*As at the date of this announcement, the executive Directors are Mr. Fung Siu To Clement, Dr. Lim Yin Cheng, Mr. Poon Jing, Mr. Lun Pui Kan and Mr. Kwan Po Lam Phileas; the non-executive Director is Mr. Chan Sze Hung; and the independent non-executive Directors are Mr. Cheung Kwok Wah, Ken, Mr. Hung Yat Ming and Mr. Wong Chi Keung.*

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