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**THE HONG KONG BUILDING AND LOAN AGENCY LIMITED**  
**(香港建屋貸款有限公司)**

*(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)*  
**(Stock Code: 145)**

**SUSPENSION OF TRADING**

At the request of The Hong Kong Building and Loan Agency Limited (“Company”), trading in the Company’s shares (stock code: 00145) will be suspended with effect from 9:30 a.m. today (19 August 2009) pending the release of an announcement in relation to a possible change in control of the Company which may be price sensitive in nature.

By Order of the Board  
**The Hong Kong Building and Loan Agency Limited**  
**John Zwaanstra**  
*Chairman*

Hong Kong, 19th August, 2009

*At the date of this announcement, the Directors of the Company comprise Messrs. John Zwaanstra (Chairman), John Pridjian (Chief Executive), Todd David Zwaanstra and Jonathon Jarrod Lawless being the Executive Directors and Messrs. Alan Howard Smith, J.P., Stephen King Chang-Min and Patrick Smulders being the Independent Non- Executive Directors.*