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## Discloseable Transaction Update on the Proposed Acquisition of Gala Casinos Limited by The Rank Group Plc

Reference is made to the discloseable transaction announcement ("Announcement") of Guoco Group Limited (the "Company") dated 13 May 2012 and the relevant overseas regulatory announcement regarding the proposed acquisition of Gala Casino Limited by The Rank Group Plc, a subsidiary of the Company and listed on London Stock Exchange, Plc. Capitalised terms used in this announcement have the same meanings as those defined in the Announcement.

On 12 May 2012 Rank announced that it had conditionally agreed to acquire Gala Casinos from Gala Coral Group for a total cash consideration of £205 million. The Proposed Acquisition was conditional upon the approval of Rank shareholders (which was obtained at a general meeting of Rank held on 26 July 2012) and upon receipt of UK merger control clearance by 19 September 2012.

On 20 August 2012 the Office of Fair Trading announced that it had referred the Proposed Acquisition to the Competition Commission. Accordingly, the Proposed Acquisition has not become unconditional by 19 September 2012 and therefore the Acquisition Agreement ceases to be formally binding on the parties at midnight on 19 September 2012 (London time).

Rank and Gala Coral Group are nevertheless continuing to assist the Competition Commission with its inquiry and are continuing their discussions in relation to appropriate amendments to the Proposed Acquisition terms in the light of the reference to the Competition Commission. Further announcement(s) will be made as and when appropriate.

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Mr. Quek Leng Chan as Executive Chairman; Mr. Kwek Leng Hai as President and CEO; Mr. Tan Lim as executive director; Mr. Kwek Leng San as non-executive director and Mr. Sat Pal Khattar, Mr. Volker Stoeckel and Mr. Roderic N. A. Sage as independent non-executive directors.

Rank's announcement regarding the update on the Proposed Acquisition is posted by Guoco as an overseas regulatory announcement on the websites of the Stock Exchange (http://www.hkexnews.hk) and Guoco (http://www.guoco.com).

By Order of the Board Stella Lo Sze Man Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 19 September 2012