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## Clarification Announcement

**Hong Kong, 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2008** – The Bank of East Asia ("BEA") has noted that some press reports issued following the Bank's Annual General Meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2008 have incorrectly stated that the Bank has invested in sub-prime mortgage instruments. BEA's management would like to clarify that, as stated at the time of the announcement of the Bank's 2007 annual results, it has no direct exposure in sub-prime market in the US.

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## 澄清公告

**香港，2008年4月18日** – 東亞銀行注意到於該行2008年4月17日股東周年常會後若干傳媒在報道中不正確地陳述該行投資於次按工具。東亞銀行管理層謹此澄清，一如該行於2007年度業績發佈時所述，該行並無直接投資於美國次按市場。

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