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Announcement by Bank of East Asia (Trustees)

Hong Kong, 25th September, 2008 – It has come to the notice of Bank of East Asia (Trustees) Limited (“Bank of East Asia Trustees”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Bank of East Asia, Limited (“BEA”), that malicious rumours have been circulated questioning BEA’s stability.

Bank of East Asia Trustees is stringently regulated by local regulators. All assets under the MPF and ORSO schemes, unit trusts, and private trusts managed by Bank of East Asia Trustees are held under trust arrangement and are segregated and totally independent from those of Bank of East Asia Trustees and BEA.

The business of Bank of East Asia Trustees remains normal and operates as usual.

Bank of East Asia Trustees would like to thank its customers for their ongoing support and remains dedicated to delivering services of the highest quality.

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