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BEA 東亞銀行

The Bank of East Asia, Limited

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability in 1918)

(Stock Code: 23)

**CLARIFICATION ANNOUNCEMENT -
NOTICE OF BOARD MEETING**

With reference to the Notice of Board Meeting (“Notice”) issued by The Bank of East Asia, Limited (“the Bank”) today, the Bank hereby seeks to rectify the Chinese translation of Notice by adding 「及審議派發末期股息」 (“and considering the payment of a final dividend”) to the last sentence therein.

For and on behalf of
The Bank of East Asia, Limited
Molly HO Kam-lan
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 4th February, 2009.

As at the date of this announcement, the Executive Directors of the Bank are: Dr. The Hon. Sir David LI Kwok-po (Chairman & Chief Executive) and Mr. Joseph PANG Yuk-wing (Deputy Chief Executive); Independent Non-executive Directors are: Mr. WONG Chung-hin, Dr. LEE Shau-kee, Dr. Allan WONG Chi-yun, Mr. Winston LO Yau-lai, Mr. Thomas KWOK Ping-kwong, Mr. Kenneth LO Chin-ming, Mr. William DOO Wai-hoi, Mr. KUOK Khoon-ean and Mr. Valiant CHEUNG Kin-piu; and Non-executive Directors of the Bank are: Mr. Aubrey LI Kwok-sing, Professor Arthur LI Kwok-cheung, Dr. William MONG Man-wai, Tan Sri Dr. KHOO Kay-peng, Mr. Richard LI Tzar-kai, Mr. Eric LI Fook-chuen and Mr. Stephen Charles LI Kwok-sze.