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The Bank of East Asia, Limited

東亞銀行有限公司

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability in 1918)
(Stock Code: 23)

**POSTPONEMENT OF DESPATCH OF LISTING DOCUMENT
IN RESPECT OF SCRIP DIVIDEND SCHEME**

Reference is made to the announcement of 2023 interim results of The Bank of East Asia, Limited (the “**Bank**”) dated 24th August, 2023 (the “**Announcement**”) in relation to, inter alia, declaration of the 2023 interim dividend (the “**2023 Interim Dividend**”) of HK\$0.36 per ordinary share of the Bank (the “**Share(s)**”) with scrip option (the “**Scrip Dividend Scheme**”).

As affected by the “extreme conditions” which remained in force during the entire normal business hours (as referred to in Practice Note 8 issued by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, the “**PN8**”) on 8th September, 2023, it is expected that the date of despatch of the listing document for the Scrip Dividend Scheme (the “**Listing Document**”) and the related form of election (the “**Form of Election**”) to shareholders of the Bank (the “**Shareholders**”) will be deferred to Thursday, 14th September, 2023 as opposed to the original despatch date of Wednesday, 13th September, 2023 stated in the Announcement. The Listing Document will be published on the websites of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (“**HKEX**”) and the Bank after market close on 13th September, 2023.

Accordingly, the deadline for return of the Form of Election by Shareholders for the Scrip Dividend Scheme will be deferred to Friday, 29th September, 2023 as opposed to Thursday, 28th September, 2023 stated in the announcement form (EF003) titled “Interim Dividend for the six months ended 30th June, 2023” published on the websites of HKEX and the Bank on 24th August, 2023.

For the sake of clarity, the record date for determining entitlement to the 2023 Interim Dividend (i.e. Wednesday, 13th September, 2023) and the payment date of the 2023 Interim Dividend (i.e. Thursday, 5th October, 2023) shall remain unchanged, notwithstanding that the latest time for lodging transfer of Shares for entitlement to the 2023 Interim Dividend has been automatically deferred to 4:00 p.m. on Monday, 11th September, 2023 in accordance with PN8.

For and on behalf of
The Bank of East Asia, Limited
Alson LAW Chun-tak
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 11th September, 2023

As at the date of this announcement, the Board of Directors of the Bank comprises Dr. the Hon. Sir David LI Kwok-po[#] (Executive Chairman), Professor Arthur LI Kwok-cheung (Deputy Chairman), Dr. Allan WONG Chi-yun** (Deputy Chairman), Mr. Aubrey LI Kwok-sing*, Mr. Winston LO Yau-lai*, Mr. Stephen Charles LI Kwok-sze*, Mr. Adrian David LI Man-kiu[#] (Co-Chief Executive), Mr. Brian David LI Man-bun[#] (Co-Chief Executive), Dr. Daryl NG Win-kong*, Mr. Masayuki OKU*, Dr. the Hon. Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai**, Mr. Meocre LI Kwok-wing**, Dr. the Hon. Henry TANG Ying-yen**, Dr. Delman LEE**, Mr. William Junior Guilherme DOO**, Dr. David MONG Tak-yeung** and Dr. Francisco Javier SERRADO TREPAT*.*

Executive Director

** Non-executive Director*

*** Independent Non-executive Director*