



BEA 東亞銀行

The Bank of East Asia, Limited

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability in 1918)

(Stock Code: 23)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 7TH APRIL, 2006

POLL RESULTS

The Bank of East Asia, Limited (the "Bank") is pleased to announce the results of the poll taken at the Annual General Meeting of the Bank held on 7th April, 2006 (the "2006 AGM").

- (1) The total number of shares entitling the holder to attend and vote for or against all the resolutions at the 2006 AGM: 1,517,619,871 shares.
- (2) The total number of shares entitling the holder to attend and vote only against any of the resolutions at the 2006 AGM: Nil
- (3) The number of shares represented by votes for and against the respective resolutions at the 2006 AGM was as follows:

Resolutions		No. of Votes (%)	
		For	Against
1.	To adopt the Audited Accounts and the Reports of the Directors and of the Auditors for the year ended 31st December, 2005. As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.	562,920,555 (100%)	0 (0%)
2.	To declare a final dividend of 93 cents per share (with scrip option). As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.	594,270,477 (100%)	0 (0%)
3a.	To re-elect Mr. Kenneth LO Chin-ming as a Director. As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.	594,065,509 (99.99%)	3,716 (0.01%)
3b.	To re-elect Mr. Eric LI Fook-chuen as a Director. As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.	583,649,203 (99.84%)	936,272 (0.16%)
3c.	To re-elect Mr. WONG Chung-hin as a Director. As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.	585,490,122 (100%)	0 (0%)
3d.	To re-elect Dr. LEE Shau-kee as a Director. As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.	577,474,375 (98.61%)	8,121,919 (1.39%)
3e.	To re-elect Dr. William MONG Man-wai as a Director. As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.	578,114,585 (99.82%)	1,014,260 (0.18%)
3f.	To re-elect Mr. CHAN Kay-cheung as a Director. As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.	592,042,092 (99.83%)	1,015,290 (0.17%)
4.	To re-appoint KPMG as Auditors of the Bank and authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration. As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.	594,251,674 (99.99%)	12,000 (0.01%)
5.	To amend the Articles of Association of the Bank. As more than 75% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.	587,327,281 (98.90%)	6,504,175 (1.10%)
6.	To grant a general mandate to the Directors to issue additional shares. As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.	426,022,255 (71.65%)	168,553,222 (28.35%)
7.	To grant a general mandate to the Directors to repurchase the Bank's own shares. As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.	593,848,636 (99.87%)	777,699 (0.13%)
8.	To extend the general mandate granted to the Directors pursuant to item 6. As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.	586,812,127 (98.69%)	7,781,635 (1.31%)

- (4) KPMG (Certified Public Accountants), auditors of the Bank, acted as scrutineer for the vote-taking at the 2006 AGM. KPMG's work was limited to certain procedures requested by the Bank to agree the poll results summary prepared by the Bank to poll forms collected and provided by the Bank to KPMG. The work performed by KPMG in this respect did not constitute an assurance engagement made in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing, Hong Kong Standards on Review Engagements or Hong Kong Standards on Assurance Engagements nor did it include provision of any assurance or advice on matters of legal interpretation or entitlement to vote.

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

Hong Kong, 7th April, 2006

As at the date of this announcement, the Executive Directors of the Bank are: Dr. The Hon. Sir David LI Kwok-po (Chairman and Chief Executive), Mr. Joseph PANG Yuk-ving (Deputy Chief Executive) and Mr. CHAN Kay-cheung (Deputy Chief Executive); Non-executive Directors of the Bank are: Dr. LI Fook-wo, Mr. Aubrey LI Kwok-sing, Dr. William MONG Man-wai, Tan Sri Dr. KHOO Kay-peng, Mr. Richard LI Tzar-kai and Mr. Eric LI Fook-chuen; and 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. TAN Man-kou and Mr. Kenneth LO Chin-ming.