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The Bank of East Asia, Limited

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability in 1918)

(Stock Code: 23)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 17TH APRIL, 2008 - POLL RESULTS

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Poll Results

The Bank is pleased to announce the results of the poll taken at the Annual General Meeting of the Bank held on 17th April, 2008 (the "2008 AGM") as below:

- (1) The total number of shares entitling the holder to attend and vote for or against all the resolutions at the 2008 AGM: 1,657,382,205 shares.
- (2) The total number of shares entitling the holder to attend and vote only against any of the resolutions at the 2008 AGM: Nil
- (3) The number of shares represented by votes for and against the respective resolutions at the 2008 AGM was as follows:

Resolutions		No. of Votes (%)	
		For	Against
1.	To adopt the Audited Accounts and the Report of the Directors and the Independent Auditor's Report for the year ended 31 st December, 2007.	764,977,913 (99.99%)	44,400 (0.01%)
As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.			
2.	To declare a final dividend of HK\$1.18 per share (with scrip option).	808,847,886 (100.00%)	0 (0.00%)
As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.			
3a.	To re-elect Mr. Joseph PANG Yuk-wing as a Director.	807,054,045 (99.75%)	2,000,970 (0.25%)
As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.			
3b.	To re-elect Mr. Thomas KWOK Ping-kwong as a Director.	807,592,438 (99.81%)	1,508,411 (0.19%)
As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.			
3c.	To re-elect Mr. Richard LI Tzar-kai as a Director.	575,371,475 (71.11%)	233,718,778 (28.89%)
As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.			
3d.	To re-elect Mr. TAN Man-kou as a Director.	808,641,710 (99.95%)	430,735 (0.05%)
As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.			

3e.	To re-elect Professor Arthur LI Kwok-cheung as a Director.	806,034,565 (99.62%)	3,050,735 (0.38%)
	As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.		
3f.	To re-elect Mr. KUOK Khoon-ean as a Director.	807,638,396 (99.82%)	1,438,324 (0.18%)
	As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.		
3g.	To re-elect Mr. William DOO Wai-hoi as a Director.	807,628,472 (99.82%)	1,445,651 (0.18%)
	As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.		
4.	To re-appoint KPMG as Auditors of the Bank and authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration.	806,669,120 (99.83%)	1,368,770 (0.17%)
	As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.		
5.	To amend the Articles of Association of the Bank.	808,964,159 (99.99%)	25,740 (0.01%)
	As more than 75% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.		
6.	To grant a general mandate to the Directors to issue additional shares.	524,380,371 (66.13%)	268,563,464 (33.87%)
	As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.		
7.	To grant a general mandate to the Directors to repurchase the Bank's own shares.	808,981,798 (99.99%)	38,501 (0.01%)
	As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.		
8.	To extend the general mandate granted to the Directors pursuant to item 6.	495,578,345 (62.17%)	301,602,362 (37.83%)
	As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.		

- (4) KPMG (Certified Public Accountants), auditors of the Bank, acted as scrutineer for the vote-taking at the 2008 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, 17th April, 2008

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) and Mr. Joseph PANG Yuk-wing (Deputy Chief Executive); 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; 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, Mr. Kenneth LO Chin-ming, Mr. KUOK Khoon-ean and Mr. William DOO Wai-hoi.