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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 16TH APRIL, 2009 - POLL RESULTS

The Bank is pleased to announce the results of the poll taken at the 2009 AGM.

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 16th April, 2009 (the "2009 AGM") as below:

- (1) The total number of shares entitling the holder to attend and vote for or against all the resolutions at the 2009 AGM: 1,673,417,496 shares.
- (2) The total number of shares entitling the holder to attend and vote only against any of the resolutions at the 2009 AGM: Nil
- (3) The number of shares represented by votes for and against the respective resolutions at the 2009 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, 2008. As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.	888,652,304 (99.95%)	445,236 (0.05%)
2.	To declare a final dividend of HK\$0.02 per share (with scrip option) for the year ended 31 st December, 2008. As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.	932,350,117 (99.76%)	2,216,642 (0.24%)
3a.	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.	930,857,474 (99.59%)	3,872,145 (0.41%)
3b.	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.	716,335,730 (76.63%)	218,431,765 (23.37%)
3c.	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.	886,259,452 (95.55%)	41,233,330 (4.45%)
3d.	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.	925,300,577 (99.00%)	9,342,627 (1.00%)

3e.	To re-elect Mr. Eric LI Fook-chuen as a Director.	926,832,546 (99.15%)	7,982,431 (0.85%)
	As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.		
3f.	To re-elect Mr. Valiant CHEUNG Kin-piu as a Director.	931,104,045 (99.61%)	3,616,882 (0.39%)
	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.	917,212,658 (98.48%)	14,152,808 (1.52%)
	As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.		
5.	To approve the Bonus Issue of Shares.	934,823,661 (99.98%)	165,949 (0.02%)
	As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.		
6.	To amend the Articles of Association of the Bank.	933,569,532 (99.85%)	1,369,502 (0.15%)
	As more than 75% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.		
7.	To grant a general mandate to the Directors to issue additional shares.	779,792,952 (83.41%)	155,060,972 (16.59%)
	As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.		
8.	To grant a general mandate to the Directors to repurchase the Bank's own shares.	934,743,469 (99.99%)	126,757 (0.01%)
	As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.		
9.	To extend the general mandate granted to the Directors pursuant to item 7.	734,881,679 (78.61%)	199,957,406 (21.39%)
	As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.		
10.	To appoint Mr. Kwok Siu Man as an independent non-executive director, such appointment to be conditional upon the Bank receiving the written consent from the Hong Kong Monetary Authority.	118,013,898 (11.84%)	878,365,957 (88.16%)
	As more than 50% of the votes were cast against the resolution, the resolution was not carried.		

- (4) KPMG (Certified Public Accountants), auditors of the Bank, acted as scrutineer for the vote-taking at the 2009 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, 16th April, 2009

As at the date of this announcement, the Executive Director of the Bank is: Dr. The Hon. Sir David LI Kwok-po (Chairman & Chief Executive); Non-executive Directors are: Professor Arthur LI Kwok-cheung (Deputy Chairman), Mr. Aubrey LI Kwok-sing, 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: Dr. Allan WONG Chi-yun (Deputy Chairman), Mr. WONG Chung-hin, Dr. LEE Shau-kee, 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.