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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)

AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF THE BANK

(Special Resolution (1)(b) of the Notice of Extraordinary General Meeting on 4th December, 2009)

The Board of Directors of The Bank of East Asia, Limited (the “**Bank**”) announces that a special resolution will be proposed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Bank to be held on Friday, 4th December, 2009 (“**EGM**”) to, among others, amend the Articles of Association of the Bank to provide for the terms of the preference shares (the “**Preference Shares**”) which the Bank may be required to issue pursuant to the terms of the offer and issue of the Hybrid Tier 1 capital instruments. Details of the offer and issue of the Hybrid Tier 1 capital instruments are set out in the announcements of the Bank dated 23rd October, 2009 and 30th October, 2009.

The proposed amendments to the Articles of Association set out the terms of the Preference Shares and, if and when the Preference Shares are actually issued, these terms would govern the relationship between the Bank and the holders of the Preference Shares. These terms include the rights and restrictions on the payment of dividends and distribution as well as voting in respect of the Preference Shares, and also the rights of and restrictions on the Bank to redeem the Preference Shares.

Details of the proposed amendments to the Articles of Association are set out in the circular of the Bank dated 11th November, 2009 which will be dispatched to the shareholders of the Bank on 11th November, 2009.

By Order of the Board

Molly HO Kam-lan

Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 11th November, 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 of the Bank 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, Mr. Stephen Charles LI Kwok-sze and Dr. Isidro FAINÉ CASAS; 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.