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**GUOCO GROUP LIMITED**

**國浩集團有限公司**

*(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)*

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

The directors of Guoco Group Limited (the “Company”) have requested for an extension of deadline for the despatch of a circular in respect of the Transaction as disclosed in a joint announcement dated 27th March, 2000. The despatch of the circular of the Company is expected to be postponed to or about 2nd May, 2000.

Reference is made to the joint announcement dated 27th March, 2000 (the “Announcement”) made by the Incoming Investors, Trumpington, Hutchison, the Company and Guoco Land Limited (“Guoco Land”). Terms defined in the joint announcement shall have the same meanings when used herein unless the context requires otherwise.

According to the Listing Rules, (i) the Put Option Agreements, (ii) the JV Sale Agreements, (iii) the Tai Po/Courtenay Sale Agreements, (iv) the Property Management Agreements, and (v) the Variation Agreement will constitute connected transactions for the Company. Pursuant to Rule 14.29(2) of the Listing Rules, a circular containing a letter from the independent financial adviser to the Company, together with a notice of the special general meeting of the Company is required to be despatched to the shareholders of the Company within 21 days of the date of the Announcement, being not later than 17th April, 2000.

In view of the additional time required by the parties involved to prepare the circular, the despatch of the circular has to be delayed. An application has been made to the Stock Exchange for an extension of time for the despatch of the circular and it is currently intended that the circular will be despatched to the shareholders of the Company on or about 2nd May, 2000.

By Order of the Board  
**Guoco Group Limited**  
**Doris W.N. Wong**  
*Company Secretary*

Hong Kong, 17th April, 2000