SUPPLEMENTAL MASTER PURCHASES AGREEMENT
IN RESPECT OF CONTINUING CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS

EXTENSION OF TIME FOR DESPATCH OF CIRCULAR

Reference is made to the announcement of the Company dated 27 March 2006. Due to the intervening Easter holidays and that additional time is required by the Company for compiling information in the circular, and by the independent financial adviser for finalizing its opinion for inclusion in the circular, an application has been made by the Company to the Stock Exchange for an extension of time to despatch the circular to the shareholders on or before 4 May 2006.

Reference is made to the announcement of the Company dated 27 March 2006 and published on 28 March 2006 (the “Announcement”) in relation to, among others, the Supplemental Master Purchases Agreement entered into between the Company and Digital China Holdings Limited on 27 March 2006 in respect of the continuing connected transactions contemplated thereunder. Terms used herein shall have the same meanings as defined in the Announcement unless otherwise defined herein.

Pursuant to Rule 14A.49 of the Listing Rules, the Company is required to despatch to the shareholders a circular within 21 days after the publication of the Announcement, which is 18 April 2006.

Due to the intervening Easter holidays and that additional time is required by the Company for compiling information in the circular and by the independent financial adviser for finalizing its opinion for inclusion in the circular, the Company has made an application to the Stock Exchange for a waiver from strict compliance with Rule 14A.49 of the Listing Rules for an extension of time to despatch the circular to the shareholders on or before 4 May 2006.

By order of the Board
Yuanqing Yang
Chairman

New York, 13 April 2006

As at the date of this announcement, the Executive Directors are Mr. Yuanqing Yang, Mr. William J. Amelio and Ms. Xuezheng Ma; the Non-executive Directors are Mr. Chuanzhi Liu, Mr. Linan Zhu, Mr. James G. Coulter, Mr. William O. Grabe, Mr. Weijian Shan, Mr. Justin T. Chang (alternate Director to Mr. James G. Coulter), Mr. Vince Feng (alternate Director to Mr. William O. Grabe) and Mr. Daniel A. Carroll (alternate Director to Mr. Weijian Shan); and the Independent Non-executive Directors are Mr. Wai Ming Wong, Professor Chia-Wei Woo, Mr. Lee Sen Ting and Mr. John W. Barter III.

“Please also refer to the published version of this announcement in the South China Morning Post”