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中国平安保险(集团)股份有限公司

PING AN INSURANCE (GROUP) COMPANY OF CHINA, LTD.

(A joint stock limited company incorporated in the People's Republic of China with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 2318)

ANNOUNCEMENT

Further to the announcement of the Company dated 25 August 2004 in relation to the Premature Release, the Board would like to inform that it has received a report and a supplemental statement from Christensen setting forth its findings of investigation into the events leading to the Premature Release and that the Company has resolved on actions to be taken by the Company to avoid occurrence of similar incident in the future.

Reference is made to an announcement (the “**Announcement**”) dated 25 August 2004 and issued by Ping An Insurance (Group) Company of China, Ltd. (the “**Company**”). The board of directors of the Company (the “**Board**”) disclosed in the Announcement that press release and analyst presentation materials (the “**Information**”) containing price sensitive information of the interim results of the Company for the six months ended 30 June 2004, which were intended for release at 4:30 p.m. on 25 August 2004 and after the conclusion of its board meeting, had inadvertently been released by Christensen International Limited (“**Christensen**”), the investor relations adviser of the Company, to investors and analysts at around 1:30 p.m. on 25 August 2004 (the “**Premature Release**”).

The Company has held various investigative meetings with Christensen and its information distribution agent Xpedite Systems Limited (the “**Agent**”) on 26, 27, 29 and 30 August 2004 and on 27 August 2004 and 29 August 2004 respectively received a written report and a supplemental statement by Christensen on its investigation. The Company was informed that:

- (i) at around 11:09 a.m. on 25 August 2004, Christensen passed the Information and gave instruction to the Agent through the Agent’s web platform to send the Information at 4:30 p.m. on the same day by e-mail to 437 buy-side and sell-side institutions of which around 205 were based on the mailing lists prepared by the Company containing those institutions which the management of the Company or its joint global coordinators met or communicated with during the road show in June 2004 and around 232 were other institutions suggested by Christensen including global buy-side institutions (such as mutual fund, pension fund, hedge fund) and sell-side institutions (such as investment banks, brokers and research houses) covering or interested in the Company, as identified from several publicly available databases and Christensen’s own proprietary database;
- (ii) at around 1:21 p.m. on 25 August 2004, Christensen gave instruction to the Agent through the Agent’s web platform to send the press release at 4:30 p.m. on the same day by e-mail to around 131 news reporters according to the Company’s mailing list as suggested by Christensen for their coverage of the banking and insurance sectors;
- (iii) separate instructions were given to the Agent to send the press release at 4:30 p.m. on 25 August 2004 by fax to around 138 media according to the Company’s mailing list as suggested by Christensen for their coverage of the banking and insurance sectors. The instructions were given to the Agent by fax at around 1:53 p.m. and 2:17 p.m. respectively after repeated attempts to instruct the Agent through its web platform failed to complete successfully;

- (iv) at 1:21 p.m. on 25 August 2004, the instruction entered into the Agent's system at 11:09 a.m. to send the Information at 4:30 p.m. on the same day by e-mail to buy-side and sell-side institutions was cancelled due to a mistake made by a client support staff of Christensen ("**Christensen's Employee**");
- (v) at 1:29 p.m. on 25 August 2004, an instruction was entered into the Agent's system by Christensen's Employee to send the Information to buy-side and sell-side institutions as Christensen's Employee realized her mistake and attempted to correct it by introducing a new instruction to re-schedule the delivery for 4:30 p.m. By error, the instruction was entered on an "express" basis, i.e. to be sent out immediately, as opposed to scheduled for 4:30 p.m. The "express" status caused the Information to be released immediately without possible recourse; and
- (vi) at 1:40 p.m. on 25 August 2004, the Agent sent an interim summary report of work done to Christensen.

The Company was informed by Christensen that, other than the fax instruction, it has no record of the instructions mentioned above.

Under the engagement letter between the Company and Christensen, Christensen has expressly undertaken not to, nor cause or permit each of its affiliates, partners, independent contractors or employees ("**Affiliates**") to use or disclose any confidential information of the Company unless with the Company's prior written consent or as required by laws and regulations or to such Affiliates who need to know such information in connection with Christensen's performance of its obligations provided that such Affiliates agree in writing not to use or disclose such confidential information. On this occasion, Christensen acknowledges that it was under clear instruction from the Company to release the Information only following delivery of interim results summary form to the Stock Exchange after the conclusion of the Board meeting to approve the interim results and after trading hours on 25 August 2004. Christensen has confirmed that the Premature Release had resulted from a human error committed by Christensen's Employee.

In light of the reports received, the Company is reviewing its investor and media relations strategy, including considering the replacement of Christensen and the identification of the best market practice of any alternate means of information distribution which provides equal access and even dissemination of information to the public, with a view to ensuring that the efforts made by the Company to comply with the Listing Rules will not be jeopardized by such kind of accident.

The Stock Exchange is looking into the matter and reserve its rights to take action against the Company and its directors for any breach of the Listing Rules.

By order of the Board
YAO Jun
Joint Company Secretary

Shenzhen, PRC, 1 September, 2004

As at the date of this announcement, the executive directors of the Company are Ma Mingzhe, Sun Jianyi, the non-executive directors of the Company are Li Heihu, Gao Lei, Huang Jianping, Liu Haifeng David, Henry Cornell, Lin Yu Fen, Cheung Lee Wah, Anthony Philip Hope, Dicky Peter Yip, Lin Lijun, Fan Gang, Dou Wenwei, Shi Yuxin, Hu Aimin, and the independent non-executive directors are Bao Youde, Kwong Che Keung Gordon and Cheung Wing Yui.

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