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## **SWIRE PACIFIC LIMITED**

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

(Stock Codes : 00019 and 00087)

### **Announcement**

This announcement is made at the request of the Securities and Futures Commission (the “SFC”) pursuant to Rule 3.1 of the Code on Takeovers and Mergers (the “Code”) and refers to the ruling of the Takeovers and Mergers Panel (the “Panel”) published on 19th January 2009 in relation to Hong Kong Aircraft Engineering Company Limited (“HAECO”). Swire Pacific Limited (the “Company”) announces that it does not intend to make a general offer for HAECO.

This announcement is made at the request of the SFC pursuant to Rule 3.1 of the Code and refers to the ruling of the Panel published on 19th January 2009 in relation to HAECO (the “Ruling”).

As disclosed in the Ruling, the Company considered entering into certain transactions with Cathay Pacific Airways Limited (“Cathay Pacific”) for the purchase of approximately 7.45% of the shares in HAECO from Cathay Pacific and the restructuring of the Company’s and Cathay Pacific’s shareholdings in HAECO (the “Proposed Transactions”). The Executive Director of the Corporate Finance Division of the SFC referred the matter to the Panel pursuant to Section 10.1 of the Introduction to the Code since they considered that there was a particularly novel, important or difficult point at issue. The matter was heard before the Panel on 3rd December 2008 and the Panel ruled that if the Proposed Transactions were to proceed, they would trigger an obligation on the part of the Company to make a mandatory general offer for HAECO under Rule 26.1 of the Code.

In view of the likely speculation about a possible offer for HAECO arising from the publication of the Ruling, the Company announces that it does not intend to proceed with the Proposed Transactions or to make a general offer for HAECO. (This announcement is made at the request of the SFC pursuant to Rule 3.1 of the Code.)

The Directors of the Company jointly and severally accept full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in this announcement and confirm, having made all reasonable inquiries, that to the best of their knowledge, opinions expressed in this announcement have been arrived at after due and careful consideration and there are no other facts not contained in this announcement, the omission of which would make any statement in this announcement misleading.

As at the date of this announcement, the Directors of the Company are:

Executive Directors: C.D. Pratt (Chairman), P.N.L. Chen, M. Cubbon, D. Ho, K.G. Kerr, J.R. Slosar, A.N. Tyler; Non-Executive Directors: Baroness Dunn, J.W.J. Hughes-Hallett, P.A. Johansen, M.B. Swire; Independent Non-Executive Directors: T.G. Freshwater, C.K.M. Kwok, C. Lee, M. Leung, M.C.C. Sze, M.M.T. Yang.

By Order of the Board  
**SWIRE PACIFIC LIMITED**  
David Fu  
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 19th January 2009