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TECHTRONIC INDUSTRIES COMPANY LIMITED

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SHAREHOLDERS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE ACQUISITION OF RYOBI CONFIRM LEADERSHIP POSITION IN NORTH AMERICA POWER TOOL MARKET

(Hong Kong, July 31, 2000) –TechTronic Industries Co., Ltd. (“TTI” / “Group”) (Stock code: 669) today announced that the proposals for the Group to acquire the assets relating to Ryobi Limited’s North American power tool business (“Ryobi Power Tool Business”) have been approved by its shareholders unanimously at the extraordinary general meeting today.

“I am very grateful for the shareholders’ support on this acquisition. Through the acquisition of Ryobi Power Tool Business, TTI will become a market leader in North America Power Tool market and TTI’s growth and turnover will be enhanced significantly,” said Mr. Horst Pudwill, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of TTI.

“Ryobi” is a leading brand of portable, bench top and stationary power tools in North America. Ryobi Power Tool Business consists of two portions: (i) material part of the operating assets and certain liabilities and obligations of the power tools business of the Ryobi Group and (ii) two subsidiaries of Ryobi Limited, involving the design, manufacture, importation and sale of power tools in North America.

“This vertical integration will bring the Group closer to the end customers, creating the environment for more effective product development, marketing programs, and potential price premium for the brand. Additionally, from now on, the marketing expertise and distribution of the Group will be broadened beyond private label and OEM, into consumer brand channels” said Mr. Roy Chung, Managing Director of TTI.

“We are confident of the future of the Group’s power tool business and foresees that its positive growth will continue as the enlarged Group will be able to broaden its customers’ base and enhance its global market shares in the electric power tool market in the next decade,” Mr. Pudwill concluded.

TTI is a world leader in the design, engineering and manufacturing of power tools, floor care products, solar and electronic products. TTI has recorded continuous growth since its listing on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange in 1990 from a turnover of HK\$490 million in 1990 to HK\$2.7 billion in 1999.

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