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## **APTUS HOLDINGS LIMITED**

### **問博控股有限公司**

*(incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)*

#### **FURTHER POSTPONEMENT OF ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE FINAL RESULTS AND DESPATCH OF ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2003**

The Board of Directors (the “Board”) of Aptus Holdings Limited (the “Company”) announces that the announcement of the final results of the Company for the year ended 30 September 2003 (the “Final Results”) and despatch of 2003 annual report (the “Annual Report”) will be further postponed to 1 March 2004 and 4 March 2004 respectively for the reasons set out below.

The delay in publication of the Final Results and despatch of the Annual Report have placed the Company in breaches of Rules 18.03, 18.48A and 18.49 of the GEM Listing Rules. The Stock Exchange has indicated that it reserves the right to take appropriate action regarding the above breaches of the GEM Listing Rules.

Further to the announcement dated 31 December 2003 and 5 January 2004, the Board announces that the Final Results and despatch of the Annual Report will be further delayed to 1 March 2004 and 4 March 2004 respectively. Due to the resignation of certain sales staff within the Group and the relocation of the Group’s office in the People’s Republic of China (the “PRC”), the books, records and other related documents for sales transactions of some of the Group’s customers and for purchase transactions of some of the Group’s suppliers (the “documents”) kept at the Group’s office in the PRC have either been misplaced or packed at storage. In order to facilitate the progress of audit work of the Company, the Board has exercised its best endeavors to locate such documents and some of the documents have been recovered. However, there are still some documents, including the billing and delivery documents of certain sales and purchase transaction of the Group, could not be located and the Company has requested and is now pending the supply of duplicates from the relevant parties. In this respect, as at the date of this announcement, the auditors have not yet finalised the audited consolidated financial statements of the Group for the year ended 30 September 2003.

As additional time is required for locating of the relevant documents or the receipt of the said duplicates, the progress of the audit work on the Group has inevitably delayed. The Board is using their best endeavors to enable the announcement of the Final Results and despatch of the Annual Report can be completed without further delay. The Board anticipates that the audited consolidated financial statements of the Group for the year ended 30 September 2003 will be completed on 1 March 2004 and be tabled for approval at a meeting of the Board to be held on the same day. The Final Results will be issued on 1 March 2004 and the Annual Report will be despatch on 4 March 2004.

The postponement of the announcement of the Final Results and despatch of the Annual Report constitute breaches of Rules 18.03, 18.48A and 18.49 of the GEM Listing Rules. The Stock Exchange has indicated that it reserves the right to take appropriate action regarding the above breaches of the GEM Listing Rules.

The Directors have confirmed that they have complied with Rule 5.51 of the GEM Listing Rules and have not dealt in any securities of the Company since 1 December 2003. The Directors will not deal in the securities of the Company until the announcement of the Company's audited results for the year ended 30 September 2003 is published.

By order of the Board  
**Aptus Holdings Limited**  
**Chen Vee Li, Felix**  
*Chairman*

Hong Kong, 30 January 2004

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