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## **CIL HOLDINGS LIMITED**

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

## FURTHER DELAY IN PUBLICATION OF THE RESULTS OF THE GROUP FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2003 AND DESPATCH OF THE ANNUAL REPORT

Due to the audit of a 65% owned subsidiary company of the Company has not yet been completed, publication of the final results of the Group for the year ended 30 June 2003 will be delayed to a date which will be on or before 31 March 2004 and despatch of the annual report will take place approximately three weeks thereafter. The delay in publication of the final results and despatch of the annual report constitute a breach of paragraphs 8(1) and 11(1) of the Listing Agreement. In this regard, the Stock Exchange reserves its right to take appropriate action against the Company and/or its Directors.

The shareholders of the Company and investors are reminded to execute caution when dealing in the shares of the Company.

Further to the announcements on 11 September 2003 ("September Announcement"), 30 October 2003 ("October Announcement") and 27 November 2003 ("November Announcement") respectively, the Board of directors (the "Board") of CIL Holdings Limited (the "Company") announces that owing to the fact that audit of the financial results of a 65% owned subsidiary company of the Company (the "Subsidiary Company") for the year ended 30 June 2003 has not yet been completed, the release of the audited final results of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for the year ended 30 June 2003 has to be further delayed to a date which will be on or before 31 March 2004 and the despatch of the annual report will take place approximately three weeks thereafter. The unavailability of the audited statements of the Subsidiary Company is merely due to the shortage of accounting staff within the Group as disclosed in the September Announcement and October Announcement. The shortage of accounting staff has become more critical since the publication of the Company's unaudited results for the year ended 30 June 2003 on 27 November 2003 due to high turnover rate of accounting personnel within the Group. The Board of Directors believes that the shortage of accounting staff situation can be improved shortly. The Directors, after having discussed with the auditors, expects and are confident that the audit works of the Group will be completed in or around mid-March 2004 and by now, approximately half of the audit works in relation to the Group have been completed. At the present stage, the Directors do not expect there should be anything required to be brought to the immediate attention of shareholders and creditors.

The Group's existing operation is trading of multi-media and digital communication products in Hong Kong and China. The Group, with over 30 employees, sources trading products mainly from the U.S.A., Japan and China. The Directors expect that following the gradual recovery of the local economy, the trading business will become more active compared to that of last year and the Group will continue is trading business and operations.

Save as the above, the Directors confirm that they have not dealt in the shares of the Company since 1 June 2003 and have undertaken to the Stock Exchange that they will not deal in the shares of the Company until the final results of the Group for the year ended 30 June 2003 are released and published.

The Stock Exchange has indicated that if the Company fails to have the audited final results released on or before 31 March 2004, the Stock Exchange will, in addition to taking appropriate action against the Company and/or its directors for breaches of paragraphs 8(1) and 11(1) of the Listing Agreement, closely monitor the affairs of the Company and the trading in its shares, and consider any action, as appropriate, for such further delay in publication of the final results. The Stock Exchange has also indicated that it may, should circumstances warrant it, request that trading in the Company's shares be suspended for the purposes of maintaining a fair and orderly market and that trading in the Company's shares can be conducted on a full informed basis.

The shareholders of the Company and investors are reminded to execute caution when dealing in the shares of the Company.

By Order of the Board
CIL Holdings Limited
Ke Jun Xiang
Chairman

Hong Kong, 30 January 2004

Please also refer to the published version of this announcement in The Standard.