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The Bank of East Asia, Limited

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability in 1918)

Stock code: 0023

Executive Directors:

Dr. The Hon. David LI Kwok-po

(Chairman and Chief Executive)

Mr. Joseph PANG Yuk-wing *(Deputy Chief Executive)*

Mr. CHAN Kay-cheung *(Deputy Chief Executive)*

Non-executive Directors:

Dr. LI Fook-wo

Dr. The Hon. Simon LI Fook-sean

Mr. Aubrey LI Kwok-sing

Dr. William MONG Man-wai

Tan Sri Dr. KHOO Kay-peng

Mr. Richard LI Tzar-kai

Independent Non-executive Directors:

Mr. WONG Chung-hin

Dr. LEE Shau-kee

Dr. Allan WONG Chi-yun

Mr. Winston LO Yau-lai

Mr. Thomas KWOK Ping-kwong

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 31ST MARCH, 2004

Poll Results

The Bank is pleased to announce the results of the voting taken on a poll at the Annual General Meeting of the Bank held on 31st March, 2004 (the "AGM").

- (1) The total number of shares entitling the holder to attend and vote for or against all the resolutions at the AGM: 1,469,161,525 shares.
- (2) The total number of shares entitling the holder to attend and vote only against any of the resolutions at the AGM: Nil

(3) The number of shares represented by votes for and against the respective resolutions at the AGM was as follows:

Resolutions		No. of Votes (%)	
		For	Against
1.	To adopt the Audited Accounts and the Reports of the Directors and of the Auditors for the year ended 31st December, 2003.	394,078,476 (99.84%)	644,754 (0.16%)
As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.			
2.	To declare a final dividend of 62 cents per share.	419,308,914 (99.99%)	154 (0.01%)
As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.			
3a.	To re-elect Mr. Aubrey LI Kwok-sing as a Director.	408,940,906 (99.19%)	3,351,236 (0.81%)
As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.			
3b.	To re-elect Mr. Winston LO Yau-lai as a Director.	407,899,481 (98.94%)	4,375,709 (1.06%)
As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.			
3c.	To re-elect Tan Sri Dr. KHOO Kay-peng as a Director.	408,992,721 (99.19%)	3,348,846 (0.81%)
As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.			
3d.	To re-elect Dr. The Hon. David LI Kwok-po as a Director.	409,039,022 (99.17%)	3,418,646 (0.83%)
As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.			
4.	To re-appoint KPMG as Auditors of the Bank and authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration.	412,101,010 (99.99%)	9,154 (0.01%)
As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.			
5.	To amend the Articles of Association of the Bank.	414,203,168 (99.25%)	3,130,258 (0.75%)
As more than 75% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.			
6.	To grant a general mandate to the Directors to issue additional shares.	298,466,115 (69.07%)	133,641,888 (30.93%)
As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.			

7.	To grant a general mandate to the Directors to repurchase the Bank's own shares.	419,417,235 (97.53%)	10,616,907 (2.47%)
As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.			
8.	To extend the general mandate granted to the Directors pursuant to item 6.	416,222,323 (96.87%)	13,462,843 (3.13%)
As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.			

(4) KPMG, auditors of the Bank, acted as scrutineer for the vote-taking at the AGM.

For and on behalf of

The Bank of East Asia, Limited

Molly HO Kam-lan

Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 31st March, 2004

*Please also refer to the published version of this announcement in the (**The Standard**)*