#### **APPENDIX III**

## UNAUDITED PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The unaudited pro forma net tangible assets prepared in accordance with Rule 4.29 of the Listing Rules is for illustration purposes only, and is set out on page 244 to illustrate the effect of the Global Offering on the net tangible assets of the Group as at 31 December 2004 as if they had taken place on 31 December 2004. The unaudited pro forma net tangible assets has been prepared for illustrative purpose only and because of its nature, it may not give a true picture of the net tangible assets of the Group following the Global Offering.

The unaudited pro forma forecast earnings per Share has been prepared on the basis of the notes set out on page 7 of this Prospectus for the purpose of illustrating the effect of the Global Offering as if it had taken place on 1 January 2005. The unaudited pro forma forecast earnings per Share has been prepared for illustrative purposes only and because of its nature, it may not give a true picture of the financial results of the Group following the Global Offering.

# LETTER FROM THE REPORTING ACCOUNTANTS ON THE UNAUDITED PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION RELATING TO THE UNAUDITED PRO FORMA NET TANGIBLE ASSETS AND UNAUDITED PRO FORMA FORECAST EARNINGS PER SHARE

The following is the text of a report received from the reporting accountants, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Certified Public Accountants, Hong Kong for the purpose of incorporation in this prospectus. As there is no specific guidance on the reporting on pro forma financial information under the Auditing Guidelines issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants, this report is prepared with reference to the Statements of Investment Circular Reporting Standards and Bulletin 1998/8 "Reporting on pro forma financial information pursuant to the Listing Rules" issued by the Auditing Practices Board in the United Kingdom.

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13 June 2005

The Directors Bank of Communications Co., Ltd

Dear Sirs

We report on the unaudited pro forma financial information of Bank of Communications Co., Ltd. (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Group") relating to unaudited pro forma net tangible assets and unaudited pro forma forecast earnings per share as set out on pages 244 and 7 respectively of the Company's prospectus dated 13 June 2005 in connection with the Global Offering of the shares of the Company for their listing on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited. The unaudited pro forma financial information has been prepared by the directors of the Company, for illustrative purposes only, to provide information about how the Global Offering might have affected the relevant financial information of the Group.

#### Responsibilities

It is the responsibility solely of the directors of the Company to prepare the unaudited pro forma financial information in accordance with paragraph 21 of Appendix 1A and Rule 4.29 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("the Listing Rules").

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It is our responsibility to form an opinion, as required by Rule 4.29 of the Listing Rules, on the unaudited pro forma financial information and to report our opinion to you. We do not accept any responsibility for any reports previously given by us on any financial information used in the compilation of the unaudited pro forma financial information beyond that owed to those to whom those reports were addressed by us at the dates of their issue.

#### **Basis of opinion**

We conducted our work with reference to the Statements of Investment Circular Reporting Standards and Bulletin 1998/8 "Reporting on pro forma financial information pursuant to the Listing Rules" issued by the Auditing Practices Board in the United Kingdom, where applicable. Our work, which involved no independent examination of any of the underlying financial information, consisted primarily of comparing the unadjusted financial information with the source documents, considering the evidence supporting the adjustments and discussing the unaudited pro forma financial information with the directors of the Company.

Our work does not constitute an audit or review in accordance with Statements of Auditing Standards issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and accordingly, we do not express any such assurance on the unaudited pro forma financial information.

The unaudited pro forma financial information has been prepared on the bases set out on pages 244 and 7 for illustrative purpose only and, because of its nature, it may not be indicative of:

- the financial position of the Group at any future date, or
- the earnings per share of the Group for any future periods.

Our work has not been carried out in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and accordingly should not be relied upon as if it had been carried out in accordance with those standards.

#### Opinion

In our opinion:

- a) the unaudited pro forma financial information has been properly compiled by the directors of the Company on the basis stated;
- b) such basis is consistent with the accounting policies of the Group, and
- c) the adjustments are appropriate for the purpose of the unaudited pro forma financial information as disclosed pursuant to Rule 4.29(1) of the Listing Rules.

Yours faithfully **PricewaterhouseCoopers**  *Certified public accountants* Hong Kong