

Definitions

In this annual report, unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms shall have the meaning set out below:

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| “AFH” | Asia Financial Holdings Pte. Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Temasek Holdings (Private) Limited |
| “Annual General Meeting” | the annual general meeting of the Bank to be held on Thursday, 14 June 2007 at 3:00 pm at Central Garden Hotel, No. 18 Gaoliangqiaoxiejie, Xizhimenwai Ave., Haidian District, Beijing, the People’s Republic of China |
| “Articles of Association” | the articles of association of our bank, approved by the China Banking Regulatory Commission on 27 September 2006 |
| “basis point” | Refer to 0.01 percentage point |
| “BOCG Insurance” | Bank of China Group Insurance Company Limited |
| “BOCG Investment” | Bank of China Group Investment Limited |
| “BOCG Life” | BOC Group Life Assurance Company Limited |
| “BOCHK” | Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited, an authorized financial institution incorporated under the laws of Hong Kong and a wholly-owned subsidiary of BOCHK Holdings |
| “BOCHK (BVI)” | BOC Hong Kong (BVI) Limited |
| “BOCHK Group” | BOC Hong Kong (Group) Limited |
| “BOCHK Holdings” | BOC Hong Kong (Holdings) Limited, a company incorporated under the laws of Hong Kong and the ordinary shares of which are listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange |
| “BOCI” | BOC International Holdings Limited |
| “BOCI China” | BOC International (China) Limited |
| “BOCI Group” | BOCI and its subsidiaries and associated companies |
| “BOCI-Prudential” | BOCI-Prudential Asset Management Limited |
| “CBRC” | China Banking Regulatory Commission |

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| “Central and Southern China” | the area including Henan, Hubei, Hunan, Guangdong, Shenzhen, Guangxi and Hainan |
| “China Orient” | China Orient Asset Management Corporation |
| “CSRC” | China Securities Regulatory Commission |
| “Eastern China” | the area including Shanghai, Jiangsu, Zhejiang, Anhui, Fujian, Jiangxi and Shandong |
| “Hong Kong Listing Rules” | the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited |
| “Hong Kong Stock Exchange” | The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited |
| “Huijin” | Central SAFE Investments Limited |
| “Impaired loan” | According to the accounting practices of international banking, if objective impairment evidence shows that the future cash flow of loans will decrease and the amount can be estimated, and then the Bank identifies the loan as impaired loan and recognizes the losses as well. |
| “Interest-bearing liabilities” | Includes customer deposits, due to and placements from banks and other financial institutions, special purpose borrowings and etc. |
| “Interest-earning assets” | Includes customer loans, debt securities, due from and placements with banks and other financial institutions. |
| “Nanyang” | Nanyang Commercial Bank Limited |
| “NCSSF” | National Council for Social Security Fund |
| “Non-performing loans” | According to the Guiding Principles on the Classification of Loan Risk Management, loans are divided into five categories by the degree of risk involved. Non-performing loans refer to the Substandard, Doubtful and Loss loans. Five categories are adopted in this report unless otherwise stated. |
| “Northeastern China” | the area including Heilongjiang, Jilin and Liaoning |
| “Northern China” | the area including Beijing, Tianjin, Hebei, Shanxi and Inner Mongolia |
| “our Bank”, “the Bank”, “the Company”, the “Group”, “we”, and “us” | Bank of China Limited or its predecessors and, except where the context otherwise requires, all of the subsidiaries of Bank of China Limited |
| “PBOC” | People’s Bank of China, the central bank of the PRC |

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| "PRC Commercial Banking Law" | the Commercial Banking Law of the People's Republic of China |
| "PRC Company Law" | the Company Law of the People's Republic of China |
| "RBS China" | RBS China Investments S. à r.l. |
| "RBS Group" | The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc |
| "RMB" or "Renminbi" | Renminbi, the lawful currency of the PRC |
| "SALE" | Singapore Aircraft Leasing Enterprise Pte. Ltd. |
| "SFO" | Securities and Futures Ordinance of the laws of HKSAR. |
| "SHIBOR" | Shanghai Inter-Bank Offered Rate |
| "UBS" | UBS AG |
| "Western China" | the area including Chongqing, Sichuan, Guizhou, Yunnan, Shaanxi, Gansu, Ningxia, Qinghai, Tibet and Xinjiang |