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**東方報業集團有限公司**

**ORIENTAL PRESS GROUP LTD**

*(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)*

**(Stock Code: 18)**

## **STATUS OF PUBLIC FLOAT**

Reference is made to the composite offer document (the “Composite Offer Document”) jointly issued by Oriental Press Group Limited (the “Company”) and Ever Holdings Limited (the “Offeror”) on 20 July 2009 and the announcement jointly issued by the Company and the Offeror on 24 August 2009. Unless the context otherwise requires, terms defined in the Composite Offer Document shall have the same meanings when used herein.

Immediately following the close of the Offer, the Offeror Concert Parties became interested in 1,857,263,284 Shares representing approximately 77.45% of the total issued share capital of the Company, and the remaining 540,654,614 Shares representing approximately 22.55% of its total issued share capital are held by the public. As the public float of the Company has fallen below 25%, pursuant to Rule 13.32(3) of the Listing Rules the Stock Exchange has the right to require suspension of trading in the Shares until appropriate steps have been taken to restore the minimum percentage (25%) of securities in public hands. In this connection, the Company is considering various proposals including, but not limited to, issuing new Shares and procuring the Offeror to place down its or its associates’ existing shareholdings in the Company to independent third parties, to restore the minimum percentage of the Shares in the public hands. The Offeror has also indicated to the Board that it will use all reasonable commercial effort to ensure that at least 25% of the Shares are held by the public in compliance with the Listing Rules.

However, given the relatively thin trading volume of the Shares and the current volatility of the stock market situation as a whole, the Company may not be able to implement the aforesaid proposals within a short period of time. The Company will make an application to the Stock Exchange for a waiver from strict compliance with Rule 8.08 of the Listing Rules and use all reasonable commercial efforts to finalise the commercial terms of the restoration plan as soon as practicable.

By Order of the Board  
**ORIENTAL PRESS GROUP LIMITED**  
**Ms. Trix Kam-ying NGAN**  
*Company Secretary*

Hong Kong, 26 August 2009

*As at the date of this announcement, the executive Directors are Mr. Ching-fat MA (Chairman), Mr. Ching-choi MA (Vice Chairman), Mr. Shun-chuen LAM (Chief Executive Officer); the non-executive Director is Mr. Dominic LAI; and the independent non-executive Directors are Mr. Yau-nam CHAM, Mr. Ping-wing PAO and Mr. Yat-fai LAM.*