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中國工商銀行股份有限公司  
INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL BANK OF CHINA LIMITED  
(a joint stock limited company incorporated in the People's Republic of China with limited liability)  
(Stock Code: 1398)

## ELECTION OF MEANS OF RECEIPT AND LANGUAGE OF CORPORATE COMMUNICATION

The Bank is making arrangements to ascertain the preferences of its shareholders with respect to the choice of means of receipt and language of its Corporate Communication in accordance with Rules 2.07A and 2.07B of the Listing Rules.

### INTRODUCTION

In order to save costs and protect the environment, Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Limited (the “**Bank**”) is making the arrangements described below, in compliance with Rules 2.07A and 2.07B of the Listing Rules, to ascertain its shareholders’ preferences as to the choice of means of receipt (in printed form or by electronic means) and language (in English only, in Chinese only or in both English and Chinese) of the Bank’s future Corporate Communication.

### PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS

In accordance with Rules 2.07A and 2.07B of the Listing Rules, the following arrangements will be made by the Bank:

1. The Bank will send a letter on 28 September 2009 (the “**First Letter**”) together with a reply form with mailing label attached for posting within Hong Kong (the “**Reply Form**”), prepared in English and Chinese, to its H Shareholders to enable them to elect to receive the Bank’s future Corporate Communication: (i) through the Bank’s website: [www.icbc-ltd.com](http://www.icbc-ltd.com); or (ii) in printed form in English only; or (iii) in printed form in Chinese only; or (iv) in printed form in both English and Chinese.

The **First Letter** explains that even if a H Shareholder has previously received a letter from the Bank seeking his/her/its election regarding Corporate Communication and has made an election, such H Shareholder is still requested to make an election again and his/her/its previous election will be disregarded. The **First Letter** further explains that if no reply is received from a H Shareholder by 27 October 2009, such H Shareholder

**will be deemed to have agreed to read the Corporate Communication published on the Bank's website in place of receiving printed copies, and a printed notification letter of the publication of the Corporate Communication on the Bank's website will be sent to such H Shareholder in the future.**

2. For those H Shareholders who choose to receive the Corporate Communication in printed form, the Bank will send the selected language version(s) of the Corporate Communication to them unless and until they notify the Bank's H Share Registrar in writing that they wish to receive the Corporate Communication in the other (or both) language(s), or by electronic means through the Bank's website.
3. In the future, when each printed Corporate Communication is sent out in accordance with the arrangements described in paragraph 2 above, a letter (the **"Second Letter"**) and a change request form with mailing label attached for posting within Hong Kong (the **"Change Request Form"**), prepared in English and Chinese, will be attached to or printed in the relevant Corporate Communication, specifying that the Corporate Communication prepared in the other language will be available upon request, and that H Shareholders may change their choice of means of receipt and language of the Corporate Communication by completing the Change Request Form and returning it to the Bank's H Share Registrar.
4. H Shareholders are also entitled at any time by reasonable notice in writing to the H Share Registrar or by email to [icbc.ecom@computershare.com.hk](mailto:icbc.ecom@computershare.com.hk) to change the choice of language(s) and/or the means of receipt of Corporate Communication. With respect to H Shareholders who have chosen to receive Corporate Communication by electronic means but for any reason have difficulty in receiving or gaining access to the Corporate Communication published on the Bank's and the Stock Exchange's websites, the Bank will upon request send the Corporate Communication in printed form free of charge.
5. All Corporate Communication in both English and Chinese, and in accessible format, will be available on the Bank's website at [www.icbc-ltd.com](http://www.icbc-ltd.com). Soft copies of both languages of all such Corporate Communication will be filed with the Stock Exchange on the same day they are despatched to H Shareholders, or on such other day as required by the Stock Exchange or pursuant to the Listing Rules.
6. The H Share Registrar is providing a dial-up hotline service (Tel: (852) 2862 8688) during business hours (9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays) to enable H Shareholders to make enquiry of the Bank's proposed arrangements set out above.
7. The First Letter and the Second Letter will mention that both languages of each Corporate Communication will be available on the Bank's website and that the dial-up hotline service has been provided as mentioned in the arrangements described in paragraphs 5 and 6 above, respectively.

## DEFINITIONS

In this announcement, the following expressions have the meanings set out below unless the context requires otherwise:

<b>“Corporate Communication”</b>	any document issued or to be issued by the Bank for the information or action of holders of any of the Bank’s securities as defined in Rule 1.01 of the Listing Rules
<b>“H Shareholder(s)”</b>	holder(s) of the H shares of the Bank
<b>“H Share Registrar”</b>	Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, Rooms 1806–1807, 18th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen’s Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong
<b>“Listing Rules”</b>	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
<b>“Stock Exchange”</b>	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

**The Board of Directors of  
Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Limited**

28 September 2009

*As at the date of this announcement, the board of directors comprises Mr. JIANG Jianqing, Mr. YANG Kaisheng, Mr. ZHANG Furong and Mr. NIU Ximing as executive directors, Mr. HUAN Huiwu, Mr. GAO Jianhong, Ms. LI Chunxiang, Mr. LI Jun, Mr. LI Xiwen and Mr. WEI Fusheng as non-executive directors, Mr. LEUNG Kam Chung, Antony, Mr. QIAN Yingyi, Mr. XU Shanda and Mr. WONG Kwong Shing, Frank as independent non-executive directors.*