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# **PALADIN LIMITED**

*(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)*

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

The board meeting to approve the final results of Paladin Limited for the year ended 30 June 2003 originally scheduled on 28 October 2003 has been postponed until further notice. The directors of the Company acknowledge that they have breached paragraphs 8(1) and 11(1) of the Listing Agreement and that The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited reserves its rights to take appropriate actions against the Company and its directors in respect of the breach.

Further announcement will be made by the Company as and when appropriate.

**Shareholders and investors of the Company are advised to exercise caution when dealing in the securities of the Company.**

At the request of the Company, trading of the Shares on the Stock Exchange was suspended with effect from 9:30 a.m. on 23 October 2003. Pending the release of certain price sensitive information, trading in the shares in the Company will remain suspended.

The board meeting to approve the final results of Paladin Limited (the "Company") for the year ended 30 June 2003 originally scheduled on 28 October 2003 has been postponed until further notice.

Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited appointed receivers to the Company's wholly owned subsidiary, Holyrood Limited, on 30 June 2003. Holyrood Limited was incorporated in 30 June 1987 and is a major subsidiary of the Company. The re-development project (10-12 Peak Road, Hong Kong) held by it represented approximately 83% of total assets of the Company as at 31 December 2002. As Holyrood Limited is only engaged in property development and the re-development project is still under progress, it has not generated any turnover for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2003. The Company's auditors shall require time to carry out all necessary audit procedures and to obtain further information and necessary explanations from the receivers.

Accordingly, the dispatch of the annual report of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2003 (the "Annual report") to its shareholders will also be delayed until further notice.

Pursuant to the Listing Agreement, the annual result of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2003 (the "Annual Results Announcement") is required to be published and the Annual Report of the Company dispatched to its shareholders on or before 31 October 2003. The directors of the Company acknowledge that they have breached paragraphs 8(1) and 11(1) of the Listing Agreement and that The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited reserves its rights to take appropriate actions against the Company and its directors in respect of the breach.

The directors of the Company have respectively confirmed that they have not dealt in the shares of the Company since 23 October 2003 and have also undertaken not to deal in the shares of the Company until the publication of the Annual Results Announcement.

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Made by the order of Board of Paladin Limited, the directors of which individually and jointly accept responsibility for the accuracy of this statement.

By order of the board

**Law Fong**

*Acting Chairman*

Hong Kong, 24 October 2003

Please also refer to the published version of this announcement in The Standard.