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ING BEIJING INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED

ING 北京投資有限公司

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

SHARES PLACEMENT AND RESUMPTION OF TRADING

The Directors are pleased to announce that the Company has received an application for allotment from the Subscriber on 28 January 2002 for the subscription of 107,768,000 Shares at an issue price of HK\$0.22 payable in cash.

The Subscriber is an independent third party not connected with the Company's investment manager, Baring Capital (China) Management Limited, directors, chief executive or substantial shareholder of the Company or of any of its subsidiaries or any of their respective associates.

At the request of ING Beijing Investment Company Limited, its shares and warrants were suspended from trading on the Stock Exchange at 10:00 a.m. on 28 January 2002 pending the release of this announcement. Application has been made to the Stock Exchange for the resumption of trading in the shares and warrants from 10:00 a.m. on 29 January 2002.

ALLOTMENT OF SHARES

The Directors are pleased to announce that on 28 January 2002 the Company has received from the Subscriber an application for allotment of, and the Company has equally on the same day so accepted such application, to allot to the Subscriber, 107,768,000 Shares representing approximately 20% and approximately 16.65% of the existing and the enlarged issued shares capital of the Company respectively, pursuant to a mandate given by the Company in an Extraordinary General Meeting held on 16 August 2001 to the Directors to allot and issue up to 107,768,000 Shares ("Mandate"). The Allotment will use up the Mandate in full. The Shares will be issued at the price of HK\$0.22 per Share ("Issue Price") and payable in cash on completion of Allotment. Apart from the aforesaid application for

allotment signed by the Subscriber and accepted by the Company, there is no other agreement in relation to the Allotment. The Issue Price was determined based on the closing price of the Shares on 25 January 2002, namely HK0.265 per Share subject to a discount referred to below.

As at the date of this announcement, the existing issued share capital of the Company comprises of 539,512,000 Shares.

The Issue Price represents a discount of approximately 16.98% to the closing price of HK\$ 0.265 per Share as quoted on the Stock Exchange on 25 January 2002, being the last trading day prior to this announcement and a discount of approximately 17.60% on the average closing price of HK\$0.267 per Share as quoted on the Stock Exchange for the last 5 full consecutive trading days up to and including 25 January 2002.

Each of the Subscriber and its sole beneficial owner, Madam Ye Yan, is an independent third party not connected with the Company's investment manager, Baring Capital (China) Management Limited, or the directors, chief executive or substantial shareholder of the Company or of its investment manager or of any of their respective subsidiaries or any of their respective associates.

The issue of the Subscription Shares is conditional upon the Company having obtained the approval for listing of, and dealing in, the Subscription Shares from the Stock Exchange. Completion of the Allotment is scheduled to take place on the 60th day after the date of delivery by the Company to the Subscriber a copy of the letter from the Stock Exchange granting the listing of, and the approval to deal in the Subscription Shares.

SHAREHOLDINGS

As at the date of this announcement, the existing controlling shareholder is ING Groep N.V., through its interest in B.V. Algemene Beleggingsmaatschappij Kievitsdaal, and, according to the Company's records, is the only substantial shareholder of the Company being interested in approximately 15.78 % of the Company's existing issued share capital.

According to the Company's records, neither the Subscriber nor its sole beneficial owner has any shareholding interest in the Company as at the date of this announcement.

Based on the existing issued share capital of the Company as at the date of this announcement and assuming that 107,768,000 Shares are to be issued to the Subscriber, the Subscriber will be interested in 16.65% of the existing issued share capital of the Company as enlarged by the issue of such Shares and the shareholding of ING Groep N.V. and its

associate in the Company will be reduced to approximately 13.15% of such enlarged issued share capital of the Company.

The sole owner of the Subscriber, Madam Ye Yan, a PRC national residing in China, engages in the business of securities trading and investment. Neither the Subscriber nor Madam Ye Yan has any dealing or business with the Company in the past.

The Subscriber has not indicated to the Company any present intention to appoint any nominee directors to the Board. Under the terms of the Allotment, the Subscriber has no right to request for a change of the investment manager or to appoint or change any Director. There will not be any change in the investment manager or the directors of the Company as a result of the Allotment; and the Company will continue with its business as an investment company after the Allotment.

REASONS FOR THE ALLOTMENT AND USE OF PROCEEDS

The Allotment will generate cash income to the Company to fund future investment projects of the Company. As at the date of this announcement, there is no current definitive investment project in which the cash proceeds of the Allotment are proposed be used.

The Directors believe that the terms of the Allotment are fair and reasonable.

Application has been made to the Stock Exchange for the listing of, and permission to deal in the Subscription Shares.

SUSPENSION AND RESUMPTION OF TRADING

At the request of the Company, its shares and warrants were suspended from trading on the Stock Exchange at 10:00 am on 28 January 2002 pending the release of this announcement. Application has been made to the Stock Exchange for the resumption of trading in its shares and warrants from 10:00 a.m. on 29 January 2002.

DEFINITIONS

"Allotment"	the issue and allotment of 107,768,000 Shares to the Subscriber by the Company at the Issue Price for cash
"associate(s)"	has the meaning ascribed thereto under the Listing Rules

"Board"	board of directors of the Company
"Company"	ING Beijing Investment Company Limited, a company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability, the ordinary share capital of which is listed on the Stock Exchange
"Directors"	directors of the Company
"Hong Kong"	the Hong Kong Special Administration Region of the PRC
"Issue Price"	HK\$0.22 for each Share
"Listing Rules"	Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange
"PRC"	the People's Republic of China
"Share(s)"	ordinary share(s) of HK\$0.10 each in the capital of the Company
"Shareholders"	shareholders of the Company
"Stock Exchange"	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
"Subscriber"	Choice Orient Investments Limited
"Subscription Shares"	107,768,000 new Shares
"HK\$"	Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong
"%"	per cent.

By Order of the Board of Directors of
ING Beijing Investment Company Limited
Lawrence H Wood
Director

Hong Kong, 28 January 2002

Please also refer to the published version of this announcement in the Hong Kong i-Mail.