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## **GOLDBOND GROUP HOLDINGS LIMITED**

**金榜集團控股有限公司**

*(incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)*

**(Stock Code: 172)**

### **DELAY IN DESPATCH OF THE CIRCULAR AND APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL ADVISER**

The despatch of the Circular will be postponed pending the obtaining of the financial information of the Five Rongzhong Companies. It is currently expected that the Circular will be despatched to the Shareholders on or before 6 May 2004.

Reference is made to the announcement made by Goldbond Group Holdings Limited (the “Company”) on 1 April 2004 (the “Announcement”) regarding, among other things, the Subscription Agreement, the CN Subscription Agreement and the Option Agreement.

Terms used in this announcement shall have the same meanings as those defined in the Announcement unless the context requires otherwise.

#### **Delay in despatch of the Circular**

Pursuant to Rules 14.38 and 14A.49 of the Listing Rules, the circular is required to be despatched to the Shareholders within 21 days from the date of the publication of the Announcement, being not later than 22 April 2004. The Board wishes to announce that as more time is required to prepare the financial information of the Five Rongzhong Companies to be incorporated into the circular of the Company in relation to, inter alia, the Subscription Agreement, the CN Subscription Agreement and the Option Agreement (the “Circular”). The despatch of the Circular will therefore be delayed. Application has been made to the Stock Exchange for an extension of time for the despatch of the Circular and it is currently anticipated that the Circular will be despatched to the Shareholders on or before 6 May 2004.

#### **Appointment of independent financial adviser**

Menlo Capital Limited has been appointed as the independent financial adviser to advise the independent board committee of the Company in relation to, among other things, the Subscription Agreement, the CN Subscription Agreement and the Option Agreement.

*The Directors are: Mr. Wong Yu Lung, Charles, Mr. Ko Po Ming, Ms. Loh Jiah Yee, Katherine, Mr. Lan Ning, Mr. Kee Wah Sze (executive Directors); Mr. Ma Ho Fai and Mr. Zhang Xiao Shu (independent non-executive Directors).*

By Order of the Board  
**Goldbond Group Holdings Limited**  
**Lam Kwok Wah**  
*Company Secretary*

Hong Kong, 22 April 2004

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