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Celestial Asia Securities Holdings Limited

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)



FINANCIAL SERVICES GROUP

時富金融服務集團

CASH Financial Services Group Limited

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT CONFIRMATION OF NOT PROCEEDING WITH PRIVATIZATION

The respective boards of CASH and CFSG hereby jointly announce that CASH has decided not to proceed with the Privatization of CFSG at the moment.

Trading in the respective shares in CASH and CFSG was suspended on 27 September 2002 pending the announcement of the Privatization. CASH and CFSG have respectively applied to the Stock Exchange for resumption of trading in the shares in CASH and the shares in CFSG on the Stock Exchange from 9:30 am on 22 October 2002.

Trading in the respective shares in Celestial Asia Securities Holdings Limited (“CASH”) and CASH Financial Services Group Limited (“CFSG”) was suspended (“Suspension”) on 27 September 2002 pending the announcement of the proposed privatization of CFSG (“Privatization”). Since the Suspension, CASH and CFSG have been working on the announcement of the Privatization, and CASH has also been working with its financial advisers in order to obtain a competent independent advice as required under Rule 2.4 of the Hong Kong Code on Takeovers and Mergers. However, the respective boards of CASH and CFSG hereby jointly announce that CASH has reconsidered that it is not the best timing to privatize CFSG at the moment and decided not to proceed with the Privatization.

Save for the matter disclosed in this joint announcement, the board of CASH confirms that there are no negotiations or agreements relating to any acquisitions or realizations which are discloseable under paragraph 3 of the Listing Agreement, neither is it aware of any matter discloseable under the general obligation imposed by paragraph 2 of the Listing Agreement, which is or may be of a price-sensitive nature.

Save for the matter disclosed in this joint announcement, the board of CFSG confirms that there are no negotiations or agreements relating to intended acquisitions or realizations which are discloseable under Chapters 19 to 20 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Growth Enterprise Market of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (“GEM Listing Rules”), neither is it aware of any matter discloseable under the general obligation imposed by Rule 17.10 of the GEM Listing Rules, which is or may be of a price-sensitive nature.

CASH and CFSG have respectively applied to The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (“Stock Exchange”) for resumption of trading in the shares in CASH and the shares in CFSG on the Stock Exchange from 9:30 am on 22 October 2002.

On behalf of the board of
Celestial Asia Securities Holdings Limited
Bankee P Kwan
Chairman

On behalf of the board of
CASH Financial Services Group Limited
Bankee P Kwan
Chairman

Hong Kong, 21 October 2002

The respective directors of CASH and CFSG jointly and severally accept full responsibility for the accuracy of the information of this announcement and confirm, having made all reasonable enquiries, that to the best of their knowledge, opinions expressed in this announcement have been arrived at after due and careful consideration and there are no other facts not contained in this announcement, the omission of which would make any statement in this announcement misleading.

This announcement, for which the directors of CFSG collectively and individually accept full responsibility, includes particulars given in compliance with the GEM Listing Rules for the purpose of giving information with regard to CFSG. The directors of CFSG, having made all reasonable enquiries, confirm that, to the best of their knowledge and belief: (i) the information contained in this announcement is accurate and complete in all material respects and not misleading; (ii) there are no other matters the omission of which would make any statement in this announcement misleading; and (iii) all opinions expressed in this announcement have been arrived at after due and careful consideration and are founded on bases and assumptions that are fair and reasonable.

This announcement will remain on the “Latest Company Announcements” page of the GEM website for at least 7 days from its date of publication and on the website of CFSG www.cfsg.com.hk.

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