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PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL SHARES IN FAR EASTERN BANK LIMITED

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Dear Sir

We enclose a copy of our Announcement dated 16 September 2003 in regard to the above matter for your information.

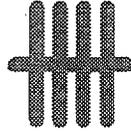
Yours faithfully
for UNITED OVERSEAS BANK LIMITED

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Assistant Secretary

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UNITED OVERSEAS BANK LIMITED
(Incorporated in the Republic of Singapore)

**PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL SHARES IN
FAR EASTERN BANK LIMITED**

ANNOUNCEMENT

Singapore, 16 September, 2003 - United Overseas Bank Limited ("the Bank") wishes to announce that it has purchased an additional 102,575 shares representing 0.1% of the issued and paid-up capital of Far Eastern Bank Limited ("FEB") thereby raising its stake in FEB to 76.96%.

Mrs Vivien Chan
Company Secretary