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Exemption No. 33-51010

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 U.S.A.

Attn: Ms Sandra Folsom

Dear Sirs,

SCMP Group Limited (Exemption No. ~~33-51010~~)

On behalf of SCMP Group Limited, a company listed in Hong Kong, I am furnishing the below listed document pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) (iii) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934:

Announcement on Postponement in Despatch of Circular

Yours faithfully,
 For and on behalf of
 SCMP Group Limited



pp Vera Leung
 Legal Counsel and Company Secretary

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SCMP Group Limited

SCMP集團有限公司*

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 583)

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POSTPONEMENT IN DESPATCH OF CIRCULAR

References are made to the announcement of SCMP Group Limited (the "Company") dated 15 September 2004 in relation to a major transaction. More time is required for the finalisation of the Circular. The despatch of the Circular will be postponed. An application has been made to the Stock Exchange to postpone the despatch of the Circular to on or before 12 October 2004.

References are made to the Company's announcement dated 15 September 2004 in relation to a major transaction (the "Announcement"). Terms used herein shall have the same meanings as ascribed thereto in the Announcement.

Pursuant to Rule 14.38 of the Listing Rules, the Company is required to despatch to its shareholders a circular (the "Circular") in relation to the major transaction within 21 days after the publication of the Announcement on 16 September 2004, that is, on or before 7 October 2004. More time is required for the finalisation of the Circular. The despatch of the Circular will be postponed. An application has been made to the Stock Exchange to postpone the despatch of the Circular to on or before 12 October 2004.

By order of the Board
Vera Leung
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 7 October 2004

As at the date hereof, the Board comprises Mr. Kuok Khoo Ean (Chairman), Mr. Roberto V. Ongpin (Deputy Chairman), Mr. Ronald J. Arculli[#], Tan Sri Dr. Khoo Kay Peng, Ms. Kuok Hui Kwong, Mr. Peter Lee Ting Chang[#], Dr. The Hon. David Li Kwok Po[#] and Mr. Robert Ng Chee Siang.

[#] Independent Non-executive Director

* For identification purpose only

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(在百慕達註冊成立之有限公司)

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公司秘書
梁慧賢

香港，二零零四年十月七日

於本公布日期，董事會成員包括郭孔演先生(主席)、Roberto V. Ongpin先生(副主席)、夏佳理先生*、邱繼炳博士、郭惠光女士、利定昌先生*、李國寶博士*及黃志祥先生。

獨立非執行董事

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