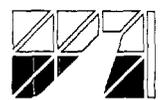


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Dear Sirs,

Hong Kong Aircraft Engineering Company Limited
Exemption No. 82-3846

Pursuant to our obligation under Rule 12g3-2(b) of the Securities and Exchanges Act of 1934, we would inform you that Dr. Alex S.C. Wu, Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company passed away on 10th January 2005. We enclose herewith the relevant press announcement published today in The Standard for your record.

Yours faithfully,
HONG KONG AIRCRAFT ENGINEERING COMPANY LIMITED

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**HONG KONG AIRCRAFT ENGINEERING
COMPANY LIMITED**

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 44)

Independent Non-Executive Director

Hong Kong Aircraft Engineering Company Limited ("the Company") notes with great regret that Dr. Alex Shu-Chih Wu, c.B.E., LL.D., J.P., an independent non-executive Director of the Company, died on 10th January 2005.

Dr. Wu, aged 85, was appointed a Director of the Company in January 1983 and was a member of the Audit Committee during the period from October 1998 to September 2004.

As at the date of this announcement, the Board of Directors comprises:
Executive Directors: D.M. Turnbull, P.K. Chan, J.C.G. Bremridge, M.A. Bowles, M. Hayman
Non-Executive Directors: D.G. Cridland, D.C.Y. Ho, P.A. Johansen, A.N. Tyler
Independent Non-Executive Directors: J.S. Dickson Leach, L.K.K. Leong, R.E. Adams

For **Hong Kong Aircraft Engineering Company Limited**

Margaret Yu

Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 13th January 2005