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Dear Sirs

Jardine Matheson Holdings Limited

We enclose for your information a copy of a press release issued on 8th August 2005 in respect of the above Company.

Yours faithfully
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Group Corporate Secretary

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Press Release

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To: Business Editor

For immediate release

Mr Brian Keelan

8th August 2005 – Jardine Matheson Holdings Limited today announced that Mr Brian Keelan, Group Strategy Director, has died suddenly on 6th August 2005 while on holiday in England. Mr Keelan joined Jardine Matheson in 2001 after a career in investment banking and was an executive of the Group management company based in Hong Kong.

Mr Percy Weatherall, Managing Director of Jardine Matheson, said "Brian's death has come as a great shock to us all. He made a significant contribution to Jardines and will be greatly missed. We offer our deepest condolences to his wife, Araceli, and his two sons."

Mr Keelan was a director of Group companies Jardine Matheson Holdings Limited, Jardine Strategic Holdings Limited, Hongkong Land Holdings Limited, Dairy Farm International Holdings Limited, Mandarin Oriental International Limited, Jardine Cycle & Carriage Limited and MCL Land Limited, and a commissioner of PT Astra International Tbk and PT Bank Permata Tbk. He was also chairman of the City Disputes Panel in London.

With a broad portfolio of market-leading businesses, the Jardine Matheson Group is an Asian-based conglomerate with extensive experience in the Region. Its business interests include Jardine Pacific, Jardine Motors Group, Hongkong Land, Dairy Farm, Mandarin Oriental, Jardine Cycle & Carriage and Jardine Lloyd Thompson. These companies are leaders in the fields of engineering and construction, transport services, motor trading, property, retailing, restaurants, hotels and insurance broking.

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