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28 April 2008

Attention: Ms Janette M Aalbregtse

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Dear Sirs

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I am pleased to advise that the Directors today declared a First Interim Dividend for the year ending 31 December 2008.

A copy of the relevant press release issued today is enclosed for your information.

Yours faithfully



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C C Li
Company Secretary

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Press Release



28 April 2008

HANG SENG ANNOUNCES FIRST INTERIM DIVIDEND FOR 2008

The Board of Directors of Hang Seng Bank today declared a first interim dividend of HK\$1.10 per share in respect of the year ending 31 December 2008.

The first interim dividend will be payable on Thursday, 5 June 2008, to shareholders on the Register of Shareholders as at Tuesday, 20 May 2008.

The Register of Shareholders of the Bank will be closed for one day on Tuesday, 20 May 2008, during which no transfer of shares can be registered. To qualify for the first interim dividend for 2008, all transfers, accompanied by the relevant share certificates, must be lodged for registration not later than 4:30 pm on Monday, 19 May 2008, with the Bank's Registrars, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong.

The results for the first half of 2008 will be announced on Monday, 4 August 2008.

The proposed timetables for the second, third and fourth interim dividends in respect of 2008 are:

Second Interim Dividend for 2008

Announcement date	4 August 2008
Book close and record date	20 August 2008
Payment date	4 September 2008

Third Interim Dividend for 2008

Announcement date	3 November 2008
Book close and record date	20 November 2008
Payment date	10 December 2008

Fourth Interim Dividend for 2008

Announcement date	2 March 2009
Book close and record date	18 March 2009
Payment date	31 March 2009

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Founded in 1933, Hang Seng Bank operates around 150 branches and automated banking centres and 13 Business Banking Centres in Hong Kong. The Bank also maintains a branch in Shenzhen for foreign currency wholesale business, branches in Macau and Singapore, and representative offices in Xiamen and Taipei.

Established on 28 May 2007, wholly owned subsidiary Hang Seng Bank (China) Limited operates a mainland China network of 28 outlets in Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Dongguan, Shenzhen, Fuzhou, Nanjing, Hangzhou and Ningbo.

With consolidated assets of HK\$746 billion as at the end of 2007, Hang Seng Bank reported a profit attributable to shareholders of HK\$18.24 billion for the year 2007. Hang Seng Bank is a principal member of the HSBC Group, one of the world's largest banking and financial services organisations. For further information on Hang Seng Bank, please visit the Bank's website at www.hangseng.com.

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