

MEDIA ANNOUNCEMENT

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In conjunction with the successful listing of Bank of China Hong Kong today, Computershare confirmed that it had processed nearly 400,000 applications in the biggest public offering in Asia this year.

Speaking from Hong Kong, Computershare's Asia Pacific Group Managing Director, Stuart Crosby explained, "we have been very excited by the challenge that an IPO of this scale has created."

"The Bank of China Hong Kong IPO, also represents the first major IPO since Computershare merged its registry operations with that of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing (on 1 June 2002) and we look forward to servicing nearly 400,000 new investors with our superior Scrip system and integrated product offering" Mr Crosby said.

With the Bank of China offering consolidating Computershare's dominant share of the Hong Kong registry market, Mr Crosby commented that Computershare is extremely well positioned with its proven expertise and strong relationship with Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing to capitalise on emerging opportunities in Hong Kong and China in the future.

About Computershare

Computershare (www.computershare.com) is a leading financial services and technology provider for the global securities industry, providing services and solutions to listed companies, investors, employees, exchanges and other financial institutions. It is the largest and only global share registry, managing more than 68 million shareholder accounts for over 7,500 corporations in ten countries on five continents. It also provides sophisticated trading technology to financial markets in 14 countries across each major time zone.

Founded in Australia in 1978 and headquartered in Melbourne, Computershare today employs more than 5,000 people worldwide.

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