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大新金融集團有限公司
DahSingFinancialHoldingsLimited
(incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)
(Stock code: 0440)



大新銀行集團有限公司
DahSingBankingGroupLimited
(incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)
(The holding company of Dah Sing Bank, Limited and
MEVAS Bank Limited)
(Stock code: 2356)

JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BANKS, THE SFC, THE HKMA AND THE OTHER DISTRIBUTING BANKS TO REPURCHASE MINIBONDS

On 22 July 2009, the Banks have, without admission of any liability, entered into an Agreement with the SFC, the HKMA and the Other Distributing Banks to make an offer to Eligible Customers to repurchase their holdings in Outstanding Minibonds subscribed through the Banks.

DSFH and DSBG announce that on 22 July 2009, DSB and MEVAS (collectively known as the "Banks") have, without admission of any liability, entered into an Agreement with the SFC, the HKMA and the Other Distributing Banks to make an offer to Eligible Customers to repurchase their holdings in Outstanding Minibonds subscribed through the Banks.

Under the Repurchase Scheme, the Banks will offer to purchase all Outstanding Minibonds from Eligible Customers at a price equivalent to 60% of the nominal value of the principal invested for Eligible Customers below the age of 65 as at 1 July 2009; or 70% of the nominal value of the principal invested for Eligible Customers aged 65 or above as at 1 July 2009. The acceptance of the offer by Eligible Customers will result in the release of claims such Eligible Customers may have against the Banks, and any past or present director, officer, or employee of the Banks, in relation to the sale, purchase, holding or liquidation of the Minibonds. Based on the information currently available to the Banks, the estimated total amount involved in the repurchase exercise is approximately HK\$444 million if all Eligible Customers accepted the offer (excluding any future payments following recovery from collaterals).

In the event of recovery from collaterals underlying the Outstanding Minibonds repurchased by the Banks, the initial 10% (or less, depending on the actual level of recovery) of the principal amount, and any recovery in excess of 70% of the principal amount, will be paid to Eligible Customers below the age of 65 as at 1 July 2009 who accepted the offer. For Eligible Customers at or above the age of 65 as at 1 July 2009 who accepted the offer, any recovery in excess of 70% of the principal amount will be paid to them.

Under the Agreement, the Banks have also committed to make available to the Trustee a maximum amount of approximately HK\$22 million (being the total commission income received by the Banks through the distribution of the Outstanding Minibonds) to be used by the Trustee to fund collateral recoveries pursuant to the Expenses Funding Agreement. The Banks have agreed that they will not have any claim to the return of this money to the extent that it is utilized by the Trustee.

In respect of those Minibonds investors who would have qualified as an Eligible Customer but have entered into settlement agreements with the Banks on terms which are financially less favourable than the Repurchase Scheme, the Banks will pay them an *ex gratia* payment to bring them in line with the Eligible Customers who accept the offer. Based on the information currently available to the Banks, the estimated total amount involved in the “top-up” exercise is approximately HK\$20 million (excluding any future payments following recovery from collaterals).

The Agreement constitutes full and final settlement and conclusion of all reviews, investigations, disciplinary or enforcement proceedings (whether administrative, civil or criminal) commenced, conducted or intimated by the SFC relating to the distribution of Minibonds by the Banks (amongst others). On the basis of the information they currently have, the SFC has agreed not to take any disciplinary or enforcement action against the Banks and any past or present director, officer or employee of the Banks, in respect of any conduct relating to the distribution of Minibonds. Moreover, the HKMA does not intend to take any disciplinary or enforcement action in relation to the complaint of any Eligible Customer who accepts the repurchase offer.

The Board of DSFH and DSBG wish to emphasize that the Banks continue to ascribe to the highest standard of conduct in its business. The Repurchase Scheme and the *ex gratia* payment evidence the Banks’ effort to assist customers who may have been affected by the sudden collapse of the Lehman Brothers Group, and demonstrates the Banks’ unwavering commitment to reinforce the investing public’s confidence in the banking and financial systems of Hong Kong.

General

This is a voluntary announcement made by DSFH and DSBG pursuant to Rule 13.09(1) of the Listing Rules.

Definitions

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| “Agreement” | The Agreement between the Banks, the SFC, the HKMA and the Other Distributing Banks dated 22 July 2009 pursuant to section 201 of the SFO |
| “Banks” | DSB and MEVAS |
| “Board” | Board of Directors of DSFH and DSBG |
| “Code of Conduct” | The Code of Conduct for Persons Licensed by or Registered with the Securities and Futures Commission issued by the SFC pursuant to section 399 of the SFO |

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| “DSB” | Dah Sing Bank, Limited, a licensed bank incorporated in Hong Kong and a wholly owned subsidiary of DSBG |
| “DSBG” | Dah Sing Banking Group Limited, a company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability, the shares of which are listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange |
| “DSFH” | Dah Sing Financial Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability, the shares of which are listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange |
| “Eligible Customers” | Persons who, through the Banks, purchased Outstanding Minibonds as part of a primary offering and with open positions in such Outstanding Minibonds, except those who (i) have, in the three years preceding their first purchase of Minibonds, executed five or more transactions in Leveraged Products, Structured Products or a combination of these products; (ii) are non-individuals, meaning those who hold an account with the Banks in the name of an entity incorporated or formed in Hong Kong or elsewhere, excluding sole proprietorship and exempt charitable bodies under section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance (Cap 112) and not-for-profit organizations whose assets are not managed by an SFC licensed fund manager; (iii) are professional investors falling under paragraph (a) to (i) of the definition of “professional investor” in Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the SFO; (iv) are professional investors under section 3 of the Securities and Futures (Professional Investor) Rules (Cap. 571D) and classified by the Banks and agreed by the customers to be treated as such in accordance with paragraphs 15.3 and 15.4 of the Code of Conduct at the time they purchased the Minibonds; or (v) have previously settled their claims in relation to the distribution of Minibonds with the Banks |
| “Expenses Funding Agreement” | The agreement to be entered into between the Trustee, the Banks and the Other Distributing Banks in relation to the recovery of the Minibonds collateral |
| “HK\$” | Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong |
| “HKMA” | Hong Kong Monetary Authority |
| “Leveraged Product” | Any unlisted securities which involves any method by which an investor increases his or her exposure to a particular market, risk or asset class, whether through borrowing of cash, through the use of derivatives or by any other means |
| “Listing Rules” | Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited |

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| “MEVAS” | MEVAS Bank Limited, a licensed bank incorporated in Hong Kong and a wholly owned subsidiary of DSBG |
| “Minibonds” | All retail structured notes issued under the “Secured Continuously Offered Note Programme” of Pacific International Finance Limited, commonly known as Lehman Brothers Minibonds |
| “Other Distributing Banks” | ABN Amro Bank NV, Bank of China (Hong Kong) Ltd, Bank of Communications Co Ltd, Bank of East Asia, Ltd, Chiyu Banking Corporation Ltd, Chong Hing Bank Ltd, CITIC Ka Wah Bank Ltd, Fubon Bank (Hong Kong) Ltd, Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (Asia) Ltd, Nanyang Commercial Bank, Ltd, Public Bank (Hong Kong) Ltd, Shanghai Commercial Bank Ltd, Wing Hang Bank Ltd and Wing Lung Bank Ltd |
| “Outstanding Minibonds” | The following series of Minibonds: series 5, series 6, series 7, series 9, series 10, series 11, series 12, series 15, series 16, series 17, series 18, series 19, series 20, series 21, series 22, series 23, series 25, series 26, series 27, series 28, series 29, series 30, series 31, series 32, series 33, series 34, series 35, series 36 |
| “Repurchase Scheme” | The scheme to repurchase Outstanding Minibonds from Eligible Customers offered by the Banks pursuant to the Agreement |
| “SFC” | The Securities and Futures Commission |
| “SFO” | The Securities and Futures Ordinance, Cap 571 |
| “Stock Exchange” | The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited |
| “Structured Product” | means a derivative or other product which is structured in the form of a debenture, other security or deposit and which contains, references, or is based on, a derivative or a derivative strategy. The definition comprises: (i) credit-linked notes, (ii) equity-linked notes and equity-linked deposits and (iii) private placement notes, provided that, however, Structured Products do not include any principal-protected product or listed securities |
| “Trustee” | HSBC Bank USA, National Association |

By Order of the Board
Dah Sing Financial Holdings Limited
Hoi-Lun Soo (Helen Soo)
Company Secretary

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Hong Kong, 22 July 2009

As at the date of this announcement, the Board of Directors of DSFH comprises Messrs. David Shou-Yeh Wong (Chairman), Hon-Hing Wong (Derek Wong) (Managing Director and Chief Executive), Roderick Stuart Anderson, Gary Pak-Ling Wang and Nicholas John Mayhew as Executive Directors; Messrs. Kunio Suzuki (Kenichi Yonetani as alternate), Tatsuo Tanaka (Tetsuya Wada as alternate), Eiichi Yoshikawa, John Wai-Wai Chow and Yiu-Ming Ng as Non-executive Directors; Messrs. Peter Gibbs Birch, Robert Tsai-To Sze, Dr. Tai-Lun Sun (Dennis Sun) and Kwok-Hung Yue (Justin Yue) as Independent Non-executive Directors.

As at the date of this announcement, the Board of Directors of the DSBG comprises Messrs. David Shou-Yeh Wong (Chairman), Hon-Hing Wong (Derek Wong) (Managing Director and Chief Executive), Lung-Man Chiu (John Chiu), Gary Pak-Ling Wang, Harold Tsu-Hing Wong and Frederic Suet-Chiu Lau as Executive Directors; Mr. Keisuke Tahara as Non-executive Director; Messrs. John William Simpson, David Richard Hinde, Robert Tsai-To Sze, Andrew Kwan-Yuen Leung and Seng-Lee Chan as Independent Non-executive Directors.