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(incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability under the Companies Ordinance)
(Stock Code: 0440)

SPECIAL DIVIDEND FOR 2004 SCRIP DIVIDEND

On 12th July 2004, the Board of Directors (the “**Board**”) of Dah Sing Financial Holdings Limited (the “**Company**”) declared a special dividend (the “**Special Dividend**”) of HK\$0.80 per share of HK\$2.00 each in the capital of the Company (“**Shares**”) for the financial year ending 31st December 2004 payable on 19th August 2004 to the shareholders of the Company (the “**Shareholders**”) whose names appear on the register of members of the Company at 4:00 p.m. on 28th July 2004 (the “**Record Date**”). Shareholders may exercise their option of electing to receive an allotment of new shares of HK\$2.00 each in the capital of the Company (the “**New Shares**”) credited as fully paid in lieu of cash dividend (the “**Scrip Dividend Scheme**”).

The formula for calculation of the entitlement to New Shares is set out below.

A circular containing details of the Scrip Dividend Scheme will be despatched to Shareholders together with the Form of Election on or about 29th July 2004. It is expected that cheques for cash entitlements and share certificates for New Shares will be despatched to Shareholders by ordinary mail at their own risk on or about 19th August 2004.

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The Scrip Dividend Scheme is subject to The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Stock Exchange**”) granting the listing of, and the permission to deal in, the New Shares.

For the purpose of calculating the number of New Shares to be allotted, the market value of the New Shares has been determined by the Board at HK\$48.26 per Share which represents the average closing price per Share listed on the Stock Exchange for the five trading days of the Shares ending on 27th July 2004 (the “**Reference Price**”).

The number of New Shares to be allotted to a Shareholder who wishes to receive the Special Dividend wholly or partly in New Shares will be calculated by dividing the total amount of the Special Dividend on the whole or such part of his registered holding of Shares by the Reference Price, subject to fractions mentioned below.

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Number of} \\ \text{New Shares} \\ \text{to be received} \end{array} = \begin{array}{l} \text{Number of} \\ \text{existing Shares held} \\ \text{on the Record Date} \\ \text{for which scrip} \\ \text{dividend election is} \\ \text{made} \end{array} \times \frac{\text{HK\$0.80 (Special Dividend per Share)}}{\text{HK\$48.26 (Reference Price)}}$$

The number of New Shares to be received will be rounded down to the nearest whole number of New Shares. Fractional entitlements to New Shares will be aggregated and sold for the benefit of the Company.

The New Shares to be issued pursuant to the Scrip Dividend Scheme will rank *pari passu* in all respects with the existing issued Shares save that they will not rank for the Special Dividend.

CIRCULAR AND FORM OF ELECTION

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As at the date of this announcement, the directors of the Company are Messrs. David Shou-Yeh Wong, Chung-Kai Chow, Kunio Suzuki, John Wai-Wai Chow, Peter G. Birch, Robert Tsai-To Sze, Tai-Lun Sun (Dennis Sun), Justin Kwok-Hung Yue, Ryosuke Tamakoshi, Toru Mitarai, Yiu-Ming Ng, Hon-Hing Wong (Derek Wong), Gary Pak-Ling Wang, Roderick S. Anderson, Kazuaki Konishi (alternate to Kunio Suzuki), Takeshi Ogasawara (alternate to Ryosuke Tamakoshi) and Yoshiki Kaneko (alternate to Toru Mitarai).

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

Hong Kong, 27th July 2004

Please also refer to the published version of this announcement in South China Morning Post.