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ARES ASIA LIMITED

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 645)

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Reference is made to the announcement of the Company dated 24 September 2012 (the "Announcement") in relation to the Acquisition. Unless the context requires otherwise, capitalised terms used in this announcement shall have the same meaning as those defined in the Announcement.

As disclosed in the Announcement, a circular containing, among other matters, further details of the Agreement and all matters contemplated thereunder and the notice of the SGM are expected to be despatched to the Shareholders on or before 12 October 2012. However, as additional time is required to prepare and finalise certain information to be included in the circular, the despatch date of the circular is postponed to a date on or before 31 October 2012.

By the Order of the Board

ARES ASIA LIMITED

Junaidi Yap

Hong Kong, 12 October 2012

Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer

As at the date of this announcement, the Board of the Company comprises Mr. Adwin Haryanto SURYOHADIPROJO (Chairman), Mr. CHUA Chun Kay, Mr. Junaidi YAP (Chief Executive Officer) as executive directors of the Company and Mr. LAM Pun Yuen, Frank, Mr. NGAN Hing Hon and Mr. YEUNG Kin Bond, Sydney as independent non-executive directors of the Company.