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## **ANNOUNCEMENT DISCLOSURE OF ADVANCE TO AN ENTITY**

The Directors would like to announce that the Group recorded amounts due from an independent third party, Boto of approximately HK\$10.38 million as at 30th April, 2002, representing approximately 50% of the Group’s NTA as at 31st March, 2001 (within the meaning of note 2 to Rule 17.14 of the GEM Listing Rules). The Boto’s balance increased by more than 10% of the Group’s NTA since 31st March, 2002. The amount due from Boto is regarded as an advance to an entity from the Group under Rule 17.15 of the GEM Listing Rules. Such amount represented the outstanding balance of certain sales transactions entered into by the Group in its ordinary course of business and on normal commercial terms.

The Directors would like to announce that iSteelAsia.com Limited (“the Company”) and its subsidiaries (together “the Group”) recorded amounts due from an independent third party, Boto Company Limited (“Boto”) of approximately HK\$10.38 million as at 30th April, 2002, representing approximately 50% of the Group’s audited net tangible assets as at 31st March, 2001 (“NTA”) (within the meaning of note 2 to Rule 17.14 of the GEM Listing Rules). The Boto’s balance increased by more than 10% of the Group’s NTA since 31st March, 2002. The amount due from Boto is regarded as an advance to an entity from the Group under Rule 17.15 of the GEM Listing Rules. Such amount represented the outstanding balance of certain sales transactions entered into by the Group in its ordinary course of business and on normal commercial terms.

Boto is a customer of the Group and a third party independent of any of the Directors, the chief executive of the Group, the substantial shareholders (within the meaning of the GEM Listing Rules) of the Company and their respective associates (within the meaning of the GEM Listing Rules).

Sales transactions with Boto was conducted in the ordinary course of business of the Group and settlements of the accounts receivables were made in accordance with the credit terms entered into between Boto and the Group. No interest was charged on the trading balance as it is still within the credit terms agreed with Boto. Boto gave no collateral under the sales transaction.

Pursuant to Rules 17.15, 17.16 and 17.17 of the GEM Listing Rules, particulars of such trading balances are required to be disclosed by way of announcement.

By Order of the Board  
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