



COSCO International Holdings Limited

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 0517)

ANNOUNCEMENT DELAY IN DESPATCH OF CIRCULAR

Taking into account the time required for obtaining necessary information for the auditors of the Company to prepare the Accountants' Report and the Pro Forma Net Assets Statements and for the Stock Exchange to review the Accountants' Report and the Pro Forma Net Assets Statements, the Company had applied to the Stock Exchange for an extension of the latest time for despatch of the circular to on or before 11 October 2006.

The Company had pursuant to an announcement dated 22 August 2006 (the "**Announcement**") announced the major and connected transactions relating to the Acquisitions. Capitalised terms used in this announcement have the same meaning as defined in the Announcement.

Pursuant to Rules 14.40 and 14A.49 of the Listing Rules, the Company is required to despatch a circular to the Shareholders setting out, inter alia, the information relating to the Acquisitions and the financial information on the Group and the SORED Group within 21 days after the date of publication of the Announcement. As the Announcement was published on 23 August 2006, the circular in relation to the Acquisitions should be despatched to the Shareholders by 13 September 2006.

In order to comply with the relevant provisions of the Listing Rules, (1) an accountants' report covering audited consolidated financial statements of SORED for the three years ended 31 December 2005 and for the six months ended 30 June 2006 (the "**Accountants' Report**") and (2) a pro forma statement of the assets and liabilities of the Group combined with the assets and liabilities of the SORED Group as at 30 June 2006 (the "**Pro Forma Net Assets Statements**") are required to be included in the circular and the auditors of the Company are required to report on the Accountants' Report and the Pro Forma Net Assets Statements. Taking into account the time required for obtaining necessary information for the auditors of the Company to prepare the Accountants' Report and the Pro Forma Net Assets Statements and for the Stock Exchange to review the Accountants' Report and the Pro Forma Net Assets Statements, it is not possible for the Company to send the circular to the Shareholders by 13 September 2006. In view of the above, the Company had applied to the Stock Exchange for an extension of the latest time for despatch of the circular to on or before 11 October 2006.

By Order of the Board
COSCO International Holdings Limited
Liang Yanfeng
Managing Director

Hong Kong, 12 September 2006

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises fourteen Directors of which Mr. Wei Jiafu (Chairman), Mr. Liu Guoyuan (Vice Chairman), Mr. Li Jianhong, Mr. Jia Lianjun, Mr. Wang Xiaoming, Mr. Liang Yanfeng (Managing Director), Mr. Meng Qinghui, Mr. Chen Xuewen, Mr. Lin Libing, Mr. Wang Xiaodong and Mr. Lin Wenjin are executive Directors; and Mr. Chan Cheong Foon, Andrew, Mr. Kwong Che Keung, Gordon and Mr. Tsui Yiu Wa, Alec are independent non-executive Directors.