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## CHINA RESOURCES ENTERPRISE, LIMITED

(incorporated in Hong Kong under Companies Ordinance)

## Conditional agreement to buy shares in Lippo CRE (Financial Services) Limited and

a possible offer for issued shares in

## The HKCB Bank Holding Company Limited

Further to the announcements dated 2nd July, 1998 and 24th July, 1998, the board of directors of China Resources Enterprise, Limited ("China Resources Enterprise") wishes to inform the public of the progress of its acquisition of shares in Lippo CRE (Financial Services) Limited.

The board of directors of China Resources Enterprise wishes to advise that certain conditions precedent of the sale and purchase agreement which was entered into between Lippo China Resources Limited and China Resources Enterprise on 30th June, 1998 in relation to the acquisition by China Resources Enterprise of all of Lippo China Resources Limited's shareholding interest in Lippo CRE (Financial Services) Limited, including the relevant regulatory approvals from The People's Bank of China and the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, have not yet been fulfilled. Applications for approvals have been made to The People's Bank of China and the Hong Kong Monetary Authority.

Accordingly, the general offer for the issued shares in The HKCB Bank Holding Company Limited ("HKCB Bank Holding") remains a possibility only. The offer document to the shareholders of HKCB Bank Holding will not be despatched until the sale and purchase agreement has become unconditional.

Presently, China Resources Enterprise and parties acting in concert with it beneficially own about 80.7 million shares in HKCB Bank Holding, representing about 6% of its issued share capital, of which about 5.5% were acquired by China Resources Enterprise on the Stock Exchange since 8th July, 1998. Following the completion of the sale and purchase agreement and assuming no further acquisition, the shareholding of China Resources Enterprise and parties acting in concert with it in HKCB Bank Holding will be increased to about 65%.

Shareholders of HKCB Bank Holding and investors generally are advised to exercise caution when dealing in the shares in HKCB Bank Holding.

By order of the board of China Resources Enterprise, Limited Lee Yip Wah, Peter Secretary

Hong Kong, 31st August, 1998

All the directors of China Resources Enterprise accept full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in this announcement and confirm, having made all reasonable enquires, that to the best of their knowledge, the opinions expressed in this announcement have been arrived at after due and careful consideration and there are no other facts not contained in this announcement, the omission of which would made this statement in this announcement misleading.