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大新銀行集團有限公司

DahSingBankingGroupLimited

(incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability under the Companies Ordinance)

The holding company of Dah Sing Bank, Limited and MEVAS Bank Limited

(Stock Code 2356)

ONGOING CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS

- The Company announces that it has varied certain ongoing connected transactions set out in its prospectus dated 18 June 2004.
- The ongoing connected transactions, as varied, are still within the annual cap set out in the prospectus.

Dah Sing Banking Group Limited (the "Company") set out a number of ongoing connected transactions in its prospectus dated 18 June 2004, which were classified as continuing connected transactions exempt from independent shareholders' approval. Certain waivers were granted by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Exchange") in relation to such connected transactions, subject to annual caps.

There were several connected transactions between Dah Sing Insurance Services Limited ("DSIS"), Dah Sing Insurance Agency Limited ("DSIA"), and Dah Sing Life Assurance Company Limited ("DSL A"), all subsidiaries of Dah Sing Financial Holdings Limited ("DSFH"), the parent of the Company and Dah Sing Bank, Limited ("DSB"), a subsidiary of the Company, regarding the lease and sub-lease of certain properties from DSB by subsidiaries of DSFH, and a waiver from strict compliance with the connected transaction requirements of the Listing Rules was granted in respect of these lease and sub-lease agreements subject to an annual cap of HK\$3.7 million.

Due to business circumstances, the terms of two of these lease agreements have been varied with effect from 1 January 2005. In respect of the lease between DSIS and DSB regarding premises on the 17/F of Island Place Tower, Island Place, No. 510 King's Road, Hong Kong, the space leased from DSB by DSIS has increased from 2,256 sq.ft. to 7,517 sq.ft. for the remainder of the lease period until 30 June 2007, the monthly rental has increased from HK\$20,304 per month, to HK\$63,895 per month, and the annual service charges have increased accordingly from HK\$284,000 to HK\$467,000. In respect of the lease between DSIS and DSB regarding premises on the 33/F of Dah Sing Financial Centre, 108 Gloucester Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong, the space leased by DSIS from DSB has reduced from 2,826 sq.ft. to 936 sq.ft. for the remainder of the lease period until 31 December 2006, the monthly rent has reduced from HK\$38,438 to HK\$12,730, and the annual service charges have reduced from HK\$268,000 to HK\$88,757.

We note that after taking into account the changes detailed above, the lease and sub-lease agreements, in aggregate, will not exceed the HK\$3.7 million annual cap set out in the waiver application.

This announcement, therefore, is made for information purposes.

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

Hong Kong, 6 January 2005

As at the date of this announcement, the Executive Directors are Messrs. David Shou-Yeh Wong, Hon-Hing Wong (Derek Wong), Gary Pak-Ling Wang, Lung-Man Chiu (John Chiu), Harold Tsu-Hing Wong and Dennis Tat-Wang Yau. The Independent Non-executive Directors are Messrs. John William Simpson, David Richard Hinde, Robert Tsai-To Sze and Andrew Kwan-Yuen Leung. The Non-executive Director is Mr. Sohei Sasaki.

Please also refer to the published version of this announcement in The Standard dated 7 January 2005.