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## **CHINA GAS HOLDINGS LIMITED**

**中國燃氣控股有限公司\***

*(incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)*

(Stock Code: 384)

### **EXTENSION OF TIME FOR DESPATCH OF CIRCULAR REGARDING A MAJOR AND CONNECTED TRANSACTION**

Application has been made to the Stock Exchange for the date of despatch of the circular containing, among other things, details of the Acquisition as announced by the Company on 24 May 2004 to be extended to not later than 2 July 2004.

Reference is made to the press announcement (the “**Announcement**”) issued by the Company dated 24 May 2004 regarding the Acquisition. Capitalised terms used in this announcement shall have the same meanings as those defined in the Announcement unless otherwise stated.

Pursuant to Rule 14.38, Rule 14.40 and Rule 14A.49 of the Listing Rules, the circular (the “**Circular**”) containing, among other things, details of the Acquisition, is required to be despatched by the Company to the Shareholders within 21 days after publication of the Announcement.

Since additional time is required to finalise the accountants’ report on Huainan China Gas which will be based on its audited accounts for the period from 11 September 2003 (the date of establishment of Huainan China Gas) to 31 March 2004, and other financial information on the Group to be included in the Circular, such as the pro forma financial information on the Group after completion of the Acquisition and the audited financial information of the Group for the financial year ended 31 March 2004, the Company has applied to the Stock Exchange for an extension of the deadline for despatching the Circular to not later than 2 July 2004.

By order of the board of directors of  
**China Gas Holdings Limited**  
**Liu Ming Hui**  
*Managing Director*

Hong Kong, 14 June 2004

*As at the date of this announcement, Mr. Li Xiaoyun, Mr. Xu Ying, Mr. Liu Ming Hui, Mr. Ma Jin Long and Mr. Zhu Wei Wei are the executive Directors, Mr. Wu Bangjie is the non-executive Director and Mr. Zhao Yu Hua, Dr. Mao Er Wan and Ms. Wong Sin Yue, Cynthia are the independent non-executive Directors.*

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