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# THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED

香港上海大酒店有限公司 (Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 45)

## **Election of Means of Receipt and Language of Corporate Communications**

In accordance with Rules 2.07A and 2.07B of the Listing Rules, the Company is making arrangements to ascertain the Shareholders' preferences with respect to the choice of means of receipt and language of future Corporate Communications.

## Introduction

From the corporate social responsibility standpoint, in particular in environmental protection and in saving printing and mailing costs and as permitted under the applicable laws and regulations and its articles of association, the Company is making the arrangements to ascertain the Shareholders' preference as to receiving future Corporate Communications (i) by electronic means through the Company's website at <u>www.hshgroup.com</u>; or (ii) in printed form, in English only, in Chinese only, or in both English and Chinese. The Company recommends that the Shareholders elect electronic means to receive future Corporate Communications.

### **Proposed Arrangements**

In accordance with Rules 2.07A and 2.07B of the Listing Rules, the following arrangements will be made by the Company:

1. The Company will send a letter on 3 January 2011 (the "First Letter") together with a reply form (the "Reply Form"), prepared in English and Chinese, which includes a pre-paid mailing label (applicable for posting within Hong Kong only) to the Shareholders to enable them to select to receive future Corporate Communications: (i) by electronic means through the Company's website at <u>www.hshgroup.com</u>; or (ii) in printed form, in English only, in Chinese only, or in both English and Chinese. Corporate Communications will continue to be published on the Company's website in both languages.

The First Letter explains that if no reply is received from the Shareholders by 2 February 2011, such Shareholders are deemed to have consented to receiving by electronic means through the Company's website at <u>www.hshgroup.com</u> in lieu of receiving printed copies and only a notification letter of the publication of the Corporate Communications on the Company's website will be sent to such Shareholders in the future.

Shareholders are entitled at any time by reasonable notice in writing (Address: 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai. Hong Kong) or by email (Email address: hsh.ecom@computershare.com.hk) to the Share Registrar to change their choice of means of receipt and language of Corporate Communications. With respect to the Shareholders who have chosen (or are deemed to have consented) to receive all future Corporate Communications using electronic means but for any reason have difficulty in receiving or gaining access to the Corporate Communications on the Company's website, the Share Registrar will promptly upon your request send the Corporate Communications to you in printed form free of charge.

- 3. With respect to the Shareholders who choose to receive Corporate Communications in printed form, the Company will send the selected language version of such Corporate Communications to those Shareholders who have made a selection unless and until they notify the Share Registrar in writing or by email that they wish to receive Corporate Communications in the other (or both) language(s), or by electronic means through the Company's website at <u>www.hshgroup.com</u>.
- 4. When each printed Corporate Communication is sent out in accordance with the arrangements described in paragraphs 1 and 2 above, a letter (the "Second Letter") and a change request form (the "Change Request Form"), prepared in English and Chinese, will be attached to or printed in the relevant Corporate Communication, together with a pre-paid mailing label (applicable for posting within Hong Kong only), specifying that the Corporate Communication prepared in the other language will be available upon request, and that Shareholders may change their language choice and means of receipt of subsequent Corporate Communications by completing the Change Request Form and returning it to the Share Registrar.
- 5. All Corporate Communications in both English and Chinese, and in accessible format, will be available on the Company's website at <u>www.hshgroup.com</u>. Soft copies of both languages of each Corporate Communication will be filed with the Stock Exchange on the same day as such Corporate Communication is despatched to the Shareholders, or on such other day as required by the Stock Exchange or pursuant to the Listing Rules and will be available on the website of the Stock Exchange at <u>www.hkexnews.hk</u>.

- 6. The Company is providing a dial-up hotline service (Tel: (852) 2840 7788) during business hours (9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays) to enable the Shareholders to make enquiry of the Company's proposed arrangements set out above.
- 7. The First Letter and the Second Letter will mention that both languages of each Corporate Communication will be available on the Company's website at <u>www.hshgroup.com</u> and that the dial-up hotline service has been provided, as respectively mentioned in paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

## Definitions

In this announcement, the following expressions have the meanings set out below, unless the context requires otherwise:

"Company"	incorpo	Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited brated in Hong Kong with limited liability and of which are listed on the Stock Exchange
"Corporate Communications"	any documents issued or to be issued by the Company for the information or action of holders of any of the Company's securities as defined in the definition stated in Rule 1.01 of the Listing Rules, including but not limited to:	
	(a)	the directors' report, its annual accounts together with a copy of the auditors' report and, where applicable, its summary financial report ;
	(b)	the interim report and, where applicable, its summary interim report;
	(c)	a notice of meeting;
	(d)	a listing document;
	(e)	a circular; and
	(f)	a proxy form
"Listing Rules"	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited	
"Share Registrar"	Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong	

"Shareholders"

holders of the shares of the Company

"Stock Exchange"

The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

By order of the Board Christobelle Liao Company Secretary

3 January 2011

As at the date of this announcement, the Board of Directors of the Company comprises the following Directors:

*Non-Executive Chairman* The Hon. Sir Michael Kadoorie

*Non-Executive Deputy Chairman* Ian Duncan Boyce

#### **Executive Directors**

Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer Clement King Man Kwok

Chief Financial Officer Neil John Galloway

*Chief Operating Officer* Peter Camille Borer **Non-Executive Directors** 

Ronald James McAulay William Elkin Mocatta John Andrew Harry Leigh Nicholas Timothy James Colfer

### **Independent Non-Executive Directors**

Dr. The Hon. Sir David Kwok Po Li Robert Chee Siong Ng Robert Warren Miller Patrick Blackwell Paul Pierre Roger Boppe Dr. William Kwok Lun Fung