

Press Releases

Possible voluntary conditional offer by Goldman Sachs (Asia) L.L.C. on behalf of DBS Diamond Holdings Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of The Development Bank of Singapore Ltd, to acquire the whole of the issued share capital of Dao Heng Bank Group Limited - Disclosure of dealings in relevant securities in Dao Heng Bank Group Limited

23

May

2001

The Executive received the following disclosure of dealings in the ordinary shares of Dao Heng Bank Group Limited pursuant to Rule 22 of the Hong Kong Code on Takeovers and Mergers:

| Date of Dealing | Identity of company/person dealing | Bought/Sold | No. of Shares | Average price (HK\$) | Highest Price (HK\$) |
|------------------------|---|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 22 May 2001 | Merrill Lynch Investment Managers L P | Bought | 1,400,000 | 59.25 | 59.25 |
| 21 May 2001 | Merrill Lynch Investment Managers L P | Sold | 250,000 | 59.86 | 60.00 |
| 21 May 2001 | Merrill Lynch International | Sold | 2,000 | *59.03 | N.A. |
| 22 May 2001 | Goldman Sachs (Asia) L.L.C. | Bought | 7,500 | 59.50 | 59.50 |

* Translated from US dollars at HK\$7.8 = US\$1.

n.a. : not available.

Merrill Lynch (Asia Pacific) Limited is the independent financial adviser to the independent directors of Dao Heng Bank Group Limited in connection with the proposed offer.

Goldman Sachs is the financial adviser to DBS Diamond Holdings Ltd.