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[PRESS RELEASE]

Spectacular Event for the Hong Kong Construction Industry Quality Building Award 2004 Invites Nominations now

Hong Kong, 7 November 2003 – Quality Building Award (QBA) is a biennial Award organized to acknowledge quality building teams that help construct buildings with outstanding quality. This year we are honoured to have the Hon. Michael Suen Ming-yeung, GBS, JP, Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands, as Honorary Advisor of QBA2004, and Mr. Keith Kerr, Chairman of Provisional Construction Industry Co-ordination Board as Chairman of the Jury Panel. Other Jury Panel Members include: Mr. Joseph Kwan, MH, Chairman of the QBA2004 Organizing Committee; Mr. Marco Wu, JP, Director of Buildings; Prof. Patrick Lau, SBS, Professor of the Faculty of Architecture of the University of Hong Kong; Ms L.C. Wong, Executive Director of the Housing Society; Ir Dr. C.K. Lau, Immediate Past President of the Hong Kong Institute of Engineers; and Ir Billy Wong, President of the Hong Kong Construction Association.

The QBA2004 is divided into two categories: Residential Building & Non-Residential Building. Nominated projects will be assessed against ten key criteria including: Quality, Teamwork, Design, Innovation, Cost, Environmental Friendliness / Sustainability, Safety, Health & Hygiene, Project Management, Social and Ethical and Customers Satisfaction. Nominations for QBA2004 are welcomed, starting from November 2003 until 31 March 2004. Upon completion of the adjudication process, winners from each category will be announced in July 2004.

Strong and effective partnerships are necessary in order to complete successful building projects. This is the most important factor to ensure that every building meets the needs of the society and delivers real value to their occupants and users. QBA encourages a collective commitment by the industry to uphold its image and competitiveness. It is our belief that the QBA will foster a greater sense of teamwork within the industry, in addition to raising the overall standards of construction in Hong Kong.

This Award aims to be recognized by the local construction industry as a highly prestigious award and to give public recognition to those building projects that are outstanding in quality and have been constructed under collaborative team spirit over the past two years. We look forward to continuing this excellent tradition well into the future.

This year we are honoured to have eight professional / construction / property related organizations, including: the Hong Kong Institute of Architects, the Hong Kong Institute of Construction Managers, Building Division, Building Services Division and Structural Division of the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers, the Hong Kong Institute of Housing, the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors, the Hong Kong Quality Assurance Agency, the Real Estate Developers Association of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Construction Association, as Co-organizers of this prestigious event.

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