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*(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)**

## **INTERIM DIVIDEND FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30TH JUNE 2005 SCRIP DIVIDEND**

On 17th August 2005, the Board of Directors of Dah Sing Banking Group Limited declared an interim dividend of HK\$0.23 per share of HK\$1.00 each in the capital of Dah Sing Banking Group Limited for the six months ended 30th June 2005 payable on 12th October 2005 to the shareholders of Dah Sing Banking Group Limited whose names appear on the register of members of Dah Sing Banking Group Limited at 4:00 p.m. on 15th September 2005. Shareholders of Dah Sing Banking Group Limited may exercise their option of electing to receive an allotment of new shares of HK\$1.00 each in the capital of Dah Sing Banking Group Limited credited as fully paid in lieu of cash dividend. The formula for calculation of the entitlement to new shares of HK\$1.00 each in the capital of Dah Sing Banking Group Limited is set out below.

### **INTERIM DIVIDEND**

On 17th August 2005, the Board of Directors (the “**Board**”) of Dah Sing Banking Group Limited (the “**Company**”) declared an interim dividend (the “**Interim Dividend**”) of HK\$0.23 per share for the six months ended 30th June 2005 payable on 12th October 2005 to the shareholders of the Company (the “**Shareholders**”) whose names appear on the register of members of the Company at 4:00 p.m. on 15th September 2005 (the “**Record Date**”). Shareholders may exercise their option of electing to receive an allotment of new shares of HK\$1.00 each in the capital of the Company (the “**New Shares**”) credited as fully paid in lieu of cash dividend.

The option of electing to receive an allotment of New Shares credited as fully paid in lieu of cash dividend (the “**Scrip Dividend Scheme**”) is subject to The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Stock Exchange**”) granting the listing of, and the permission to deal in, the New Shares.

For the purpose of calculating the number of New Shares to be allotted, the market value of the New Shares has been determined by the Board at HK\$14.35 per Share which represents the average closing price per Share listed on the Stock Exchange for the five trading days of the Shares up to and including 9th September 2005 (the “**Reference Price**”).

The number of New Shares to be allotted to a Shareholder who wishes to receive the Interim Dividend wholly or partly in New Shares will be calculated by dividing the total amount of the Interim Dividend on the whole or such part of his registered holding of Shares as he so elects by the Reference Price, subject to fractions mentioned below.

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Number of} \\ \text{New Shares} \\ \text{to be received} \end{array} = \begin{array}{l} \text{Number of} \\ \text{existing Shares held} \\ \text{on the Record Date} \\ \text{for which scrip} \\ \text{dividend election} \\ \text{is made} \end{array} \times \frac{\text{HK\$0.23 (Interim Dividend per Share)}}{\text{HK\$14.35 (Reference Price)}}$$

The number of New Shares to be received will be rounded down to the nearest whole number of New Shares. Fractional entitlements to New Shares will be aggregated and sold for the benefit of the Company.

The New Shares to be issued pursuant to the Scrip Dividend Scheme will rank *pari passu* in all respects with the existing issued Shares save that they will not rank for the Interim Dividend.

#### **CIRCULAR AND FORM OF ELECTION**

A circular containing details of the Scrip Dividend Scheme will be despatched to Shareholders together with the Form of Election on or about 16th September 2005. If you wish to receive New Shares in lieu of the cash dividend either in whole or in part, you should complete the enclosed Form of Election in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return it to the Company's share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited of Rooms 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong **not later than 4:00 p.m. on 3rd October 2005**. No Form of Election is required if Shareholders choose to receive the Interim Dividend in cash. It is expected that cheques for cash entitlements and share certificates for New Shares will be despatched to Shareholders by ordinary mail at their own risk on or about 12th October 2005.

As at the date of this announcement, the Executive Directors of the Company are Messrs David Shou-Yeh Wong, Hon-Hing Wong (Derek Wong), Lung-Man Chiu (John Chiu), Gary Pak-Ling Wang, 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. Takashi Muraoka.

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

Hong Kong, 9th September 2005

Please also refer to the published version of this announcement in *The Standard*.