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- With the exception of Deutsche Bank, the Company has not had any contact with any of the banks erroneously referred to in the article, in relation to the provision of debt financing for this project. In the case of Deutsche Bank, they are currently preparing a preliminary proposal for the structuring of a comprehensive debt financing package, for the Company's consideration.
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As at the date of this announcement, the executive directors of the Company are Dr. Stanley Ho, Mr. Lawrence Ho and Mr. Frank Tsui; the non-executive directors are Mr. Ng Ching Wo and Mr. Ho Cheuk Yuet; and the independent non-executive directors are Sir Roger Lobo, Mr. Robert Kwan and Dr. Lo Ka Shui.

## DEFINITIONS

In this announcement, unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms have the meanings set opposite them below:

"Company" Melco International Development Limited, a company established under the laws of Hong Kong and having its securities listed on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited "Directors" the directors of the Company holders of ordinary shares of HK\$1.00 each in the capital of the Company

By order of the board of Melco International Development Limited Ho, Lawrence Yau Lung Managing Director

Hong Kong, 17th May 2005

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