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Melco PBL Acquires Remaining 20% Interest in Mocha Slot

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Total Ownership Enhances Operational Efficiency and Strategic Expansion

(*Hong Kong, May 9, 2006*) --- Melco PBL Holdings Limited ("Melco PBL" or the "JV"), the joint venture between leading leisure and entertainment conglomerate **Melco International Development Limited** ("Melco International" or the "Group", HKSE Code: 200) and its exclusive pan-Asia joint venture partner **Publishing and Broadcasting Ltd** ("PBL"), today announced that it has entered into an agreement ("the Agreement") with Dr Stanley Ho to acquire the remaining 20% interest in Mocha Slot Group Limited ("Mocha"). The Agreement enables Melco PBL to take full control of Mocha and to manage and operate Mocha with more flexibility.

In accordance with applicable rules and regulations relating to cross shareholdings in companies holding concessions or subconcessions for the operation of games of fortune or chance or other casino games in Macau, the Macau Government requires that the business of Mocha Slot should be wholly owned by the Joint Venture and that Dr. Stanley Ho, who has a significant interest in Sociedade de Jogos de Macau ("SJM"), should dispose of his interest in Mocha Slot.

Total consideration of this acquisition amounts to approximately HK\$250 million. The Joint Venture will also repay a shareholder's loan of HK\$45.7 million extended by Dr Ho to Mocha. The consideration will be settled with the JV's internal resources. When the acquisition is completed, Mocha will become a wholly owned subsidiary of Melco PBL.

Mr Lawrence Ho, Chairman & CEO of Melco Group, said, "Having total ownership and control of Mocha will enhance the operational efficiency and, more importantly, strategic expansion of Mocha to tap the growing leisure gaming market in Macau. Deemed the electronic gaming showcase of the world, Mocha has given casino gaming a new definition and will continue to lead the market with most advanced electronic games and unique leisure gaming experience for guests".

Currently, Mocha has over 1,000 machines in six conveniently located outlets and accounts for around 22% of all electronic gaming establishments in Macau. There were 800 machines in the Macau electronic gaming market two years ago and over 4,700 today. Despite such an increase in supply, Mocha continues to outperform the market average significantly.

"To further penetrate the market, Melco PBL is planning to open another 2 to 3 Mocha outlets with an additional 500 machines in 2006. This acquisition definitely enables Melco PBL to fully capitalize on the arising opportunities in Macau's gaming market and deliver more significant returns to our shareholders." **Mr. Ho** concluded.

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About Melco International Development Limited

Melco International Development Limited is an actively managed conglomerate with 3 main lines of business, spearheaded by Leisure, Gaming & Entertainment. The Group's main gaming activities are conducted via an exclusive joint venture with one of Australia's largest conglomerates and gaming groups – Publishing & Broadcasting Ltd, "PBL". The Melco/PBL joint venture's three main gaming assets are, namely, Crown Macau, The City of Dreams and Mocha. "Crown Macau" is the first 6-star casino-hotel in Macau and is targeted at high rollers. The "City of Dreams" is a premium integrated entertainment resort, to be built on 27 acres of land in Cotai, featuring an underwater casino. It comprises 3 hotels offering a total of 2,000 hotel rooms in addition to time-sharing serviced apartments, iconic theatres for permanent shows, retail and restaurant outlets, and nightclubs. The Mocha Slot Lounges, on the other hand, presents slot machine parlours in a unique café setting. They have been highly successful and dominate the grind market in Macau.

In Hong Kong, Melco carries on the tradition of operating the world famous floating landmark – Jumbo Kingdom. The Group has two other supporting businesses in the Technology and Investment Banking areas.

The Group's technology business is represented by Elixir Group and iAsia Group. Elixir is a leading Asian gaming IT infrastructure and system integration specialist that has a gaming technology alliance with Shuffle Master and its Australian subsidiary Stargames. iAsia is a leading software developer and provider of comprehensive financial trading systems in Asia.

The investment banking and financial services business is conducted via the Group's Hong Kong listed subsidiary - Value Convergence Holdings Ltd. Melco has grown substantially in recent years and has opened offices in Hong Kong, Macau, Beijing, Shanghai, Shenzhen and Manila, employing a total of over 800 staff.

About Publishing and Broadcasting Limited

PBL is Australia's largest entertainment, media and gaming company with headquarters in Sydney. In addition to Crown casino, it also owns and operates the Burswood casino in Perth and the entertainment centres, the Sydney SuperDome, the Burswood Dome and Australia's largest television network. Crown has developed the largest network of high roller clients in the Asia Pacific region.

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新濠博亞收購摩卡餘下 20%權益 * * * 全權擁有摩卡 有助提升營運效率並促進策略性擴展

(二零零六年五月九日 - 香港訊) —以從事消閒及娛樂業務為主的領先綜合企業新濠國際發展有限公司(「新濠國際」或「集團」；香港交易所股份編號:200) 連同其亞洲獨家聯營企業夥伴 **Publishing and Broadcasting Limited** (「PBL」) 共同成立的新濠博亞，今日宣佈與何鴻燊博士訂立一項協議(「該協議」)，向其收購摩卡角子集團有限公司(「摩卡」)餘下的 20%股權。該協議讓新濠博亞全權擁有摩卡，使管理和經營方面更見靈活。

按照澳門對擁有博彩專營權以經營幸運或機會博彩或其他博彩活動的公司之交叉持股有關法規，澳門政府規定摩卡的業務需由聯營企業全資擁有，而由於何鴻燊博士持有澳門博彩股份有限公司(「澳博」)的主要股權，故須出售其於摩卡的股權。

是次收購的代價總額約為港幣 2.5 億。聯營企業亦將償還由何博士向摩卡借出一筆合共港幣 4,570 萬的股東貸款。聯營企業將以內部資源繳付有關金額。待收購完成後，摩卡將成為新濠博亞的全資附屬公司。

新濠集團主席兼行政總裁何猷龍先生表示：「新濠博亞全面擁有摩卡的股權，除有助提升經營效率外，更有助摩卡推行策略性擴展，進一步佔據蓬勃發展的澳門消閒博彩市場。被譽為「世界電子娛樂典範」的摩卡為博彩娛樂行業奠定新標準，並將繼續以最先進的電子娛樂遊戲領導市場，為顧客帶來獨特的消閒娛樂新體驗。」

摩卡目前於六間位處便利地點的娛樂場設有逾1,000台角子機，佔澳門電子博彩市場約 22%。澳門的角子機數目由兩年前的800台增加至現時逾4,700台。儘管市場上的角子機供應不斷增加，摩卡的表現仍持續遠超市場水平。

何先生總結：「為進一步滲透這潛力優厚的市場，新濠博亞計劃於二零零六年增設兩至三間摩卡角子機娛樂場，並添置 500 台角子機。是項收購令新濠博亞能全面把握澳門博彩市場的龐大商機，為股東帶來更可觀回報。」



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有關新濠國際發展有限公司

新濠國際發展有限公司共經營三項主要業務，並以消閒、博彩及娛樂業務為主。集團的博彩業務主要透過與澳洲 Publishing and Broadcasting Ltd (「PBL」— 澳洲最大的綜合博彩集團之一) 共同成立的亞洲獨家聯營企業經營。新濠與PBL聯營企業的主要博彩業務分別為澳門皇冠酒店、City of Dreams 及摩卡。澳門皇冠酒店主要針對高消費客戶，為澳門首家六星級賭場酒店。City of Dreams位處澳門路氹，佔地 27 畝，設有獨特之水底賭場，為世界級綜合娛樂渡假村。「City of Dreams」內有三家酒店，提供共2,000間客房，並設有酒店服務式公寓 (time sharing serviced apartments)。其他設施計有劇院、零售店舖、食府和夜總會。而摩卡角子機娛樂場則揉合咖啡室及角子娛樂於一身，於市場具有領導地位。

集團在香港經營舉世知名的珍寶王國海鮮舫。新濠其他兩項業務包括資訊科技及投資銀行。

集團的資訊科技業務分別為「御想集團」及「亞洲網上系統有限公司」。「御想集團」為亞洲博彩科技及系統整合的領先專營商。該公司已跟美國 **Shuffle Master** 及其澳洲附屬公司 **Stargames** 組成博彩科技聯盟。「亞洲網上系統有限公司」則為亞洲領先軟件開發商及金融產品交易系統供應商。

投資銀行和金融業務則透過集團旗下的上市附屬公司「滙盈控股有限公司」進行。近年新濠已把業務擴展至香港、澳門、北京、上海、深圳及馬尼拉，並於各地設有辦事處，現聘僱員逾 800 人。

有關Publishing & Broadcasting Limited

PBL 為澳洲最大的娛樂、傳媒及博彩綜合企業，總部設於悉尼。集團擁有及經營皇冠賭場、位於柏斯的 Burswood 國際賭場渡假村、Sydney SuperDome、Burswood Dome 以及澳洲最大的電視網絡。皇冠賭場並擁有亞太區最大的高消費客戶網絡。

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