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ANNOUNCEMENT OF PRICE-SENSITIVE INFORMATION RESUMPTION OF TRADING

This announcement is made pursuant to Rule 13.09 of the Listing Rules.

At the request of the Company, trading in the Shares on the Stock Exchange was suspended with effect from 3:22 p.m. on 3 April 2009 pending the release of this announcement. An application has been made for the resumption of trading in the Shares with effect from 2:30 p.m. on 17 April 2009.

As the Merger has yet to be completed, shareholders and potential investors are reminded to exercise caution when dealing in the Shares.

The board of directors (the “Board”) of APT Satellite Holdings Limited (the “Company”) has noted the State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the State Council of the People’s Republic of China (“SASAC”) announced on 3 April 2009 that the State Council has approved, among other things, the merger of China Satellite Communications Corporation (“CSCC”) into China Aerospace Science & Technology Corporation (“CASC”) as a wholly-owned subsidiary of CASC (the “Merger”).

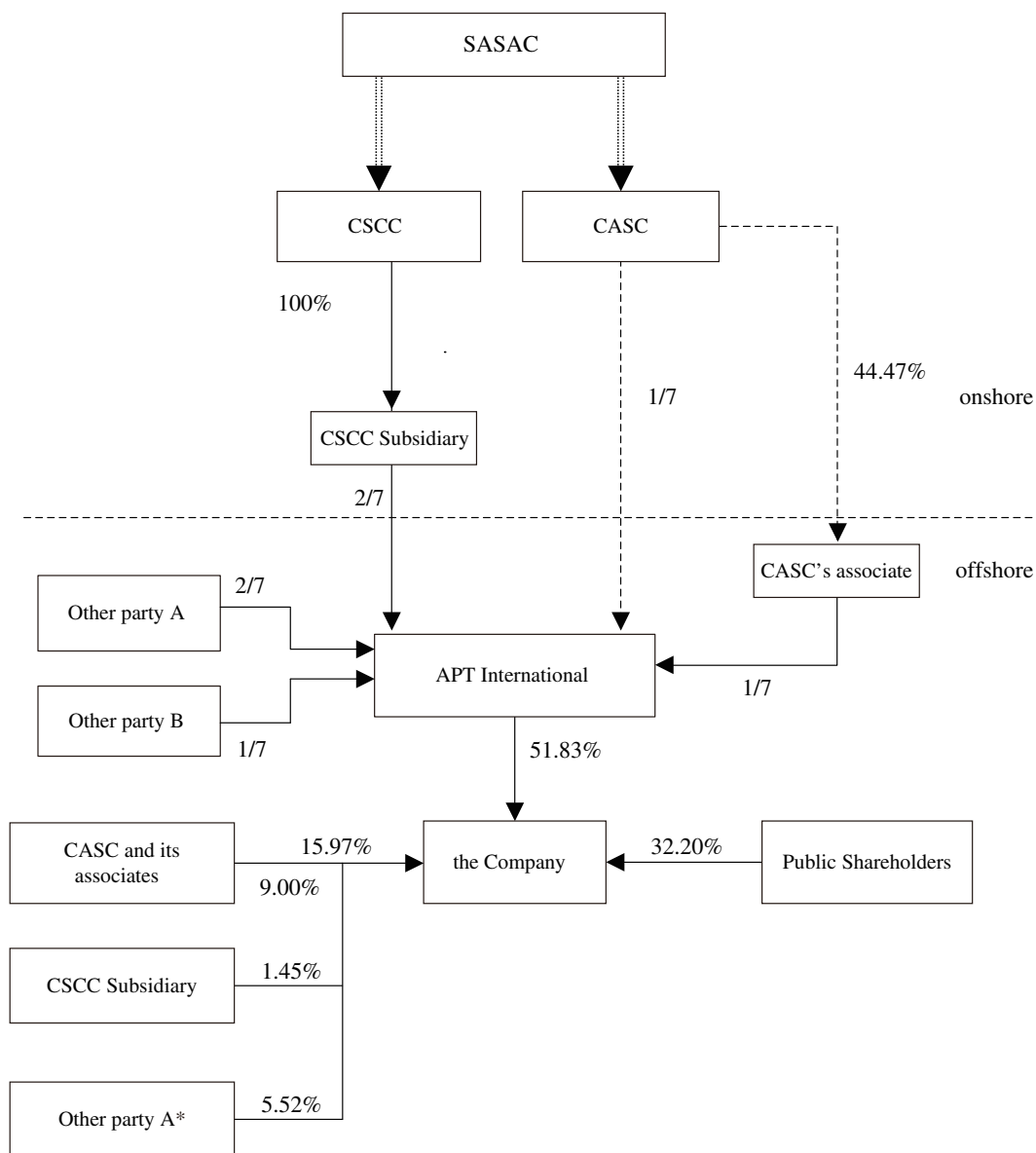
Each of CASC (and its associate) and a subsidiary of CSCC (“CSCC Subsidiary”) are interested in 2/7th interests in APT Satellite International Company Limited (“APT International”), which is a substantial shareholder of the Company holding approximately 51.83% of the shares of the Company (“Shares”) in issue.

The Company has further been notified by CASC that the Executive Director of the Corporate Finance Division of the Securities and Futures Commission has waived the obligation of CASC and parties acting in concert with it to make a general offer for all the Shares under Note 6(a) to Rule 26.1 of The Codes on Takeovers and Mergers and Share Repurchases (“Takeover Code”) as a result of implementation of the following transactions:

- a. the Merger; and

b. the subsequent transfers of interests in APT International by CASC and CSCC Subsidiary to CSCC.

Set out below a chart depicting the shareholding of CASC and CSCC and their associates in APT International and the Company before completion of the above-mentioned transactions:



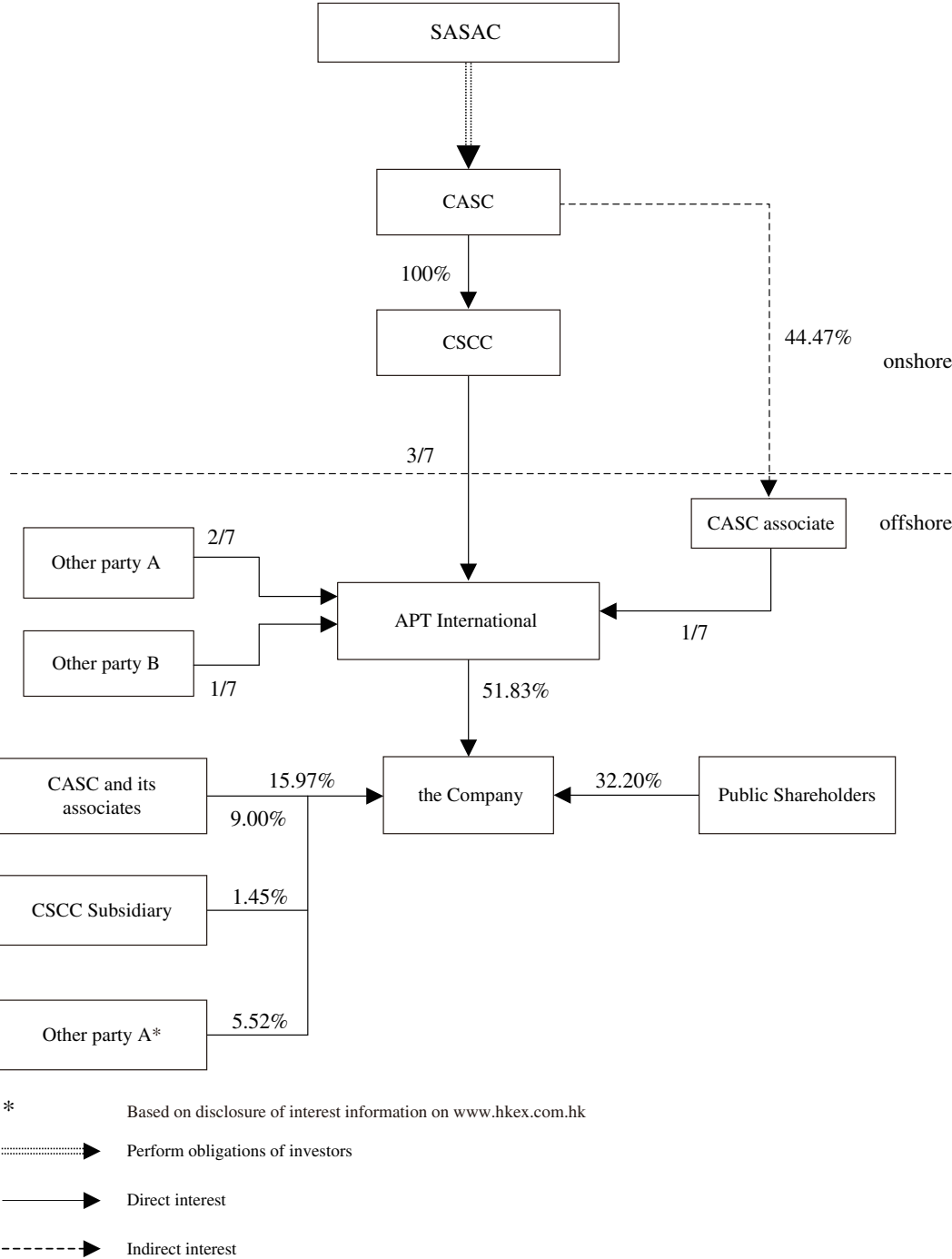
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.....▶ Perform obligations of investors

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Set out below a chart depicting the shareholding of CASC and CSCC and their associates in APT International and the Company after completion of the above-mentioned transactions:



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Further announcement(s) will be made as and when necessary in accordance with the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (“Listing Rules”).

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Made by the order of APT Satellite Holdings Limited, the Board of the directors of which individually and jointly accept responsibility for the accuracy of this statement.

By Order of the Board
Dr. Brian Lo
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 16 April 2009

The Directors as at the date of this announcement are as follows:

Executive Directors:

Cheng Guangren (President), Tong Xudong (Vice President) and Qi Liang (Vice President)

Non-Executive Directors:

Rui Xiaowu (Chairman), Lim Toon, Yin Yen-liang, Wu Zhen Mu, Yong Foo Chong and Tseng Ta-mon (Alternate Director to Yin Yen-liang)

Independent Non-Executive Directors:

Huan Guocang, Lui King Man, Lam Sek Kong and Cui Ligu