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Fraudulent Website Notification

United Kingdom, 17th June, 2009 – The Bank of East Asia (“BEA”) would like to alert all customers and the general public that the BEA Group has no affiliation whatsoever with the Internet website operating under the URL www.hk-beauk.com.

All BEA Internet-based services may be accessed safely and securely through the Bank’s homepage at www.hkbea.com (for customers in Hong Kong) or www.hkbea.co.uk (for customers in the UK).

BEA customers and members of the public are warned not to click on any URL or hyperlink embedded in an email to access any of the Bank’s services. Customers should always ensure that they are accessing the proper BEA website before entering login information. BEA advises that the Bank will never ask customers for their login information, passwords or other personal information by email or phone, or any other electronic device.

BEA has reported the existence of the fraudulent website to the Metropolitan Police and the Financial Services Authority, and will take any action deemed necessary and appropriate to protect the reputation of the Bank and the interests of its customers and the general public.

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