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## **Air China Limited**

(a joint stock limited company incorporated in  
the People's Republic of China with limited liability)  
(Stock Code: 753)

### **(1) MAJOR TRANSACTION**

- (i) ACQUISITION OF CATHAY SHARES**
- (ii) ACQUISITION OF CATHAY SHARES BY CNAC LIMITED**

### **(2) CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS**

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- (i) SALE OF DRAGONAIR SHARES BY CNAC LIMITED**
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## **Cathay Pacific Airways Limited**

(incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)  
(Stock Code: 293)

### **(1) CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS**

- (i) ACQUISITION OF DRAGONAIR SHARES**
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### **(2) DISCLOSEABLE TRANSACTION ACQUISITION OF DRAGONAIR SHARES**

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### **(4) INCREASE IN AUTHORISED SHARE CAPITAL**

### **(5) ALLOTMENT AND ISSUE OF CATHAY SHARES PURSUANT TO LISTING RULE 13.36(1)(a)**



**China National Aviation Company Limited**

(incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 1110)

**VERY SUBSTANTIAL DISPOSAL  
SALE OF DRAGONAIR SHARES**

**VERY SUBSTANTIAL ACQUISITION  
ACQUISITION OF CATHAY SHARES**



**CITIC Pacific Limited**

(incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 267)

**(1) CONNECTED AND DISCLOSEABLE TRANSACTIONS**

**(i) SALE OF DRAGONAIR SHARES**

**(ii) ACQUISITION OF CATHAY SHARES**

**(2) DISCLOSEABLE TRANSACTION  
SALE OF CATHAY SHARES**



**Swire Pacific Limited**

(incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

(Stock Codes: 19 and 87)

**LISTING RULE 13.09 ANNOUNCEMENT**

*On 8 June 2006, Air China, Cathay, CNAC Limited, CITIC Pacific and SPAC entered into a conditional agreement in relation to (i) the restructuring of the parties' shareholdings in Cathay and Dragonair and (ii) the acquisition by Cathay of additional shares in Air China. If the agreement becomes unconditional, (1) Dragonair will become a wholly-owned subsidiary of Cathay, (2) Air China will become a substantial shareholder of Cathay and (3) Cathay will increase its shareholding in Air China.*

*Cathay has offered to acquire all the Dragonair Shares which it does not already own for a total consideration of HK\$8.22 billion (based on a valuation of Dragonair of HK\$10.00 billion or HK\$20.00 per Dragonair Share) to be satisfied by a combination of the issue of 548,045,724*

*new Cathay Shares at an issue price of HK\$13.50 per share and HK\$0.82 billion in cash.*

*Each of SPAC, CNAC Limited and CITIC Pacific has agreed to accept the offer from Cathay to acquire their Dragonair Shares. To the extent that any Dragonair Minority Shareholders do not accept the offer from Cathay to acquire their Dragonair Shares, Cathay intends to exercise its powers under section 168 of the Companies Ordinance (Cap.32 of the Laws of Hong Kong) following completion of the Transaction to acquire compulsorily the remaining Dragonair Shares from the relevant Dragonair Minority Shareholders.*

*SPAC and CITIC Pacific have agreed to sell to Air China 40,128,292 and 359,170,636 Cathay Shares respectively. The consideration payable by Air China for such Cathay Shares is HK\$13.50 per share.*

*Cathay has agreed to subscribe in cash for 1,179,151,364 Air China H Shares at an aggregate subscription price of HK\$4.07 billion, representing HK\$3.45 per Air China H Share.*

*SPAC and CITIC Pacific have agreed to sell on or before Completion, such number of Cathay Shares as will result in the percentage of Cathay Shares held by them on Completion being 40% and 17.50% respectively and the percentage of Cathay Shares in public hands being not less than 25%.*

*Under the Restructuring Agreement, SPAC and CITIC Pacific have agreed to recommend to the Cathay Board that as soon as practicable following Completion and in any event, no later than 60 days following Completion, Cathay will pay a special interim dividend of HK\$0.32 per Cathay Share.*

*SPAC, CNAC Limited, CITIC Pacific and Air China have entered into a shareholders agreement for the purpose of regulating their relationship with each other as shareholders of Cathay and certain aspects of the affairs of, and their shareholdings in, Cathay, following completion of the Transaction.*

*Under the Shareholders Agreement:*

- (i) the parties have agreed that the Cathay Board will, subject to adjustment in certain circumstances, consist of four non-executive directors nominated by SPAC, two non-executive directors nominated by each of CITIC Pacific and Air China, five executive directors nominated by SPAC and four independent non-executive directors;*
- (ii) the parties have agreed to support, including by exercise (to the extent permitted by law and the rules of the Exchange) of their respective voting rights as shareholders of Cathay, the continuation and periodic renewal of the existing management arrangements for Cathay and its subsidiaries, including the services agreement between John Swire & Sons (H.K.) Limited and Cathay, and their extension to Dragonair and its subsidiaries substantially on their current terms; and*
- (iii) to support the implementation of the Operating Agreement and by exercise (to the extent permitted by law and the rules of the Exchange) of their respective voting rights as shareholders of Cathay, its continuation and any periodic renewal of it.*

*In addition, the parties have agreed to the following in relation to their shareholdings in Cathay:*

- (i) SPAC has agreed that the beneficial interest of SPAC and its group in the Cathay Share Capital will not exceed 44.90% (49.90% if (i) CITIC Pacific and its group or (ii) Air China and its group increase their respective combined aggregate beneficial interest in the Cathay Share Capital to above 22.45%), except with the prior written consent of the other parties;*
- (ii) Each of (i) CITIC Pacific and (ii) Air China and CNAC Limited have agreed that the combined aggregate beneficial interest of respectively CITIC Pacific and its group and Air China and its group in the Cathay Share Capital will not exceed 29.99%, except with the prior written consent of the other parties; and*
- (iii) CITIC Pacific, Air China and CNAC Limited have agreed that, except with the prior written consent of SPAC, their combined beneficial interest in the Cathay Share Capital (including those of their groups ) will not exceed 40% or the percentage beneficial interest of SPAC and its group in the Cathay Share Capital (whichever is the lower).*

*(The undertakings by CITIC Pacific, Air China and CNAC Limited described in paragraphs (ii) and (iii) above will cease to apply if SPAC (and/or its group companies) disposes of Cathay Shares and as a result SPAC (together with its group) is beneficially interested in less than 30% of the Cathay Share Capital and Air China (together with its group) or CITIC Pacific (together with its group) is beneficially interested (whether or not as a result of such disposal by SPAC and/or its group companies) in more Cathay Shares than SPAC (together with its group). The undertaking by CITIC Pacific, Air China and CNAC Limited in paragraph (iii) above will also cease to apply if SPAC (together with its group) is beneficially interested in 44.50% or more of the Cathay Share Capital. The undertakings by SPAC, CITIC Pacific, Air China and CNAC Limited described above will cease to apply in favour of any shareholder which is a party to the Shareholders Agreement whose beneficial interest in the Cathay Share Capital (including that of its group) is less than 15%.)*

*The parties to the Shareholders Agreement have also agreed that so long as a Shareholder is beneficially interested (together with its group) (directly or indirectly) in 15% or more of the Cathay Share Capital, it will not make a takeover offer for Cathay or accept a takeover offer from a third party, unless that offer has been recommended by the Cathay Board.*

*Air China and Cathay have today also jointly announced that they have entered into the Operating Agreement.*

*Based on the assumptions and reasoning set out below under the heading “Regulatory and Listing Rule Implications”:*

*Air China*

- the acquisition by Air China of Cathay Shares from CITIC Pacific constitutes a connected transaction for Air China and is subject to the approval of the independent shareholders of Air China;*

- *the issue of Air China H Shares to Cathay constitutes a connected transaction for Air China and is subject to the approval of the independent shareholders of Air China;*
- *the sale of Dragonair Shares by CNAC Limited (as a subsidiary of Air China) to Cathay and the acquisition of Cathay Shares by CNAC Limited (as a subsidiary of Air China) from Cathay each constitutes a connected transaction for Air China and is subject to the approval of the independent shareholders of Air China;*
- *the acquisition of Cathay Shares by CNAC Limited (as a subsidiary of Air China) from Cathay, when aggregated with the acquisition by Air China of Cathay Shares from CITIC Pacific and SPAC, constitutes a major transaction for Air China and is subject to the approval of the shareholders of Air China;*
- *the issue of additional Air China H Shares to Cathay is subject to approval by a special resolution of shareholders in general meeting of Air China and approvals by special resolutions of shareholders at separate class meetings of Air China in accordance with Air China's articles of association and Rule 19A.38 of the Listing Rules;*

#### *Cathay*

- *the acquisition of Dragonair Shares by Cathay from SPAC and CITIC Pacific constitutes a connected transaction and is subject to the approval of the independent shareholders of Cathay;*
- *the allotment and issue of new Cathay Shares by Cathay to SPAC and CITIC Pacific constitutes a connected transaction for Cathay and is subject to the approval of the independent shareholders of Cathay;*
- *the acquisition of Dragonair Shares by Cathay from each of SPAC, CITIC Pacific, CNAC Limited and the Dragonair Minority Shareholders, when aggregated, constitutes a discloseable transaction for Cathay;*
- *the acquisition by Cathay of additional Air China H Shares constitutes a discloseable transaction for Cathay;*
- *the proposed increase of the authorised share capital of Cathay from 3,900,000,000 Cathay Shares to 5,000,000,000 Cathay Shares to facilitate the Transaction is subject to the approval of the shareholders of Cathay;*
- *the allotment and issue by Cathay of new Cathay Shares to SPAC and CITIC Pacific is subject to the approval of the shareholders of Cathay pursuant to Rule 13.36(1)(a) of the Listing Rules;*

#### *CNAC Limited*

- *the sale by CNAC Limited of Dragonair Shares to Cathay in consideration of Cathay issuing new Cathay Shares and paying HK\$0.43 billion in cash to CNAC Limited constitutes a very substantial disposal and a very substantial acquisition for CNAC Limited and is therefore subject to the approval of the shareholders of CNAC Limited;*

*CITIC Pacific*

- *the sale by CITIC Pacific of Dragonair Shares to Cathay constitutes a connected transaction for CITIC Pacific and is subject to the approval of the independent shareholders of CITIC Pacific;*
- *the sale by CITIC Pacific of Dragonair Shares to Cathay constitutes a discloseable transaction for CITIC Pacific;*
- *the acquisition of new Cathay Shares by CITIC Pacific as consideration for the Dragonair Shares constitutes a connected transaction for CITIC Pacific and is subject to the approval of the independent shareholders of CITIC Pacific;*
- *the acquisition by CITIC Pacific of new Cathay Shares as consideration for the Dragonair Shares constitutes a discloseable transaction for CITIC Pacific; and*
- *the sale by CITIC Pacific of Cathay Shares to Air China constitutes a discloseable transaction for CITIC Pacific.*

*SPAC*

- *This joint announcement is made, in the case of SPAC, under Rule 13.09 of the Listing Rules.*

*A circular giving further details of the Transaction, the views of the independent non-executive directors of Air China and independent financial adviser to Air China, together with a notice of the Air China EGM will be dispatched to shareholders of Air China as soon as practicable.*

*Details of the Transaction, to the extent they constitute connected transactions for Air China, will also be included in Air China's next annual report and accounts in accordance with Rule 14A.45 of the Listing Rules.*

*A circular giving further details of the Transaction, the views of the independent non-executive directors of Cathay and independent financial adviser to Cathay, together with notice of the Cathay EGM will be dispatched to shareholders of Cathay as soon as practicable.*

*Details of the Transaction, to the extent they constitute connected transactions for Cathay, will also be included in Cathay's next annual report and accounts in accordance with Rule 14A.45 of the Listing Rules.*

*A circular giving further details of the Transaction, the views of the independent non-executive directors of CNAC Limited and independent financial adviser to CNAC Limited, together with a notice of the CNAC Limited EGM will be dispatched to shareholders of CNAC Limited as soon as practicable.*

*A circular giving further details of the Transaction, the views of the independent non-executive directors of CITIC Pacific and independent financial adviser to CITIC Pacific, together with a notice of the CITIC Pacific EGM will be dispatched to shareholders of CITIC Pacific as soon as practicable.*

*Details of the Transaction, to the extent they constitute connected transactions for CITIC Pacific, will also be included in CITIC Pacific's next annual report and accounts in accordance with Rule 14A.45 of the Listing Rules.*

*Conditional Undertaking and Request for Privatization of CNAC Limited*

*On Ling Investments Limited, which beneficially owns approximately 9.75% of the issued share capital of CNAC Limited, has given a conditional irrevocable undertaking to Air China and CNAC Limited to vote in favour of the shareholders' resolutions to be proposed at CNAC Limited's shareholders' meeting to approve the sale by CNAC Limited of Dragonair Shares to Cathay and the acquisition of Cathay Shares by CNAC Limited as described in this announcement. The conditions precedent to On Ling's undertaking are:*

- (a) the publication of an announcement by or on behalf of Air China of a privatization offer in cash for all the issued shares of CNAC Limited, other than those already owned by Air China and parties acting in concert with it, on terms no less favourable than HK\$2.80 per CNAC Limited Share; and*
- (b) the independent financial adviser to CNAC Limited's independent board of directors committee is of the opinion that the terms of the sale of the Dragonair Shares and the privatization referred to in paragraph (a) above from a financial perspective are fair and reasonable.*

*Following receipt of the conditional undertaking from On Ling Investments Limited, CNAC Limited Directors have requested Air China to privatize CNAC Limited by way of a scheme of arrangement, on the basis that the offer price will be HK\$2.80 per CNAC Limited share. Air China is currently considering the request by CNAC Limited Directors and is seeking the appropriate PRC regulatory approvals and financing to proceed with the privatization offer. Air China is currently also in the process of formulating the proposals for the privatization offer and will issue an announcement if and as soon as the proposals are finalized. As certain terms of the proposals are subject to various external factors that are outside its control, Air China is not in a position, as at the date of this announcement, to provide an estimate of the timing for any announcement of a privatization offer.*

***As such, there is no certainty as to whether or not Air China will make a privatization offer for CNAC Limited. Accordingly, shareholders and potential investors in CNAC Limited should not assume that a privatization offer will be made and should instead exercise caution in dealing in CNAC Limited's shares.***

*The Executive takes the view that, if a privatization offer is made by Air China pursuant to the request of CNAC Limited Directors, Air China will have to make the offer in cash at HK\$2.80 per CNAC Limited Share.*

*Resumption of Trading*

*At the request of each of Air China, Cathay, CNAC Limited, CITIC Pacific and SPAC, trading in shares in each of them on the Exchange was suspended with effect from 9:30 a.m. (in the case of Cathay, CITIC Pacific and SPAC) and 9:31 a.m. (in the case of Air China and CNAC Limited) on 5 June 2006 pending the issue of this announcement. Application has been made by each of Air China, Cathay, CNAC Limited, CITIC Pacific and SPAC to the Exchange for the resumption of trading in each of their shares with effect from 9:30 a.m. on 9 June 2006.*

**DESCRIPTION OF THE TRANSACTION**

On 8 June 2006, Air China, Cathay, CNAC Limited, CITIC Pacific and SPAC entered into a conditional agreement in relation to the restructuring of the parties' shareholdings in Cathay and Dragonair. If the agreement becomes unconditional, (1) Dragonair will become a wholly-owned subsidiary of Cathay, (2) Air China will become a substantial shareholder of Cathay and (3) Cathay will increase its shareholding in Air China.

The principal shareholdings in Cathay and Dragonair as at the date of this announcement are as follows:

	Cathay	
	<u>Number of Shares</u>	<u>% of Shares</u>
SPAC	1,566,233,246	46.30%
CITIC Pacific	859,353,462	25.40%
Public	957,197,640	28.30%
Total	<u>3,382,784,348</u>	<u>100.00</u>

	Dragonair	
	<u>Number of Shares</u>	<u>% of Shares</u>
SPAC	38,551,808	7.71%
Cathay	88,965,707	17.79%
CITIC Pacific	142,482,484	28.50%
CNAC Limited	216,447,251	43.29%
Dragonair Minority Shareholders	13,552,750	2.71%
Total	<u>500,000,000</u>	<u>100.00</u>

***Purchase of Dragonair Shares and Issue of new Cathay Shares***

Cathay has offered to acquire all the Dragonair Shares which it does not already own for a total consideration of HK\$8.22 billion (based on a valuation of Dragonair of HK\$10.00 billion or HK\$20.00 per Dragonair Share) to be satisfied by a combination of the issue of 548,045,724 new Cathay Shares at an issue price of HK\$13.50 per share and HK\$0.82 billion in cash.

Each of SPAC, CITIC Pacific and CNAC Limited has agreed to accept the offer from Cathay to acquire their Dragonair Shares. To the extent that any Dragonair Minority Shareholders do not accept the offer from Cathay to acquire their Dragonair Shares, Cathay intends to exercise its powers under section 168 of the Companies Ordinance (Cap.32 of the Laws of Hong Kong) following completion of the Transaction to acquire compulsorily the remaining Dragonair



Shares from the relevant Dragonair Minority Shareholders.

The valuation of Dragonair was determined following arm's length negotiation between the parties, based on the underlying value of Dragonair, as reflected in the market price of CNAC Limited, and having regard to the trading multiples of comparable airlines, in addition to considering the benefits to Cathay of full ownership of Dragonair and potential synergies arising from a combination of the businesses. The issue price of the new Cathay Shares was determined following arm's length negotiation between the parties, in particular with reference to the current and recent average trading price of Cathay Shares.

#### ***Purchase of Cathay Shares***

SPAC and CITIC Pacific have agreed to sell to Air China 40,128,292 and 359,170,636 Cathay Shares respectively. The consideration payable by Air China for such Cathay Shares is HK\$13.50 per share and was determined by the parties after arm's length negotiation, in particular with reference to the current and recent average trading price of Cathay Shares.

#### ***Placing***

SPAC and CITIC Pacific have agreed to sell on or before Completion, such number of Cathay Shares as will result in the percentage of Cathay Shares held by them on Completion being 40% and 17.50% respectively and the percentage of Cathay Shares in public hands being not less than 25%.

#### ***Acquisition of Additional Air China H Shares***

In December 2004, Cathay acquired a 10% interest in the share capital of Air China by subscribing for Air China H Shares when the Air China H Shares were listed on the Exchange. Cathay has agreed to subscribe in cash for an additional 1,179,151,364 Air China H Shares at an aggregate subscription price of HK\$4.07 billion, representing HK\$3.45 per Air China H Share. Following completion of this subscription, Cathay will have a 20.00% interest in the enlarged issued share capital of Air China.

Following Completion (on the basis that Cathay has acquired all the Dragonair Shares held by the Dragonair Minority Shareholders), Cathay will own all the shares in Dragonair and the shareholdings in Cathay will be as follows:

	<u>Number of Shares</u>	Cathay <u>% of Shares</u>
SPAC	1,572,332,028	40.00%
CITIC Pacific	687,895,263	17.50%
CNAC Limited	288,596,335	7.34%
Air China	399,298,928	10.16%
Public	982,707,518	25.00%
Total	<u>3,930,830,072</u>	<u>100.00</u>

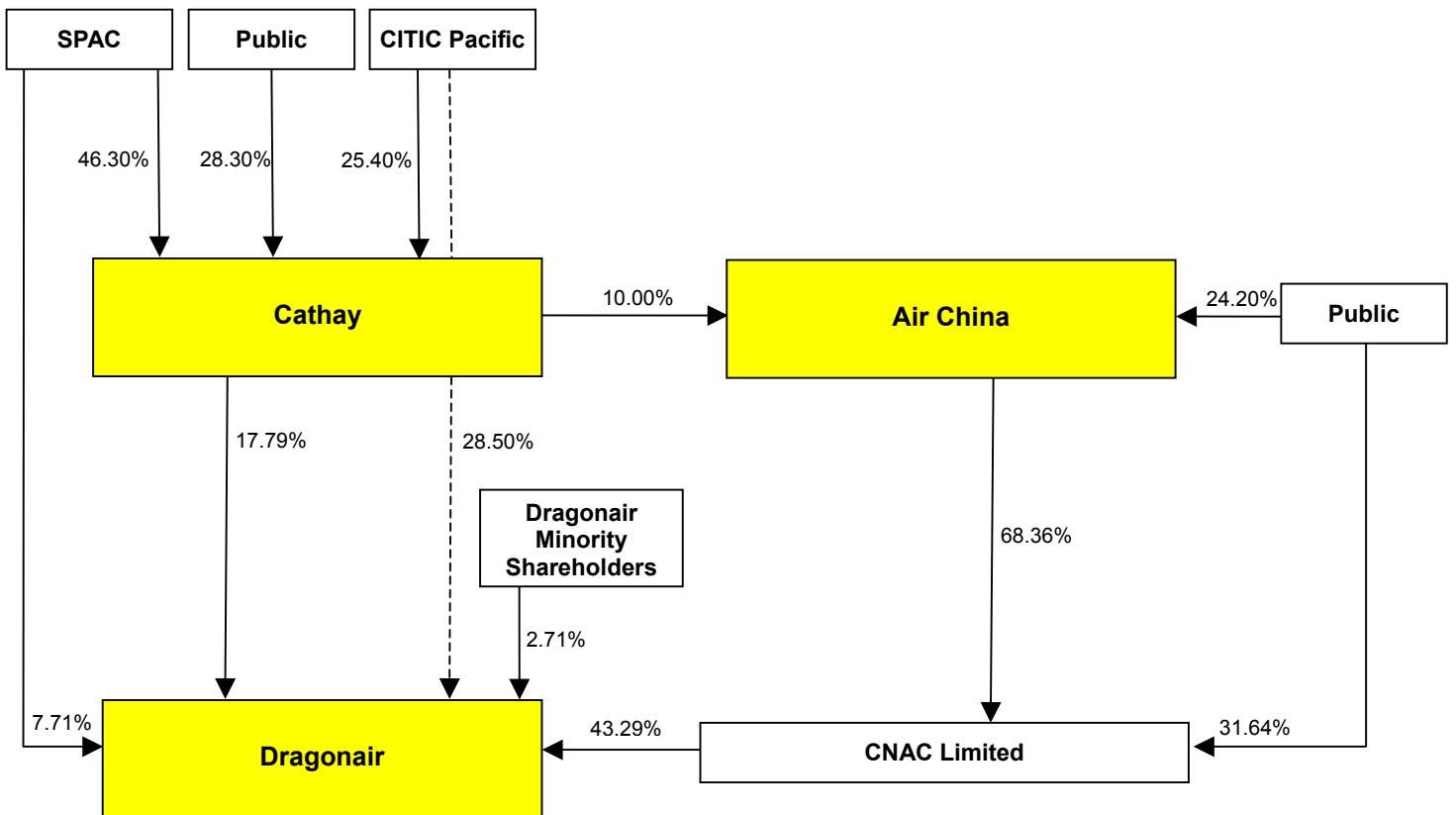
#### ***Special Dividend***

Under the Restructuring Agreement, SPAC and CITIC Pacific have agreed to recommend to the Cathay Board that as soon as practicable following Completion and in any event, no later

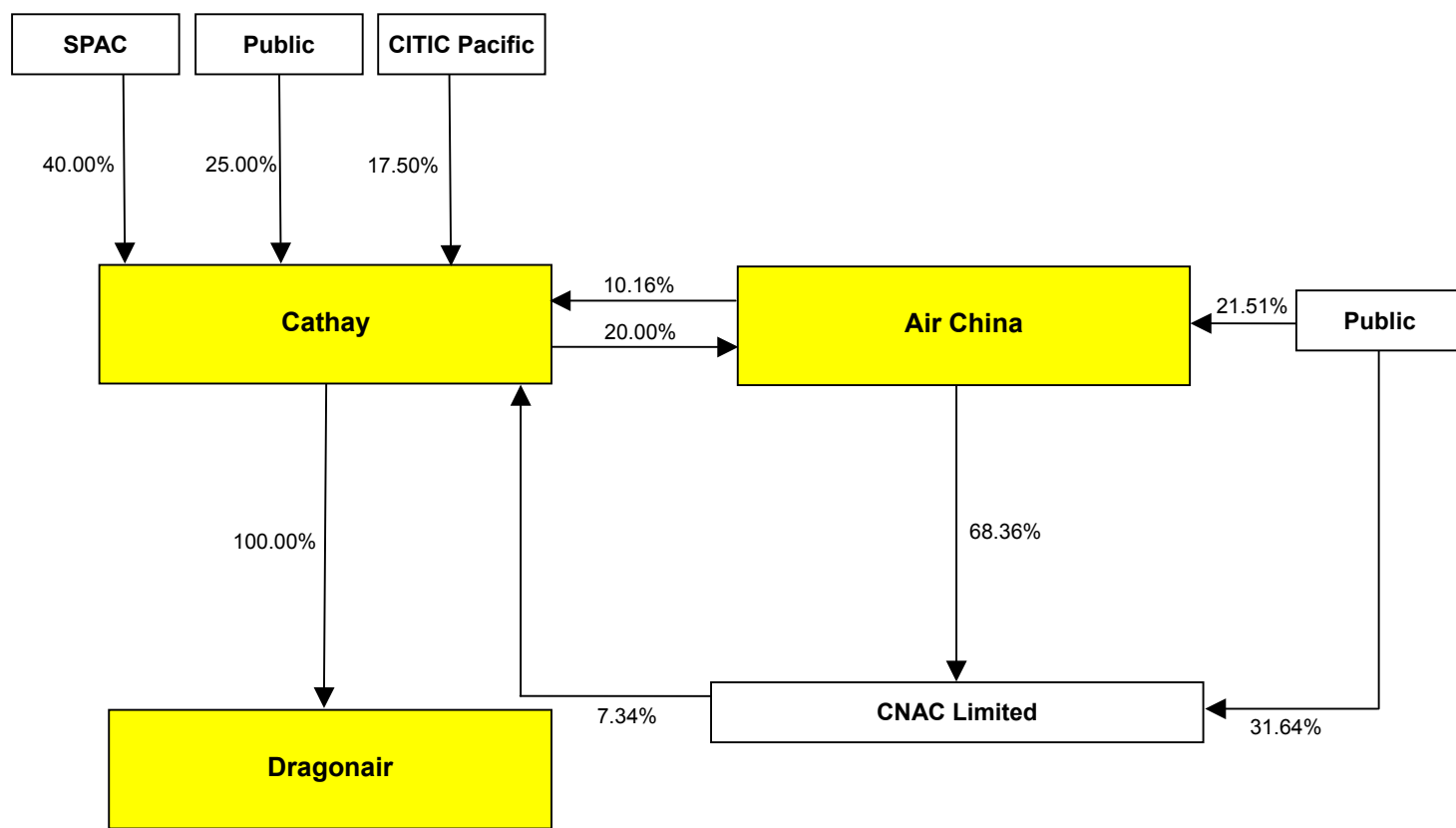
than 60 days following Completion, Cathay will pay a special interim dividend of HK\$0.32 per Cathay Share.

The shareholdings in Dragonair, Cathay and Air China (1) immediately prior to Completion and (2) immediately following Completion are expected to be as follows:

**Shareholding structures of Cathay, Dragonair and Air China immediately prior to Completion**



**Shareholding structures of Cathay, Dragonair and Air China immediately following Completion**



**SHAREHOLDERS AGREEMENT**

SPAC, CNAC Limited, CITIC Pacific and Air China have entered into a shareholders agreement for the purpose of regulating their relationship with each other as shareholders of Cathay and certain aspects of the affairs of, and their shareholdings in, Cathay, following completion of the Transaction.

Under the Shareholders Agreement, the parties have agreed:

- (i) that the Cathay Board will, subject to adjustment in certain circumstances, consist of four non-executive directors nominated by SPAC, two non-executive directors nominated by each of CITIC Pacific and Air China, five executive directors nominated by SPAC and four independent non-executive directors;
- (ii) to support, including by exercise (to the extent permitted by law and the rules of the Exchange) of their respective voting rights as shareholders of Cathay, the continuation and periodic renewal of the existing management arrangements for Cathay and its subsidiaries, including the services agreement between John Swire & Sons (H.K.) Limited and Cathay, and their extension to Dragonair and its subsidiaries substantially on their current terms; and
- (iii) to support the implementation of the Operating Agreement and by exercise (to the extent permitted by law and the rules of the Exchange) of their respective voting rights

as shareholders of Cathay, its continuation and any periodic renewal of it.

In addition, the parties have agreed to the following in relation to their shareholdings in Cathay:

- (i) SPAC has agreed that the beneficial interest of SPAC and its group in the Cathay Share Capital will not exceed 44.90% (49.90% if (i) CITIC Pacific and its group or (ii) Air China and its group increase their respective combined aggregate beneficial interest in the Cathay Share Capital to above 22.45%), except with the prior written consent of the other parties.
- (ii) each of (i) CITIC Pacific and (ii) Air China and CNAC Limited have agreed that the combined aggregate beneficial interest of respectively CITIC Pacific and its group and Air China and its group in the Cathay Share Capital will not exceed 29.99%, except with the prior written consent of the other parties; and
- (iii) CITIC Pacific, Air China and CNAC Limited have agreed that, except with the prior written consent of SPAC, their combined beneficial interest in the Cathay Share Capital (including those of their groups ) will not exceed 40% or the percentage beneficial interest of SPAC and its group in the Cathay Share Capital (whichever is the lower).

(The undertakings by CITIC Pacific, Air China and CNAC Limited described in paragraphs (ii) and (iii) above will cease to apply if SPAC (and/or its group companies) disposes of Cathay Shares and as a result SPAC (together with its group) is beneficially interested in less than 30% of the Cathay Share Capital and Air China (together with its group) or CITIC Pacific (together with its group) is beneficially interested (whether or not as a result of such disposal by SPAC and/or its group companies)) in more Cathay Shares than SPAC (together with its group). The undertaking by CITIC Pacific, Air China and CNAC Limited described in paragraph (iii) above will also cease to apply if SPAC (together with its group) is beneficially interested in 44.50% or more of the Cathay Share Capital. The undertakings by SPAC, CITIC Pacific, Air China and CNAC Limited described above will cease to apply in favour of any shareholder which is a party to the Shareholders Agreement whose beneficial interest in the Cathay Share Capital (including that of its group) is less than 15%.)

The parties to the Shareholders Agreement have also agreed that so long as a Shareholder is beneficially interested (together with its group) (directly or indirectly) in 15% or more of the Cathay Share Capital, it will not make a takeover offer for Cathay or accept a takeover offer from a third party, unless that offer has been recommended by the Cathay Board.

### ***Operating Agreement***

Air China and Cathay have today also jointly announced that they have entered into the Operating Agreement.

### **CONDITIONS**

Completion of the Transaction, (and the coming into effect of the Shareholders Agreement), is conditional upon satisfaction of the following conditions:-

- (A) entering into the Shareholders Agreement and implementation of the Transaction not giving rise to an obligation on any of SPAC, CITIC Pacific, Air China or CNAC Limited

to make a mandatory offer to acquire all the Cathay Shares under the Takeovers Code; in this connection the Executive has confirmed that, as SPAC and CITIC Pacific are concert parties in relation to the voting rights of Cathay and together hold more than 50% of the Cathay Shares, no such obligation will arise;

- (B) Air China having obtained all necessary approvals of relevant regulatory bodies in the PRC and any other regulatory approvals;
- (C) the Listing Committee of the Exchange having granted listing of and permission to deal in :
  - (i) the new Cathay Shares to be issued to SPAC, CITIC Pacific, CNAC Limited and the Dragonair Minority Shareholders described above; and
  - (ii) the new Air China H Shares to be issued to Cathay described above;
- (D) the independent shareholders of CITIC Pacific in general meeting having passed resolutions approving the sale by CITIC Pacific of its Dragonair Shares to Cathay and the acquisition of the new Cathay Shares to be issued by Cathay to CITIC Pacific as consideration for the Dragonair Shares sold by CITIC Pacific to Cathay, in each case as a connected transaction;
- (E) the independent shareholders of CNAC Limited in general meeting having passed resolutions to approve the sale of CNAC Limited's Dragonair Shares to Cathay as a very substantial disposal and the acquisition of Cathay Shares by CNAC Limited as a very substantial acquisition;
- (F) the independent shareholders of Cathay in general meeting having passed resolution(s) to approve the acquisition of Dragonair Shares by Cathay from SPAC and CITIC Pacific and the allotment and issue of new Cathay Shares by Cathay to SPAC and CITIC Pacific, in each case as a connected transaction and the shareholders of Cathay in general meeting having passed resolution(s) to approve the increase of the authorized share capital of Cathay and the allotment and issue of new Cathay Shares to SPAC and CITIC Pacific pursuant to Rule 13.36(1)(a) of the Listing Rules;
- (G) the independent shareholders of Air China in general meeting having passed resolutions approving the sale of Dragonair Shares by CNAC Limited to Cathay, the acquisition of Cathay Shares by CNAC Limited, the acquisition by Air China of Cathay Shares from CITIC Pacific and the issue of Air China H Shares to Cathay, in each case as a connected transaction, the shareholders of Air China in general meeting having passed a resolution approving the acquisition of Cathay Shares by CNAC Limited, the acquisition by Air China of Cathay Shares from CITIC Pacific and SPAC as a major transaction (when aggregated) and the shareholders of Air China in general meeting having passed a special resolution and the shareholders of Air China in separate class meetings having passed special resolutions, in each case approving the issue of additional Air China H Shares to Cathay in accordance with Air China's articles of association and applicable Listing Rules;
- (H) Cathay being satisfied that it is entitled under Section 168 of the Companies Ordinance to acquire compulsorily all the Dragonair Shares held by each person who

does not accept its offer for all the Dragonair Shares;

- (I) Cathay being satisfied as to its due diligence investigations of Dragonair and Air China; and
- (J) Air China being satisfied as to its due diligence investigations of Cathay.

Completion of the Transaction is expected to take place on the fifth Business Day following satisfaction of these conditions.

## **REASONS FOR THE TRANSACTION**

In recent years the Chinese aviation industry has experienced rapid growth and development: the creation of three Chinese airline groups, the continuing opening up of the market to international airlines and the increasing internationalisation of the Chinese airlines' route networks. In the context of these market developments, the shareholding structure of Dragonair has proved to be not efficient with the result that Dragonair is unable to take full advantage of potential economies of scale and the management of its business is not optimised. The rationalisation of the shareholding structure of Dragonair will benefit all the companies that are current shareholders of Dragonair and Dragonair itself. In addition, with further investments in each other, Air China and Cathay will continue to work together in exploring ways to improve their service offering, network and connectivity and developing the Chinese aviation industry.

The international network of Cathay and the principally Hong Kong - Mainland China network of Dragonair are highly complementary and together will improve Cathay's network reach, connectivity to China and between China and the rest of the world. In addition the cooperation with Air China will further the development of Beijing Capital International Airport and Hong Kong International Airport as gateways to and hubs for Mainland China and thus the Transaction will be to the benefit of the Hong Kong and Greater China aviation industry.

### ***Air China***

The Transaction and related Operating Agreement are the culmination of a process of increasing cooperation with Cathay that began with the joint announcement of the memorandum of understanding between the parties in October 2004.

Air China believes that intensified co-operation between Air China, the leading mainland airline based in Beijing, with Cathay, the leading airline based in Hong Kong, will bring significant benefits to Air China and the entire Chinese aviation industry. In addition, the goal of developing Beijing Capital International Airport and Hong Kong International Airport as gateways to and hubs for mainland China will be furthered by this Transaction and this in turn will increase the ability of Air China to compete on the international stage.

Through the cross-shareholdings that will result from the implementation of the Transaction and the Operating Agreement, Air China and Cathay have the potential of realising substantial revenue and cost synergies through economies of scale and optimisation of resources. Together, Air China and Cathay (with Dragonair 100% owned) will be able to deliver more destinations, better flight connectivity and improved services as a whole. Through reciprocal sales representation where Air China will be exclusively responsible for Cathay's passenger

sales in Mainland China while Cathay will be exclusively responsible for Air China's passenger sales in Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan, code-shared and joint venture routes that will operate under revenue and cost pooling arrangements as well as other areas of business cooperation, the Operating Agreement is expected to allow Air China to benefit from improved load factors and better route management. Furthermore, through closer operational cooperation and cross-placement of management, Air China will benefit from greater exposure to international best practice in areas such as network design and scheduling, product design, yield management, operational management and risk management and service delivery.

Upon completion of the Transaction, Air China, together with CNAC Limited, will hold 17.50% shareholding in Cathay which, coupled with Air China's rights under the Operating Agreement and Shareholders' Agreement, allow Air China to account for its shareholding in Cathay using the equity accounting method and will therefore benefit on a consolidated basis from the strong profitability of Cathay. From a cash flow perspective, Air China will also benefit from the receipt of dividend payments from Cathay.

As part of the Transaction, Cathay will subscribe for 1,179,151,364 new Air China H shares, becoming a 20.00% shareholder of the enlarged issued share capital of Air China, at a premium to the prevailing market price of Air China H shares. This will result in cash proceeds of HK\$4.07 billion to Air China, which will help finance the planned expansion of Air China's fleet and other important business development initiatives.

Through its 68.36% shareholding in CNAC Limited, Air China believes that it is also realising full value for CNAC Limited's 43.29% shareholding in Dragonair. Furthermore, Air China will be able to share in the future benefits that will arise from a combination of Cathay and Dragonair through its ongoing shareholding in Cathay.

### **Cathay**

Cathay believes that combining the international network of Cathay with the network of Dragonair will improve Cathay's network reach, connectivity to China and between China and the rest of the world. Further, the additional operational co-operation with Air China will promote Hong Kong and Beijing Airports as major Asian/Chinese hubs improving traffic flows for Cathay, Dragonair, and Air China and connectivity and services for passenger and cargo customers. Full control of Dragonair by Cathay allows the realisation of substantial synergies. Cathay expects ownership of Dragonair and increased co-operation between Cathay (with Dragonair 100% owned) and Air China to increase connectivity, convenience and marketing and thus load factors. In addition Cathay expects cost savings within Cathay and Dragonair from the increased scale of operations, improved aircraft utilisation and from adopting best practices. The value of Dragonair as a standalone entity, the benefits of network integration and the potential synergies available to Cathay support the valuation of HK\$10 billion that the Transaction implies for 100% of the equity of Dragonair.

Increasing its shareholding in Air China to 20% ensures that Cathay will share in the synergies and benefits of co-operation that accrue to Air China. Further, at 20%, Cathay will equity account for its share in Air China and will therefore include 20% of the profits of Air China in its results. The acquisition price of HK\$3.45 per Air China share represents a 15.8% premium to the Air China's IPO price and a 11.3% premium to the closing share price on the Last Trading Date. In light of the additional influence on Air China and with it the ability to equity account, the Cathay Directors believe that the price is an attractive level at which to increase its stake in

Air China.

***CNAC Limited***

The competitive position of Dragonair has changed significantly in the past few years, facing competition from larger, full cost carriers into China/Hong Kong, other hubs as well as Asian low cost carriers and a number of new airlines that have recently been established in Hong Kong, China and across Asia.

In light of this increasingly competitive operational landscape, CNAC Limited believes that Dragonair would benefit from being under the direct management control of a single airline group. The current shareholding structure of Dragonair has proved to be not efficient with the result that Dragonair is unable to take full advantage of potential economies of scale and the management of its business is not optimised. CNAC Limited believes that direct control of Dragonair by Cathay would allow Dragonair to secure its future growth and profitability. The combination of the two businesses and the alignment of shareholder and management interests within the wider Cathay Group will create the opportunity to realize substantial synergies and provide the flexibility to react to the challenges in the Chinese and Asian airline industry.

The terms of the Transaction value 100% of the equity of Dragonair at HK\$10 billion. This valuation represent a price-to-earnings ratio of 33.3 times Dragonair's reported earnings of HK\$300.4 million for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2005. CNAC Limited believes that this valuation reflects not only the full intrinsic value of Dragonair but also a fair sharing of the synergies that Cathay anticipates to accrue from the combination of the two airlines.

As a consequence of the Transaction, CNAC Limited will hold a 7.34% shareholding in Cathay, thereby exchanging an illiquid shareholding in an unlisted company (Dragonair) for a shareholding in a listed company (Cathay) whose shares enjoy a high level of trading liquidity on the Exchange. Furthermore, the Transaction will allow CNAC Limited to realise a gain of approximately HK\$2.96 billion to its consolidated profit and loss account, and, together with the payment of the special dividend by Cathay, CNAC Limited will receive HK\$525.2 million of cash proceeds. Going forward, CNAC Limited will benefit from its proportional share of dividend income from Cathay, which, as a result of its cooperation with Air China and its consolidation with Dragonair, will be able to deliver even better value for its shareholders in the future.

***CITIC Pacific***

The transaction provides CITIC Pacific an attractive exit price for its shares in Dragonair. CITIC Pacific will sell shares in Cathay at above the prevailing market price at the date of this announcement and will retain a 17.50% stake in Cathay to share in the benefits of the combination of Cathay and Dragonair and operational cooperation with Air China as outlined above. CITIC Pacific intends to hold the shares of Cathay as a long term investment. The CITIC Pacific Directors estimate that, with reference to the projected carrying value of the investment in Cathay and Dragonair but subject to the exact completion date, an estimated profit of approximately HK\$2 billion will arise from the transaction.

The transaction allows CITIC Pacific to realise cash of approximately HK\$5 billion (excluding the special dividend intended to be distributed following Completion), to be used for pursuing



development of the core businesses which CITIC Pacific actively manages to leverage off its expertise.

### **SPAC**

Currently SPAC has a minority shareholding in Dragonair and is the largest shareholder in Cathay. Following the Transaction, SPAC will remain the single largest shareholder in the combined Cathay-Dragonair group. As the largest single shareholder of Cathay, SPAC expects to enjoy its proportional share of the operational and management benefits that Cathay anticipates, as outlined above. Further, SPAC will enjoy a net cash inflow from the Transaction of approximately HK\$1.2 billion.

The Air China Directors (other than the independent non-executive directors whose views will be set out in the circular to be dispatched to the shareholders of Air China together with the advice of the independent financial adviser) have considered the Transaction and are of the opinion that the Transaction and its terms are fair and reasonable and are in the interests of the shareholders of Air China as a whole.

The Cathay Directors (other than the independent non-executive directors whose views will be set out in the circular to be dispatched to the shareholders of Cathay together with the advice of the independent financial adviser) have considered the Transaction and are of the opinion that the Transaction and its terms are fair and reasonable and are in the interests of the shareholders of Cathay as a whole.

The CNAC Limited Directors (other than the independent non-executive directors whose views will be set out in the circular to be dispatched to the shareholders of CNAC Limited together with the advice of the independent financial adviser) have considered the Transaction and are of the opinion that the Transaction and its terms are fair and reasonable and are in the interests of the shareholders of CNAC Limited as a whole.

The CITIC Pacific Directors (other than the independent non-executive directors whose views will be set out in the circular to be dispatched to the shareholders of CITIC Pacific together with the advice of the independent financial adviser) have considered the Transaction and are of the opinion that the Transaction and its terms are fair and reasonable and are in the interests of the shareholders of CITIC Pacific as a whole.

### **OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION IN RELATION TO THE TRANSACTION**

#### ***Acquisition of Dragonair Shares by Cathay***

The number of Dragonair Shares to be acquired by Cathay from each of SPAC, CITIC Pacific, CNAC Limited and the Dragonair Minority Shareholders, the number of new Cathay Shares to be issued to them as consideration and the amount of cash consideration to be paid to them are as follows:

	<i>Number of Dragonair Shares to be acquired</i>	<i>Total Consideration (HK\$)</i>	<i>Number of new Cathay Shares to be issued (at HK\$13.50 per share)</i>	<i>Number of new Cathay Shares to be issued as a percentage of issued share capital of Cathay immediately prior to Completion</i>	<i>Number of new Cathay Shares to be issued as a percentage of enlarged issued share capital of Cathay following Completion</i>	<i>Cash Consideration (HK\$)</i>
SPAC	38,551,808	771,036,160	51,402,411	1.52%	1.31%	77,103,611.50
CITIC Pacific	142,482,484	2,849,649,680	189,976,645	5.62%	4.83%	284,964,972.50
CNAC Limited	216,447,251	4,328,945,020	288,596,335	8.53%	7.34%	432,894,497.50
Dragonair Minority Shareholders	13,552,750	271,055,000	18,070,333	0.53%	0.46%	27,105,504.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>411,034,293</b>	<b>8,220,685,860</b>	<b>548,045,724</b>	<b>16.20%</b>	<b>13.94%</b>	<b>822,068,586</b>

### **Acquisition of Cathay Shares by Air China**

The number of Cathay Shares to be acquired by Air China from SPAC and CITIC Pacific Shareholders as described above under "Description of the Transaction", is as follows:

	<i>Number of Cathay Shares to be acquired by Air China</i>	<i>Number of Cathay Shares to be acquired as a percentage of issued share capital of Cathay immediately prior to Completion</i>	<i>Number of Cathay Shares to be acquired as a percentage of enlarged issued share capital of Cathay following Completion</i>	<i>Consideration (HK\$)</i>
SPAC	40,128,292	1.19%	1.02%	541,731,942
CITIC Pacific	359,170,636	10.62%	9.14%	4,848,803,586
<b>Total</b>	<b>399,298,928</b>	<b>11.80%</b>	<b>10.16%</b>	<b>5,390,535,528</b>

### **New Cathay Shares**

The issue price of the new Cathay Shares to be issued under the Transaction of HK\$13.50 per share was determined by the parties after arm's length negotiation, in particular with reference to the current and recent average trading price of Cathay Shares. Such issue price represents a 4.2% premium to the closing price of the Cathay Shares of HK\$12.95 on the Last Trading Date prior to suspension of trading of Cathay Shares on 5 June 2006.

The new Cathay Shares will rank pari passu in all respects with all other Cathay Shares in issue on the date of allotment and issue of such shares.

The total number of new Cathay Shares to be issued as consideration for Dragonair Shares under the Transaction is 548,045,724, which represents approximately 16.20% of the existing Cathay Share Capital and approximately 13.94% of the Cathay Share Capital as enlarged by the issue of those shares (on the basis that new Cathay Shares will be issued to all Dragonair Minority Shareholders whether because they accept Cathay's offer for their Dragonair Shares or through compulsory acquisition).

### ***New Air China H Shares***

The issue price of the new Air China H Shares to be issued to Cathay under the Transaction of HK\$3.45 per share was determined by the parties after arm's length negotiations, representing a premium of approximately 11.3% over the closing price of approximately HK\$3.10 per Air China H Share on the Last Trading Date.

### **PUBLIC FLOAT REQUIREMENT**

Pursuant to the Listing Rules, at least 24.20% of Air China's issued share capital must at all times be held by the public. Following Completion, and in particular following Cathay's subscription of 1,179,151,364 Air China H Shares to be issued by Air China, the percentage of Air China shares held by the public will decrease to approximately 21.51% of the enlarged issued share capital of Air China. Air China has applied for a waiver from the Exchange to permit a public float of 21.51%, subject to the minimum of 24.20% public float being restored within 12 months following Completion. The Exchange may or may not grant the waiver. In the meantime, Air China would take steps to increase its public float. Such increase may take the form of an issue of up to 2.7 billion A Shares by Air China which issuance was approved by Air China shareholders on 28 March 2006 and/or through the issuance of Air China H Shares. For further details of the A Share issuance by Air China, please refer to the announcements by Air China dated 9 February 2006 and 13 February 2006. Further announcements about the development of the public float waiver application will be made in due course.

As at the date of this announcement, the proposed A Share offering has yet to be approved by regulators and is also dependent on market conditions and accordingly the timing of the A Share offering is outside Air China's control. Air China Directors are of the view that both fund raising methods through issuance of Air China H Shares and the A Share offering could be beneficial to Air China and therefore it is in the best interest of Air China to keep open the options of issuance of Air China H Shares and the A Share offering as possible methods to restore the public float.

### **FINANCIAL INFORMATION ON DRAGONAIR, CATHAY AND AIR CHINA**

Based on the audited consolidated financial statements of Dragonair for the year ended 31 December 2005, Dragonair had a net book asset value of HK\$3,155 million. Based on the audited consolidated financial statements of Dragonair for the years ended 31 December 2004 and 2005, the net profits of Dragonair before taxation and extraordinary items for those years were HK\$765 million and HK\$316 million respectively, and the net profits of Dragonair after taxation and extraordinary items for those years were HK\$637 million and HK\$300 million respectively.

Based on the audited consolidated financial statements of Cathay for the year ended 31 December 2005, Cathay had a net book asset value (excluding minority interests) of

HK\$34,968 million . Based on the audited consolidated financial statements of Cathay for the years ended 31 December 2004 and 2005, the net profits of Cathay before taxation and extraordinary items for those years were HK\$4,962 million and HK\$3,968 million respectively, and the net profits of Cathay after taxation and extraordinary items for those years were HK\$4,417 million and HK\$3,298 million respectively.

Based on the audited consolidated financial statements of Air China for the year ended 31 December 2005, Air China had a net book asset value (excluding minority interests) of RMB20,092 million . Based on the audited consolidated financial statements of Air China for the years ended 31 December 2004 and 2005, the net profits of Air China before taxation and extraordinary items for those years were RMB3,560 million and RMB3,374 million respectively, and the net profits of Air China after taxation and extraordinary items for those years were RMB2,386 million and RMB2,406 million respectively.

### **INFORMATION ON THE PRINCIPAL BUSINESSES OF CATHAY, DRAGONAIR, SPAC, CITIC PACIFIC, CNAC LIMITED AND AIR CHINA**

The principal business activities of Cathay and its subsidiary and associated companies are the operation of scheduled passenger and cargo airline services.

The principal business activities of Dragonair is the operation of scheduled passenger airline services, principally to and from Hong Kong.

The principal business activity of SPAC is investment holding.

The principal business activity of CITIC Pacific is investment holding.

The principal business activity of CNAC Limited is investment holding, including of shares in Dragonair as well as the other businesses mentioned below. Following the disposal of Dragonair, the remaining core businesses of CNAC Limited will include air transportation services (Air Macau), airline catering services (Beijing Air Catering Co. Ltd., Southwest Air Catering Co. Ltd., and LSG Lufthansa Service Hong Kong Ltd.), airport ground handling services (Jardine Airport Service Ltd. and Menzies Macau Airport Services Ltd.) and logistics services (Tradeport Hong Kong Ltd.).

The principal business activity of Air China is the operation of passenger and air cargo services and airline-related services.

### **REGULATORY AND LISTING RULE IMPLICATIONS**

#### **(A) Air China**

##### ***Shareholder Approval***

As at the date of this announcement, CITIC Pacific is a substantial shareholder of a subsidiary of Air China and is therefore a connected person of Air China. The acquisition by Air China of Cathay Shares from CITIC Pacific accordingly constitutes a connected transaction for Air China for the purposes of the Listing Rules. As the acquisition by Air China of Cathay Shares from CITIC Pacific falls outside the de minimis thresholds in Rule 14A.31(2) and 14A.32 of the Listing Rules, it is subject to

the approval of the independent shareholders of Air China.

As at the date of this announcement Cathay beneficially holds 10.00% of the shares in Air China. As such, Cathay is a substantial shareholder and therefore a connected person of Air China under the Listing Rules. Accordingly, the issue of Air China H Shares to Cathay constitutes a connected transaction for Air China for the purposes of the Listing Rules. As this will involve an issue of shares to a connected person falling outside the scope of Rule 14A.31(3) of the Listing Rules, the issue is subject to the approval of the independent shareholders of Air China.

The issue of additional Air China H Shares to Cathay will also constitute a variation of class rights and will be subject to approval of shareholders by way of a special resolution at a general meeting of Air China and approval of shareholders at separate class meetings of Air China in accordance with Air China's articles of association and applicable Listing Rules.

As mentioned above, Cathay is a connected person of Air China under the Listing Rules. Accordingly, the sale of Dragonair Shares by CNAC Limited (as a subsidiary of Air China) to Cathay and the acquisition of Cathay Shares by CNAC Limited (as a subsidiary of Air China) each constitutes a connected transaction for Air China for the purposes of the Listing Rules. As the sale of Dragonair Shares and the acquisition of Cathay Shares referred to above fall outside the de minimis in Rule 14A.31(2) and 14A.32 of the Listing Rules, each of them is subject to the approval of the independent shareholders of Air China.

The acquisition by Air China of Cathay Shares from CITIC Pacific and SPAC, the issue of Air China H Shares to Cathay, the sale of Dragonair Shares by CNAC Limited and the acquisition of new Cathay Shares by CNAC Limited are integral parts of the Transaction. Accordingly, Cathay will be required to abstain from voting in respect of any Air China H Shares held by it or on its behalf as a connected person with a material interest in the Transaction.

The acquisition of Cathay Shares by CNAC Limited (as a subsidiary of Air China) from Cathay, when aggregated with the acquisition by Air China of Cathay Shares from CITIC Pacific and SPAC, constitutes a major transaction for Air China and is subject to the approval of the shareholders of Air China.

### ***Other regulatory matters***

By reference to the audited consolidated net asset value of Dragonair as at 31 December 2005 and after taking into consideration the relevant costs of the disposal of Dragonair Shares by CNAC Limited to Cathay (assuming that the disposal of Dragonair Shares and the execution of the Restructuring Agreement, Shareholders Agreement and Operating Agreement had been completed on 31 December 2005), a gain of approximately HK\$1,245 million (equivalent to RMB1,295 million), net of the amount attributable to the relevant minority shareholders and the goodwill in relation to the Dragonair Shares held by CNAC Limited, would be credited to the consolidated profit and loss account of Air China. Since the carrying value of the attributable equity interest in Dragonair shared by Air China, its subsidiaries and joint ventures will change over time and be subject to auditors' review, and the market value of Cathay

Shares issued by Cathay as consideration of the acquisition of Dragonair Shares may change upon Completion, it is expected that the actual gain or loss arising from the disposal of Dragonair Shares by CNAC Limited and the execution of the Restructuring Agreement, Shareholders Agreement and Operating Agreement to be recorded in the consolidated profit and loss account of Air China will be different from the aforesaid amount.

As at the date of this announcement, Air China has 3,226,532,000 H shares, representing approximately 34.20% of the entire existing issued share capital comprising 9,433,210,909 shares in Air China. The additional 1,179,151,364 Air China H Shares represents approximately 36.5% and 12.5% of the existing issued Air China H Shares and existing issued share capital in Air China, respectively. Immediately following the issue of new Air China H Shares to Cathay, Air China will have 4,405,683,364 H shares, representing approximately 41.5% of the enlarged issue capital comprising 10,612,362,273 shares in Air China. The additional 1,179,151,364 of Air China H Shares represents approximately 26.8% and 11.1% of the enlarged issued Air China H Shares and enlarged issued share capital in Air China, respectively.

Air China will receive approximately HK\$4.07 billion in cash as consideration for Cathay's subscription for the additional Air China H Shares. The cash proceeds will help finance the planned expansion of Air China's fleet and other important business development initiatives.

CITIC Pacific at present holds 859,353,462 shares in Cathay, of which 286,451,154 shares were acquired at HK\$8 per share and the remaining 572,902,308 shares were acquired at HK\$11 per share. On Completion, 189,976,645 new shares will be issued by Cathay to CITIC Pacific for the acquisition of 28.50% interest in Dragonair at HK\$13.50 per share.

Air China's acquisition of Cathay Shares from CITIC Pacific and SPAC will be funded by a combination of cash from internal resources and an existing loan facility.

A circular giving further details of the Transaction, the views of the independent non-executive directors of Air China and independent financial adviser to Air China, together with a notice of the Air China EGM will be dispatched to shareholders of Air China as soon as practicable.

Details of the Transaction, to the extent they constitute connected transactions for Air China, will also be included in Air China's next annual report and accounts in accordance with Rule 14A.45 of the Listing Rules.

**(B) Cathay**

***Shareholder Approval***

As at the date of this announcement, SPAC and CITIC Pacific beneficially hold 46.30% and 25.40% of the shares in Cathay respectively. As such, they are substantial shareholders of Cathay and are connected persons of Cathay under the Listing Rules. Accordingly, the acquisition of Dragonair Shares by Cathay from SPAC and CITIC Pacific constitutes a connected transaction for Cathay for the purposes of the Listing

Rules. As the acquisition falls outside the de minimis thresholds in Rule 14A.31(2) and 14A.32 of the Listing Rules, it is subject to the approval of the independent shareholders of Cathay. Each of SPAC and CITIC Pacific will be required to abstain from voting in respect of any Cathay Shares held by them or on their behalf as a connected person with a material interest in the transaction.

The allotment and issue of new Cathay Shares by Cathay to SPAC and CITIC Pacific also constitutes a connected transaction for Cathay for the purposes of the Listing Rules and is therefore subject to the approval of the independent shareholders of Cathay. Each of SPAC and CITIC Pacific will be required to abstain from voting in respect of any Cathay Shares held by them or on their behalf as a connected person with a material interest in the transaction.

As at the date of this announcement, Cathay has an authorised share capital of 3,900,000,000 Cathay Shares, of which 3,382,784,348 Cathay Shares have been issued. The number of new Cathay Shares to be issued under the Transaction is 548,045,724. Accordingly, the Board proposes to increase the authorised share capital of Cathay from 3,900,000,000 Cathay Shares to 5,000,000,000 Cathay Shares. The proposed increase of the authorised share capital of Cathay is subject to the approval of the shareholders of Cathay by way of an ordinary resolution.

The allotment and issue of new Cathay Shares to SPAC and CITIC Pacific is subject to the approval of the shareholders of Cathay pursuant to Rule 13.36(1)(a) of the Listing Rules. Each of SPAC and CITIC Pacific will be required to abstain from voting in respect of any Cathay Shares held by them or on their behalf as a shareholder with a material interest in the above allotment and issue of new Cathay Shares.

#### ***Other regulatory matters***

Based on the aggregation of the acquisition of Dragonair Shares by Cathay from each of SPAC, CITIC Pacific, CNAC Limited and the Dragonair Minority Shareholders, each of the percentage ratios set out in Rule 14.07 of the Listing Rules is more than 5% but less than 25%. Each of such percentage ratios in relation to the subscription by Cathay for additional Air China H Shares is also more than 5% but less than 25%. As such, the acquisition of Dragonair Shares by Cathay and the subscription by Cathay for additional Air China H Shares constitute discloseable transactions for Cathay for the purposes of the Listing Rules.

Cathay will finance the acquisition of Dragonair Shares by the issue of new Cathay Shares and cash from internal resources.

The allotment and issue of new Cathay Shares to CNAC Limited and the Dragonair Minority Shareholders will be issued out of the general mandate given to the Cathay Directors at the annual general meeting of Cathay on 10 May 2006.

Cathay confirms that, to the best of the Cathay Directors' knowledge, information and belief having made all reasonable enquiry, the Dragonair Minority Shareholders, Air China and CNAC Limited and their ultimate beneficial owner(s) are third parties independent of Cathay and connected persons of Cathay.

The original cost to SPAC for its shareholding in Dragonair is HK\$183,583,736. The Dragonair Shares to be sold by CITIC Pacific to Cathay were purchased at HK\$1.22 per share and HK\$1.51 per share in 1990 and 1992 respectively.

A circular giving further details of the Transaction, the views of the independent non-executive directors of Cathay and independent financial adviser to Cathay, together with a notice of the Cathay EGM will be dispatched to shareholders of Cathay as soon as practicable.

Details of the Transaction, to the extent they constitute connected transactions for Cathay, will also be included in Cathay's next annual report and accounts in accordance with Rule 14A.45 of the Listing Rules.

**(C) CNAC Limited**

***Shareholder Approval***

As the assets and revenue ratios set out in Rule 14.07 of the Listing Rules in respect of the sale by CNAC Limited of Dragonair Shares to Cathay are more than 75%, such sale constitutes a very substantial disposal for CNAC Limited for the purposes of the Listing Rules and is therefore subject to the approval of the shareholders of CNAC Limited. As the assets, profits and revenue ratios set out in Rule 14.07 of the Listing Rules in respect of the acquisition of Cathay Shares by CNAC Limited from Cathay are more than 100%, such acquisition constitutes a very substantial acquisition for CNAC Limited for the purposes of the Listing Rules and is therefore subject to the approval of the shareholders of CNAC Limited. If Cathay is a shareholder of CNAC Limited at the relevant time, it will be required to abstain from voting in respect of any shares in CNAC Limited held by it or on its behalf as a shareholder with a material interest in the transaction. Air China, which is a party to the Restructuring Agreement, will be required to abstain from voting in respect of any shares in CNAC Limited held by it or on its behalf as a shareholder with a material interest in the transaction.

***Other regulatory matters***

By reference to the audited consolidated net asset value of Dragonair as at 31 December 2005 and after taking into consideration the relevant costs of the disposal of Dragonair Shares by CNAC Limited to Cathay (assuming that the disposal of Dragonair Shares and the execution of the Restructuring Agreement, Shareholders Agreement and Operating Agreement had been completed on 31 December 2005), a gain of approximately HK\$2,963 million would be credited to the consolidated profit and loss account of CNAC Limited. Since the carrying value of the attributable equity interest in Dragonair shared by CNAC Limited and its subsidiaries will change over time and be subject to auditors' review, and the market value of Cathay Shares issued by Cathay as consideration of the acquisition of Dragonair Shares may change upon Completion, it is expected that the actual gain or loss arising from the sale of Dragonair Shares by CNAC Limited and the execution of the Restructuring Agreement, Shareholders Agreement and Operating Agreement to be recorded in the consolidated profit and loss account of CNAC Limited will be different from the aforesaid amount.

CNAC Limited will receive 288.6 million Cathay Shares and approximately HK\$432.9



million in cash as consideration for the disposal of its 43.29% shareholding in Dragonair.

CNAC Limited's current intention is to hold these Cathay Shares as a long-term investment. With regards to the cash proceeds, CNAC Limited is currently considering appropriate uses of these funds in relation to the further development of its existing and other aviation related businesses. Should no attractive opportunities present themselves, CNAC Limited may consider distributing the excess cash to its shareholders in due course.

CNAC Limited confirms, to the best of the CNAC Limited Directors' knowledge, information and belief having made all reasonable enquiry, Cathay, CITIC Pacific and SPAC are third parties independent of CNAC Limited and not connected persons of CNAC Limited.

### **Conditional Undertaking and Request for Privatization of CNAC Limited**

On Ling Investments Limited, which beneficially owns approximately 9.75% of the issued share capital of CNAC Limited, has given a conditional irrevocable undertaking to Air China and CNAC Limited to vote in favour of the shareholder's resolution to be proposed at CNAC Limited's shareholder's meeting to approve the sale by CNAC Limited of Dragonair Shares to Cathay as described in this announcement. The conditions precedent to On Ling's undertaking are:

- (a) the publication of an announcement by or on behalf of Air China of a privatization offer in cash for all the issued shares of CNAC Limited, other than those already owned by Air China and parties acting in concert with it, on terms no less favourable than HK\$2.80 per CNAC Limited Share; and
- (b) the independent financial adviser to CNAC Limited's independent board of directors committee is of the opinion that the terms of the sale of the Dragonair Shares and the privatization referred to in paragraph (a) above from a financial perspective are fair and reasonable.

Following receipt of the conditional undertaking from On Ling Investments Limited, CNAC Limited Directors have requested Air China to privatize CNAC Limited by way of a scheme of arrangement, on the basis that the offer price will be HK\$2.80 per CNAC Limited share. Air China is currently considering the request by CNAC Limited Directors and is seeking the appropriate PRC regulatory approvals and financing to proceed with the privatization offer. Air China is currently also in the process of formulating the proposals for the privatization offer and will issue an announcement if and as soon as the proposals are finalized. As certain terms of the proposals are subject to various external factors that are outside its control, Air China is not in a position, as at the date of this announcement, to provide an estimate of the timing for any announcement of a privatization offer.

**As such, there is no certainty as to whether or not Air China will make a privatization offer for CNAC Limited. Accordingly, shareholders and potential investors in CNAC Limited should not assume that a privatization offer will be made and should instead exercise caution in dealing in CNAC Limited's shares.**

The Executive takes the view that, if a privatization offer is made by Air China pursuant to the request of CNAC Limited Directors, Air China will have to make the offer in cash at HK\$2.80 per CNAC Limited Share.

As at the date hereof, CNAC Limited has an issued share capital of HK\$331,268,000 comprising 3,312,680,000 CNAC Limited shares of HK\$0.10 each and 104,378,000 outstanding options involving 104,378,000 CNAC Limited shares of HK\$0.10 each. Save as described above, CNAC Limited has no other options, warrants or other securities issued by CNAC Limited that carry a right to subscribe for or which are convertible into CNAC Limited shares.

A circular giving further details of the Transaction, the views of the independent non-executive directors of CNAC Limited and independent financial adviser to CNAC Limited, together with a notice of the CNAC Limited EGM will be dispatched to shareholders of CNAC Limited as soon as practicable.

**(D) CITIC Pacific**

***Shareholder Approval***

As mentioned above, as at the date of this announcement, SPAC beneficially holds 46.30% of the shares in Cathay. Accordingly, Cathay is an associate of SPAC. SPAC is a substantial shareholder of a subsidiary of CITIC Pacific. Cathay is therefore a connected person of CITIC Pacific as an associate of a substantial shareholder of a subsidiary of CITIC Pacific (SPAC). As such, the sale by CITIC Pacific of Dragonair Shares to Cathay constitutes a connected transaction for CITIC Pacific for the purposes of the Listing Rules. As the sale falls outside the de minimis thresholds in Rule 14A.31(2) and 14A.32 of the Listing Rules, it is subject to the approval of the independent shareholders of Cathay.

As mentioned above, Cathay is a connected person of CITIC Pacific. Accordingly, the acquisition of new Cathay Shares by CITIC Pacific as consideration for the Dragonair Shares constitutes a connected transaction for CITIC Pacific for the purposes of the Listing Rules. As such acquisition falls outside the de minimis thresholds in Rule 14A.31(2) and 14A.32 of the Listing Rules, it is subject to the approval of the independent shareholders of CITIC Pacific.

***Other regulatory matters***

As the revenue and consideration ratios set out in Rule 14.07 of the Listing Rules in respect of the sale by CITIC Pacific of Dragonair Shares to Cathay are more than 5% but less than 25%, such sale constitutes a discloseable transaction for CITIC Pacific for the purposes of the Listing Rules.

Based on the acquisition by CITIC Pacific of new Cathay Shares representing 4.83% of Cathay's enlarged issued share capital upon completion of the Transaction (on the basis that new Cathay Shares will be issued to all Dragonair Minority Shareholders whether because they accept Cathay's offer or through compulsory acquisition), the assets, revenue and consideration ratios set out in Rule 14.07 of the Listing Rules in respect of the acquisition by CITIC Pacific of new Cathay Shares are above 5% but less than 25%. Accordingly, such acquisition constitutes a discloseable transaction for CITIC Pacific for the purposes of the Listing Rules.

Based on 359,170,636 Cathay Shares to be sold by CITIC Pacific to Air China, each of the percentage ratios set out in Rule 14.07 of the Listing Rules is more than 5% but less than 25%. As such, the sale by CITIC Pacific of Cathay Shares to Air China constitutes a discloseable transaction for CITIC Pacific for the purposes of the Listing Rules.

The transaction provides CITIC Pacific an attractive exit price for its shares in Dragonair. CITIC Pacific will sell shares in Cathay at above the prevailing market price at the date of this announcement and will retain a 17.50% stake in Cathay to share in the benefits of the combination of Cathay and Dragonair and operational cooperation with Air China as outlined above. CITIC Pacific intends to hold the shares of Cathay as a long term investment. The CITIC Pacific Directors estimate that, with reference to the projected carrying value of the investment in Cathay and Dragonair but subject to the exact completion date, an estimated profit of approximately HK\$2 billion will arise from the transaction.

The transaction allows CITIC Pacific to realise cash of approximately HK\$5 billion (excluding the special dividend intended to be distributed following completion), to be used for pursuing developments of the core businesses that CITIC Pacific actively manages to leverage off of its expertise.

A circular giving further details of the Transaction, the views of the independent non-executive directors of CITIC Pacific and independent financial adviser to CITIC Pacific, together with a notice of the CITIC Pacific EGM will be dispatched to shareholders of CITIC Pacific as soon as practicable.

Details of the Transaction, to the extent they constitute connected transactions for CITIC Pacific, will also be included in CITIC Pacific's next annual report and accounts in accordance with Rule 14A.45 of the Listing Rules.

**(E) SPAC**

This joint announcement is made, in the case of SPAC, under Rule 13.09 of the Listing Rules.

**(F) Miscellaneous**

This announcement is for information purposes only and does not constitute an invitation or offer to acquire, purchase or subscribe for any Cathay Shares.

Application to the Exchange will be made by Cathay for the listing of and permission to deal in the new Cathay Shares.

This announcement is for information purposes only and does not constitute an invitation or offer to acquire, purchase or subscribe for any Air China H Shares.

Application to the Exchange will be made by Air China for the listing of and permission to deal in the new Air China H Shares.

As at the date of this announcement, Cathay holds 1.953% of the shares in CNAC Limited. As indicated elsewhere in this announcement, it is possible that a privatization offer will be made for the shares in CNAC Limited. Under Rule 25 of the Takeovers Code, Air China as offeror under the privatization offer is precluded from making arrangements with shareholders of CNAC Limited which have favourable conditions which are not to be extended to all shareholders of CNAC Limited. Given that the subscription by Cathay for Air China H shares, the sales by SPAC and CITIC Pacific of Cathay Shares to Air China and the acquisition by Cathay of Dragonair Shares from CNAC Limited, each as contemplated by this announcement, are arrangements to which Rule 25 of the Takeovers Code may apply. Cathay has decided to cease to be a shareholder in CNAC Limited and will donate all of its shares in CNAC Limited to a number of charities independent of Cathay and SPAC. Cathay is starting to take steps to this end. Further details will be given in the document containing the privatization offer.

At the request of each of Air China, Cathay, CNAC Limited, CITIC Pacific and SPAC, trading in shares in each of them on the Exchange was suspended with effect from 9:30 a.m. (in the case of Cathay, CITIC Pacific and SPAC) and 9:31 a.m. (in the case of Air China and CNAC Limited) on 5 June 2006 pending the issue of this announcement. Application has been made by each of Air China, Cathay, CNAC Limited, CITIC Pacific and SPAC to the Exchange for the resumption of trading in each of their shares with effect from 9:30 a.m. on 9 June 2006.

All references in this announcement to number of Cathay Shares and percentage holding in Cathay Shares following the date of this announcement assume there will be no further issue of Cathay Shares pursuant to the exercise of share options granted under Cathay's share option scheme adopted on 10 March 1999 following the date of this announcement. All references in this announcement to number of shares in Air China and percentage holding in shares in Air China following the date of this announcement assume there will be no issue of A shares by Air China.

## DEFINITIONS

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

<b>Air China</b>	Air China Limited, a company incorporated in the People's Republic of China and whose H shares are listed on the Exchange as its primary listing venue and on the Official List of the UK Listing Authority as its secondary listing venue
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<b>Air China Directors</b>	the directors of Air China
<b>Air China EGM</b>	the extraordinary general meeting of Air China to be held to seek approval of shareholders of Air China referred to this announcement
<b>Air China Group</b>	Air China, its subsidiaries and joint ventures
<b>Air China H Shares</b>	H shares of RMB1.00 each in the capital of Air China
<b>Business Day</b>	a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which banks are open for business in Hong Kong
<b>Cathay</b>	Cathay Pacific Airways Limited, a company incorporated in Hong Kong and whose shares are listed on the Exchange
<b>Cathay Board</b>	the board of directors of Cathay
<b>Cathay Directors</b>	the directors of Cathay
<b>Cathay EGM</b>	the extraordinary general meeting of Cathay to be held to seek approval of shareholders of Cathay referred to this announcement
<b>Cathay Share Capital</b>	the issued share capital of Cathay from time to time
<b>Cathay Shares</b>	ordinary shares of HK\$0.20 each in the capital of Cathay
<b>CITIC Pacific</b>	CITIC Pacific Limited, a company incorporated in Hong Kong and whose shares are listed on the Exchange
<b>CITIC Pacific Directors</b>	the directors of CITIC Pacific
<b>CITIC Pacific EGM</b>	the extraordinary general meeting of CITIC Pacific to be held to seek approval of shareholders of CITIC Pacific referred to this announcement
<b>Completion</b>	completion of the offer for Dragonair Shares, sale and purchase of Cathay Shares and subscription of Air China H Shares as referred to in this announcement under the headings “Description of the Transaction – Purchase of Dragonair Shares and issue of new Cathay Shares”, “Description of the Transaction – Purchase of Cathay Shares” and “Description of the Transaction – Acquisition of additional Air China H Shares” respectively
<b>CNAC Limited</b>	China National Aviation Company Limited, a company incorporated in Hong Kong and whose shares are listed on the Exchange
<b>CNAC Limited Directors</b>	the directors of CNAC

<b>CNAC Limited EGM</b>	the extraordinary general meeting of CNAC Limited to be held to seek approval of shareholders of CNAC Limited referred to this announcement
<b>CNAHC</b>	China National Aviation Holding Company
<b>Dragonair</b>	Hong Kong Dragon Airlines Limited, a company incorporated in Hong Kong
<b>Dragonair Minority Shareholders</b>	each holder of Dragonair Shares other than SPAC, CITIC Pacific, CNAC Limited or Cathay, or any person who holds Dragonair Shares on their behalf, holding in aggregate 13,552,750 Dragonair Shares
<b>Dragonair Shares</b>	ordinary shares of HK\$1.00 each in the capital of Dragonair
<b>Exchange</b>	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
<b>Executive</b>	the Executive Director of the Corporate Finance Division of the SFC
<b>Last Trading Date</b>	2 June 2006, being the last trading date prior to the suspension of trading of Cathay, Air China, CNAC Limited, CITIC Pacific and SPAC on 5 June 2006
<b>Listing Rules</b>	The Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
<b>Operating Agreement</b>	the operating agreement dated 8 June 2006 between Air China and Cathay pursuant to which Air China and Cathay have agreed to co-operate in various operational areas
<b>Placing</b>	the sale by SPAC and CITIC Pacific of Cathay Shares in the 12-month period following Completion as referred to in this announcement under the heading "Description of the Transaction – Placing"
<b>Restructuring Agreement</b>	the restructuring agreement dated 8 June 2006 between SPAC, CITIC Pacific, CNAC Limited, Air China and Cathay in relation to the Transaction
<b>SFC</b>	Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong
<b>Shareholders</b>	SPAC, CITIC Pacific, Air China and CNAC Limited
<b>Shareholders Agreement</b>	the shareholders agreement dated 8 June 2006 between SPAC, CITIC Pacific, CNAC Limited and Air China regulating their relationship as shareholders of Cathay following implementation of the Transaction
<b>SPAC</b>	Swire Pacific Limited, a company incorporated in Hong Kong and

whose shares are listed on the Exchange

**Takeovers Code** The Hong Kong Code on Takeovers and Mergers

**Transaction** the restructuring of the shareholdings in Dragonair and Cathay and the acquisition by Cathay of additional Air China H Shares, in each case in accordance with the terms of the Restructuring Agreement, but does not include the Placing

#### Directors

As at the date of this announcement, the directors of Air China are:

Non-Executive Directors: Li Jiaxiang (Chairman), Kong Dong, Wang Shixiang, Yao Weiting;

Executive Directors: Ma Xulun, Cai Jianjiang, Fan Cheng;

and

Independent Non-Executive Directors: Hu Hung Lick, Henry, Wu Zhipan and Zhang Ke.

As at the date of this announcement, the directors of Cathay are:

Executive Directors: Christopher Pratt (Chairman), Robert Atkinson, Philip Chen, Derek Cridland and Tony Tyler;

Non-Executive Directors: Martin Cubbon, Henry Fan, James Hughes-Hallett, Davy Ho, Vernon Moore, Carl Yung and Zhang Xianlin; and

Independent Non-Executive Directors: Peter Lee, Raymond Or, Jack So and Tung Chee Chen.

As at the date of this announcement, the directors of CNAC Limited are:

Executive Directors: Kong Dong (Chairman), Chuang Shih Ping, Zhang Xianlin, Zhao Xiaohang, Tsang Hing Kwong, Thomas and Gu Tiefei; and

Independent Non-Executive Directors: Lok Kung Nam, Hu Hung Lick, Henry, Ho Tsu Kwok, Charles, Li Kwok Heem, John and Chan Ching Har, Eliza.

As at the date of this announcement, the directors of CITIC Pacific are:

Executive Directors: Larry Yung Chi Kin (Chairman), Henry Fan Hung Ling, Peter Lee Chung Hing, Norman Yuen Kee Tong, Vernon Francis Moore, Li Shilin, Carl Yung Ming Jie, Liu Jifu, Leslie Chang Li Hsien, Chau Chi Yin, Milton Law Ming To and Wang Ande;

Non-Executive Directors: Willie Chang, André Desmarais and Peter Kruyt (alternate director to André Desmarais);

Independent Non-Executive Directors: Hamilton Ho Hau Hay, Alexander Reid Hamilton, Hansen Loh Chung Hon and Norman Ho Hau Chong.

As at the date of this announcement, the directors of SPAC are:

Executive Directors: Christopher Pratt (Chairman), Philip Chen, Martin Cubbon, Davy Ho; Keith Kerr and John Slosar;

Non-Executive Directors: Baroness Dunn, James Hughes-Hallett, Peter Johansen and Sir Adrian Swire; and

Independent Non-Executive Directors: Clement Kwok, Chien Lee, Marjorie Yang, Michael Sze and Vincent Cheng.

By order of the Board of  
**Air China Limited**  
 Zheng Baoan Li Man Kit  
 Joint Company Secretaries  
 Beijing, 8 June 2006

By order of the Board of  
**Cathay Pacific Airways Limited**  
 David Fu  
 Company Secretary  
 Hong Kong, 8 June 2006

By order of the Board of  
**China National Aviation Company Limited**  
 Li Man Kit  
 Company Secretary  
 Hong Kong, 8 June 2006

By order of the Board of  
**CITIC Pacific Limited**  
 Alice Tso Mun Wai  
 Company Secretary  
 Hong Kong, 8 June 2006

By order of the Board of  
**Swire Pacific Limited**  
 David Fu  
 Company Secretary  
 Hong Kong, 8 June 2006

In accordance with Rule 3.8 of the Takeovers Code, reproduced below is the full text of Note 11 to Rule 22 of the Takeovers Code:

*“Responsibilities of stockbrokers, banks and other intermediaries*

*Stockbrokers, banks and others who deal in relevant securities on behalf of clients have a general duty to ensure, so far as they are able, that those client are aware of the disclosure obligations attaching to associates and other persons under Rule 22 and that those clients are willing to comply with them. Principal traders and dealers who deal directly with investors should, in appropriate cases, likewise draw attention to the relevant Rules. However, this does not apply when the total value of dealings (excluding stamp duty and commission) in any relevant security undertaken for a client during any 7 day period is less than \$1 million.*

*This dispensation does not alter the obligations of principals, associates and other persons themselves to initiate disclosure of their own dealings, whatever the total value is involved.*

*Intermediaries are expected to co-operate with the Executive in its dealings enquires. Therefore, those who deal in relevant securities should appreciate that stockbrokers and other intermediaries will supply the Executive with relevant information as to those dealings, including identities of clients, as part of that co-operation.”*

*The directors of Air China jointly and severally accept full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in this announcement (other than that relating to Cathay, SPAC, CITIC Pacific and CNAC Limited) and confirm, having made all reasonable enquires, that to the best of their knowledge, opinions expressed in this announcement (other than those of Cathay, SPAC, CITIC Pacific and CNAC Limited) have been arrived at after due and careful consideration and there are no other facts (other than those relating to Cathay, SPAC, CITIC Pacific and CNAC Limited) not contained in this announcement, the omission of which would make any statements in this announcement misleading.*

*The directors of Cathay jointly and severally accept full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in this announcement (other than that relating to Air China, SPAC, CITIC*



*Pacific and CNAC Limited) and confirm, having made all reasonable enquires, that to the best of their knowledge, opinions expressed in this announcement (other than those of Air China, SPAC, CITIC Pacific and CNAC Limited) have been arrived at after due and careful consideration and there are no other facts (other than those relating to Air China, SPAC, CITIC Pacific and CNAC Limited) not contained in this announcement, the omission of which would make any statements in this announcement misleading.*

*The directors of SPAC jointly and severally accept full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in this announcement (other than that relating to Cathay, Air China, CITIC Pacific and CNAC Limited) and confirm, having made all reasonable enquires, that to the best of their knowledge, opinions expressed in this announcement (other than those of Cathay, Air China, CITIC Pacific and CNAC Limited) have been arrived at after due and careful consideration and there are no other facts (other than those relating to Cathay, Air China, CITIC Pacific and CNAC Limited) not contained in this announcement, the omission of which would make any statements in this announcement misleading.*

*The directors of CITIC Pacific jointly and severally accept full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in this announcement (other than that relating to Cathay, SPAC, Air China and CNAC Limited) and confirm, having made all reasonable enquires, that to the best of their knowledge, opinions expressed in this announcement (other than those of Cathay, SPAC, Air China and CNAC Limited) have been arrived at after due and careful consideration and there are no other facts (other than those relating to Cathay, SPAC, Air China and CNAC Limited) not contained in this announcement, the omission of which would make any statements in this announcement misleading.*

*Other than Mr. Li Kwok Heem, John and Ms. Chan Ching Har, Eliza who are not contactable, the directors of CNAC Limited jointly and severally accept full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in this announcement (other than that relating to Cathay, SPAC, CITIC Pacific and Air China) and confirm, having made all reasonable enquires, that to the best of their knowledge, opinions expressed in this announcement (other than those of Cathay, SPAC, CITIC Pacific and Air China) have been arrived at after due and careful consideration and there are no other facts (other than those relating to Cathay, SPAC, CITIC Pacific and Air China) not contained in this announcement, the omission of which would make any statements in this announcement misleading.*

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