

Standard
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Standard Chartered PLC
(渣打集團有限公司)
(the “Company”)

(Registered in England and Wales number 966425)

RETIREMENT OF DIRECTOR

**Standard Chartered PLC
announces retirement of Mr David Moir and Sir Ralph Robins
as Non-executive Directors**

The Board of Directors of Standard Chartered PLC announced today the retirement of two Non-Executive Directors, Mr David Moir and Sir Ralph Robins from the Board with effect from the Annual General Meeting on 11 May 2004.

Mr Moir has agreed to remain Chairman and Director of Standard Chartered Nakornthon Bank in Thailand and Deputy Chairman and Director of Standard Chartered Bank Malaysia Berhad. The Board appreciates the significant contribution made by Mr Moir to the Standard Chartered Group throughout 46 years of distinguished service, culminating in over 11 years on the Board.

The Board is grateful to Sir Ralph for the significant and valuable guidance and support he has given during his 15 years on the Board and Board Committees. The Board wish Sir Ralph a long and contented retirement.

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This announcement is made pursuant to paragraph 2.2 of the Listing Agreement.

By Order of the Board
David J. Brimacombe
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 9th February, 2004

Please also refer to the published version of this announcement in South China Morning Post dated 10 February 2004.