



STANDARD CHARTERED PLC

(渣打集團有限公司)

(Registered in England and Wales number 966425)

(Stock Code : 2888)

(the “Company”)

Directorate Change

Standard Chartered PLC announces the retirement of Mr Hugh Edward Norton from the Board with effect from 31 December 2006.

Hugh Edward Norton

The Board of Directors of Standard Chartered PLC announced today that Hugh Norton will retire from the Board with effect from 31 December 2006. He has been a Non-Executive Director since 1995.

Bryan Sanderson, Chairman of Standard Chartered PLC, said: “Hugh has been on the Board since 1995. He has made a significant contribution to the governance, strategy and strength of the Company as it stands today and we will miss his challenge, his counsel and his insights.”

Mr Norton is currently Chairman of the Board Remuneration Committee and Senior Independent Director. Ruth Markland will succeed Mr Norton as Chairman of the Board Remuneration Committee at the end of the Company’s Annual General Meeting on 4 May 2006 and Rudy Markham will become Senior Independent Director with effect from 1 January 2007.

Mr Norton has confirmed that there is nothing which needs to be brought to the attention of the holders of securities of Standard Chartered PLC in respect of his retirement.

By Order of the Board
Charles Bennett Brown
Group Company Secretary

4 May 2006

As of the date hereof, the Board of Directors of the Company comprises:

Executive Directors – Mr Bryan Kaye Sanderson, CBE; Mr Evan Mervyn Davies, CBE; Mr Michael Bernard DeNoma; Mr Richard Henry Meddings; Mr Kaikhushru Shiavax Nargolwala; Mr Peter Alexander Sands; and

Independent Non-Executive Directors – Sir CK Chow; Mr James Frederick Trevor Dundas; Ms Valerie Frances Gooding, CBE; Mr Rudolph Harold Peter Markham; Ms Ruth Markland; Mr Hugh Edward Norton; Mr Paul David Skinner; and Mr Oliver Henry James Stocken

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