DBS Group Holdings Ltd & its Subsidiary Companies

Statement by the Directors

We, S Dhanabalan and Jackson Tai, being two of the Directors of DBS Group Holdings Ltd, state that, in the opinion of the Directors, the profit and loss account, balance sheet, the statement of changes in shareholders' equity and the cash flow statement and, together with the notes thereon as set out on pages 76 to 142, are drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of DBSH and of DBSH Group, consisting of DBSH and its subsidiary companies, at December 31, 2004, the results, changes in equity and cash flows of DBSH Group for the financial year ended on that date and there are reasonable grounds to believe that DBSH and DBSH Group will be able to pay their debts as and when they fall due.

On behalf of the Directors

S DHANABALAN

JACKSON TAI

February 18, 2005 Singapore