

新創建宣佈 Merryhill Group Limited 正式成立

(2004年3月9日——香港)新創建集團有限公司(「新創建集團」或「集團」;股票編號:0659)今天宣佈有關成立 Merryhill Group Limited (「Merryhill Group」)的交易已全部完成,將為新創建集團的財政狀況帶來正面效應,令其負債淨額減少約港幣14億元,而負債比率亦可大幅下降。

該新成立的多元化交通服務公司由新創建集團及周大福企業有限公司各自持有50%股權。新公司透過建立最佳的組織架構、整合管理資源以及統一採購設施及燃油,不單能節省開支,改善營運效率,提高盈利能力,更將對新創建集團日後的營運表現有正面貢獻。

新創建集團主席鄭家純博士表示:「Merryhill Group 的成立不但幫助集團加快減債步伐,更締造了一股強勁的收入增長動力。新公司管理精英雲集,又擁有在大中華地區營運各種交通業務的優良往績,有利其掌握更多業務拓展機會,特別是在開發內地市場方面。透過新世界第一巴士服務(中國)有限公司於本年初在昆明經營巴士服務,公司已經成功立足內地市場。」

Merryhill Group 全資擁有新世界第一巴士服務有限公司、城巴有限公司、新世界第一巴士服務(中國)有限公司、新世界第一渡輪服務有限公司、新世界第一渡輪服務(澳門)有限公司及新世界第一旅遊有限公司,此外亦擁有冠忠巴士集團有限公司29.98%權益及其他交通業務相關的投資項目。

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此新聞資料可於新創建集團有限公司網頁 www.nwsh.com.hk 下載。

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新創建集團有限公司（「新創建集團」；股票編號：0659）乃新世界發展有限公司（股票編號：0017）之服務業旗艦公司，業務遍及香港、澳門及中國內地，公司業務主要由三大部門構成，計有：**服務業**，包括設施管理（*富城物業管理、大眾安全警衛和香港會議展覽中心之營運管理*）、建築機電（*協興建築和新創機電*）、交通運輸（*新世界第一巴士、城巴和世界第一渡輪*）、金融保險及環境工程；**基建**的投資項目則涵蓋道路及橋樑、能源和水務及廢物處理三大範疇；以及**港口**，包括貨櫃裝卸和物流及倉儲服務。

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NWS Holdings Completes Formal Establishment of Merryhill Group Limited

(9 March 2004, Hong Kong) NWS Holdings Limited (“NWS Holdings” or “the Group”; 0659.HK) today announced the completion of the establishment of Merryhill Group Limited (“Merryhill Group”), a comprehensive transport services provider equally controlled by the Group and Chow Tai Fook Enterprises Limited. The completion of the deal will have positive impact on NWS Holdings’ financial position through a reduction of its net debt by approximately HK\$1.4 billion and the gearing ratio will decrease significantly.

As a 50% associate of NWS Holdings, Merryhill Group will also contribute positively to the Group’s operational performance as a result of greater cost saving, improved operational efficiency and higher profitability attributable to better organizational structure, realigned management resources and bulk purchasing of equipment and petroleum.

Commenting on the completion of the deal, Dr Henry Cheng Kar Shun, Chairman of NWS Holdings, said, “The formation of Merryhill Group has not only fulfilled the Group’s commitment to reduce debt, but has also created a strong engine for revenue growth. Armed with extensive management expertise and a solid track record in various transport operations in Greater China, Merryhill Group is in a favourable position to explore more growth opportunities, especially in Mainland China. The company has already established a foothold there through New World First Bus Services (China) Limited which has been operating bus services in Kunming since the beginning of 2004.”

Merryhill Group owns 100% of New World First Bus Services Limited, Citybus Limited, New World First Bus Services (China) Limited, New World First Ferry Services Limited, New World First Ferry Services (Macau) Limited and New World First Travel Services Limited. The new entity also has a 29.98% stake in Kwoon Chung Bus Holdings Limited and interests in other transport-related investments.

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This press release will be posted to the Group’s website (www.nwsh.com.hk).

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NWS Holdings Limited

NWS Holdings Limited (“NWS Holdings”, Stock code: 0659.HK), the flagship servicing company of New World Development Company Limited (Stock code: 0017.HK), embraces a diversified range of businesses in Hong Kong, Macau and Mainland China. These businesses can be broadly grouped under three main divisions: Service, Infrastructure and Ports. Its **Service** division comprises Facilities (*Urban Property, General Security* and the management of *Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre*), Contracting (*Hip Hing Construction* and *NWS Engineering*), Transport (*New World First Bus, Citybus* and *New World First Ferry*), Financial and Environmental. The **Infrastructure** portfolio includes roads and bridges, energy and water treatment and waste management projects. For **Ports**, NWS Holdings is principally engaged in container handling and logistics and warehousing.

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