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In connection with the Global Offering, the Global Coordinator, on behalf of the Underwriters, may over-allocate or effect any other transactions with a view to stabilising or maintaining the market price of the Shares at a level higher than that which might otherwise prevail in the open market for a limited period after the last day for the lodging of applications under the Public Offering. Any market purchases of Shares will be effected in compliance with all applicable laws and regulatory requirements, including the Securities and Futures (Price Stabilising) Rules made under the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong). However there is no obligation on the Global Coordinator to conduct any such stabilising activity, which if commenced, will be done at the absolute discretion of the Global Coordinator and may be discontinued at any time. Any such stabilising activity is required to be brought to an end after a limited period.

Unless otherwise defined in this announcement, terms defined in the prospectus of the Company dated 25 March 2004 (the "Prospectus") have the same meanings when used in this announcement.



## Solomon Systech (International) Limited

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

## **GLOBAL OFFERING**

Number of Offer Shares under the Global : 603,582,000 Shares (subject to the Over-

Offering allotment Option)

Number of Public Offering Shares : 66,396,000 Shares (subject to adjustment)

Offer Price: not more than HK\$2.05 per Offer Share, plus

1% brokerage,

the SFC transaction levyof 0.005%, the

investor compensation

levy of 0.002% and the Stock Exchange

trading fee of 0.005%, subject to refund

Nominal Value : HK\$0.10 per Share

Stock Code: 2878

Global Coordinator, Sponsor and Sole Bookrunner



Application has been made to the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange for the listing of, and permission to deal in, the shares ("Shares") of the Company in issue and to be issued as described in the Prospectus (including the additional Shares to be issued pursuant to the exercise of the Over-allotment Option) and any Shares to be issued pursuant to the exercise of options which were conditionally granted under the Pre-IPO Share Option Scheme and which may be granted under the Share Option Scheme. Dealings in the Shares are expected to commence on 8 April 2004 (the "Listing Date"). Applications for the Public Offering Shares will only be considered on the basis of the Prospectus and the prescribed PINK, WHITE or YELLOW Application Forms in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Prospectus. It should be noted that multiple applications or suspected multiple applications or any application for more than 27,162,000 Public Offering Shares, being 50% of the balance of the Public Offering Shares after deducting the 12,070,000 Public Offering Shares initially made available for subscription by eligible employees using PINK Application Forms, will be rejected. Only one application on a WHITE or YELLOW application form or by giving electronic application instructions to HKSCC, together with any one application on a PINK application form for eligible persons, may be made for the benefit of any person. Applicants are required to undertake and confirm that they or the relevant beneficial owner(s) have not indicated and will not indicate an interest for any Shares under the International Placing. Subject to the granting of the listing of, and permission to deal in, the Shares on the Stock Exchange as well as compliance with the stock admission requirements of HKSCC, the Shares will be accepted as eligible securities by HKSCC for deposit, clearance and settlement in the Central Clearing and Settlement System ("CCASS") with effect from the commencement date of dealings in the Shares on the Stock Exchange or such other date as determined by HKSCC. All activities under CCASS are subject to the General Rules of CCASS and CCASS Operational Procedures in effect from time to time.

The Global Offering comprises (i) the Public Offering of initially 66,396,000 Shares to the public in Hong Kong and (ii) the International Placing of initially 537,186,000 Shares with professional and institutional investors and other investors anticipated to have a sizeable demand for the International Placing Shares in Hong Kong and other jurisdictions outside the United States in offshore transactions in reliance on Regulation S under the US Securities Act (as amended from time to time) and in the United States with qualified institutional buyers in reliance on Rule 144A under the US Securities Act (as amended from time to time). The Company has granted to the International Underwriters the Over-Allotment Option which is exercisable by JPMorgan, on behalf of the International Underwriters, up to 30 days after the Listing Date, to require the Company to allot and issue an aggregate of up to 90,536,000 additional new Shares to cover over-allocations in the International Placing (if any).

The Global Offering is conditional on the conditions as stated in the paragraph headed "Conditions of the Public Offering" in the section headed "Structure and Conditions of the Global Offering" in the Prospectus. The Offer Price is expected to be fixed by agreement between JPMorgan, on behalf of the Underwriters, and the Company on or around 31 March 2004 and, in any event, not later than 6 April 2004. JPMorgan, on behalf of the Underwriters, may with the consent of the Company, reduce the indicative Offer Price range below that stated in the Prospectus (which is HK\$1.60 to HK\$2.05 per Share) at any time on or prior to the morning of the last day for lodging applications under the Public Offering. In such a

case, notices of the reduction in the indicative Offer Price range will be published in the South China Morning Post (in English) and the Hong Kong Economic Times (in Chinese) as soon as practicable following the decision to make such reduction, and in any event, not later than the morning of the day which is the last day for lodging applications under the Public Offering. If applications pursuant to the Public Offering have been submitted prior to the day which is the last day for lodging applications under the Public Offering, then even if the Offer Price range is so reduced, such applications cannot be subsequently withdrawn. If, for any reason, the Offer Price is not agreed between the Company and JPMorgan, on behalf of the Underwriters, the Global Offering will not proceed.

If the Global Offering does not become unconditional on or before the dates and times specified in the Prospectus, all application monies together with the related brokerage, Stock Exchange trading fee, investor compensation levy and SFC transaction levy received from applicants under the Public Offering will be refunded, without interest, on the terms set out under the section headed "How to Apply for Public Offering Shares" in the Prospectus and on the terms set out under the paragraph headed "Refund of application monies" on the Application Forms. Refund of monies will also be made in respect of wholly or partially successful applications in the event that the Offer Price is less than the initial price per Public Offering Share actually paid and in respect of wholly or partially unsuccessful applications.

Applicants under YELLOW or WHITE application forms for 1,000,000 Public Offering Shares or more and who have elected on their Application Forms that they will collect (where relevant) their refund cheques and/or (where relevant) Share certificates personally and have provided all information required by the Application Forms may collect refund cheques (where applicable) and/or Share certificates (where applicable) personally from Tricor Investor Services Limited at Ground Floor, BEA Harbour View Centre, 56 Gloucester Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on 7 April 2004 or on any other date notified by the Company in the newspapers as at the date of despatch of Share certificates/refund cheques. Applicants being individuals who opt for personal collection must not authorise any other person to make collection on their behalf. You must show identification documents to collect your (where relevant) refund cheque(s) and/or (where relevant) Share certificate(s). Applicants being corporations who opt for personal collection must attend by their authorised representatives each bearing a letter of authorisation from their corporation stamped with the corporation's chop. Both individuals and authorised representatives (if applicable) must produce at the time of collection evidence of identity acceptable to Tricor Investor Services Limited. Uncollected Share certificates and/or refund cheques will be despatched promptly thereafter by ordinary post at the applicants' own risk to the addresses specified in the relevant Application Forms.

In relation to applicants under **YELLOW** or **WHITE** application forms for less than 1,000,000 Public Offering Shares, or applicants under **YELLOW** or **WHITE** application forms for 1,000,000 or more Public Offering Shares who have not elected on their Application Forms that they will collect their (where relevant) refund cheque(s) and/or (where relevant) Share certificate(s), their refund cheque(s) and/or Share certificate(s) will be sent by ordinary post at the applicants' own risk to the addresses specified in the relevant Application Forms on or before 7 April 2004.

Share certificates for wholly or partially successful applications made on YELLOW application forms or by giving electronic application instructions to HKSCC will be issued in the name of HKSCC Nominees Limited and deposited into CCASS for credit to your CCASS Investor Participant stock account or your designated CCASS Participant's stock account (as instructed by you) at the close of business on 7 April 2004 (or in the event of a contingency, any other date as shall be determined by HKSCC or HKSCC Nominees Limited). You should check the number of Public Offering Shares allotted to you with your designated CCASS Participant, if you are applying through a designated CCASS Participant, or via the CCASS Phone System and the CCASS Internet System if you are applying as a CCASS Investor Participant. For CCASS Investor Participants, HKSCC will also make available to you an activity statement showing the number of Public Offering Shares credited to your CCASS Investor Participant stock account. Applicants who applied by giving electronic application instructions to HKSCC can also refer to the section headed "How to apply for Public Offering Shares — Applying by giving electronic application instructions to HKSCC" in the Prospectus for further details.

Share certificates will only become valid certificates of title provided that the Public Offering has become unconditional and has not been terminated in accordance with its terms, which is expected to be at around 8:00 a.m. on 8 April 2004.

Applicants who would like to be allotted Public Offering Shares in their own names should complete and sign the WHITE Application Forms. Applicants who would like to have the allotted Public Offering Shares issued in the name of HKSCC Nominees Limited and deposited directly into CCASS for credit to their CCASS Investor Participant stock accounts or the stock accounts of their designated CCASS Participant should (i) complete and sign the YELLOW Application Forms, copies of which, together with the Prospectus, may be obtained during normal business hours from 9:00 a.m. on 25 March 2004 until 12:00 noon on 30 March 2004 at the Depository Counter of HKSCC at 2nd Floor, Vicwood Plaza, 199 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong or the Customer Service Centre of HKSCC at Upper Ground Floor, V-Heun Building, 128-140 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong or (ii) give electronic application instructions to HKSCC via CCASS.

Copies of the Prospectus, together with the WHITE Application Forms, may be obtained during business hours in the same period from:

- 1. J.P. Morgan Securities (Asia Pacific) Limited, 25th Floor, Chater House, 8 Connaught Road, Central, Hong Kong;
- 2. BNP Paribas Peregrine Capital Limited, 36th Floor, Asia Pacific Finance Tower, 3 Garden Road, Central, Hong Kong;
- 3. CLSA Limited, 18th Floor, One Pacific Place, 80 Queensway, Hong Kong;
- 4. BOCI Asia Limited, 35th Floor, Bank of China Tower, 1 Garden Road, Hong Kong;
- 5. Celestial Capital Limited, 21st Floor, Low Block, Grand Millennium Plaza, 181 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong;

- 6. DBS Asia Capital Limited, 16th Floor, Man Yee Building, 68 Des Voeux Road, Hong Kong;
- 7. First Shanghai Securities Limited, 19th Floor, Wing On House, 71 Des Voeux Road, Hong Kong;
- 8. Grand Cathay Securities (Hong Kong) Limited, Suite 1120, Pacific Place 2, 88 Queensway, Admiralty, Hong Kong;
- 9. Kingsway Financial Services Limited, 5th Floor, Hutchison House, 10 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong;
- 10. Tai Fook Securities Company Limited, 25th Floor, New World Tower, 18 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong; and
- 11. any of the following branches of the Standard Chartered Bank:

Hong Kong Island	Central Branch	Shop no. 16, G/F & LG/F, New World Tower, 16-18
	Des Voeux Road Branch	Queen's Road Central Standard Chartered Bank
	88 Des Voeux Road	Bldg, 4-4A Des Voeux Road Central 88 Des Voeux Road Central
	Branch Leighton Centre Branch	Shop 12-16, Upper Ground Floor, Leighton Centre, 77
	Taikoo Place Branch	Leighton Road G/F, 969 King's Road,
	Hennessy Road Branch	Quarry Bay 399 Hennessy Road,
	Aberdeen Branch	Wanchai Shop 4A, G/F, Aberdeen
Kowloon	Mongkok Bank Centre	Centre, Aberdeen Bank Centre, 630-636
	Branch Tsim Sha Tsui Branch	Nathan Road, Mongkok 10 Granville Road,
	Kwun Tong Branch	Tsimshatsui 88-90 Fu Yan Street, Kwun
	Cheung Sha Wan Branch	Tong 828 Cheung Sha Wan Road,
	Oterprise Square Branch	Cheung Sha Wan Shop no. 3, G/F and Shop no. 1, 1/F Oterprise Square,
		26 Nathan Road,
	Mei Foo Stage I Branch	Tsimshatsui G/F, 1C Broadway, Mei Foo Sun Chuen Stage I, Lai Chi
	Yaumati Branch	Kok 546-550 Nathan Road, Yaumatei

San Po Kong Branch 10-20 Ning Yuen Street, San

Po Kong

**Kowloon Bay Branch** Shop No 1, G/F., Chevalier

Commercial Centre, No. 8 Wang Hoi Road, Kowloon

Bay

New Territories Tsuen Wan Branch Basement 1/F, Emperor

Plaza, 263 Sha Tsui Road,

Tsuen Wan

Yuen Long Branch 140, Yuen Long Main Road,

Yuen Long

Tai Po Branch 23 & 25 Kwong Fuk Road,

Tai Po Market, Tai Po

**Shatin Centre Branch** Shop 32C, Level 3, Shatin

Shopping Arcade, Shatin Centre, 2-16 Wang Pok

Street, Shatin

Both WHITE and YELLOW Application Forms completed in all respects (to which cheques or banker's cashier orders should be securely stapled) should be deposited in the special collection boxes provided at the branches of the Standard Chartered Bank referred to above at the following times on the following dates:

Thursday, 25 March 2004 — 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Friday, 26 March 2004 — 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday 27 March 2004 — 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon Monday, 29 March 2004 — 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, 30 March 2004 — 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

## Application by giving electronic application instructions to HKSCC

Investors can apply for Public Offering Shares by giving **electronic application instructions** to HKSCC as follows:

- 1. CCASS Investor Participants can give **electronic application instructions** to HKSCC through the CCASS Phone System by calling 2979 7888 or through the CCASS Internet System at https://ip.ccass.com (using the procedures contained in HKSCC's "An Operating Guide for Investor Participants" in effect from time to time). HKSCC can also input **electronic application instructions** for them if they go to HKSCC's Customer Service Centre at Upper Ground Floor, V-Heun Building, 128-140 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong and complete an input request form. Prospectuses are available for collection from the above address.
- 2. those who are not CCASS Investor Participants can instruct their brokers or custodians who are CCASS Broker Participants or a CCASS Custodian Participants to give electronic application instructions via CCASS terminals to apply for Public Offering Shares on their behalf.

CCASS Participants can input **electronic application instructions** at the following times on the following dates:

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Thursday, 25 March 2004 — 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.<sup>(1)</sup>
Friday, 26 March 2004 — 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.<sup>(1)</sup>
Saturday, 27 March 2004 — 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.<sup>(1)</sup>
Monday, 29 March 2004 — 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.<sup>(1)</sup>
Tuesday, 30 March 2004 — 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
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(1) These times are subject to change as HKSCC may determine from time to time with prior notification to CCASS Participants.

Subject to the terms and conditions set out in the Prospectus and the Application Forms relating thereto, applications must be received no later than 12:00 noon on 30 March 2004 (or if the application lists are not open on that day, then by 12:00 noon on the next day the lists are open). Please see the section headed "How to apply for Public Offering Shares" in the Prospectus for further details.

For allocation purposes only, the Public Offering Shares (after taking into account any adjustment in the number of Offer Shares allocated between the Public Offering and the International Placing and after deducting the number of Public Offering Shares validly applied for under the employee preferential offer using PINK Application Forms) will be divided equally into two pools: Pool A and Pool B, both of which are available on an equitable basis to successful applicants. The Public Offering Shares in pool A will be allocated on an equitable basis to applicants who have applied for Offer Shares with a total subscription amount of HK\$5 million or below (excluding the brokerage, SFC transaction levy, investor compensation levy and Hong Kong Stock Exchange trading fee payable). The Public Offering Shares in pool B will be allocated on an equitable basis to applicants who have applied for Public Offering Shares with a total subscription amount of HK\$5 million or over (excluding the brokerage, SFC transaction levy, investor compensation levy and Hong Kong Stock Exchange trading fee payable). Applicants should be aware that applications in different pools may receive different allocation ratios. Where one but not both of the pools is undersubscribed, the surplus Offer Shares will be transferred to the other pool to satisfy demand in that pool and be allocated accordingly. Applicants can only receive an allocation of Public Offering Shares from either pool A or pool B but not from both pools.

It is expected that the level of indication of interest in the International Placing, the Offer Price, the results of applications and basis of allotment of Public Offering Shares under the Public Offering will be published on or before 7 April 2004 in the South China Morning Post (in English) and the Hong Kong Economic Times (in Chinese).

By order of the Board Leung Kwong Wai Managing Director

Hong Kong, 25 March 2004

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