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## SOHO CHINA LIMITED

## SOHO 中國有限公司

(incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability) (Stock Code: 410)

## **CLARIFICATION ANNOUNCEMENT**

Reference is made to the announcement of SOHO China Limited ("Company") dated 18 August 2009 in relation to the proposed acquisition of the property title to the entire building of The Exchange ("Discloseable Transaction Announcement"). Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalized terms used in this announcement shall have the same meaning as those defined in the Discloseable Transaction Announcement.

The Board has noted that recently there are misleading press reports relating to "Evasion of RMB600 million Tax in the Acquisition of The Exchange by Pan Shi Yi" appearing in the PRC media.

The Board hereby states that, based on its financial and tax investigations conducted during the acquisition of The Exchange, the Company is reasonably satisfied that the HK Project Companies had paid related taxes and fees in acquiring the property title. Further, according to the legal due diligence conducted by our PRC counsels, the Company is satisfied that the HK Project Companies had acquired lawful and valid title to the entire building of The Exchange.

The Board reiterates that this transaction is for the acquisition of the property title of The Exchange. All previous transfers by the project developers of the project development right and the resulting changes in the project development right and payment of related taxes shall bear no relation to the Company's acquisition.

The Board would like to inform the public that the Company and all its subsidiaries have complied stringently with the PRC tax laws since inception. We have been classified by the tax authority as A level tax-paying enterprise. Since 2003, the Company maintained its position as one of the top 10 tax paying real estate developer as recognized by the State Administration of Taxation and has received commendation from the State Administration of Taxation and the Beijing tax authority. The press reports referred to in this announcement are inaccurate and misleading and the Company reserves the right to take any legal actions in respect of such misleading press reports.

By order of the Board SOHO China Limited Pan Shiyi Chairman

## Beijing, the People's Republic of China, 21 August 2009

As at the date of this announcement, the executive directors of the Company are Mr. Pan Shiyi, Mrs. Pan Zhang Xin Marita, Ms. Yan Yan, Mr. Su Xin and Mr. Wang Shaojian, Sean; and the independent non-executive directors of the Company are Dr. Ramin Khadem, Mr. Cha Mou Zing, Victor and Mr. Yi Xiqun.