



iREGENT GROUP LIMITED

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

ANNOUNCEMENT

DELAY IN PUBLICATION OF THE FINAL RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2001 AND DESPATCH OF ANNUAL REPORT

As at 31 March 2001 the Company holds an investment in KoreaOnline Limited comprising 40% of the issued share capital of that company. Within the unaudited consolidated balance sheet of the Group, this investment is carried at a value equivalent to 73% of the total shareholders' funds.

The directors of KOL have notified the directors of the Company that the audited financial statements of KOL for the year ended 31 March 2001 are not yet completed. Therefore, these are not available to support the value at which the investment by the Company in KOL is stated in the consolidated balance sheet of the Group as at 31 March 2001. In these circumstances, the directors of the Company do not consider that it is appropriate to finalise the 2001 Annual Report. As a result, the Company is unable to announce the audited 2001 Final Results and despatch the 2001 Annual Report prior to the date required under the Listing Agreement, being 31 July 2001.

The auditors of KOL have indicated that they presently anticipate being in a position to finalise their audit report by 22 August 2001. Accordingly, and subject to adherence to this date, it is anticipated that the audited 2001 Final Results of the Group will be announced not later than **31 August 2001** and the 2001 Annual Report will be despatched to shareholders by **5 September 2001**.

The delay in the publication by the Company of its audited 2001 Final Results and despatch of the 2001 Annual Report constitutes a breach of paragraphs 8(1) and 11(1) of the Listing Agreement and the Stock Exchange reserves the right to take appropriate actions against the Company or its directors.

The Company will make a separate announcement containing results of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2001 based on its unaudited financial statements, which is expected to be by 22 August 2001 upon finalisation by the auditors of KOL of their audit report or on an earlier date as the directors of the Company consider appropriate.

In the meantime, shareholders and public investors are urged to exercise caution in dealing in the securities of the Company.

The directors of KoreaOnline Limited ("KOL") have notified the directors of iRegent Group Limited (the "Company" and collectively with its subsidiaries the "Group") that the audited financial statements of KOL for the year ended 31 March 2001 are not yet completed. Therefore, these are not available to support the value at which the investment by the Company in KOL is stated in the consolidated balance sheet of the Group as at 31 March 2001. In these circumstances, the directors of the Company do not consider it appropriate to finalise the Company's annual report for the year ended 31 March 2001 (the "2001 Annual Report") comprising the results of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2001 ("2001 Final Results"), due to the materiality of the investment in KOL which represents 73% of the total shareholders' funds based on unaudited information. As a result, the Company is unable to announce the audited 2001 Final Results and despatch the 2001 Annual Report on or prior to 31 July 2001 in compliance of paragraph 11(1) of Appendix 7b of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities (the "Listing Agreement") on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange").

The auditors of KOL have indicated that they presently anticipate being in a position to finalise their audit report by 22 August 2001. Accordingly, and subject to adherence to this date, it is anticipated that the audited 2001 Final Results of the Group will be announced not later than 31 August 2001 and the 2001 Annual Report will be despatched to shareholders by 5 September 2001.

The delay in the publication by the Company of its audited 2001 Final Results and despatch of the 2001 Annual Report constitutes a breach of paragraphs 8(1) and 11(1) of the Listing Agreement and the Stock Exchange reserves the right to take appropriate actions against the Company or its directors.

Paragraph 11(3) of the Listing Agreement requires that where the issuer is unable to make an announcement of its preliminary results based on its audited financial statements in accordance with paragraphs 11(1) and (2) referred to above, it must make an announcement within four months after the end of the financial year containing, inter alia, results for that financial year based on unaudited financial statements, so far as the information is available, which are reviewed by the issuer's audit committee or its auditors. The issuer will be required to make a preliminary announcement in accordance with paragraph 11(2) as soon as the audited financial results for the financial year are available. Where the audited financial results for the financial year differ materially from unaudited financial results published by the issuer, full particulars of, and reasons for, the difference must be set out in the preliminary announcement of audited results for the financial year. However, the directors of the Company do not consider it appropriate for the Company to publish the Company's unaudited financial results in this announcement due to the materiality of the investment in KOL to the Company. Material changes within the audited figures of KOL would have a significant effect on the audited figures of the Company thus potentially making any announcement of unaudited figures materially misleading to shareholders. The Company will make a separate announcement containing results of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2001 based on its unaudited financial statements, which is expected to be by 22 August 2001 upon finalisation by the auditors of KOL of their audit report or on an earlier date as the directors of the Company consider appropriate.

Providing that the 2001 Annual Report can be despatched to shareholders on 5 September 2001 and thus the annual general meeting of the Company for the year 2001 can be held before 30 September 2001, there will be no breach by the Company of either the Company's articles of association or paragraph 8(2) of the Listing Agreement which requires that the issuer shall make up its annual accounts to a date falling not more than six months before the date of its annual general meeting.

The directors of the Company have not dealt in the securities of the Company during the month preceding the date of this announcement and they have undertaken not to deal in the securities of the Company until the audited 2001 Final Results have been published.

In the meantime, shareholders and public investors are urged to exercise caution in dealing in the securities of the Company.

On behalf of the Board of
iRegent Group Limited

James Mellon
Chairman