October 19, 2001

DEPOSITARY RECEIPTS

ATTENTION: ASIA-PACIFIC RESEARCH, SALES, TRADING AND OPERATIONS STAFF

MERGER/MANDATORY EXCHANGE AND LISTING

KOOKMIN BANK AND H & CB

RE: Merger Agreement/Mandatory Exchange of Kookmin Bank 144A GDRs and H & CB ADRs and Listing Of New Kookmin on the NYSE

Kookmin Bank GDRs

144A CUSIP#:	500598100
Ratio:	1 GDS:1 Common Share

H&CB ADRs

CUSIP#:	404008203
Ratio:	2 ADSs:1 Common Share

NEW	**Kookmin Bank**
CUSIP#:	50049M109
Symbol:	KB
U.S. Exchange:	NYSE
Ratio:	1 ADR: 1 Common Share

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IMPORTANT DATES

Merger Date:	**October 30, 2001 (October 31st Seoul Time)**
New Kookmin formation date:	**November 5, 2001**
Books Closed (issue/cancel):	**October 29, 2001 (close of business) (October 30th Seoul Time)**
US Record Date:	**October 29, 2001**
NYSE Trading:	**H&CB DRs will continue to trade up to November 2, 2001**
NYSE "When Issued Trading":	**November 5, 2001 (New Kookmin DRs)**
When Issued Trading symbol:	**"KBWI" – Regular way Trading symbol: "KB")**
Issuance of New Kookmin DRs:	**On or about November 12, 2001**

Please be advised that pursuant to the merger agreement dated April 23, 2001 Kookmin Bank and H & CB (the "Companies") have agreed to merge by combining both banks into a new corporation to be named Kookmin Bank ("New Kookmin").

New Kookmin will establish an unrestricted Level II, New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") listed ADR Facility under the symbol "KB", which is expected to begin trading on the NYSE on November 5, 2001 on a when issued basis ("KBWI"). The ratio will be one (1) ADS representing one (1) common share.

Please be advised of the following terms and conditions:

General Terms:

Surrender of Kookmin 144A GDRs - CUSIP#500498100/ISIN #US5004981008.

Books Closed date: October 30, 2001 (October 31, 2001 – Seoul Time) – (closed for all transactions)

Holders of Kookmin Bank 144A GDRs are required to surrender their 144A GDRs for cancellation on a mandatory basis for issuance of New Kookmin unrestricted New York Stock Exchange listed ADRs (CUSIP # 50049M109) on the basis of one "new" NYSE listed ADS for every 1.688346 "old" 144A GDRs surrendered. The cancellation of "old" Kookmin Bank GDRs is subject to a cancellation fee of $0.05 per GDR surrendered.

Surrender of (H & CB NYSE Listed DRs)- CUSIP # 404008203/ ISIN #US4040082038.

Books closed date: October 30, 2001 (October 31, 2001 – Seoul time) – (closed for issuances and cancellations)

Holders of H & CB, NYSE Listed DRs are required to surrender their H & CB DRs for cancellation on a mandatory basis for issuance of New Kookmin's unrestricted New York Stock Exchange listed ADRs (CUSIP #50049M109) on the basis of one "new" New Kookmin NYSE listed ADS for every two "old" H & CB ADSs surrendered. The cancellation of "old" H & CB DRs is subject to a cancellation fee of $0.05 per ADS surrendered.

Issuance of New Kookmin NYSE listed ADRs - CUSIP #50049M109/ ISIN #US50049M109

The issuance of New Kookmin NYSE listed ADRs is pursuant to the approval of the merger agreement and was subject to stockholder approval at the Companies Extraordinary General Meetings both held on September 29, 2001 in Seoul, Korea. Stockholders have approved the merger agreement. Former stockholders will receive New Kookmin NYSE listed DRs upon presentation of the Companies DRs for cancellation and exchange and upon payment of the Bank's standard DR cancellation fee of US$0.05 per DR. Issuance of the New Kookmin DRs is expected to occur on or about November 12, 2001.

Cash-in-Lieu of fractional DRs.

A cash in lieu payment will be made to The Depository Trust Company for the balance of the entire position not evenly divisible by the exchange ratio for Kookmin Bank.

******IMPORTANT******

Please be advised that the New Kookmin NYSE listed ADRs will trade under symbol "KB" and trading on a "when issued basis" (under symbol: "KBWI") is expected to begin on the NYSE on November 5, 2001.

Copies of the Prospectus for the New Kookmin can be obtained from The Bank of New York, American Depositary Receipts Division by telephone at (212) 462-6620 or by fax at (212) 462-6215.

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