

MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENT SINGAPORE LTD.

(formerly known as **HITCHINS GROUP LTD.**)

(Company Registration No. 196600189D)

(Incorporated in Singapore)

APPOINTMENT OF NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Board of Directors of Middle East Development Singapore Ltd. (the "Company") wishes to announce that Mr Issam Farid Halabi has been appointed as a Non-Executive Director of the Company with effect from 24 August 2007.

The particulars of Mr Issam Farid Halabi pursuant to the requirements of Rule 704(7) of the Listing Manual of Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited will be released in a separate announcement.

By Order of the Board

Huang Wooi Teik
Managing Director
24 August 2007