

"This statement is made at the request of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

We have noted the increase in the price of the shares of Esprit Holdings Limited (the "Company") today and wish to state that we are not aware of any reasons for such a increase.

We also confirm that there are no negotiations or agreements relating to intended acquisitions or realizations which are discloseable under Rule 13.23 of the Listing Rules, neither is the board of directors of the Company (the "Board") aware of any matter discloseable under the general obligation imposed by Rule 13.09 of the Listing Rules, which is or may be of a price-sensitive nature.

This statement is made by the order of the Board, the directors of which individually and jointly accept responsibility for the accuracy of this statement.

By Order of the Board of
ESPRIT HOLDINGS LIMITED

John C. Poon
Deputy Chairman

Hong Kong, May 19, 2004

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