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Tradelink 2008 Annual Results Announcement

Tradelink pays 100% of 2008 profits as dividends but works of 2009

(Hong Kong, 24 March 2009) Tradelink Electronic Commerce Limited (Tradelink or the Group, SEHK: 0536) today announced its results for the year ended 31 December 2008. 2008 turnover was down 5.1% to HK\$232.6 million, and net profits were down 6.7% to HK\$71.1 million. Both were caused by the general economic downturn which mainly impacted the results for the 4th quarter of 2008. The Group predicted a gloomy 2009, but on balance has proposed to pay out 100% of its attributable 2008 profits as final dividend, which will come to HK cents 5.52, making a total of HK cents 9.13 for the year. Against this background is the Group's dividend policy of paying out not less than 60% of its distributable profits.

In so doing, the Group is looking beyond 2009. It has won a renewal of its front-end Government Electronic Trading Services (GETS: Import & Export Declaration, Electronic Cargo Manifest, Dutiable Commodities Permit, Certificates of Origin, Production Notifications) contract which will run from 2010 to 2016. It has also won a new Government contract to offer call center services to the Government's Road Cargo System (ROCARS), starting from end of 2009.

It is about to complete a buyout of other Digital Trade and Transportation Network Limited (DTTNC) shareholders, with the objective of making Digital Trade and Transportation Network (DTTN) a more effective vehicle to promote the DTTN services both in Hong Kong and China. A side benefit is that the closer integration of Tradelink and DTTNC will allow for significant cost cutting through the elimination of duplicated functions. Said Mr. Justin Yue, CEO of Tradelink, "We now have the opportunity to significantly reduce the loss incurred by DTTNC. At the same time, we are committed to maintaining and supporting the same level of services to existing and new DTTN customers without

any increase in pricing. What is more, we are actively looking at opportunity to deploy the use of DTTN services in China.”

Appendix: Consolidated Income Statement for the year ended 31 December 2008.



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Tradelink’s CEO, Justin Yue (center), Deputy CEO, Emily Chung and CFO, Wilfred Li announce 2008 Annual Results.

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About Tradelink Electronic Commerce Limited

Established in 1988, Tradelink Electronic Commerce Limited, a joint venture between the Hong Kong SAR Government and private sector shareholders, is a leading provider of trade-related electronic services for both Hong Kong and international business communities. Over the years, by perfecting its infrastructure and developing services that meet users’ practical needs, Tradelink has earned the trust of the trading community and built a superb reputation that underscores its dominance in the public e-trading services sector. It offers a unique range of customer support solutions, designed specifically to help customers gain maximum benefits from e-commerce. It makes the use of electronic services as affordable, convenient and user-friendly as possible for its customers. On 28 October 2005, Tradelink was listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (Stock Code: 0536). For more information about Tradelink, please visit www.tradelink.com.hk

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Appendix

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

For the year ended 31 December 2008

	2008 (HK\$'000)	2007 (HK\$'000)
Turnover	232,605	245,082
Interest income	12,681	10,186
Staff costs	(80,639)	(79,474)
Depreciation	(9,383)	(11,065)
Other operating expenses	(45,065)	(44,585)
Profit from operations	110,199	120,144
Share of results of associates	(22,222)	(23,955)
Gain on partial disposal of an associate	-	345
Profit before taxation	87,977	96,534
Taxation	(16,850)	(20,330)
Profit for the year	71,127	76,204
Attributable to:		
Equity shareholders of the Company	71,115	76,204
Minority interests	12	-
Profit for the year	71,127	76,204
Dividends		
Interim	28,097	28,091
Proposed final after the balance sheet date	42,962	48,093
	71,059	76,184
Earnings per share		
Basic	HK cents 9.1	HK cents 9.8
Diluted	HK cents 9.1	HK cents 9.8