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# MR. WANG LU-YEN, CHAIRMAN AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF LINMARK, RECEIVES DIRECTORS OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2005

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## APPRAISES LINMARK'S EFFORTS IN RAISING THE STANDARDS OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

(Hong Kong – 17 November 2005) One-stop global sourcing agent **Linmark Group Limited** ("Linmark" or the "Group"; stock code: 915) is pleased to announce that Mr. Wang Lu-Yen, Chairman and Executive Director of Linmark, received the Directors Of The Year Awards 2005.

Hosted by The Hong Kong Institute of Directors ("HKIoD") with 66 project partners, the Directors Of The Year Awards 2005 is co-organised with the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau, the Government of the HKSAR, the Securities And Futures Commission and the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited.

This year, there are nine awardees in total selected from four categories, namely Listed Companies (SEHK Main Board - Constituents of Hang Seng Indices), Listed Companies (SEHK Main Board), Private Companies and Statutory/ Non-profit-distributing Organizations. The theme of Directors Of The Year Awards 2005 is – "Shareholder Value versus Stakeholder Interests – Complementary Drivers of Corporate Governance", which reflects the growing demand in the community on the balance of shareholder value and stakeholder interests. Good corporate governance creates value for the company in the long run through confidence building among stakeholders as well as shareholders. The Awards pay tribute to outstanding directors and board of directors of corporations for excellence in corporate governance practices and their continuous efforts to raise the standards of corporate governance in Hong Kong.

Mr. Wang Lu-yen, Chairman and Executive Director of Linmark said, "I am extremely delighted and honoured to receive such a prestigious accreditation. It shows that our efforts in raising the standards of corporate governance are recognised. We share the same vision with HKIoD that corporate governance is of fundamental importance in ensuring the integrity of companies and fairness in the financial markets. In addition, good corporate governance is a prerequisite for good business management and a foundation upon which our investors and other stakeholders can build their trust in the company."

Linmark has established a highly transparent corporate governance structure. Its Board of Directors is comprised of nine members, three of whom are independent non-executive directors. There are three separate committees, each with clearly defined functions to oversee different corporate matters. In addition to adopting a quarterly results announcement practice since the financial year commenced on 1 May 2003, the Group also places great emphasis on having a proactive and transparent investor relations program.

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<u>About Linmark Group Limited</u> Linmark, listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited in May 2002, is a one-stop global sourcing agent. With presence in 38 cities in 26 countries and territories, the Group offers comprehensive and efficient sourcing solutions to its customers, the majority of whom are leading retail chain operators, well-known brands, wholesalers, mail order houses and department stores in North America, Europe, Asia and the southern hemisphere.

#### **About Mr. Wang Lu-yen**

Mr. Wang is the chairman of Linmark Group Limited and presently responsible for the Group's Mr. Wang has also been the chairman of Roly corporate and strategic planning. International Holdings Ltd., the ultimate holding company of Linmark and listed on the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited) since 2000. He has been appointed the chairman of Byford International Limited, a fellow subsidiary of Linmark and listed on the Growth Enterprise Market of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, since 2004. Mr. Wang joined the Group in 1998.

Mr. Wang has over 25 years of experience in the trading and distribution business. He was awarded Outstanding Businessman by Taiwan's Ministry of Economic Affairs in 1985. Mr. Wang is a member of the China Overseas Friendship Association (中華海外聯誼會理事), the deputy director general of the Retails and Supplies Committee in China General Chamber of Commerce (中國商業聯合會零售供貨商專業委員會副委員長), the vice-chairman of China Committee in Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce (香港總商會中國委員會副主席), a member of the Hong Kong Policy Research Institute Limited (香港政策研究所成員), a founder and a director of the Taiwan Design Center (台灣創意設計中心創辦人兼董事), the chairman of the Soochow Management Academic Foundation of Soochow University (東吳大學企管文教基 金會主席) and the honorary chairman of Taiwan Business Association (Hong Kong) Limited (香港台灣工商協會名譽主席). Mr. Wang holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Soochow University, Taiwan.

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