This announcement is for information purposes only and does not constitute an invitation or offer to acquire, purchase or subscribe for securities. Potential investors should read the prospectus dated 15th September, 2003 ("Prospectus") issued by Weiqiao Textile Company Limited ("Company") for detailed information about the share offer described below before deciding whether or not to invest in the shares thereby being offered.

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Unless defined herein, terms in this announcement shall have the same meanings as those defined in the Prospectus issued by the Company. In connection with the Share Offer, BNP Paribas Peregrine, may, but is not obliged to, over-allot H Shares and/or effect transactions with a view to stabilising or maintaining the market price of the H Shares at levels other than those which might not otherwise prevail in the market for limited period after the issue date. Such transaction may be effected in all jurisdictions where it is permissible to do so, in each case in compliance with all applicable laws and regulatory requirements (including the Securities and Futures (Price Stabilising) Rules made under the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong) and, if commenced, may be discontinued at any time. The details of such stabilisation and how it will be regulated under the Securities and Futures Ordinance are contained in the Prospectus. The number of H Shares being offered in the Placing may be increased by up to and not more than an aggregate of 37,465,500 additional H Shares through the exercise of the Over-allotment Option granted to BNP Paribas Peregrine by the Company to cover over-allocations in the Placing by requiring the Company to allot and issue the additional H Shares within 30 days from the date of the Prospectus. In the event that such Over-allotment Option is exercised, a press announcement will be made.



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(a joint stock limited company incorporated in the People's Republic of China with limited liability)

## PLACING AND PUBLIC OFFER

Number of Offer Shares : 249,770,000 H Shares (subject to the

**Over-allotment Option**)

Number of Public Offer Shares : 24,977,000 H Shares (subject to adjustment)

Number of Placing Shares : 224,793,000 H Shares (subject to adjustment

and the Over-allotment Option)

Offer Price : not more than HK\$8.55 per Offer Share

(payable in full on application and subject to refund) and expected to be not less than

HK\$6.15 per Offer Share

Nominal value per H Share : RMB 1.00

Stock code : 2698

### Global Co-ordinator, Sponsor, Bookrunner and Lead Manager

## **BNP PARIBAS PEREGRINE**

## Co-Lead Managers

BOCI Asia Limited China Southern Securities (Hong Kong) Limited CLSA Asia-Pacific Markets Kim Eng Securities (Hong Kong) Limited Shenyin Wanguo Capital (H.K.) Limited

#### **Co-Managers**

**CM-CCS Securities Limited SinoPac Securities (Asia) Limited** 

Guotai Junan Securities (Hong Kong) Limited
Tai Fook Securities Company Limited

Application has been made to the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange for the granting of the listing of, and permission to deal in, the H Shares to be issued as described in the Prospectus (including the additional H Shares which may be issued pursuant to the exercise of the Over-allotment Option). Dealings in the H Shares on the Stock Exchange are expected to commence at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, 24th September, 2003. Applications for the H Shares will only be considered on the basis set out in the Prospectus and the prescribed WHITE or YELLOW application forms or by giving electronic application instructions via CCASS to HKSCC. It should be noted that multiple or suspected multiple applications or application for more than 12,488,500 H Shares, being 50% of the Public Offer Shares initially being offered to the public, will be rejected. Only one application on a WHITE or YELLOW application form or by giving electronic application instruction to HKSCC may be made for the benefit of any person. Applicants are required to undertake and confirm that they or the relevant beneficial owner(s) have not indicated an interest for or taken up and will not indicate an interest for or take up H Shares under the Placing. Subject to the granting of the listing of, and permission to deal in, the H Shares on the Stock Exchange as well as compliance with the stock admission requirements of HKSCC, the H Shares will be accepted as eligible securities by HKSCC for deposit, clearance and settlement in CCASS with effect from the commencement date of dealings in the H Shares on the Stock Exchange or such other date as determined by HKSCC. All activities under CCASS are subject to the General Rules of CCASS and CCASS Operational Procedures in effect from time to time.

The Share Offer is conditional on the conditions as stated in the paragraph headed "Conditions" in the section headed "Structure of the Share Offer" in the Prospectus.

The Offer Price is expected to be determined by agreement between the Company and BNP Paribas Peregrine (on behalf of the Underwriters) at or before 9:00 a.m. on Friday, 19th September, 2003 or such later date as may be agreed by the Company and BNP Paribas Peregrine but in any event no later than 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, 20th September, 2003.

The Offer Price will be not more than HK\$8.55 per Offer Share and is expected to be not less than HK\$6.15 per Offer Share. BNP Paribas Peregrine (on behalf of the Underwriters, and with the consent of the Company) may reduce the indicative Offer Price range below that stated in the Prospectus at any time prior to the morning of the last day for lodging applications. In such a case, a notice of the reduction of the indicative Offer Price range will be published in the South China Morning Post (in English) and the Hong Kong Economic Times (in Chinese) not later than the morning of the last day for lodging applications under

the Public Offer. If applications for Public Offer Shares have been submitted prior to the day which is the latest day for lodging applications under the Public Offer, then even if the Offer Price is so reduced, such applications cannot be subsequently withdrawn. If BNP Paribas Peregrine (on behalf of the Underwriters) and the Company are unable to reach an agreement on the Offer Price on or before 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, 20th September, 2003, the Share Offer will not become unconditional and will lapse.

If the Share Offer does not become unconditional, all application monies received from applicants under the Public Offer will be refunded, without interest, on the terms set out under the paragraph headed "Refund of your money" on the relevant application forms or the section headed "Terms and conditions of the Public Offer" in the Prospectus. Refund cheques will also be issued in respect of wholly or partially unsuccessful applications. Applicants for 500,000 H Shares or more who have indicated in their application forms that they wish to collect refund cheque(s) (where applicable) and H Share certificate(s) (where applicable) personally, may collect refund cheque(s) (where applicable) and H Share certificate(s) (where applicable) from the Company's Hong Kong share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 23rd September, 2003 or any other date notified by the Company by way of a newspaper announcement as the date of despatch of H Share certificates and/or refund cheques. Uncollected H Share certificates and refund cheques will be despatched by ordinary post at the applicants' own risk to the addresses specified in the relevant application forms.

Applicants who would like to be allotted H Shares in their own names should complete and sign the WHITE application forms. Applicants who would like to have the allotted H Shares issued in the name of HKSCC Nominees Limited and deposited directly into CCASS for credit to their investor participant stock accounts or the stock accounts of their designated CCASS participants maintained in CCASS should either (i) complete and sign the YELLOW application forms, copies of which, together with the Prospectus, may be obtained during normal business hours from 9:00 a.m. on Monday, 15th September, 2003 until 12:00 noon on Thursday, 18th September, 2003 at the Depository Counter of HKSCC, at 2nd Floor, Vicwood Plaza, 199 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong or the Customer Service Centre of HKSCC at Upper Ground Floor, V-Heun Building, 128-140 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong or (ii) arrange to give electronic application instruction to HKSCC. Copies of the Prospectus, together with the WHITE application forms, may be obtained during the same period from:

- 1. Any participant of the Stock Exchange;
- 2. BNP Paribas Peregrine Capital Limited, 36th Floor, Asia Pacific Finance Tower, 3 Garden Road, Central, Hong Kong;
- 3. BOCI Asia Limited, 35/F, Bank of China Tower, 1 Garden Road, Central, Hong Kong;
- 4. China Southern Securities (Hong Kong) Limited, Room 2801, 28/F, The Center, 99 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong;
- 5. CLSA Limited, 18/F, One Pacific Place, 88 Queensway, Hong Kong;

- 6. Kim Eng Securities (Hong Kong) Limited, Room 1901, Bank of America Tower, 12 Harcourt Road, Central, Hong Kong;
- 7. Shenyin Wanguo Capital (H.K.) Limited, 28/F, Citibank Tower, Citibank Plaza, 3 Garden Road, Central, Hong Kong;
- 8. CM-CCS Securities Limited, 26/F, Worldwide House, 19 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong;
- 9. Guotai Junan Securities (Hong Kong) Limited, 27/F, Low Block, Grand Millennium Plaza, 181 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong;
- 10. SinoPac Securities (Asia) Limited, 11/F, COSCO Tower, 183 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong;
- 11. Tai Fook Securities Company Limited, 25/F, New World Tower, 16-18 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong;

or any of the following branches of Standard Chartered Bank:

Hong Kong Island:	Central Branch	Shop 16, G/F and LG/F, New World Tower, 16-18 Queen's Road Central
	Des Voeux Road Branch	Standard Chartered Bank Building, 4-4a Des Voeux Road Central
	88 Des Voeux Road Branch	88 Des Voeux Road Central
	Leighton Centre Branch	Shop 12-16, UG/F, Leighton Centre, 77 Leighton Road, Causeway Bay
	Taikoo Place Branch	G/F, 969 King's Road, Quarry Bay
	Hennessy Road Branch	399 Hennessy Road, Wanchai
Kowloon:	Kwun Tong Branch	88-90 Fu Yan Street, Kwun Tong
	Mongkok Bank Centre Branch	Bank Centre, 630-636 Nathan Road, Mongkok
	Tsimshatsui Branch	10 Granville Road, Tsimshatsui
New Territories:	Tsuen Wan Branch	Basement 1/F, Emperor Plaza, 263 Sha Tsui Road, Tsuen Wan
	Shatin Centre Branch	Shop 32C, Level 3, Shatin Centre, 2-16 Wang Pok Street, Shatin

Both WHITE and YELLOW application forms completed in all respects (to which cheques or banker's cashier orders should be securely stapled) should be deposited in the special collection boxes provided at any of the branches of Standard Chartered Bank referred to above at the following times on the following dates:

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Monday, 15th September, 2003 — 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, 16th September, 2003 — 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, 17th September, 2003 — 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Thursday, 18th September, 2003 — 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
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A CCASS Investor Participant may give **electronic application instructions** through the CCASS Phone System by calling 2979 7888 or through the CCASS Internet System at https://ip.ccass.com (using the procedures contained in "An Operating Guide for Investor Participants" in effect from time to time) or go to HKSCC's Customer Service Centre at Upper Ground Floor, V-Heun Building, 128-140 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong and complete an input request form.

A non-CCASS Investor Participant may instruct a broker or custodian who is a CCASS Broker Participant or a CCASS Custodian Participant to give **electronic application instruction** via CCASS terminal to apply for the Public Offer Shares on his behalf.

Time for inputting electronic application instructions via CCASS terminals or CCASS Phone System/CCASS Internet System

CCASS Participants can input electronic application instructions at the following times:

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Monday, 15th September, 2003 — 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, 16th September, 2003 — 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, 17th September, 2003 — 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Thursday, 18th September, 2003 — 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
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The application lists will open from 11:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Thursday, 18th September, 2003 (or such later date as may apply in case of a tropical cyclone warning signal No.8 or above or a "black" rainstorm warning signal being in force as described in the section of headed "How to apply for H Shares" in the Prospectus).

Subject to the terms and conditions set out in the Prospectus and the application forms relating thereto, applications made on **WHITE** or **YELLOW** application forms, or by giving **electronic application instruction** to HKSCC must be received no later than 12:00 noon on Thursday, 18th September, 2003 (or if the application lists are not open on that day, then by 12:00 noon on the next business day the lists are open). Please see the section headed "How to apply for H Shares" in the Prospectus for further details.

For allocation purposes only, the H Shares being offered for public subscription under the Public Offer (initially being 24,977,000 H Shares, subject to adjustment between the Placing and the Public Offer in the case of over-subscription of 15 times or more in the Public Offer), will be divided equally into two pools: pool A and pool B. The H Shares in pool A will consist of not less than 12,488,500 H Shares (being 50% of H Shares initially available for subscription under the Public Offer) and will be allocated on an

equitable basis to applicants who have applied for H Shares in the value of HK\$5 million (excluding the amounts of brokerage fee, the SFC transaction levy, the investor compensation levy and the Stock Exchange trading fee payable thereon) or less. The H Shares in pool B will consist of not less than 12,488,500 H Shares and will be allocated on an equitable basis to applicants who have applied for H Shares in the value of more than HK\$5 million (excluding the brokerage fee, the SFC transaction levy, the investor compensation levy and the Stock Exchange trading fee payable thereon). Applicants should be aware that applications in different pools, as well as applications in the same pool (depending on the number of H Shares applied for), may receive different allocation ratios. If one of the pools is undersubscribed, the surplus H Shares in that pool will be transferred to the other pool to satisfy demand in the other pool and be allocated accordingly. Applicants can only receive an allocation of H Shares from either pool A or pool B but not from both pools.

It is expected that the level of indication of interest in the Placing, the Offer Price, the result of applications and the basis of allotment under the Public Offer will be published on or about Tuesday, 23rd September, 2003 in the South China Morning Post (in English) and the Hong Kong Economic Times (in Chinese).

Hong Kong, 15th September, 2003

Please also refer to the published version of this announcement in South China Morning Post.

<sup>\*</sup> The Company is registered in Hong Kong as an oversea company under the English name "Weiqiao Textile Company Limited".