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RENDEZVOUS HOTELS INTERNATIONAL SIGNS RESORT HOTEL MANAGEMENT CONTRACT IN PHUKET, THAILAND

Bangkok, April 2005 - Rendezvous Hotels International Private Limited ('RHI') is pleased to inform that it has entered into a Management Agreement for an 81 room upmarket resort in Phuket, Thailand. Rendezvous is to provide technical consultancy for the design, construction and the management of the resort, which is due to open 4th quarter, 2006. The resort will be named the **Rendezvous Resort, Phuket**. This property fits within RHI's key parameters for future expansion and will add to RHI's other resort hotels in Australia, Rendezvous Observation City Hotel, Perth and Rendezvous Sanctuary Resort Cable Beach, Broome, (to open mid-August 2005).

Rendezvous Chief Executive, Mr. Alan Featherby says, "This Resort is our first to open in Thailand and we are now reviewing further opportunities for expansion in that country. This is a further signal of our commitment to developing the RHI group in Asia. RHI secured this contract ahead of other international hotel groups. RHI is also delighted to be working with the hotel owner, Taranta Company Limited of Phuket, who is building the hotel. Mr Tanit Chutipongpattankul, Managing Director of Taranta says, "We are delighted to have secured such a proactive and committed company such as RHI. We believe the future of the Resort will be very promising under their management".

RHI, a subsidiary of the Singapore listed public company, The Straits Trading Company Limited, currently operates 7 hotels in the Asia-Pacific region. It is in negotiations on a number of other properties that fit well with the company's expansion plans in China, Australia and the Asia Pacific region.

The **Rendezvous Resort, Phuket** will be a boutique, upscale resort of 81 generously sized rooms, restaurant, bar and spa with stylish pool and water features situated directly opposite an excellent white sandy beach in Phuket's Karon Beach. The resort will be low rise, modern and contemporary in architectural style.

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