BLUMONT
博诺有限公司

BLUMONT GROUP LTD.
(Company Registration No.: 199302554G)
(Incorporated in the Republic of Singapore)

TAKEOVER BID FOR MERLIN DIAMONDS LIMITED
– LODGEMENT OF COMPANY'S STATEMENT

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1. LODGEMENT OF COMPANY'S STATEMENT

Further to the announcements (the "**Previous Announcements**") by Blumont Group Ltd. (博诺有限公司) (the "**Company**") dated 28 February 2014, 6 March 2014, and 23 April 2014 on the Company's proposed off-market takeover bid to acquire all the fully paid ordinary shares in the capital of Merlin Diamonds Limited ("**MED**"), the board of directors of the Company wishes to announce that the Company has lodged its bidder's statement to the shareholders of MED (the "**Company's Statement**") with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission and the Australian Securities Exchange ("**ASX**") on 24 April 2014. A copy of the Company's Statement is appended to this announcement and is also available on MED's announcements page on the ASX website. Unless otherwise defined, all capitalised terms used in this announcement have the same meanings as ascribed to them in the Previous Announcements.

2. OFFER PERIOD

The Company's offer to acquire all the MED Shares (the "**Offer**"), unless withdrawn, will remain open for acceptance during the period commencing on 28 April 2014 and ending at 7 pm (Sydney time) on 31 July 2014, subject to any extension in accordance with the Corporations Act.

3. SHAREHOLDERS' APPROVAL

The Company will be seeking approval from its Shareholders for the Takeover Bid and the allotment and issuance of the Consideration Shares. Under the Listing Manual, the Company must prepare, and distribute to the Shareholders, a circular in respect of the Offer. The Company must also provide a qualified person's report with the circular, which will require MED's cooperation. The Company will discuss with MED the preparation of that report, and the likely timing of the finalisation of the report. The Company considers that it may take approximately 3 months for that report to be prepared and subsequent Extraordinary General Meeting to be held.

The Company will keep Shareholders updated on the status of the Takeover Bid and will announce when the date for the Extraordinary General Meeting has been set.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
Blumont Group Ltd.

James Hong Gee Ho
Executive Director
24 April 2014