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## **HATCHER GROUP LIMITED**

**亦辰集團有限公司\***

*(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)*

**(Stock Code: 8365)**

### **CHANGE OF AUDITOR**

This announcement is made by Hatcher Group Limited (the “**Company**”, together with its subsidiaries, the “**Group**”) pursuant to Rule 17.50(4) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on GEM (the “**GEM Listing Rules**”) of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Stock Exchange**”).

#### **RESIGNATION OF AUDITOR**

The board (the “**Board**”) of directors (the “**Directors**”) of the Company hereby announces that Forvis Mazars CPA Limited (“**Forvis Mazars**”, formerly known as Mazars CPA Limited) has resigned as the auditor of the Company with effect from 29 August 2024, as the Company and Forvis Mazars were unable to reach a consensus on the audit fee for the audit of the consolidated financial statements of the Group for the year ending 30 September 2024 (the “**Annual Audit**”).

The audit committee of the Company (the “**Audit Committee**”) has reviewed the audit fee proposals provided by Forvis Mazars and other professional accounting firms, and after considering a number of factors, including but not limited to, the current operation scale of the Group, the necessary capabilities and resources (including technical competence, industry knowledge and track record, manpower and other resources) of the professional accounting firm to perform its duties as an independent auditor and the level of fee proposed, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board for a change of auditor of the Company. The Board is satisfied that the ensuing resignation of Forvis Mazars is in the interest of the Company and the shareholders of the Company (the “**Shareholders**”) as a whole.

Forvis Mazars confirmed in its letter of resignation that save for the audit fee as aforementioned, there are no other matters or circumstances in connection with its resignation that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders. The Board and the Audit Committee confirmed that there are no disagreements or unresolved matters between the Company and Forvis Mazars, and there are no other matters or circumstances in connection with the change of auditor of the Company that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

As at the date of this announcement, Forvis Mazars has not commenced any audit work in relation to the Annual Audit. The Board and the Audit Committee therefore believe that the change of auditor will not have any material impact on the Annual Audit.

## **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR**

The Board, with recommendation from the Audit Committee, has resolved to appoint Baker Tilly Hong Kong Limited (“**Baker Tilly**”) as the new auditor of the Company with effect from 29 August 2024 to fill the casual vacancy following the resignation of Forvis Mazars and to hold office until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company.

The Audit Committee has considered a number of factors in assessing the appointment of Baker Tilly, including but not limited to (i) the audit proposal of Baker Tilly; (ii) its experience, industry knowledge, and technical competence in providing audit services for companies listed on the Stock Exchange; (iii) its independence from the Group and objectivity; (iv) its market reputation; (v) its resources and capabilities, including the size and structure of the proposed audit team; (vi) the Guidelines for Effective Audit Committees – Selection, Appointment and Reappointment of Auditors issued by the Accounting and Financial Reporting Council (the “**AFRC**”); and (vii) the Guidance Notes on Change of Auditors issued by the AFRC.

Based on the above, the Audit Committee has assessed and concluded that Baker Tilly is eligible and suitable to act as the auditor of the Company. The Board and the Audit Committee are of the view that the appointment of Baker Tilly would enhance the cost-effectiveness of the Annual Audit and is in the interest of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

The Board would like to express its sincere gratitude to Forvis Mazars for the professional services rendered to the Group and to extend its warm welcome to Baker Tilly on its appointment as the new auditor of the Company.

By Order of the Board  
**Hatcher Group Limited**  
**Hui Ringo Wing Kun**  
*Executive Director*

Hong Kong, 29 August 2024

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises:

**Executive Directors:**

Mr. Li Man Keung Edwin (*Executive Chairman*)

Mr. Hui Ringo Wing Kun

Mr. Yeung Chun Yue David (*Vice Chairman*)

**Independent non-executive Directors:**

Mr. William Robert Majcher

Mr. Ho Lik Kwan Luke

Mr. Lau Pak Kin Patric

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