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(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands and continued in Bermuda with limited liability) (Stock Code: 8215)

# DISCLOSEABLE TRANSACTION PROVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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## GEM LISTING RULES IMPLICATIONS

As one of the applicable percentage ratios (as defined under the GEM Listing Rules) in respect of the aggregate amount of financial assistance granted to the Borrower and its associate(s) (as defined under the GEM Listing Rules) is more than 5% but all percentage ratios are less than 25%, the grant of the Loan under the Loan Agreement constitutes a discloseable transaction of the Company under Chapter 19 of the GEM Listing Rules and is therefore subject to the notification and announcement requirements under the GEM Listing Rules.

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Summarised below are the principal terms of the Loan Agreement.

### THE LOAN AGREEMENT

Date	:	5 April 2017
Lender	:	First Credit Limited, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company.
Borrower	:	A company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability.
Guarantor	:	A company incorporated in the Cayman Islands and continued in Bermuda with limited liability. The Guarantor is the ultimate holding company of the Borrower.

Principal Amount	:	HK\$20,000,000.
Interest	:	10.5% per annum.
Drawdown Date	:	5 April 2017.
Term	:	A period of 12 months commencing from the date of the Loan Agreement.
Maturity Date	:	The date falling on the twelfth month after the date of the Loan Agreement (if such date is not a business day in Hong Kong, the immediately following business day).
Repayment	:	The Borrower shall repay and/or settle the full amount of the Loan and the interest accrued thereon on the maturity date.
Prepayment	:	The Borrower may, by giving prior written notice to the Lender, prepay before the Maturity Date all or part of the Loan and all accrued interests in respect of the sum prepaid in accordance with the terms of the Loan Agreement.
Guarantee	:	The Loan is secured by the Guarantee provided by the Guarantor in favour of the Lender for all monies and obligations from time to time owing by the Borrower to the Lender.

### FUNDING OF THE ADVANCE

The Group will finance the Loan with its internal resources and/or borrowings.

#### INFORMATION OF THE BORROWER AND THE GUARANTOR

To the best of the knowledge, information and belief of the Directors having made all reasonable enquiries, the Borrower is principally engaged in trading and investment business and the Guarantor is principally engaged in investment holding business; each of the Borrower and the Guarantor and their ultimate beneficial owner is an Independent Third Party.

#### INFORMATION OF THE GROUP AND THE LENDER

The Group is principally engaged in money lending business. The Group conducts money lending business solely in Hong Kong through the provision of unsecured loans and secured loans to customers, including individuals, corporations and foreign domestic workers. The Lender, being an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, is a licensed money lender in Hong Kong under the Money Lenders Ordinance.

#### **REASONS FOR ENTERING INTO THE LOAN AGREEMENT**

Taking into account the principal activities of the Group, the Directors consider that the entering into of the Loan Agreement with the Borrower and the Guarantor is in the ordinary and usual course of business of the Group.

The terms of the Loan Agreement (including the interest rate) are negotiated on an arm's length basis among the parties thereto, with reference to the commercial practice and the amount of the Loan. The Directors are of the view that the terms of the Loan Agreement are normal commercial terms entered into based on the Company's credit policy. Taking into account the satisfactory financial background of the Borrower and the Guarantor and the stable revenue and cashflow stream expected from the interest income, the Directors consider that the terms of the Loan Agreement are fair and reasonable and in the interests of the Company and its shareholders as a whole.

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# DEFINITIONS

In this announcement, the following expressions have the following meanings:

"Board"	the board of Directors
"Borrower"	a company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability, being the borrower under the Loan Agreement
"Company"	First Credit Finance Group Limited, a company incorporated in the Cayman Islands and continued in Bermuda with limited liability, the shares of which are listed on GEM
"Director(s)"	the director(s) of the Company
"GEM"	the Growth Enterprise Market of the Stock Exchange
"GEM Listing Rules"	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on GEM, as amended from time to time
"Group"	the Company and its subsidiaries
"Guarantee"	the guarantee dated 5 April 2017 and signed by the Guarantor in favour of the Lender
"Guarantor"	A company incorporated in the Cayman Islands and continued in Bermuda with limited liability, the ultimate holding company of the Borrower, being the guarantor under the Loan Agreement
"HK\$"	Hong Kong Dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong
"Hong Kong"	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic
	of China
"Independent Third Party(ies)"	
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	of China third party(ies) independent of the Company and its connected person(s) First Credit Limited, a company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability and an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, being

"Money Lenders Ordinance"

the Money Lenders Ordinance (Chapter 163 of the laws of Hong Kong) as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time

"Stock Exchange"

The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

For and on behalf of the Board **First Credit Finance Group Limited Tsang Yan Kwong** *Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director* 

Hong Kong, 5 April 2017

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Mr. Sin Kwok Lam (Chairman), Mr. Tsang Yan Kwong (Chief Executive Officer), Mr. Leung Wai Hung and Ms. Ho Siu Man as executive Directors; and Mr. Fung Kam Man, Mr. Wang Zhiwei and Mr. Yu Wan Hei as independent non-executive Directors.

This announcement, for which the Directors collectively and individually accept full responsibility, includes particulars given in compliance with the GEM Listing Rules for the purpose of giving information with regard to the Company. The Directors, having made all reasonable enquiries, confirm that to the best of their knowledge and belief the information contained in this announcement is accurate and complete in all material respects and not misleading or deceptive, and there are no other matters the omission of which would make any statement herein or this announcement misleading.

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