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## **MERDEKA FINANCIAL GROUP LIMITED**

**領智金融集團有限公司**

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

**(Stock Code: 8163)**

### **SUPPLEMENTAL ANNOUNCEMENT IN RELATION TO THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

Reference is made to the annual report (the “**Annual Report**”) of Merdeka Financial Group Limited (the “**Company**”) for the year ended 31 December 2021 published on 30 March 2022. Capitalised terms used in this announcement shall adopt the same meanings as defined in the Annual Report, unless the context requires otherwise.

The Board wishes to provide to the Shareholders and potential investors of the Company with the following supplementary information:

#### **Share option scheme**

In addition to the information of the Share Option Scheme disclosed in note 40 to the consolidated financial statements and elsewhere in the Annual Report, the Board would like to provide additional information in relation to the Share Option Scheme as below.

The total number of shares available for issue by the Company under the Share Option Scheme was 48,506,228 shares, which represents approximately 10% of the Company’s issued shares as at 31 December 2021.

Included in the outstanding Share Options as at 31 December 2021, 4,069 Share Options were granted to 4 former Directors and 4,009,296 Share Options were granted to 9 consultants.

The Share Options granted to the former Directors were reallocated from the categories of “Executive Directors” and “Independent non-executive Directors” after their cessation to be Directors of the Group. Pursuant to the Old Share Option Scheme approved and adopted on 3 May 2012 and terminated by an ordinary resolution in an extraordinary general meeting on 30 December 2020, their Share Options were valid till the expiry date of the exercise period, 29 May 2022. 4,069 Share Options were subsequently lapsed on 29 May 2022.

The consultants possess extensive experience in, including but not limited to, private and public equity investments, crypto and blockchain technology development and accounting and financial management respectively. The grant of Share Options to the consultants is to provide them an incentive to (i) optimize their performance for the benefit of the Group; (ii) share of their respective relevant experience, knowledge and network to improve the business operating system of the Group; and (iii) introduce or refer viable business opportunities to the Group, in order to achieve a long term growth for the Group.

### **Money lending business**

In addition to the information disclosed in the section headed “Management Discussion and Analysis” in the Annual Report, the Board would like to provide additional information in relation to the money lending business as below.

In order to monitor the risks associated with loans receivable, subsequent repayment record of each loan receivable will be closely monitored and periodic reviews on loan portfolio will be conducted by the Group. In the event of failure to repay interest or principal amount by the due date, the Group will issue overdue payment reminders to the relevant borrower, instruct its legal advisers to issue demand letters for loans overdue for a longer period of time, negotiate with the borrower for the repayment or settlement of the loan and/or commences legal actions against the borrower.

The above supplementary information does not affect the other information contained in the Annual Report. Save as disclosed above, all other information in the Annual Report remains unchanged.

By order of the Board  
**MERDEKA FINANCIAL GROUP LIMITED**  
**Wong Hin Shek**  
*Chairman and Chief Executive Officer*

Hong Kong, 20 July 2022

*As at the date of this announcement, the executive Directors are Mr. Wong Hin Shek (Chairman and Chief Executive Officer), Mr. Cheung Wai Yin, Wilson and Ms. Tsang Kwai Ping, the independent non-executive Directors are Ms. Ng Ka Sim, Casina, Mr. Wong Wing Kit and Ms. Yeung Mo Sheung, Ann.*

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