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# I. PROPOSED SHARE CONSOLIDATION; AND II. PROPOSED RIGHTS ISSUE ON THE BASIS OF THREE (3) RIGHTS SHARES FOR EVERY TWO (2) CONSOLIDATED SHARES HELD ON THE RECORD DATE

**Placing Agent to the Company** 



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# PROPOSED SHARE CONSOLIDATION

The Company proposes to implement the Share Consolidation on the basis that every four (4) Existing Shares in the issued and unissued share capital of the Company be consolidated into one (1) Consolidated Share.

As at the date of this announcement, the authorised share capital of the Company is US\$40,000,000 divided into 40,000,000 Existing Shares of US\$0.001 each, of which 172,800,000 Existing Shares have been issued and are fully paid or credited as fully paid. Upon the Share Consolidation becoming effective but before the completion of the Rights Issue and assuming no change in the number of Shares in issue from the date of this announcement to the effective date of the Share Consolidation, the authorised share capital of the Company will become US\$40,000,000 divided into 10,000,000 Consolidated Shares of US\$0.004 each, of which 43,200,000 Consolidated Shares (which are fully paid or credited as fully paid) will be in issue.

Shareholders and potential investors should note that the Share Consolidation is conditional upon satisfaction of the conditions as set out in the paragraph headed "Conditions of the Share Consolidation" in this announcement. Accordingly, the Share Consolidation may or may not proceed.

Shareholders and potential investors are advised to exercise caution when dealing in the securities of the Company. If they are in any doubt, they should consult their professional advisers.

# **PROPOSED RIGHTS ISSUE**

The Board proposes to raise gross proceeds of up to approximately HK\$19.4 million (assuming full subscription under the Rights Issue) by way of issuing up to 64,800,000 Rights Shares (assuming no change in the number of Shares in issue on or before the Record Date other than as a result of the Share Consolidation) at the Subscription Price of HK\$0.30 per Rights Share on the basis of three (3) Rights Shares for every two (2) Consolidated Shares held by the Qualifying Shareholders at the close of business on the Record Date.

Assuming there will be no change in the number of Shares in issue on or before the Record Date other than as a result of the Share Consolidation and full subscription of the Rights Issue, the maximum net proceeds from the Rights Issue, after deducting all relevant expenses, is expected to be approximately HK\$19.0 million. Details of the use of proceeds are set out in the section headed "Reasons for and benefits of the Rights Issue and the use of proceeds" in this announcement. The net price per Rights Share after deducting the relevant expenses of the Rights Issue will be approximately HK\$0.29. The Company intends to apply the net proceeds from the Rights Issue as to (i) approximately 91.2% (or approximately HK\$17.3 million) for repayment of the bond payable of the Group; and (ii) approximately 8.8% (or approximately HK\$1.7 million) for enhancing the general working capital of the Group.

There will be no excess application arrangements in relation to the Rights Issue and the Rights Issue is not underwritten. There are no statutory requirements regarding the minimum subscription levels in respect of the Rights Issue. There is no minimum amount to be raised under the Rights Issue.

The Rights Issue is only available to the Qualifying Shareholders and will not be extended to the Excluded Shareholders (if any). To qualify for the Rights Issue, a Shareholder must be registered as a member of the Company at the close of business on the Record Date and be a Qualifying Shareholder. In order to be registered as a member of the Company on the Record Date, all transfers of the Shares (together with the relevant share certificate(s)) must be lodged with the Registrar by no later than 4:30 p.m. (Hong Kong time) on Wednesday, 11 December 2024.

The Rights Shares (when allotted, issued and fully paid) will rank *pari passu* in all respects with the Shares in issue. Holders of the Rights Shares will be entitled to receive all future dividends and distributions, which may be declared, made or paid on or after the date of allotment and issue of the fully-paid Rights Shares.

#### The Compensatory Arrangements and the Placing Agreement

According to Rule 10.31(1)(b) of the GEM Listing Rules, the Company will make the Compensatory Arrangements to dispose of the Unsubscribed Rights Shares and the ES Unsold Rights Shares by offering these Shares to independent Placees, who and whose ultimate beneficial owners(s) shall be Independent Third Party(ies), for the benefit of the Shareholders to whom they were offered by way of the Rights Issue. There will be no excess application arrangements in relation to the Rights Issue.

Accordingly, on 21 October 2024 (after trading hours), the Company and the Placing Agent entered into the Placing Agreement, pursuant to which the Placing Agent has conditionally agreed to, on a best effort basis, procure Placee(s), who and whose ultimate beneficial owner(s) are Independent Third Party(ies), to subscribe for the Unsubscribed Rights Shares and ES Unsold Rights Shares. Any Unsubscribed Rights Shares and ES Unsold Rights Shares which are not placed under the Placing will not be issued by the Company and the size of the Rights Issue will be reduced accordingly.

# GEM LISTING RULES IMPLICATIONS

# The Share Consolidation

The Share Consolidation is conditional upon, among other things, the approval by the Shareholders by way of poll at the EGM. No Shareholder is involved or interested in or has a material interest in the Share Consolidation and the transactions contemplated thereunder and therefore no Shareholder is required to abstain from voting in favour of the resolution to approve the Share Consolidation and the transactions contemplated thereunder by way of poll at the EGM.

# The Rights Issue

In accordance with Rule 10.29(1) of the GEM Listing Rules, as the Rights Issue will increase the total number of issued Shares by more than 50%, the Rights Issue is conditional upon the Independent Shareholders' approval at the EGM, and any controlling Shareholder(s) (as defined under the GEM Listing Rules) and their respective associates, or where there is no controlling Shareholder, the Directors (excluding the independent non-executive Directors) and the chief executive of the Company and their respective associates shall abstain from voting in favour of the resolution(s) in relation to the Rights Issue at the EGM.

As at the date of this announcement, the Company has no controlling Shareholder. Accordingly, the Directors (excluding independent non-executive Directors) and the chief executive of the Company and their respective associates (as defined in the GEM Listing Rules), shall abstain from voting in favour of the proposed Rights Issue at the EGM. As at the date of this announcement, Lizhong Limited holds 14,400,500 Existing Shares, representing approximately 8.33% of the total issued share capital of the Company. Lizhong Limited is held as to approximately 48.73% by Joint Loyal Limited, which is wholly-owned by Mr. Ruan Deqing, being an executive Director and the chairman of the Board. Mr. Ruan Deqing is deemed to be interested in all the Shares held by Lizhong Limited by virtue of the SFO. Accordingly, each of Mr. Ruan Deqing, Lizhong Limited, Joint Loyal Limited and their associate(s) shall abstain from voting in favour of the proposed resolutions to approve the Rights Issue and the transactions contemplated thereunder at the EGM. As at the date of this announcement, save for Mr. Ruan Deqing, none of the Directors or chief executives of the Company had any interest in the Shares.

The Subscription Price represents a theoretical dilution effect (as defined under Rule 10.44A of the GEM Listing Rules) which is represented by a discount of approximately 5.12% to the benchmarked price of approximately HK\$0.328 per Consolidated Share (after taking into account the effect of the Share Consolidation) (as defined under Rule 10.44A of the GEM Listing Rules). Accordingly, the Rights Issue will not result in a theoretical dilution effect of 25% or more. As such, the theoretical dilution impact of the Rights Issue is in compliance with Rule 10.44A of the GEM Listing Rules.

# THE INDEPENDENT BOARD COMMITTEE AND INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL ADVISER

The Company has established the Independent Board Committee, comprising all the independent non-executive Directors, namely Ms. Tay Sheve Li, Mr. Yau Kit Yu and Ms. Wipada Kunna, to advise the Independent Shareholders as to whether the terms of the Rights Issue are fair and reasonable and in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole, and to advise the Independent Shareholders on how to vote at the EGM. Vinco Financial Limited has been appointed as the Independent Financial Adviser to advise the Independent Board Committee and the Independent Shareholders as to whether the terms of the Rights Issue are fair and reasonable.

# GENERAL

The EGM will be convened for the Shareholders to consider and, if fought fit, approve the Share Consolidation and the Rights Issue. For the purpose of determining the Shareholders' entitlements to attend and vote at the EGM, the register of members of the Company will be closed from Friday, 29 November 2024 to Thursday, 5 December 2024 (both days inclusive).

A circular containing, among others, (i) the Share Consolidation, the Rights Issue and the Placing; (ii) a letter of recommendation from the Independent Board Committee to the Independent Shareholders in respect of the Rights Issue; (iii) a letter of advice from the Independent Financial Adviser to the Independent Board Committee and the Independent Shareholders in respect of the Rights Issue; (iv) other information required under the GEM Listing Rules; and (v) a notice convening the EGM, is expected to be despatched to the Shareholders on or before Friday, 15 November 2024.

Subject to the fulfilment of the conditions of the Rights Issue, the Company will despatch the Prospectus Documents containing, among other matters, details of the Rights Issue, to the Qualifying Shareholders on or before Thursday, 19 December 2024. The Company will despatch the Prospectus (without the PAL(s)) to the Excluded Shareholders (if any) for their information purpose only to the extent permitted under the relevant laws and regulations and reasonably practicable.

# WARNING OF THE RISKS OF DEALING IN THE SHARES AND THE NIL-PAID RIGHTS SHARES

Shareholders and potential investors of the Company should note that the Rights Issue is subject to the fulfilment of conditions including, among other things, the Stock Exchange granting the listing of, and permission to deal in, the Rights Shares in their nil-paid and fully-paid forms. Please refer to the paragraph headed "Conditions of the Rights Issue" in this announcement.

Shareholders and potential investors of the Company should note that if the conditions of the Rights Issue are not fulfilled, the Rights Issue will not proceed. Any Shareholder or other person dealing in the Shares and/or Rights Shares up to the date on which all the conditions of the Rights Issue are fulfilled will accordingly bear the risk that the Rights Issue may not become unconditional or may not proceed.

Subject to the fulfilment of conditions, the Rights Issue will proceed on a non-underwritten basis irrespective of the level of acceptance of provisionally allotted Rights Shares. Accordingly, if the Rights Issue is undersubscribed, the size of the Rights Issue will be reduced. Qualifying Shareholders who do not take up their assured entitlements in full and Excluded Shareholders, if any, should note that their shareholdings in the Company may be diluted, the extent of which will depend in part on the size of the Rights Issue.

Shareholders and potential investors of the Company are advised to exercise caution when dealing in the Existing Shares, the Consolidated Shares and/or the Rights Shares. Any party who is in any doubt about his/her/its position or any action to be taken is recommended to consult his/her/its own professional adviser(s).

# PROPOSED SHARE CONSOLIDATION

The Company proposes to implement the Share Consolidation on the basis that every four (4) Existing Shares in the issued and unissued share capital of the Company be consolidated into one (1) Consolidated Share.

#### **Conditions of the Share Consolidation**

The Share Consolidation is conditional upon the fulfillment of the following conditions:

- (i) the passing of the ordinary resolution by the Shareholders to approve the Share Consolidation at the EGM;
- (ii) the GEM Listing Committee granting the listing of, and permission to deal in, the Consolidated Shares; and
- (iii) the compliance with the relevant procedures and requirements under the Cayman Islands laws (where applicable) and the GEM Listing Rules to effect the Share Consolidation. The Share Consolidation will become effective on the second Business Day immediately following the fulfillment of the above conditions.

As at the date of this announcement, none of the above conditions has been fulfilled.

#### **Effects of the Share Consolidation**

As at the date of this announcement, the authorised share capital of the Company is US\$40,000,000 divided into 40,000,000 Existing Shares of US\$0.001 each, of which 172,800,000 Existing Shares have been issued and are fully paid or credited as fully paid. Upon the Share Consolidation becoming effective but before the completion of the Rights Issue and assuming no change in the number of Shares in issue from the date of this announcement to the effective date of the Share Consolidation, the authorised share capital of the Company will become US\$40,000,000 divided into 10,000,000 Consolidated Shares of US\$0.004 each, of which 43,200,000 Consolidated Shares (which are fully paid or credited as fully paid) will be in issue.

Upon the Share Consolidation becoming effective, the Consolidated Shares will rank *pari passu* in all respects with each other in accordance with the Company's articles of association. Other than the expenses to be incurred in relation to the Share Consolidation, the implementation thereof will not alter the underlying assets, business operations, management or financial position of the Group or the interests or rights of the Shareholders, save for any fractional Consolidated Shares to which the Shareholders may be entitled.

# **Listing Application**

An application will be made by the Company to the GEM Listing Committee for the listing of, and the permission to deal in, the Consolidated Shares upon the Share Consolidation becoming effective. Subject to the granting of listing of, and permission to deal in, the Consolidated Shares on the Stock Exchange, as well as compliance with the stock admission requirements of the HKSCC, the Consolidated Shares will be accepted as eligible securities by HKSCC for deposit, clearance and settlement in CCASS with effect from the commencement date of dealings in the Consolidated Shares on the Stock Exchange or such other date as determined by HKSCC. Settlement of transactions between participants of the Stock Exchange on any trading day is required to take place in CCASS on the second settlement day thereafter. All activities under CCASS are subject to the General Rules of CCASS and CCASS Operational Procedures in effect from time to time. All necessary arrangements will be made for the Consolidated Shares to be admitted into CCASS established and operated by HKSCC.

None of the Existing Shares are listed or dealt in any other stock exchange other than the Stock Exchange, and at the time the Share Consolidation becoming effective, the Consolidated Shares in issue will not be listed or dealt in on any stock exchange other than the Stock Exchange, and no such listing or permission to deal is being or is proposed to be sought.

#### Fractional entitlement to Consolidated Shares

Fractional Consolidated Shares will be disregarded and will not be issued to the Shareholders but all such fractional Consolidated Shares will be aggregated and, if possible, sold for the benefit of the Company. Fractional Consolidated Shares will only arise in respect of the entire shareholding of a holder of the Shares of the Company regardless of the number of share certificates held by such holder. Shareholders concerned about losing out on any fractional entitlement are recommended to consult their licensed securities dealer, bank manager, solicitor, professional accountant or other professional adviser and may wish to consider the possibility of buying or selling Shares in a number sufficient to make up an entitlement to receive a whole number of Consolidated Shares.

#### Other securities of the Company

As at the date of this announcement, the Company had no outstanding options, warrants or other securities in issue which are convertible into or giving rights to subscribe for, convert or exchange into, any Existing Shares or Consolidated Shares, as the case may be.

#### Arrangement on odd lot trading

In order to facilitate the trading of odd lots of the Consolidated Shares arising from the Share Consolidation, the Company will appoint a designated broker to provide a matching service, on a best effort basis, to those Shareholders who wish to acquire odd lots of the Consolidated Shares to make up a full board lot, or to dispose of their holding of odd lots of the Consolidated Shares. Further details in respect of the odd lots matching arrangement will be set out in the circular to be despatched by the Company to the Shareholders.

Holders of odd lots of the Consolidated Shares should note that the matching of the sale and purchase of odd lots of the Consolidated Shares is not guaranteed.

#### **Exchange of share certificates**

Subject to the Share Consolidation having become effective, Shareholders may, during the period from Monday, 9 December 2024 to 4:30 p.m. on Friday, 17 January 2025 (both days inclusive), submit the existing share certificates for the Existing Shares (in yellow colour) to the Registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Investor Services Limited at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong, to exchange, at the expense of the Company, for new share certificates for the Consolidated Shares (in pink colour). Thereafter, existing share certificates for Existing Shares will continue to be good evidence of legal title and may be exchanged for new share certificates for Solidated Shares at the expense of the Shareholders on payment of a fee of HK\$2.50 (or such higher amount as may be allowed by the Stock Exchange from time to time) for each existing share certificate cancelled or each new share certificate issued for Consolidated Shares (whichever is higher) but are not acceptable for delivery, trading and settlement purposes.

#### **Reasons for the Share Consolidation**

Pursuant to the "Guide on Trading Arrangements for Selected Types of Corporate Actions" issued by The Hong Kong Exchange and Clearing Limited, the expected value per board lot should be greater than HK\$2,000 taking into account the minimum transaction costs for a securities trade. In view of the fact that the closing price of the Shares as quoted on the Stock Exchange as at the date of this announcement was HK\$0.081 per Existing Share, the value of each existing board lot of 10,000 Shares was HK\$810, which was less than HK\$2,000.

As at the date of this announcement, the closing price of the Shares was HK\$0.081 per Existing Share, with a board lot size of 10,000, the existing board lot value is less than HK\$2,000. The Directors consider that the proposed Share Consolidation will bring about a corresponding upward adjustment in the expected value per board lot and increase the value of each board lot of the Consolidated Shares to over HK\$2,000. As such, it would enable the Company to comply with the trading requirements under the GEM Listing Rules.

Further, the Share Consolidation would reduce the overall transaction and handling costs of dealings in the Shares as a proportion of the market value of each board lot, since most of the banks/securities houses will charge a minimum transaction costs for each securities trade. Accordingly, the Board considers that the Share Consolidation would maintain the trading amount for each board lot at a reasonable level in order to attract potential investors and to extend the shareholder base of the Company. The Board believes that the Share Consolidation is in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole and that will not have any material adverse effect on the financial position of the Group nor result in any changes in the relative rights of the Shareholders.

As at the date of this announcement, save as disclosed in this announcement, the Company currently (i) does not have any agreement, arrangement, understanding, intention, or negotiation (either concluded or in process) on any potential fundraising activities which will involve issue of equity securities of the Company; and (ii) has no other plan or intention to carry out any future corporate actions in the next twelve months which may have an effect of undermining or negating the intended purpose of the Share Consolidation. The Board is of the view that, having considered the corporate plan of the Company for the next twelve months, the proposed Share Consolidation is fair and reasonable, and in the interest of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole. However, in the event there is any change to the business environment and/or financial position of the Company due to unforeseeable circumstances, and the Company is required to conduct further fund raising exercises when suitable opportunities arise in order to support future development of the Group, the Company will publish further announcement(s) in compliance with the GEM Listing Rules, as and when appropriate.

Shareholders and potential investors should note that the Share Consolidation is conditional upon satisfaction of the conditions as set out in the paragraph headed "Conditions of the Share Consolidation" above. Accordingly, the Share Consolidation may or may not proceed. Shareholders and potential investors are advised to exercise caution when dealing in the securities of the Company. If they are in any doubt, they should consult their professional advisers.

#### **PROPOSED RIGHTS ISSUE**

The Board proposes to raise gross proceeds of up to approximately HK\$19.4 million (assuming full subscription under the Rights Issue) by way of issuing up to 64,800,000 Rights Shares assuming no change in the number of Shares in issue on or before the Record Date other than as a result of the Share Consolidation) at the Subscription Price of HK\$0.30 per Rights Share on the basis of three (3) Rights Shares for every two (2) Consolidated Shares held by the Qualifying Shareholders at the close of business on the Record Date. The Rights Issue is only available to the Qualifying Shareholders and will not be extended to the Excluded Shareholders (if any). Further details of the Rights Issue are set out below:

#### **Rights Issue statistics**

Basis of the Rights Issue	:	Three (3) Rights Shares for every two (2) Consolidated Shares held by the Qualifying Shareholders at the close of business on the Record Date
Subscription Price	:	HK\$0.30 per Rights Share
Number of Shares in issue as at the date of this announcement	:	172,800,000 Existing Shares
Number of Consolidated Shares in issue upon the Share Consolidation having become effective	:	43,200,000 Consolidated Shares
Maximum number of Rights Shares to be issued	:	64,800,000 Rights Shares (assuming no change in the number of Shares in issue on or before the Record Date other than as a result of the Share Consolidation)
Approximate aggregate nominal value of the Rights Shares	:	US\$259,200 (assuming no change in the number of Shares in issue on or before the Record Date other than as a result of the Share Consolidation)
Number of Shares in issue upon completion of the Rights Issue (assuming the Rights Issue is fully subscribed)	:	108,000,000 Consolidated Shares (assuming no change in the number of Shares in issue on or before the Record Date other than as a result of the Share Consolidation)
Net subscription price per Rights Share (i.e. Subscription Price less Rights Issue expenses)	:	Approximately HK\$0.29 per Rights Share
Maximum gross proceeds to be raised from the Rights Issue before expenses	:	Approximately HK\$19.4 million

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Maximum net proceeds to be raised from the Rights Issue after expenses

Assuming no change in the number of issued Consolidated Shares on or before the Record Date and that no new Consolidated Shares (other than the Rights Shares) will be allotted and issued on or before completion of the Rights Issue, the 64,800,000 Rights Shares to be issued pursuant to the terms of the proposed Rights Issue represents (i) 150% of the issued share capital of the Company immediately upon completion of the Share Consolidation; and (ii) 60% of the issued share capital of the Company after completion of the Share Consolidation and as enlarged by the allotment and issue of the Rights Shares.

As at the date of this announcement, the Company has no outstanding derivatives, warrants, options or convertible securities or other similar rights which are convertible or exchangeable into Shares.

# **The Subscription Price**

The Subscription Price is HK\$0.30 per Rights Share, which shall be payable in full by a Qualifying Shareholder upon acceptance of the relevant provisional allotment of the Rights Shares under the Rights Issue or when a transferee of the nil-paid Rights Share(s) applies for the Rights Share(s).

The Subscription Price represents:

- (i) a discount of approximately 7.41% to the theoretical closing price of approximately HK\$0.324 per Consolidated Share (after taking into account the effect of the Share Consolidation) based on the closing price of HK\$0.081 per Existing Share as quoted on the Stock Exchange on the Last Trading Day;
- (ii) a discount of approximately 8.54% to the theoretical average closing price of approximately HK\$0.328 per Consolidated Share (after taking into account the effect of the Share Consolidation) based on the average closing price of approximately HK\$0.082 per Existing Share as quoted on the Stock Exchange for the five (5) consecutive trading days up to and including the Last Trading Day;
- (iii) a discount of approximately 9.64% to the theoretical average closing price of approximately HK\$0.332 per Consolidated Share (after taking into account the effect of the Share Consolidation) based on the average closing price of approximately HK\$0.083 per Existing Share as quoted on the Stock Exchange for the ten (10) consecutive trading days up to and including the Last Trading Day;
- (iv) a discount of approximately 3.23% to the theoretical ex-rights price of approximately HK\$0.310 per Consolidated Share (after taking into account the effect of the Share Consolidation), based on the closing price of HK\$0.081 per Existing Share as quoted on the Stock Exchange on the Last Trading Day; and

(v) a theoretical dilution effect (as defined under Rule 10.44A of the GEM Listing Rules) represented by a discount of approximately 5.12% of the theoretical diluted price of approximately HK\$0.311 per Consolidated Share to the benchmarked price of approximately HK\$0.328 per Consolidated Share (after taking into account the effect of the Share Consolidation) (as defined under Rule 10.44A of the GEM Listing Rules), taking into account the higher of the closing price of HK\$0.081 per Existing Share on the Last Trading Day and the average closing price of the Existing Shares as quoted on the Stock Exchange for the five (5) consecutive trading days immediately prior to the Last Trading Day of HK\$0.082 per Existing Share).

The net price per Rights Share (i.e. Subscription Price less cost and expenses incurred in the Rights Issue) upon full acceptance of the provisional allotment of Rights Shares will be approximately HK\$0.29.

The Rights Issue will not result in a theoretical dilution effect of 25% or more. As such the theoretical dilution impact of the Rights Issue is in compliance with Rule 10.44A of the GEM Listing Rules.

The Subscription Price was determined with reference to, among other things, (i) the market price of the Shares under the prevailing market conditions; (ii) the current business performance and financial position of the Group; (iii) the reasons for and benefits of the proposed Rights Issue as discussed in the section headed "Reason for and benefits of the Rights Issue and the use of proceeds" in this announcement; and (iv) the amount of funds the Company intends to raise under the Rights Issue.

The Directors (excluding the members of the Independent Board Committee, whose opinion will be provided after taking into account the advice of the Independent Financial Adviser) consider that, despite any potential dilution impact of the proposed Rights Issue on the shareholding interests of the Shareholders, the terms of the Rights Issue, including the Subscription Price, are fair and reasonable and in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole, after taking into account that (i) the Qualifying Shareholders who do not wish to take up their provisional entitlements under the Rights Issue can sell the nil-paid rights in the market; (ii) the Rights Issue allows the Qualifying Shareholders to subscribe for their pro-rata Rights Shares for the purpose of maintaining their respective existing shareholding interests in the Company at a relatively low price as compared to the historical market price of the Shares and discount to the recent closing prices of the Shares; and (iii) the proceeds from the Rights Issue can fulfil the funding needs of the Group.

#### Non-underwritten Basis

Subject to the fulfilment of conditions of the Rights Issue, the Rights Issue will proceed on a non-underwritten basis irrespective of the level of acceptance of the provisionally allotted Rights Shares. In the event that the Rights Issue is not fully-subscribed, any Unsubscribed Rights Shares together with the ES Unsold Rights Shares will be placed to independent Placees on a best effort basis under the Compensatory Arrangements. Any Unsubscribed Rights Shares and ES Unsold Rights Shares which are not placed under the Compensatory Arrangements will not be issued by the Company and the size of the Rights Issue will be reduced accordingly.

There are no statutory requirements regarding the minimum subscription levels in respect of the Rights Issue and there is no minimum amount to be raised under the Rights Issue. As the Rights Issue will proceed on a non-underwritten basis, Shareholder(s) who apply to take up all or part of his/her/its entitlements under the PAL(s) may unwittingly incur an obligation to make a general offer for the Shares under the Takeovers Code or may result in the non-compliance by the Company of the Public Float Requirement under Rule 11.23(7) of the GEM Listing Rules. Accordingly, the Rights Issue will be made on terms that the Company will provide for the Shareholders to apply on the basis that if the Rights Shares are not fully taken up, the application of any Shareholder (except for HKSCC Nominees Limited) for his/her/its assured entitlement under the Rights Issue will be scaled down to a level which (i) does not trigger an obligation on the part of the relevant Shareholder to make a general offer under the Takeovers Code in accordance with the note to Rule 10.26(2) of the GEM Listing Rules; and (ii) does not result in any non-compliance with the Public Float Requirement on the part of the Company.

#### **Conditions of the Rights Issue**

The Rights Issue is conditional upon:

- (i) the Share Consolidation having become effective;
- (ii) the passing by the Independent Shareholders at the EGM of the necessary resolution(s) to approve the Rights Issue and the transactions contemplated thereunder, including but not limited to the allotment and issue of the Rights Shares in their nil-paid and fully-paid forms;
- (iii) the GEM Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange granting or agreeing to grant and not having withdrawn or revoked the listing of, and permission to deal in, all the Rights Shares (in their nil-paid and fully-paid forms);
- (iv) the delivery to the Stock Exchange for authorisation and the registration with the Registrar of Companies in Hong Kong respectively of the Prospectus Documents in compliance with the GEM Listing Rules and the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance not later than the Prospectus Posting Date;
- (v) the Prospectus Documents having been made available to the Qualifying Shareholders and the publication of the Prospectus Documents on the website of the Stock Exchange on or before the Prospectus Posting Date; and
- (vi) the Placing Agreement not being terminated pursuant to the terms thereof and remain in full force and effect.

None of the above conditions can be waived. If any of the conditions referred to above is not fulfilled by the Latest Time for Termination, the Rights Issue will not proceed. The Company shall use all reasonable endeavours to procure the fulfilment of all the above conditions precedent by the Latest Time for Termination or such other date as the Company and the Placing Agent may agree.

# As the proposed Rights Issue is subject to the above conditions, it may or may not proceed.

#### **Basis of provisional allotments**

The Rights Shares will be allotted on the basis of three (3) Rights Shares for every two (2) Consolidated Shares held by the Qualifying Shareholders as at the close of business on the Record Date at the Subscription Price payable in full on acceptance and otherwise on the terms and subject to the conditions set out in the Placing Agreement and the Prospectus Documents.

The PAL relating to the Rights Shares will be enclosed with the Prospectus entitling the Qualifying Shareholders to whom it is addressed to subscribe for the Rights Shares as shown therein. Application for all or any part of a Qualifying Shareholder's provisional allotment should be made with the Registrar on or before the Latest Time for Acceptance by lodging a duly completed PAL and a cheque or a banker's cashier order for the sum payable for the Rights Shares being applied for. There will be no excess application arrangements in relation to the Rights Issue.

#### **Status of the Rights Shares**

The Rights Shares, when allotted and issued, shall rank *pari passu* in all respects with the Shares then in issue. Holders of fully-paid Rights Shares will be entitled to receive all future dividends and distributions which are declared, made or paid after the date of allotment of the Rights Shares in their fully-paid form.

#### **Qualifying Shareholders**

The Rights Issue is only available to the Qualifying Shareholders and will not be extended to the Excluded Shareholders (if any). To qualify for the Rights Issue, a Shareholder must be registered as a member of the Company as at the close of business on the Record Date and not be an Excluded Shareholder.

In order to be registered as members of the Company on the Record Date, all transfers of the Shares (together with the relevant share certificate(s) and/or the instrument(s) of transfer) must be lodged with the Registrar at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong for registration by no later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, 11 December 2024 (Hong Kong time).

The last day of dealing in the Consolidated Shares on cum-rights basis is Monday, 9 December 2024. The Consolidated Shares will be dealt with on an ex-rights basis from Tuesday, 10 December 2024.

Beneficial owners whose Shares are held by nominee companies (or held in CCASS) should note that the Board will regard a nominee company (including HKSCC Nominees Limited) as a single Shareholder according to the register of members of the Company. Beneficial owners with their Shares held by nominee companies (or held in CCASS) are advised to consider whether they would like to arrange for registration of the relevant Shares in the name of the beneficial owner(s) prior to the Record Date. Shareholders and investors should consult their professional advisers if they are in doubt as to their status and action to be taken.

Subject to the registration of the Prospectus Documents in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations, the Company will despatch the Prospectus Documents to the Qualifying Shareholders on the Prospectus Posting Date and will despatch the Prospectus only (without the PAL) to the Excluded Shareholders for their information purpose only to the extent permitted under the relevant laws and regulations and reasonably practicable.

Qualifying Shareholders who take up their pro-rata entitlement in full will not suffer any dilution to their interests in the Company.

# If a Qualifying Shareholder does not take up any of his/her/its entitlement in full under the Rights Issue, his/her/its proportionate shareholding in the Company will be diluted.

#### **Rights of the Overseas Shareholder(s) (if any)**

As at the date of this announcement, based on the register of members of the Company, there was one Overseas Shareholder with registered address located in the PRC, which was interested in 1,060,000 Shares, representing approximately 0.6% of the total issued share capital of the Company. Save for the Overseas Shareholder with registered address located in the PRC, there were no other Overseas Shareholders based on the register of members of the Company as at the date of this announcement.

The Prospectus Documents to be issued in connection with the Rights Issue will not be registered or filed under the securities law of any jurisdiction other than Hong Kong. Overseas Shareholders may not be eligible to take part in the Rights Issue as explained below.

Pursuant to Rule 17.41(1) of the GEM Listing Rules, the Company will make necessary enquiries regarding the feasibility of extending the Rights Issue to Overseas Shareholders (if any) under the laws of the relevant overseas jurisdictions and the requirements of the relevant regulatory bodies or stock exchanges. If, based on legal advice, the Board is of the opinion that it would be necessary or expedient not to offer the Rights Shares to any Overseas Shareholders on account either of the legal restrictions under the laws of relevant place(s) or the requirements of the relevant overseas regulatory body or stock exchange, no provisional allotment of the nil-paid Rights Shares or allotment of fully-paid Rights Shares will be made to such Overseas Shareholder(s). In such circumstances, the Rights Issue will not be extended to the Excluded Shareholders. The basis for excluding the Excluded Shareholders, if any, from the Rights Issue will be set out in the Prospectus to be issued.

Arrangements will be made for the Rights Shares, which would otherwise have been provisionally allotted to the Excluded Shareholders, to be sold in their nil-paid form as soon as practicable after dealings in the nil-paid Rights Shares commence, if a premium (net of expenses) can be obtained. The proceeds of such sale, less expenses, will be paid pro rata (but rounded down to the nearest cent) to the relevant Excluded Shareholders in Hong Kong dollars, except that the Company will retain individual amounts of less than HK\$100 for its own benefit.

Any unsold entitlement of Excluded Shareholders to the Rights Shares and any Rights Shares provisionally allotted but not accepted by the Qualifying Shareholders will, on a best effort basis, be placed by the Placing Agent under the Compensatory Arrangements to independent Placees, who and whose ultimate beneficial owners(s) shall be Independent Third Party(ies), for the benefit of the Shareholders to whom they were offered by way of the Rights Issue, at the price at least equal to the Subscription Price.

Overseas Shareholders and beneficial owners of the Shares who are residing outside Hong Kong should note that they may or may not be entitled to take part in the Rights Issue, subject to the results of enquiries made by the Directors pursuant to Rule 17.41(1) of the GEM Listing Rules. Accordingly, Overseas Shareholders and beneficial owners of the Shares who are residing outside Hong Kong should exercise caution when dealing in the securities of the Company.

#### Certificates of the Rights Shares and refund cheques for the Rights Issue

Subject to fulfilment of the conditions of the Rights Issue, share certificates for the fully-paid Rights Shares are expected to be posted on or before Wednesday, 5 February 2025 to those entitled thereto at their registered addresses by ordinary post at their own risk. If the Rights Issue does not become unconditional, refund cheques without interest are expected to be posted on or before Wednesday, 5 February 2025 by ordinary post to the respective applicants, at their own risk, to their registered addresses.

#### **Fractional Entitlements to the Rights Shares**

Rights Shares in provisional allotment will be rounded down to the nearest whole number. No fractional Rights Shares shall be issued under the Rights Issue. All fractions of the Rights Shares will be aggregated and placed by the Placing Agent under the Compensatory Arrangements to Independent Third Parties for the benefit of the Company.

#### Odd lots matching services

In order to facilitate the trading of odd lots of the Rights Shares arising from the Rights Issue, the Company will procure an arrangement with an agent to stand in the market to provide matching services for sale and purchase of odd lots arising from the Rights Issue on a best effort basis. Further details in respect of the odd lots arrangements will be set out in the circular to be despatched to the Shareholders in relation to, among others, the Rights Issue.

Holders of odd lots arising from the Rights Issue should note that successful matching of the sale and purchase of odd lots arising from the Rights Issue are not warranted. Any Shareholder who is in any doubt about the odd lots arrangements is recommended to consult his/her/its own professional advisers.

#### Application for listing of the Rights Shares and applicable fees

The Company will apply to the GEM Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange for the listing of, and the permission to deal in, the Rights Shares (in both nil-paid and fully-paid forms) to be issued and allotted pursuant to the Rights Issue. No part of the securities of the Company is listed or dealt in, and no listing of or permission to deal in any such securities is being or is proposed to be sought, on any other stock exchanges.

The nil-paid and fully-paid Rights Shares will be traded in board lot size of 10,000 Shares.

#### Stamp duty and other applicable fees

Dealing in the Rights Shares in both their nil-paid and fully-paid forms which are registered in the register of members of the Company in Hong Kong will be subject to payments of stamp duty, Stock Exchange trading fee, SFC transaction levy, AFRC transaction levy or any other applicable fees and charges in Hong Kong.

# Taxation

Shareholders are advised to consult their professional advisers if they are in doubt as to the taxation implications of the receipt, purchase, holding, exercising, disposing of or dealing in, the nil-paid Rights Shares or the fully-paid Rights Shares and, regarding Excluded Shareholders, their receipt of the net proceeds, if any, from sales of the nil-paid Rights Shares on their behalf.

#### Rights Shares will be eligible for admission into CCASS

Subject to the granting of the listing of, and the permission to deal in, the Rights Shares (in both their nil-paid and fully-paid forms) on the Stock Exchange as well as compliance with the stock admission requirements of HKSCC, the Rights Shares (in both their nil-paid and fully-paid forms) will be accepted as eligible securities by HKSCC for deposit, clearance and settlement in CCASS with effect from the respective commencement dates of dealings in the Rights Shares in their nil-paid and fully-paid forms on the Stock Exchange, or such other dates as determined by HKSCC.

Settlement of transactions between participants of the Stock Exchange on any trading day is required to take place in CCASS on the second trading day thereafter. All activities under CCASS are subject to the General Rules of CCASS and CCASS Operational Procedures in effect from time to time. Shareholders should seek advice from their licensed securities dealer(s) or other professional adviser(s) for details of those settlement arrangements and how such arrangements will affect their rights and interests.

# Procedures in respect of the Unsubscribed Rights Shares and the ES Unsold Rights Shares and the Compensatory Arrangements

Pursuant to Rule 10.31(1)(b) of the GEM Listing Rules, the Company will make the Compensatory Arrangements to dispose of the Unsubscribed Rights Shares and the ES Unsold Rights Shares by offering these Shares to independent Placees, who and whose ultimate beneficial owners(s) shall be Independent Third Party(ies), for the benefit of the Shareholders to whom they were offered by way of the Rights Issue. As the Compensatory Arrangements are in place, there will be no excess application arrangements in relation to the Rights Issue as stipulated under Rule 10.31(1)(a) of the GEM Listing Rules.

Accordingly, on 21 October 2024 (after trading hours), the Company entered into the Placing Agreement with the Placing Agent in relation to the placing of the Unsubscribed Rights Shares and ES Unsold Rights Shares to independent Placees on a best effort basis. Pursuant to the Placing Agreement, the Company has appointed the Placing Agent to place the Unsubscribed Rights Shares and ES Unsold Rights Shares during the Placing Period to independent Placees on a best effort basis, and any premium over the Subscription Price for those Rights Shares that is realised will be paid to those No Action Shareholders and Excluded Shareholders on a pro-rata basis. The Placing Agent will, on a best effort basis, procure, by not later than 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, 23 January 2025, acquirers for all (or as many as possible) of those Unsubscribed Rights Shares and ES Unsold Rights Shares. Any Unsubscribed Rights Shares and ES Unsold Rights Issue will be reduced accordingly.

Net Gain (if any) will be paid (without interest) to the No Action Shareholders and Excluded Shareholders as set out below on a pro-rata basis (but rounded down to the nearest cent):

- A. for No Action Shareholders, the relevant Qualifying Shareholders (or such persons who hold any nil-paid rights at the time such nil-paid rights are lapsed) whose nil-paid rights are not validly applied for in full, by reference to the extent that Shares in his/her/its nil-paid rights are not validly applied for; and
- B. for Excluded Shareholders, the relevant Excluded Shareholders with reference to their shareholdings in the Company on the Record Date.

# THE PLACING AGREEMENT

Principal terms of the Placing Agreement are summarised as below.

On 21 October 2024 (after trading hours), the Company and the Placing Agent entered into the Placing Agreement, pursuant to which the Placing Agent has agreed to, on a best effort basis, procure Placee(s), who and whose ultimate beneficial owner(s) are Independent Third Party(ies), to subscribe for the Unsubscribed Rights Shares and ES Unsold Rights Shares. Details of the Placing Agreement are as follows:

Date	: 21 October 2024 (after trading hours)
Issuer	: the Company
Placing Agent	: Astrum Capital Management Limited, a licensed corporation under the SFO to engage in type 1 (dealing in securities), type 2 (dealing in futures contracts), type 6 (advising on corporate finance) and type 9 (asset management) regulated activities
	The Placing Agent confirmed that it and its ultimate beneficial owner(s) are not Shareholders and are Independent Third Parties.
Placing Price	: The placing price of the Unsubscribed Rights Shares and ES Unsold Rights Shares shall be at least equal to the Subscription Price and the final price determination will depend on the demand for and the market conditions of the Unsubscribed Rights Shares and ES Unsold Rights Shares during the placement process.
Placing Period	: The period from Wednesday, 15 January 2025 up to 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, 23 January 2025, or such other dates as the Company may announce, being the period during which the Placing Agent will seek to effect the Compensatory Arrangements.

Placing Commission	:	The Company shall pay the Placing Agent a placing commission equivalent to (i) a fixed fee of HK\$100,000; or (ii) 1.5% of the amount which is equal to the Placing Price multiplied by the total number of the Unsubscribed Rights Shares and ES Unsold Rights Shares which are successfully placed by the Placing Agent, whichever is higher.		
Placees	:	The Unsubscribed Rights Shares and ES Unsold Rights Shares are expected to be placed to placees, who and whose ultimate beneficial owner(s) shall be Independent Third Party(ies).		
Ranking of the placed Unsubscribed Rights Shares and ES Unsold Rights Shares	:	The placed Unsubscribed Rights Shares and ES Unsold Rights Shares (when allotted, issued and fully paid, if any) shall rank <i>pari passu</i> in all respects among themselves and with the existing Shares in issue as at the date of completion of the Placing.		
Conditions Precedent	:	The obligations of the Placing Agent and the Company under the Placing Agreement are conditional upon, among others, the following conditions being fulfilled (or being waived by the Placing Agent in writing, if applicable):		
		(i) the Share Consolidation having become effective;		
		<ul><li>(ii) the GEM Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange having granted the listing of, and the permission to deal in, the Rights Shares;</li></ul>		
		<ul> <li>(iii) the approval of the Rights Issue and the transactions contemplated thereunder (including the Placing Agreement) by more than 50% of the Independent Shareholders at the EGM by way of poll;</li> </ul>		
		(iv) none of the representations, warranties or undertakings contained in the Placing Agreement being or having become untrue, inaccurate or misleading in any material respect at any time before the completion, and no fact or circumstance having arisen and nothing having been done or omitted to be done which would render any of such undertakings, representations or warranties untrue or inaccurate in any material respect if it was		

(v) the Placing Agreement not having been terminated in accordance with the provisions thereof.

repeated as at the time of completion; and

The Placing Agent may, in its absolute discretion, waive the fulfillment of all or any part of the conditions precedent to the Placing Agreement (other than those set out in paragraph (i), (ii) and (iii) above) by notice in writing to the Company.

: The Placing Period shall end at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, 23 January 2025 or any other date by mutual written agreement between the Placing Agent and the Company.

The engagement of the Placing Agent may also be terminated by the Placing Agent at any time prior to 4:00 p.m. on Friday, 24 January 2025 or any other date by mutual written agreement between the Placing Agent and the Company in case of force majeure resulting in the Company and the Placing Agent being unable to fulfill its duties and responsibilities under the engagement. Further, if during the course of the engagement it has come to the Placing Agent's knowledge that there is any material adverse change in the business and operational environment in the Company which, in the reasonable opinion of the Placing Agent, may make it inadvisable to continue the engagement, the Placing Agent shall have the right to terminate the engagement by written notice to the Company with immediate effect.

The Company shall use its best endeavours to procure the fulfillment of such conditions precedent to the Placing Agreement by the Placing Long Stop Date. If any of the conditions precedent to the Placing Agreement have not been fulfilled by the Placing Long Stop Date or become incapable of being fulfilled (subject to the Placing Agent not exercising its rights to waive or extend the time for fulfillment of such conditions), then the Placing will lapse and all rights, obligations and liabilities of the Company and the Placing Agent in relation to the Placing shall cease and determine, save in respect of any accrued rights or obligations under the Placing Agreement or antecedent breach thereof.

The terms of the Placing Agreement (including the commission payable) were determined after arm's length negotiation between the Placing Agent and the Company with reference to the size of the Rights Issue and the market conditions. The Board considers the terms of the Placing for the Unsubscribed Rights Shares and ES Unsold Rights Shares (including the commission payable) are on normal commercial terms and are fair and reasonable.

Termination

As explained above, the Unsubscribed Rights Shares and ES Unsold Rights Shares will be placed by the Placing Agent to independent Placees on a best effort basis for the benefits of the No Action Shareholders and Excluded Shareholders. If all or any of the Unsubscribed Rights Shares and ES Unsold Rights Shares are successfully placed, any premium over the Subscription Price will be distributed to the relevant No Action Shareholders and Excluded Shareholders.

Given that the Compensatory Arrangements would provide (i) a distribution channel of the Unsubscribed Rights Shares and the ES Unsold Rights Shares; and (ii) a compensatory mechanism for No Action Shareholders and the Excluded Shareholders, the Board considers that the Compensatory Arrangements are fair and reasonable and would provide adequate safeguard to protect the interest of the Company's minority Shareholders.

# REASONS FOR AND BENEFITS OF THE RIGHTS ISSUE AND THE USE OF PROCEEDS

The Company is principally engaged in investment holding. The subsidiaries of the Company are principally engaged in the provision of outdoor and digital advertising services and prepaid card business.

According to the Company's interim report for the six months ended 30 June 2024, the Group recorded net loss of approximately RMB5.4 million for the six months ended 30 June 2024 as compared to a net loss of approximately RMB2.2 million for the corresponding period in 2023. As at 30 June 2024, the Group had bond payable of approximately RMB13.9 million (equivalent to approximately HK\$14.9 million) in aggregate. For the six months ended 30 June 2024, the Group incurred interest expense of approximately RMB0.7 million on corporate bond. Subsequently, on 23 July 2024, the Company renewed a bond agreement with a bondholder, being an Independent Third Party, with a renewed principal of HK\$15.5 million (equivalent to approximately RMB14.0 million) which bears an interest rate of 12% per annum and is due for repayment on 23 July 2025.

In light of the loss-making performance of the Group and with a view to relieve the Group's financial burden and lowering its finance costs, the Company intends to raise funds through the Rights Issue to improve the financial condition of the Group and also reducing its gearing and interest burden.

# Use of proceeds

Assuming there will be no change in the total number of issued Shares from the date of this announcement up to and including the Record Date other than as a result of the Share Consolidation and full subscription of the Rights Issue, the maximum net proceeds from the Rights Issue (after deducting the related expenses) is expected to be approximately HK\$19.0 million. The Company intends to apply the net proceeds from the Rights Issue as follows:

- (i) approximately 91.2% of the net proceeds or approximately HK\$17.3 million for repayment of the Group's bond payable; and
- (ii) approximately 8.8% of the net proceeds or approximately HK\$1.7 million for enhancing the general working capital of the Group.

In the event that there is an undersubscription of the Rights Issue, the net proceeds of the Rights Issue will be utilised in proportion to the above uses.

#### **Other fund-raising alternatives**

Apart from the Rights Issue, the Directors have considered other debt/equity fund raising alternatives such as bank borrowings, placing, or an open offer.

In respect of debt financing, the Directors noted that bank borrowings will carry interest costs and may require the provision of security and creditors will rank before the Shareholders. Debt financing will also result in additional interest burden, higher gearing ratio of the Group and subject the Group to repayment obligations. In addition, debt financing may not be achievable on favourable terms in a timely manner.

As for equity fund raising, such as placing of new Shares, it is relatively smaller in scale as compared to fund raising through rights issue and it would lead to immediate dilution in the shareholding interest of the existing Shareholders without offering them the opportunity to participate in the enlarged capital base of the Company, which is not the intention of the Company.

As opposed to an open offer, the Rights Issue enables the Shareholders to sell the nil-paid rights in the market. The Rights Issue will give the Qualifying Shareholders the opportunity to maintain their respective pro-rata shareholding interests in the Company and to continue to participate in the future development of the Company.

Having considered the abovementioned alternatives, the Directors consider raising funds by way of the Rights Issue is more attractive in the current market condition and the Rights Issue will enable the Company to strengthen its working capital base and enhance its financial position, while at the same time, allowing the Qualifying Shareholders to maintain their proportional shareholdings in the Company.

Based on the above, the Board (excluding the members of the Independent Board Committee whose opinion will be rendered after considering the advice from the Independent Financial Adviser) considers that raising capital through the Rights Issue is in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole. In addition, having considered the capital needs of the Group, the terms of the Rights Issue and the Subscription Price, the Board also considers that it is in the interests of the Company to proceed with the Rights Issue on a non-underwritten basis. However, those Qualifying Shareholders who do not take up the Rights Shares to which they are entitled and Excluded Shareholder(s), if any, should note that their shareholdings will be diluted.

# FUND RAISING EXERCISE OF THE COMPANY IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS

The Company has not conducted any fund-raising activities involving issue of its securities in the past 12 months immediately preceding the date of this announcement.

#### CHANGE IN SHAREHOLDING STRUCTURE OF THE COMPANY

Set out below is the shareholding structure of the Company (i) as at the date of this announcement; (ii) immediately upon completion of the Share Consolidation; (iii) immediately upon completion of the Rights Issue assuming full acceptance by all Qualifying Shareholders under the Rights Issue; and (iv) immediately upon completion of the Rights Issue assuming (a) no subscription by the Qualifying Shareholders; and (b) all the Placing Shares are placed to Independent Third Parties under the Placing:

Name of Shareholders	As at the date of this announcement		Immediate completion of Consolid	the Share	Immediately upon completion of the Rights Issue assuming full acceptance of the Rights Shares by all Qualifying Shareholders		Immediately upon completion of the Rights Issue assuming nil acceptance of the Rights Shares by the Qualifying Shareholders and all the remaining Unsubscribed Rights Shares and ES Unsold Rights Shares having been placed by the Placing Agent	
	Number of		Number of		Number of		Number of	0 0
	Shares	%	Shares	%	Shares	%	Shares	%
Lizhong Limited ( <i>Note 1</i> ) Public Shareholders	14,400,500	8.33	3,600,125	8.33	9,000,312	8.33	3,600,125	3.33
- Independent Placees (Note 2)	_	_	-	-	-	-	64,800,000	60.00
- Other public Shareholders	158,399,500	91.67	39,599,875	91.67	98,999,688	91.67	39,599,875	36.67
	172,800,000	100.00	43,200,000	100.00	108,000,000	100.00	108,000,000	100.00

#### Notes:

- 1. Lizhong Limited is held as to approximately 48.73% and 48.73% by Broad Win Limited and Joint Loyal Limited, respectively. The entire issued share capital of Broad Win Limited and Joint Loyal Limited was owned by Mr. Lin Pintong and Mr. Ruan Deqing, respectively. Under the SFO, each of Mr. Lin Pintong and Mr. Ruan Deqing, Broad Win Limited and Joint Loyal Limited was deemed to be interested in all the Shares held by Lizhong Limited by virtue of the SFO. The directors of Lizhong Limited are Mr. Lin Pintong, Mr. Ruan Deqing and Mr. Han Wenqian.
- 2. As it is not expected that any of the Placees will become a substantial Shareholder immediately after completion of the Placing, the Unsubscribed Rights Shares and ES Unsold Rights Shares having been placed by the Placing Agent will form part of the public float of the Company.
- 3. The percentage figures have been subject to rounding adjustments. Any discrepancies between totals and sums of amounts listed herein are due to rounding adjustments.

#### EXPECTED TIMETABLE

The expected timetable for the Share Consolidation, the Rights Issue and the Placing is set out below. The expected timetable is subject to change, and any such change will be announced in a separate announcement by the Company as and when appropriate.

EventDate and time(Hong Kong time)
Expected despatch date of the circular, proxy form and the notice of the EGM Friday, 15 November 2024
Latest time for lodging transfer of the Shares to qualify for attendance and voting at the EGM
Closure of register of members of the Company for determination of the right to attend and vote
at the EGM (both days inclusive) Friday, 29 November 2024 to Thursday, 5 December 2024
Latest time for lodging proxy forms for the EGM4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 3 December 2024
Record date for attendance and voting at the EGM Thursday, 5 December 2024
Expected time and date of the EGM to approve the proposed Share Consolidation, the Rights Issue and the transactions contemplated respectively thereunder
Announcement of the poll results of the EGM Thursday, 5 December 2024
Register of members of the Company re-opens Friday, 6 December 2024
Effective date of the Share Consolidation
Commencement of dealings in the Consolidated Shares
Original counter for trading in Existing Shares in the board lot size of 10,000 Existing Shares (in the form of existing share certificates) temporarily closes

Temporary counter for trading in the Consolidated Shares in board lot size of 2,500 Consolidated Shares (in the form of existing share certificates) opens
First day of free exchange of existing shares certificates for new share certificates for Consolidated SharesMonday, 9 December 2024
Last day of dealings in Consolidated Shares on a cum-rights basis
First day of dealings in Consolidated Shares on an ex-rights basis
Latest time for the Shareholders to lodge transfer of the Consolidated Shares to qualify for the Rights Issue 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, 11 December 2024
Closure of register of members for the Rights Issue (both days inclusive)
Record Date for the Rights Issue Wednesday, 18 December 2024
Register of members of the Company re-opens
Despatch of Prospectus Documents (in the case of the Excluded Shareholders, the Prospectus only)Thursday, 19 December 2024
First day of dealings in nil-paid Rights Shares in the board lot size of 10,000 Rights SharesMonday, 23 December 2024
Original counter for trading in the Consolidated Shares in the board lot size of 10,000 Consolidated Shares (in the form of new share certificates) reopens
Parallel trading in the Consolidated Shares (in the form of both existing share certificates and new share certificates) commencesMonday, 23 December 2024
Designated broker starts to stand in the market to provide matching services for odd lots of the Consolidated Shares
Latest time for splitting of the PALs

Last day of dealing in nil-paid Rights Shares in the board lot size of 10,000 Rights Shares Thursday, 2 January 2025
Latest time for lodging transfer documents of nil-paid Rights Shares in order to qualify for the Compensatory Arrangements
Latest Time for Acceptance of and payment for the Rights Share
Announcement of the number of Unsubscribed Rights Shares and ES Unsold Rights Shares subject to the Compensatory Arrangements
Commencement of placing of Unsubscribed Rights Shares and ES Unsold Rights Shares by the Placing Agent Wednesday, 15 January 2025
Designated broker ceases to provide matching services for odd lots of the Consolidated Shares
Temporary counter for trading in the Consolidated Shares in the board lot size of 2,500 Consolidated Shares (in the form of existing share certificates) closes
Parallel trading in Consolidated Shares (represented by both existing share certificates and new share certificates) ends 4:10 p.m. on Wednesday, 15 January 2025
Latest time for free exchange of existing share certificates for new share certificates
Latest time of placing of Unsubscribed Rights Shares and ES Unsold Rights Shares subject to Compensatory Arrangements
Latest Time for Termination of the Placing Agreement

Announcement of the allotment results of the Rights Issue
(including results of the placing of the Unsubscribed
Rights Shares and ES Unsold Rights Shares and
the amount of the Net Gain per Unsubscribed Rights Share
and per ES Unsold Rights Share under the
Compensatory Arrangements) Tuesday, 4 February 2025
Despatch of share certificates for fully-paid Rights Shares Wednesday, 5 February 2025
Despatch of refund cheques, if any, if the Rights Issue is terminated Wednesday, 5 February 2025
Commencement of dealings in fully-paid Rights Shares
in the board lot size of 10,000 Rights Shares
Payment of Net Gain to relevant No Action Shareholders (if any)

All times and dates in this announcement refer to Hong Kong local times and dates.

Details or deadlines specified in the expected timetable above or in other parts of this announcement are indicative only and may be extended, amended or varied by the Company. Any changes to the expected timetable will be published or notified to the Shareholders and the Stock Exchange as and when appropriate.

# EFFECT OF BAD WEATHER AND/OR EXTREME CONDITIONS ON THE LATEST TIME FOR ACCEPTANCE OF AND PAYMENT FOR THE RIGHTS SHARES

The Latest Time for Acceptance will not take place at the time indicated above if there is a tropical cyclone warning signal no. 8 or above, or "extreme conditions" caused by super typhoons announced by the Government of Hong Kong or a "black" rainstorm warning:

- (i) in force in Hong Kong at any local time before 12:00 noon and no longer in force after 12:00 noon on Tuesday, 7 January 2025. Instead, the Latest Time for Acceptance of and payment for the Rights Shares will be extended to 5:00 p.m. on the same Business Day; or
- (ii) in force in Hong Kong at any local time between 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 7 January 2025. Instead, the Latest Time for Acceptance of and payment for the Rights Shares will be rescheduled to 4:00 p.m. on the following Business Day which does not have either of those warnings in force in Hong Kong at any time between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m..

If the Latest Time for Acceptance of and payment for the Rights Shares does not take place on or before 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 7 January 2025, the dates mentioned in this section may be affected. The Company will notify the Shareholders by way of announcement(s) of any change to the expected timetable as soon as practicable.

#### **CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS**

The register of members of the Company will be closed from Friday, 29 November 2024 to Thursday, 5 December 2024 (both dates inclusive) for determining the Shareholders' entitlements for attending and voting at the EGM.

The register of members of the Company will be closed from Thursday, 12 December 2024 to Wednesday, 18 December 2024 (both dates inclusive) for determining the entitlements to the Rights Issue.

No transfer of the Shares will be registered during the above book closure periods.

#### GEM LISTING RULES IMPLICATIONS

#### The Share Consolidation

The Share Consolidation is conditional upon, among other things, the approval by the Shareholders by way of poll at the EGM. No Shareholder is involved or interested in or has a material interest in the Share Consolidation and the transactions contemplated thereunder and therefore no Shareholder is required to abstain from voting in favour of the resolution to approve the Share Consolidation and the transactions contemplated thereunder by way of poll at the EGM.

#### The Rights Issue

In accordance with Rule 10.29(1) of the GEM Listing Rules, as the Rights Issue will increase the total number of issued Shares by more than 50%, the Rights Issue is conditional upon the Independent Shareholders' approval at the EGM, and any controlling Shareholder(s) (as defined under the GEM Listing Rules) and their respective associates, or where there is no controlling Shareholder, the Directors (excluding the independent non-executive Directors) and the chief executive of the Company and their respective associates shall abstain from voting in favour of the resolution(s) in relation to the Rights Issue at the EGM.

As at the date of this announcement, the Company has no controlling Shareholder. Accordingly, the Directors (excluding independent non-executive Directors) and the chief executive of the Company and their respective associates (as defined in the GEM Listing Rules), shall abstain from voting in favour of the proposed Rights Issue at the EGM. As at the date of this announcement, Lizhong Limited holds 14,400,500 Existing Shares, representing approximately 8.33% of the total issued share capital of the Company. Lizhong Limited is held as to approximately 48.73% by Joint Loyal Limited, which is wholly-owned by Mr. Ruan Deqing, being an executive Director and the chairman of the Board. Mr. Ruan Deqing is deemed to be interested in all the Shares held by Lizhong Limited and their associate(s) shall abstain from voting in favour of the proposed resolutions to approve the Rights Issue and the transactions contemplated thereunder at the EGM. As at the date of this announcement, save for Mr. Ruan Deqing, none of the Directors or chief executives of the Company had any interest in the Shares.

The Subscription Price represents a theoretical dilution effect (as defined under Rule 10.44A of the GEM Listing Rules) which is represented by a discount of approximately 5.12% to the benchmarked price of approximately HK\$0.328 per Consolidated Share (after taking into account the effect of the Share Consolidation) (as defined under Rule 10.44A of the GEM Listing Rules). Accordingly, the Rights Issue will not result in a theoretical dilution effect of 25% or more. As such, the theoretical dilution impact of the Rights Issue is in compliance with Rule 10.44A of the GEM Listing Rules.

# THE INDEPENDENT BOARD COMMITTEE AND INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL ADVISER

The Company has established the Independent Board Committee, comprising all the independent non-executive Directors, namely Ms. Tay Sheve Li, Mr. Yau Kit Yu and Ms. Wipada Kunna, to advise the Independent Shareholders as to whether the terms of the Rights Issue are fair and reasonable and in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole, and to advise the Independent Shareholders on how to vote at the EGM. Vinco Financial Limited has been appointed as the Independent Financial Adviser to advise the Independent Board Committee and the Independent Shareholders as to whether the terms of the Rights Issue are fair and reasonable.

#### GENERAL

The EGM will be convened for the Shareholders to consider and, if fought fit, approve the Share Consolidation and the Rights Issue. For the purpose of determining the Shareholders' entitlements to attend and vote at the EGM, the register of members of the Company will be closed from Friday, 29 November 2024 to Thursday, 5 December 2024 (both days inclusive).

A circular containing, among others, (i) the Share Consolidation, the Rights Issue and the Placing; (ii) a letter of recommendation from the Independent Board Committee to the Independent Shareholders in respect of the Rights Issue; (iii) a letter of advice from the Independent Financial Adviser to the Independent Board Committee and the Independent Shareholders in respect of the Rights Issue; (iv) other information required under the GEM Listing Rules; and (v) a notice convening the EGM, is expected to be despatched to the Shareholders on or before Friday, 15 November 2024.

Subject to the fulfilment of the conditions of the Rights Issue, the Company will despatch the Prospectus Documents containing, among other matters, details of the Rights Issue, to the Qualifying Shareholders on or before Thursday, 19 December 2024. The Company will despatch the Prospectus (without the PAL(s)) to the Excluded Shareholders (if any) for their information purpose only to the extent permitted under the relevant laws and regulations and reasonably practicable.

# WARNING OF THE RISKS OF DEALING IN THE SHARES AND THE NIL-PAID RIGHTS SHARES

Shareholders and potential investors of the Company should note that the Rights Issue is subject to the fulfilment of conditions including, among other things, the Stock Exchange granting the listing of, and permission to deal in, the Rights Shares in their nil-paid and fully-paid forms. Please refer to the paragraph headed "Conditions of the Rights Issue" in this announcement.

Shareholders and potential investors of the Company should note that if the conditions of the Rights Issue are not fulfilled, the Rights Issue will not proceed. Any Shareholder or other person dealing in the Shares and/or Rights Shares up to the date on which all the conditions of the Rights Issue are fulfilled will accordingly bear the risk that the Rights Issue may not become unconditional or may not proceed.

Subject to the fulfilment of conditions, the Rights Issue will proceed on a non-underwritten basis irrespective of the level of acceptance of provisionally allotted Rights Shares. Accordingly, if the Rights Issue is undersubscribed, the size of the Rights Issue will be reduced. Qualifying Shareholders who do not take up their assured entitlements in full and Excluded Shareholders, if any, should note that their shareholdings in the Company may be diluted, the extent of which will depend in part on the size of the Rights Issue.

Shareholders and potential investors of the Company are advised to exercise caution when dealing in the Existing Shares, the Consolidated Shares and/or the Rights Shares. Any party who is in any doubt about his/her/its position or any action to be taken is recommended to consult his/her/its own professional adviser(s).

#### DEFINITIONS

In this announcement, unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms shall have the following meanings when used herein:

"AFRC"	the Accounting and Financial Reporting Council
"associate(s)"	has the meaning ascribed to it under the GEM Listing Rules
"Board"	the board of Directors
"Business Day"	a day (excluding Saturday and Sunday and any day on which "extreme conditions" caused by super typhoons is announced by the Government of Hong Kong or a tropical cyclone warning signal no. 8 or above is hoisted or remains hoisted between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon and is not lowered at or before 12:00 noon or on which a "black" rainstorm warning is hoisted or remains in effect between 9:00 a.m. and is not discontinued at or before 12:00 noon) on which licensed banks in Hong Kong are open for general business
"CCASS"	The Central Clearing and Settlement System established and operated by HKSCC
"Company"	China 33 Media Group Limited, a company incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability, the Shares of which are listed on GEM (Stock Code: 8087)

"Compensatory Arrangements"	the compensatory arrangements made pursuant to Rule 10.31(1) (b) of the GEM Listing Rules as described in the paragraph headed "Procedures in respect of the Unsubscribed Rights Shares and the ES Unsold Rights Shares and the Compensatory Arrangements" in this announcement
"Consolidated Share(s)"	ordinary shares of US\$0.004 each in the share capital of the Company after the Share Consolidation becoming effective
"Director(s)"	the director(s) of the Company
"EGM"	the extraordinary general meeting of the Company to be convened for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, approving the Share Consolidation, the Rights Issue and the transactions contemplated respectively thereunder
"ES Unsold Rights Share(s)"	the Rights Share(s) which would otherwise have been provisionally allotted to the Excluded Shareholders in nil-paid form
"Excluded Shareholder(s)"	the Overseas Shareholder(s) in respect of whom the Board, after making relevant enquiries with the legal advisers in the relevant jurisdictions, considers it necessary or expedient not to offer the Rights Shares to such Overseas Shareholder(s) on account either of legal restrictions under the laws of the relevant place or the requirements of the relevant regulatory body or stock exchange in that place
"Existing Share(s)"	ordinary share(s) of US\$0.001 each in the share capital of the Company prior to the Share Consolidation becoming effective
"GEM"	GEM operated by the Stock Exchange
"GEM Listing Committee"	has the meaning ascribed to it under the GEM Listing Rules
"GEM Listing Rules"	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on GEM
"Group"	the Company and its subsidiaries
"НК\$"	Hong Kong dollar(s), the lawful currency of Hong Kong
"HKSCC"	Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited
"Hong Kong"	Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC
"Independent Board Committee"	the independent committee of the Board comprising all the independent non-executive Directors, namely Ms. Tay Sheve Li, Mr. Yau Kit Yu and Ms. Wipada Kunna, which has been established to advise the Independent Shareholders in respect of the Rights Issue

"Independent Financial Adviser"	Vinco Financial Limited, a corporation licensed to carry out type 1 (dealing in securities) and type 6 (advising on corporate finance) regulated activities under the SFO, being the independent financial adviser of the Company appointed to advise the Independent Board Committee and the Independent Shareholders in relation to the Rights Issue and the transactions contemplated thereunder
"Independent Shareholder(s)"	any Shareholder(s) who is(are) not required to abstain from voting on the resolution relating to the Rights Issue at the EGM under the GEM Listing Rules
"Independent Third Party(ies)	third party(ies) independent of the Company and its connected persons and not connected with any of them or their respective associates
"Last Trading Day"	21 October 2024, the date of this announcement
"Latest Time for Acceptance"	4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 7 January 2025, being the latest time for acceptance of the offer of and payment for the Rights Shares
"Latest Time for Termination"	4:00 p.m. on Friday, 24 January 2025, or such later date as the Company and the Placing Agent may agree in writing, being the latest time to terminate the Placing Agreement
"Net Gain"	the premium paid by the Placees over the Subscription Price for the Unsubscribed Rights Shares and ES Unsold Rights Shares placed by the Placing Agent
"No Action Shareholder(s)"	those Qualifying Shareholders who do not subscribe for the Rights Shares (whether partially or fully) under the PALs or their renounces, or such persons who hold any nil-paid rights at the time such nil-paid rights are lapsed
"Overseas Shareholder(s)"	the Shareholder(s) whose registered address(es) as shown in the register of members of the Company as at the close of business on the Record Date is/are outside Hong Kong
"PAL(s)"	the provisional allotment letter(s) to be issued to the Qualifying Shareholders in connection with the Rights Issue
"Placee(s)"	institutional, corporate or individual investor(s), who and whose ultimate beneficial owner(s) shall be Independent Third Party(ies), procured by the Placing Agent and/or its sub-placing agents to subscribe for the Unsubscribed Rights Shares and ES Unsold Rights Shares pursuant to the Placing Agreement

"Placing"	the placing of the Unsubscribed Rights Shares and ES Unsold Rights Shares on a best effort basis by the Placing Agent and/or its sub- placing agents(s) to the Placees on the terms and conditions of the Placing Agreement
"Placing Agent"	Astrum Capital Management Limited, a licensed corporation under the SFO to engage in type 1 (dealing in securities), type 2 (dealing in futures contracts), type 6 (advising on corporate finance) and type 9 (asset management) regulated activities
"Placing Agreement"	the placing agreement dated 21 October 2024 entered into between the Company and the Placing Agent in relation to the Placing
"Placing Long Stop Date"	31 March 2025 or such later date as the Company and the Placing Agent may agree in writing
"Placing Period"	the period commencing from the first Business Day after the date of announcement of the number of the Unsubscribed Rights Shares and ES Unsold Rights Shares, which is expected to be Wednesday, 15 January 2025, and ending at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, 23 January 2025
"PRC"	the People's Republic of China, which for the purpose of this announcement excludes Hong Kong, the Macau Special Administrative Region of the PRC and Taiwan
"Prospectus"	the prospectus to be issued to the Shareholders containing details of the Rights Issues
"Prospectus Documents"	the Prospectus and the PAL
"Prospectus Posting Date"	Thursday, 19 December 2024, or such other date as the Company may determine, being the date on which the Prospectus Documents are made available to the Qualifying Shareholders and the Prospectus for information only to the Excluded Shareholders
"Public Float Requirement"	the public float requirement under Rule 11.23(7) of the GEM Listing Rules
"Qualifying Shareholder(s)"	Shareholders, other than Excluded Shareholders, whose names appear on the register of members of the Company at the close of business on the Record Date
"Record Date"	Wednesday, 18 December 2024 or such other date as may be determined by the Company, being the date by reference to which the Shareholders' entitlements to participate in the Rights Issue will be determined

"Registrar"	Tricor Investor Services Limited, the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar and transfer office, at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong
"Rights Issue"	The proposed issue of the Rights Shares by way of rights on the basis of three (3) Rights Shares for every two (2) Consolidated Shares held by the Qualifying Shareholders on the Record Date at the Subscription Price
"Rights Share(s)"	up to 64,800,000 Consolidated Shares (assuming no change in the number of issued Shares on or before the Record Date other than as a result of the Share Consolidation) to be allotted and issued pursuant to the Rights Issue
"RMB"	Renminbi, the lawful currency of the PRC
"SFC"	the Securities and Futures Commission
"SFO"	the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong)
"Shareholder(s)"	the holder(s) of the Share(s)
"Share(s)"	the Existing Share(s) and/or the Consolidated Share(s) as the case may be
"Share Consolidation"	proposed consolidation of the issued and unissued Existing Shares in the share capital of the Company on the basis of four (4) Existing Shares into one (1) Consolidated Share
"Stock Exchange"	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
"Subscription Price"	the subscription price of HK\$0.30 per Rights Share under the Rights Issue
"Takeovers Code"	The Hong Kong Code on Takeovers and Mergers
"Unsubscribed Rights Share(s)"	the Rights Shares that are not subscribed by the Qualifying Shareholders
"US\$"	United States dollars, the lawful currency of the United States of America
"%"	per cent

For the purpose of this announcement, unless otherwise indicated, conversion of RMB into HK\$ is calculated at the approximate exchange rate of RMB1.0 to HK\$1.1. This exchange rate is adopted for the purpose of illustration purpose only and does not constitute a representation that any amounts have been, could have been, or may be, exchanged at this rate or any other rates at all.

By order of the Board China 33 Media Group Limited Ruan Deqing Chairman and Executive Director

Hong Kong, 21 October 2024

As at the date of this announcement, the executive Directors are Mr. Ruan Deqing (Chairman) and Mr. Ma Pun Fai; and the independent non-executive Directors are Ms. Tay Sheve Li, Mr. Yau Kit Yu and Ms. Wipada Kunna.

This announcement, for which the Directors collectively and individually accept full responsibility, includes particulars given in compliance with the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on GEM of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited 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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