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創興銀行有限公司
Chong Hing Bank Limited

(a Hong Kong-incorporated limited liability company)
(Stock Code: 1111)

SUSPENSION OF TRADING

At the request of Chong Hing Bank Limited (“**CHB**”), trading in the shares (stock code: 1111) and debt securities (stock code: 4327) of CHB on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited will be suspended with effect from 9:00 a.m. on 6 February 2014.

Reference is made to the joint announcement issued by Yue Xiu Enterprises (Holdings) Limited (“**Yuexiu**”), Yuexiu Financial Holdings Limited (the “**Offeror**”) and CHB dated 5 February 2014 in relation to the close of the voluntary cash partial offer by Nomura International (Hong Kong) Limited on behalf of Yuexiu to acquire a maximum of 326,250,000 shares in the capital of CHB (representing 75% of its issued share capital) from qualifying shareholders of CHB (the “**Closing Announcement**”).

Unless the context requires otherwise, capitalised terms used in this announcement shall have the same meanings as defined in the composite offer and response document dated 15 January 2014 jointly issued by Yuexiu, the Offeror and CHB.

As disclosed in the Closing Announcement, upon settlement of the Partial Offer on 14 February 2014, the Offeror will acquire a total of 326,250,000 CHB Shares (representing 75% of the issued share capital of CHB). LCH Estate will hold 50,408,488 CHB Shares (representing approximately 11.59% of the issued share capital of CHB) and will therefore continue to be a substantial shareholder and connected person (as defined in Chapter 1 of the Listing Rules) of CHB. In addition, a small number of CHB Shares will be held by certain individual(s) who may remain as director(s) and therefore connected person(s) (as defined in Chapter 1 of the Listing Rules) of CHB after 14 February 2014. As a result, immediately following settlement of the Partial Offer on 14 February 2014, the public float of CHB is expected to fall to approximately 13% which is below the minimum public float requirement under Rule 8.08(1)(a) of the Listing Rules. Pursuant to Note 1 to Rule 8.08(1)(b) of the Listing Rules, trading in the shares and debt securities of CHB will be suspended with effect from 9:00 a.m. on 6 February 2014.

An application will be made to the Stock Exchange for a waiver from strict compliance with Rule 8.08(1)(a) of the Listing Rules. Active steps are being taken to restore the required minimum public float and announcement(s) regarding the restoration of public float and resumption of trading will be made as soon as possible.

By Order of the Board
Chong Hing Bank Limited
Michael K W Yeung
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 6 February 2014

As at the date of this announcement, the board of directors of CHB comprises Dr. Liu Lit Mo, Mr. Liu Lit Chi, Mr. Lau Wai Man, Mr. Don Tit Shing Liu, Mr. Wilfred Chun Ning Liu, Mr. He Jiale, Mr. Hidekazu Horikoshi, Mr. Christopher Kwun Shing Liu, Mr. Alfred Cheuk Yu Chow, Mr. Meng Qinghui, Dr. Robin Yau Hing Chan, Mr. Timothy George Freshwater, Mr. Wanchai Chiranakhorn, Mr. Cheng Yuk Wo and Mr. Andrew Chiu Cheung Ma.