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# **C C Land Holdings Limited**

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## DISCLOSEABLE TRANSACTION FORMATION OF JOINT VENTURE COMPANY

# FORMATION OF THE JV COMPANY

The Board is pleased to announce that on 28 January 2022, Rapid Joy, an indirect whollyowned subsidiary of the Company, entered into the Shareholders' Agreement with the JV Partner and the JV Company in relation to the formation, management and operation of the JV Company. On the same day, the SPA was entered into between, among others, the JV Company as purchaser, and the Company and CSI as purchaser's guarantors for the Acquisition. Pursuant to the SPA, completion of the Acquisition took place simultaneously upon signing of the SPA. In connection with the formation of the JV Company, the Company provided the Guarantees in support of the Acquisition. The JV Company will not be a subsidiary of the Company and its financial results will not be consolidated into the financial statements of the Group.

# LISTING RULES IMPLICATIONS

As the highest applicable percentage ratio (as defined under the Listing Rules) in respect of the total commitment of the Company to the JV Company under the Shareholders' Agreement and the Guarantees, exceeds 5% but is less than 25%, the entering into of the Shareholders' Agreement and provision of the Guarantees constitute a discloseable transaction for the Company and are subject to the notification and publication requirements but exempt from the shareholders' approval requirement under Chapter 14 of the Listing Rules.

# 1. FORMATION OF THE JV COMPANY

The Board is pleased to announce that on 28 January 2022, Rapid Joy entered into the Shareholders' Agreement with the JV Partner and the JV Company in relation to the formation, management and operation of the JV Company. Rapid Joy holds six (6) Non-voting JV Shares and two (2) Ordinary JV Shares while the JV Partner holds two (2) Ordinary JV Shares as at the date of this announcement.

The principal terms of the Shareholders' Agreement are summarised as follows:

Date:	28 January 2022
Parties:	<ol> <li>Rapid Joy</li> <li>JV Partner</li> <li>JV Company</li> </ol>
Purpose and Business of the JV Company:	The purpose and business of the JV Company is mainly to (i) acquire 40% of the entire issued share capital of the Target Company which in turn holds the entire issued share capital of the Property Owner; (ii) through the Target Company, as a joint venture partner, participate in the business of the Target Company and Property Owner; and (iii) engage in such other business(es) as may be mutually agreed by Rapid Joy and the JV Partner.
Capital Commitment:	In order to provide the initial financing for completing the Acquisition, Rapid Joy and the JV Partner have caused to be advanced to the JV Company the shareholders' loans of up to HK\$976,000,000 and HK\$244,000,000 respectively upon signing of the Shareholders' Agreement, which is in proportion to their respective interests in the JV Shares. The Company funded its share of the shareholder's loan to the JV Company from its internal resources.
	Each of Rapid Joy and the JV Partner has also agreed to procure its holding company (i.e. the Company and CSI) to provide such guarantee as may be required on a several basis in favour of any bank(s) granting any loan facilities to the JV Company and/or the Property Owner for financing or refinancing the acquisition of the Property.
Board Representation:	The board of directors of the JV Company consists of a maximum of four (4) JV Directors, with Rapid Joy and the JV Partner each having the right to nominate and appoint two (2) JV Directors. As at the date of this announcement, each of Rapid Joy and the JV Partners has nominated two (2) JV Directors. The chairman of the board of directors of the JV Company is not entitled to second or casting vote and shall be elected by a simple majority of votes of the JV Directors.
Voting arrangements:	Each Ordinary JV Share shall confer upon the holder one vote at a meeting of the shareholders of the JV Company or on any resolution of shareholders.

	at any meeting of shareholders of the JV Company or to vote on a resolution of shareholders.
Restrictions on Transfer of JV Shares and Shareholders' Loans:	Subject to and unless otherwise permitted by the terms and conditions of the Shareholders' Agreement, Rapid Joy and the JV Partner must not transfer, sell, mortgage, charge or otherwise dispose of or encumber their respective JV Shares in, or shareholders' loans to, the JV Company.
Dividend and Distribution Policy:	All profits available for distribution shall be distributed to the shareholders of the JV Company by way of dividends in proportion to their respective interests in the total issued JV Shares from time to time.

Each Non-voting JV Share does not carry any right to vote

As at the date of this announcement, the JV Shares held by Rapid Joy and the JV Partner respectively entitle Rapid Joy and the JV Partner to share 80% and 20% of the economic benefits in (or losses arising from) the JV Company respectively, and the Ordinary JV Shares held by them entitle them to each exercise 50% of the voting rights in the JV Company. The JV Company will not be a subsidiary of the Company and its financial results will not be consolidated into the financial statements of the Group.

## 2. THE SPA AND THE ACQUISITION

On 28 January 2022, upon signing of the Shareholders' Agreement, the SPA was entered into between, among others, the JV Company as purchaser, and the Company and CSI as purchaser's guarantors, for the Acquisition, the principal terms of which are summarised as follows:

Date:

28 January 2022

**Parties:** 

- (i) Smart Launch as vendor
- (ii) Mr. Hui as vendor's guarantor
- (iii) the JV Company as purchaser
- (iv) the Company as purchaser's guarantor
- (v) CSI as purchaser's guarantor

Assets to be acquired by the JV Company under the JV Company: The assets to be acquired by the JV Company under the SPA are the Sale Shares and the Sale Loan. The Sale Shares represent 40% of the entire issued share capital of the Target Company as at the date of the SPA and at SPA Completion. The Sale Loan represents all loans and other amounts (whether principal, interest or otherwise) owing by the Target Company to Shimao HK Management Company Limited as at SPA Completion, amounting to HK\$1,001,412,603.93.

<b>Consideration:</b>	The consideration paid by the JV Company for the sale and purchase of the Sale Shares and the Sale Loan as adjusted pursuant to the terms and conditions of the SPA upon SPA Completion was HK\$1,046,997,294.36, which is determined in accordance with the terms and conditions of the SPA by reference to the unaudited management accounts of the Target Company and the Property Owner for the period from the date immediately following 31 December 2021 and ended on 28 January 2022 and subject to adjustments to be made following completion of the audit of such management accounts after SPA Completion.
Post Completion Sharing of Profits:	Upon completion of the sale of all the units in the Property, Smart Launch shall be entitled to receive 30% of 40% of the net profit of the Target Company as determined in accordance with the SPA if the average sales price of all the units in the Property exceeds HK\$70,000 per square foot.
SPA Guarantee:	Each of the Company and CSI entered into the SPA as the JV Company's guarantor and guaranteed on a several basis to Smart Launch the full, due and punctual performance by the JV Company of all its payment obligations in the SPA.
Completion:	The SPA was signed and completed simultaneously.

# 3. TARGET SHA

On 28 January 2022, upon SPA Completion, the Company also executed the Deed of Adherence together with CSI, the JV Company, Smart Launch, Mr. Hui (as guarantor of Smart Launch), the Target Company and its existing indirect shareholders, being Emperor and Mingfa.

Particulars of the principal terms of the Target SHA as varied and/or supplemented by the Deed of Adherence are summarised as follows:

Purpose and Business of the Target Company:	The sole business of the Target Company is to hold all the entire issued share capital of the Property Owner, and the sole business of the Property Owner is to hold and develop the Land into the Property for sale or lease.
Financing of the Target Company and the Property Owner:	The shareholders of the Target Company agreed to obtain loans from banks and/or financial institutions to finance the land acquisition cost for the acquisition of the Land and the project costs (including the costs for the development on buildings on the Land) and provide guarantees in favour of such banks and/or financial institutions on a several basis in the percentage proportional to their respective shareholding interests in

	the Target Company. In the event such borrowings are insufficient to cover all relevant costs, the shareholders of the Target Company shall provide shareholders loans in proportion to their respective shareholding interests in the Target Company in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Target SHA.
Covenant by the JV Company:	The JV Company covenants to observe, perform and be bound by all the terms of the Target SHA with effect from the date of the Deed of Adherence, in all respects as if it were named as a party to the Target SHA as Smart Launch under the Target SHA, save and except any personal obligations imposed only on and any warranties given by Smart Launch, and any antecedent breaches or non- observance of the Target SHA by Smart Launch prior to the date of the Deed of Adherence.
Target SHA Guarantee:	Each of the Company and CSI covenants to observe, perform and be bound by all the terms of the Target SHA with effect from the date of the Deed of Adherence, in all respects as if each of them were named as a party to the Target SHA as the guarantor of Smart Launch under the Target SHA, save and except any antecedent breaches or non-observance of the Target SHA by the guarantor of Smart Launch prior to the date of the Deed of Adherence, provided that the liability of the Company and CSI in respect of any payment obligations or liability to pay under the Target SHA shall be on a several basis and in the proportion of 80:20 respectively.
Board Representation:	Each of Emperor and the JV Company shall be entitled to nominate two (2) directors of the Target Company and Mingfa shall be entitled to nominate one (1) director of the Target Company.
Restrictions on Transfer of Shares and Shareholders' Loan:	None of the shareholders of the Target Company, except with the prior written consent of the other shareholders and subject to the terms and conditions of the Target SHA, shall sell, assign, or otherwise dispose of or create any pledge or lien over the shares of the Target Company or the shareholders loan made to the Target Company.
Dividend and Distribution Policy:	The Target Company shall, within a period of six (6) months after the earlier of (i) the issue of the consent to assign or occupation permit in respect of the development of the Property and (ii) the issue of the certificate of compliance in respect of the Land and the Property and thereafter every six (6) months, pay or distribute to the shareholders of the Target Company all profits in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Target SHA.

# 4. **BANK GUARANTEE**

On 28 January 2022, upon SPA Completion, the Company also executed a deed of guarantee in favour of a bank to guarantee up to 32% of the obligations of the Property Owner due and payable under certain term loan facilities and revolving credit facility in an aggregate amount of approximately HK\$2,330 million granted to the Property Owner. The guarantee obligation of the Company under the Bank Guarantee is determined by reference to the Company's indirect interest in the Property Owner.

# 5. REASONS FOR AND BENEFITS OF THE TRANSACTIONS

The investment in the JV Company, which will be principally engaged in the Acquisition and the business of the Target Company and Property Owner, allows the Group to further participate in the property development and investment in Hong Kong, which is in line with the business development strategy of the Group.

Upon SPA Completion, the JV Company becomes a shareholder of the Target Company and the Target Company is owned as to 40% by the JV Company, 40% by Optimistic Horizon Limited and 20% by Easycrest Limited. The management and operation of the Target Company and the rights and obligations of the shareholders of the Target Company are subject to the terms and conditions of the Target SHA. The Target Company indirectly holds the Property through the Property Owner.

The terms of the Shareholders' Agreement, including those relating to Ordinary JV Shares and Non-voting JV Shares, and the terms of the Guarantees were negotiated after arm's length negotiations, having taken into account the extensive experience of CSI in property development and sale in Hong Kong as well as the current available financial resources of the Group. The Directors are of the view that the terms of the Shareholders' Agreement and the Guarantees are fair and reasonable and are in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

# 6. INFORMATION ON RAPID JOY AND THE GROUP

Rapid Joy is established in the British Virgin Islands with limited liability and is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Group. It is principally engaged in investment holding. The Company is an investment holding company and its subsidiaries are principally engaged in property development and investment as well as treasury investments.

# 7. INFORMATION ON THE OTHER PARTIES

CSI is an investment holding company principally engaged in the business of property development and investment, and securities investment.

The JV Partner is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of CSI. It is a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands with limited liability. It is principally engaged in investment holding.

The JV Company was incorporated on 23 November 2021 in the British Virgin Island with limited liability and the Ordinary JV Shares are owned as to 50% by Rapid Joy and 50% by the JV Partner. As the JV Company is a newly established company, no financial information or past information on the JV Company is available for disclosure in this announcement. The purpose and business of the JV Company are as mentioned in the paragraph headed "1. FORMATION OF THE JV COMPANY".

Mr. Hui is the chairman and director of Shimao Group Holdings Limited, the issued shares of which are listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange (stock code: 813).

Smart Launch is a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands and indirectly whollyowned by Mr. Hui. Prior to the SPA Completion, it was principally engaged in the investment holding of the Target Company.

Optimistic Horizon Limited is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Emperor. Emperor is an investment holding company and its subsidiaries are principally engaged in property investment, property development and hospitality businesses in the Greater China and overseas.

Easycrest Limited is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mingfa. Mingfa is an investment holding company and its subsidiaries are principally engaged in property development, property investment and hotel operation in the People's Republic of China.

To the best of the Directors' knowledge, information and belief, having made all reasonable enquiries the following are all Independent Third Parties:

- (1) the JV Partner, CSI and its controlling shareholder(s);
- (2) Smart Launch and its ultimate beneficial owner, Mr. Hui;
- (3) Optimistic Horizon Limited, Emperor and its controlling shareholder(s); and
- (4) Easycrest Limited, Mingfa and its controlling shareholder(s).

## 8. LISTING RULES IMPLICATIONS

As the highest applicable percentage ratio (as defined under the Listing Rules) in respect of the total commitment of the Company to the JV Company under the Shareholders' Agreement and the Guarantees, exceeds 5% but is less than 25%, the entering into of the Shareholders' Agreement and the provision of the Guarantees constitute a discloseable transaction for the Company and are subject to the notification and publication requirements but exempt from the shareholders' approval requirement under Chapter 14 of the Listing Rules.

## 9. **DEFINITIONS**

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

"Acquisition"

the acquisition of (i) 40% of the entire issued share capital of the Target Company and (ii) the shareholders' loan owed by the Target Company to Shimao HK Management Company Limited, pursuant to the SPA;

"Bank Guarantee"	the guarantee as mentioned in the paragraph headed "4. BANK GUARANTEE;
"Board"	the board of Directors;
"Company"	C C Land Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability, the issued shares of which are listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange (stock code: 1224);
"connected person(s)"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Listing Rules;
"CSI"	CSI Properties Limited, a company incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability, the issued share of which are listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange (stock code: 497);
"Deed of Adherence"	a deed of release and adherence dated 28 January 2022 executed by the Company, the JV Company, Smart Launch, Mr. Hui, the Target Company, Emperor and Mingfa in relation to the Target SHA and as acknowledged by Optimistic Horizon Limited and Easycrest Limited as agents for Emperor and Mingfa respectively;
"Director(s)"	the director(s) of the Company from time to time;
"Emperor"	Emperor International Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability, the issued shares of which are listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange (stock code: 163);
"Group"	the Company and its subsidiaries;
"Guarantees"	the SPA Guarantee, the Target SHA Guarantee and the Bank Guarantee;
"HK\$"	Hong Kong dollar, the lawful currency of Hong Kong;
"Hong Kong"	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China;
"Independent Third Party(ies)"	independent third party(ies) who is (are) not connected person(s) (as defined under the Listing Rules) of the Company and is (are) independent of and not connected with the Company and its connected person(s);
"JV Company"	LAND MAGIC INVESTMENTS LIMITED, a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands, and a joint venture company managed pursuant to the terms of the Shareholders' Agreement;

"JV Directors"	directors of the JV Company;
"JV Partner"	ULTIMATE SOLUTION HOLDINGS LIMITED, a company incorporated in the British Virgin Island which is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of CSI;
"JV Share(s)"	the Non-voting JV Share(s) and the Ordinary JV Share(s) collectively;
"Land"	ALL THAT piece or parcel of ground registered in the Land Registry as Rural Building Lot No.1198;
"Listing Rules"	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange;
"Mingfa"	Mingfa Group (International) Company Limited, a company incorporated in the Cayman Islands, the issued share of which are listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange (stock code: 846);
"Mr. Hui"	Mr. Hui Wing Mau;
"Non-voting JV Share(s)"	non-voting share(s) of the JV Company having the rights and being subject to the restrictions set out in the memorandum of association of the JV Company;
"Ordinary JV Share(s)"	ordinary share(s) of the JV Company having the rights and being subject to the restrictions set out in the memorandum of association of the JV Company;
"Property"	15 Shouson Hill Road West, Hong Kong as erected on the Land;
"Property Owner"	Talent Charm Corporation Limited, a company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability, which directly holds the Property;
"Rapid Joy"	Rapid Joy Limited, a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands, which is indirectly wholly owned by the Company;
"Sale Loan"	the entire amount of the principal, interest and other sums and indebtedness owing to Shimao HK Management Company Limited by the Target Company as at SPA Completion;
"Sale Shares"	four (4) ordinary shares of the Target Company sold by Smart Launch to the JV Company, which represents 40% of the entire issued shares capital of the Target Company as at the date of the SPA and SPA Completion;

"Shareholder(s)"	shareholders of the Company;
"Shareholders' Agreement"	the shareholders' agreement dated 28 January 2022 between Rapid Joy, the JV Partner and the JV Company in relation to the JV Company;
"Smart Launch"	Smart Launch Limited, a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands and is indirectly wholly-owned by Mr. Hui;
"SPA"	sale and purchase agreement dated 28 January 2022 entered into by the JV Company as purchaser, the Company and CSI as purchaser's guarantors, Smart Launch as vendor and Mr. Hui as vendor's guarantor relating to the Acquisition;
"SPA Completion"	completion of the SPA;
"SPA Guarantee"	the guarantees given by the Company under the SPA as mentioned in the paragraph headed "2. THE SPA AND THE ACQUISITION";
"Stock Exchange"	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited;
"Target Company"	Superb Land Limited, a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands with limited liability, which is the immediate holding company of the Property Owner;
"Target SHA"	the shareholders' agreement dated 9 June 2014 and entered into amongst Emperor, Smart Launch, Mingfa, Mr. Hui, and the Target Company in relation to the formation, management and operation of the Target Company, as varied and amended by the supplemental agreement dated 1 December 2014 and entered into amongst the said parties and as acknowledged by Optimistic Horizon Limited and Easycrest Limited as agents for Emperor and Mingfa respectively;
"Target SHA Guarantee"	the guarantee given by the Company by virtue of the Deed of Adherence as mentioned in the paragraph headed " <b>3</b> . <b>TARGET SHA</b> "; and
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By order of the Board Lam How Mun Peter Deputy Chairman and Managing Director

Hong Kong, 28 January 2022

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Mr. Cheung Chung Kiu, Dr. Lam How Mun Peter, Mr. Wong Chi Keung, Mr. Leung Chun Cheong and Mr. Leung Wai Fai as Executive Directors; and Mr. Lam Kin Fung Jeffrey, Mr. Leung Yu Ming Steven and Dr. Wong Lung Tak Patrick as Independent Non-executive Directors.