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## **CHINA CHENGTONG DEVELOPMENT GROUP LIMITED**

**中國誠通發展集團有限公司**

*(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)*

**(Stock Code: 217)**

### **MAJOR TRANSACTION – SALE AND LEASEBACK ARRANGEMENT**

#### **SALE AND LEASEBACK ARRANGEMENT**

On 29 May 2023, Chengtong Financial Leasing, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, entered into the Sale and Leaseback Agreements with the Lessee, pursuant to which Chengtong Financial Leasing will purchase the Leased Assets from the Lessee and will lease the Leased Assets back to the Lessee for a Lease Term of three (3) years, subject to early termination in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Sale and Leaseback Agreements.

#### **IMPLICATIONS UNDER THE LISTING RULES**

As the highest applicable percentage ratio (as defined in the Listing Rules) in respect of the Sale and Leaseback Arrangement exceeds 25% but is less than 100%, the Sale and Leaseback Arrangement constitutes a major transaction of the Company and is subject to the notification, announcement, circular and Shareholders' approval requirements under Chapter 14 of the Listing Rules.

To the best of the knowledge, information and belief of the Directors, having made all reasonable enquiries, no Shareholder or any of his/her/its close associate(s) (as defined in the Listing Rules) has a material interest in the Sale and Leaseback Arrangement. Thus, no Shareholder is required to abstain from voting if the Company were to convene a general meeting to approve the Sale and Leaseback Arrangement. In light of the foregoing, written Shareholders' approval may be accepted in lieu of holding a general meeting pursuant to Rule 14.44 of the Listing Rules. The Company has obtained written Shareholder's approval in respect of the Sale and Leaseback Arrangement from China Chengtong Hong Kong Company Limited, which is a controlling shareholder (as defined in the Listing Rules) of the Company holding 3,169,656,217 issued shares of the Company, representing approximately 53.14% of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of this announcement. Accordingly, no general meeting of the Company will be convened for the purpose of approving the Sale and Leaseback Arrangement.

A circular containing, among other things, (i) information on the Sale and Leaseback Arrangement, and (ii) other information required under the Listing Rules will be despatched to the Shareholders on or before 19 June 2023, which is within 15 business days after the publication of this announcement.

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## **SALE AND LEASEBACK ARRANGEMENT**

### **Date of the Sale and Leaseback Agreements**

29 May 2023

### **Parties**

Lessor: Chengtong Financial Leasing

Lessee: The Lessee

To the best of the Directors' knowledge, information and belief having made all reasonable enquiries, (i) the Lessee is wholly-owned by the Guarantor and indirectly wholly-owned by Putian State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission; and (ii) the Lessee and its ultimate beneficial owner are Independent Third Parties; and (iii) the Lessee is principally engaged in the business of investment and construction of ports and wharfs infrastructures and warehouse and logistic services.

## **Subject matter**

Subject to the fulfilment of the conditions as set out in the Sale and Leaseback Agreements (including but not limited to the provision of all necessary documents or information by the Lessee evidencing its ownership in the Leased Assets, the obtaining of all necessary approvals by the Lessee in relation to the Sale and Leaseback Arrangement, the payment of the security money (as set out below) by the Lessee, and the signing and the coming into effect of the relevant security agreements), Chengtong Financial Leasing will purchase the Leased Assets from the Lessee at a total Purchase Price of RMB150 million (equivalent to HK\$166.5 million), and the Leased Assets will be leased back to the Lessee for a Lease Term of three (3) years from the respective date on which the relevant Purchase Price is paid by Chengtong Financial Leasing in respect of the Leased Assets, subject to early termination in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Sale and Leaseback Agreements.

If any of the conditions under the Sale and Leaseback Agreements is not satisfied on or before 29 June 2023, Chengtong Financial Leasing shall have the right to unilaterally terminate the relevant Sale and Leaseback Agreements.

## **Purchase Price**

The Purchase Price of the Leased Assets was agreed between Chengtong Financial Leasing and the Lessee with reference to the appraised value of the Leased Assets as at 20 May 2023 which amounted to approximately RMB170.40 million (equivalent to approximately HK\$189.14 million) as assessed by way of cost method by an independent PRC valuer. The Leased Assets are not revenue generating assets with identifiable income stream.

The Purchase Price will be satisfied by the general working capital of the Group.

## **Legal title**

Chengtong Financial Leasing owns the legal title of the Leased Assets during the Lease Term.

## **Lease payment**

The total amount of lease payment over the Lease Term is estimated to be approximately RMB160.92 million (equivalent to approximately HK\$178.62 million) which shall be paid by the Lessee to Chengtong Financial Leasing in six (6) instalments payable in every six months during the Lease Term.

The total amount of lease payment represents the sum of the lease principal amount (being the total amount of the Purchase Price to be paid by Chengtong Financial Leasing) and the lease interest which is calculated on the then outstanding lease principal amount with a floating interest rate to be determined at a fixed premium over the LPR from time to time.

The lease interest rate will be subject to review on 1 January every year. In the event that the LPR changes, the lease interest rate will be adjusted to a rate at the aforesaid fixed premium over the new LPR, except in the case where the Lessee has an overdue lease payment and has not paid all overdue payments and liquidated damages, the interest rate to be applied will not be adjusted when the LPR is reduced.

### **Service fee**

The Lessee shall pay a one-off service fee of RMB4.5 million (equivalent to approximately HK\$5.0 million) (“**Service Fee**”) to Chengtong Financial Leasing within 5 business days after the commencement date of the Lease Term. The Service Fee is non-refundable.

The interest rate (including the applicable LPR and the premium) and Service Fee applicable to the Sale and Leaseback Arrangement have been agreed between the parties after arm’s length negotiation taking into account a number of factors, such as the amount of lease principal, the lease term, the overall return rate attained by the Group taking into account the amount of lease interests and Service Fee, the prevailing market conditions and the movement of the LPR.

### **Lessee’s right to repurchase the Leased Assets**

Upon the Lessee having paid all the lease payments and other payables (if any) to Chengtong Financial Leasing in accordance with the terms of the Sale and Leaseback Agreements, the Lessee shall have the right to repurchase the Leased Assets under the Sale and Leaseback Agreements at a nominal consideration of RMB1.00.

### **Credit enhancement measures**

Depending on the overall risks associated with a sale and leaseback arrangement, Chengtong Financial Leasing will request appropriate credit enhancement measure(s) on a case-by-case basis, such as the payment of security money and the provision of corporate guarantee to safeguard its interests as the lessor. Chengtong Financial Leasing will monitor, among others, the financial conditions of the lessee(s) and the security provider(s) from time to time and may request the lessee(s) to provide further security as and when Chengtong Financial Leasing considers necessary.

### ***Security money***

The Lessee has agreed to pay a total of RMB3 million (equivalent to HK\$3.33 million) as security money for the performance of its obligations under the Sale and Leaseback Agreements. The amount of the security money was determined after evaluating the background and creditability etc. of the Lessee.

If the Lessee fails to fully perform any obligation under the Sale and Leaseback Arrangement, Chengtong Financial Leasing has the right to apply the security money to set off against any amount owed to it in the following order: liquidated damages, other payables including but not limited to damages (if any), outstanding and prospective lease payments and repurchase price. If the Lessee has fully performed all its obligations under the Sale and Leaseback Arrangement, Chengtong Financial Leasing shall return the security money to it upon its presentation of the receipt(s) of the security money.

### ***Guarantee***

The Guarantor has provided a guarantee in favour of Chengtong Financial Leasing as security for all amounts payable by the Lessee under the Sale and Leaseback Agreements including but not limited to liquidated damages, outstanding and prospective lease payments, and other payables. The guarantee is irrevocable and continuing in nature.

To the best of the Directors' knowledge, information and belief having made all reasonable enquiries, (i) the Guarantor is wholly owned by Putian State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission; (ii) the Guarantor and its ultimate beneficial owner(s) are Independent Third Parties; and (iii) the Guarantor is principally engaged in the business of the investment in railways and ports, the trading of timber, coal and chemicals and the development and construction of real estates and infrastructures.

### **REASONS FOR AND BENEFITS OF THE SALE AND LEASEBACK ARRANGEMENT**

The Group is principally engaged in leasing, bulk commodity trade, property development and investment, marine recreation services and hotel business. The Group's leasing business is mainly carried out through Chengtong Financial Leasing as its principal business.

The entering into the Sale and Leaseback Arrangement is in the ordinary and usual course of business of Chengtong Financial Leasing and it is expected that Chengtong Financial Leasing will earn an income of approximately RMB15.42 million (equivalent to approximately HK\$17.12 million), being the total of (i) the Service Fee and (ii) the difference between the estimated amount of total lease payment under the Sale and Leaseback Arrangement and the Purchase Price of the Leased Assets.

The Directors are of the view that the terms of the Sale and Leaseback Arrangement are fair and reasonable and are in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

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## **DEFINITIONS**

In this announcement, the following expressions shall, unless the context requires otherwise, have the following meanings:

“Board”	means the board of Directors
“Chengtong Financial Leasing”	means Chengtong Financial Leasing Company Limited, a company established in the PRC with limited liability and an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company
“Company”	means China Chengtong Development Group Limited, a company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability, the shares of which are listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange
“Director(s)”	means the director(s) of the Company
“Group”	means the Company and its subsidiaries as at the date of this announcement
“Guarantor”	means Putian State-owned Assets Investment Group Co., Ltd., a state-owned enterprise established in the PRC with limited liability

“HK\$”	means Hong Kong dollar, the lawful currency of Hong Kong
“Hong Kong”	means the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC
“Independent Third Party(ies)”	means third party(ies) independent of the Company and its connected persons (having the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules)
“Lease Term”	means the lease term under the Sale and Leaseback Agreements
“Leased Assets”	means certain water supply and drainage supporting equipment, fire protection and firefighting equipment, power distribution equipment, etc.
“Lessee”	means Putian Hanjiang Xinghua Bay Port Development Co., Ltd., a state-owned enterprise established in the PRC with limited liability
“Listing Rules”	means the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
“LPR”	means the one (1)-year loan prime rate as promulgated by the National Interbank Funding Center under the authority of the People’s Bank of China
“PRC”	means the People’s Republic of China and, for the purpose of this announcement, excludes Hong Kong, the Macau Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China and Taiwan
“Purchase Price”	means the consideration payable by Chengtong Financial Leasing for the purchase of the Leased Assets from the Lessee
“RMB”	means Renminbi, the lawful currency of the PRC
“Sale and Leaseback Agreements”	means, collectively, two (2) sets of the following agreements, in respect of the Leased Assets dated 29 May 2023 and signed between Chengtong Financial Leasing and the Lessee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) leaseback assets transfer agreement; and</li> <li>(2) finance lease agreement (sale and leaseback)</li> </ul>

“Sale and Leaseback Arrangement”	means the purchase of the Leased Assets by Chengtong Financial Leasing from the Lessee and the leaseback of the Leased Assets to the Lessee pursuant to the terms of the Sale and Leaseback Agreements
“Shareholder(s)”	means the shareholder(s) of the Company
“Stock Exchange”	means The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
“%”	means per cent.

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*The English names of all PRC entities in this announcement are for identification purpose only.*

By order of the Board  
**China Chengtong Development Group Limited**  
**Zhang Bin**  
*Chairman*

Hong Kong, 29 May 2023

*As at the date of this announcement, the executive Directors are Mr. Zhang Bin, Mr. Yang Tianzhou and Mr. Gu Honglin; and the independent non-executive Directors are Professor Chang Qing, Mr. Lee Man Chun, Tony and Professor He Jia.*