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Meta Media Holdings Limited

超媒體控股有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 72)

**DISCLOSEABLE AND CONNECTED TRANSACTION
IN RELATION TO
ACQUISITION OF ABOUT 7% OF THE ISSUED SHARE CAPITAL
IN MODERN DIGITAL HOLDINGS LIMITED**

THE ACQUISITION

The Board is pleased to announce that on 22 August 2023 (after trading hours), the Purchaser (a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company), the Vendor, and the Company (as warrantor of the Purchaser) entered into the SP Agreement. Pursuant to the SP Agreement, the Purchaser has conditionally agreed to acquire (and the Vendor has conditionally agreed to sell) 100,000 shares in Targetco (representing approximately 7% of Targetco's issued share capital) at the Consideration of initially RMB24,492,600 to be paid in cash.

Subject to and upon Completion, the Purchaser's interest in Targetco's issued share capital will increase from approximately 70% to 77%, and Targetco will become an approximately 77% owned subsidiary of the Company. The financial results of Targetco has been and will continue to be consolidated in the financial statements of the Group.

LISTING RULES IMPLICATIONS

As one or more of the applicable percentage ratio(s) (as defined in the Listing Rules) in respect of the Acquisition exceed(s) 5% but all of them are less than 25%, the Acquisition constitutes a discloseable transaction of the Company and is therefore subject to the reporting and announcement requirements under Chapter 14 of the Listing Rules.

As at the date of this announcement, the Vendor holds approximately 30% of Targetco's issued share capital (which is a non-wholly owned subsidiary of the Company), and is hence a substantial shareholder of a subsidiary of the Company, and a connected person of the Company at the subsidiary level. Accordingly, the Acquisition also constitutes a connected transaction of the Company under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules. In such connection, (i) the Board has approved the Acquisition; and (ii) the INEDs have confirmed that the terms of the Acquisition are fair and reasonable, the Acquisition is on normal commercial terms or better and in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole. For such reasons and by virtue of Rule 14A.101 of the Listing Rules, the Acquisition is only subject to the reporting and announcement requirements, but is exempted from the circular, independent financial advice and Shareholders' approval requirements under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

Completion is subject to the fulfillment or waiver (where applicable) of the conditions precedent as set out in the SP Agreement. Accordingly, the Acquisition may or may not proceed to Completion. Shareholders and potential investors of the Company are therefore reminded to exercise caution when dealing in the securities of the Company.

INTRODUCTION

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THE SP AGREEMENT

The principal terms of the SP Agreement are summarised as follows:

Date: 22 August 2023 (after trading hours)

Parties: (i) Hong Kong Septwolves Invest-Holding Limited (i.e. the Vendor, as vendor);

(ii) e-Starship Limited (i.e. the Purchaser, as purchaser); and

(iii) the Company (as warrantor of the Purchaser)

As at the date of this announcement, the Vendor holds approximately 30% of Targetco's issued share capital (which is a non-wholly owned subsidiary of the Company), and is hence a substantial shareholder of a subsidiary of the Company, and a connected person of the Company at the subsidiary level.

Subject Matter: 100,000 shares in Targetco (representing approximately 7% of Targetco's issued share capital) conditionally agreed to be acquired by the Purchaser (and conditionally agreed to be sold by the Vendor) pursuant to the terms of the SP Agreement.

As at the date of this announcement, there is no indebtedness owing by the Target Group to the Vendor (or to Fujian Septwolves and/or its subsidiaries).

Consideration

The Consideration initially amounted to RMB24,492,600, which shall be satisfied by payment in cash by the Purchaser to the Vendor in accordance with the terms and conditions of the SP Agreement.

The Consideration together with the corresponding interest (if any, to be accrued in the manner below) shall be payable by the Purchaser to the Vendor in one lump sum or by installments on or before 31 December 2024:

(a) No interest shall accrue on the Consideration, if the Consideration is settled in full by the Purchaser on or before 31 August 2023.

- (b) In the event that the Consideration is not settled in full by 31 August 2023, the Purchaser shall pay to the Vendor interest accrued (on a simple interest basis) on the outstanding Consideration during such period at the following interest rates for the corresponding period from 1 September 2023 onwards:

Period	Interest rate
1 September 2023 to 31 December 2023	8% per annum
1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024	10% per annum

Any amount paid by the Purchaser to the Vendor under the SP Agreement shall first be applied to settle against the accrued interests payable by the Purchaser, and the remaining balance (if any) of such amount paid shall be applied to satisfy the outstanding Consideration.

The Consideration and the corresponding interest rates were agreed by the Purchaser and the Vendor after arm's length negotiations with reference to (among other matters) (i) the net assets of the Target Group as at 31 December 2022; (ii) the historical performance of the Target Group for the three years ended 31 December 2022; (iii) the increasing number of platform users and reputation of the Target Group's digital platforms (such as "iWeekly" (which has more than 15 million users), "InStyle iLady" (with growing advertising revenue), "Bloomberg Businessweek (Chinese Edition)" (one of the best domestic apps) and "NOWNESS" (a global short film website platform which engages global luxury brands with creativity and quality)); (iv) the business development and prospects of the Target Group and the digital media industry (including the increasing reliance and demand of the Target Group's customers for digital media); (v) the prevailing market conditions; and (vi) factors as set out in the section headed "Reasons for and benefits of the Acquisition" in this announcement.

The Group intends to finance the Consideration and corresponding interest (if any) by internal resources of the Group and bank borrowings.

Conditions precedent to Completion

Completion is conditional upon, among other matters, the fulfillment (or waiver, where applicable) of the following conditions:

- (a) (if applicable) all requisite consents, authorisations and approvals from the relevant governmental authorities and regulatory bodies which are required on or before the Completion Date having been obtained by the Vendor;
- (b) (if applicable) Fujian Septwolves having complied with its obligations regarding the disclosure and approval of the SP Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereunder pursuant to its articles of association and the SZSE Listing Rules, and other applicable requirements under the SZSE Listing Rules;
- (c) (if applicable) the Company having complied with its obligations regarding the disclosure and approval of the SP Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereunder pursuant to its articles of association and the Listing Rules, and other applicable requirements under the Listing Rules;

- (d) all representations and warranties given by the Vendor remaining true and accurate in all material respects and not misleading, nor having been breached in any material respect at any time during the period from the date of the SP Agreement to the Completion Date; and
- (e) all representations and warranties given by the Purchaser remaining true and accurate in all material respects and not misleading, nor having been breached in any material respect at any time during the period from the date of the SP Agreement to the Completion Date.

The Vendor has the absolute discretion to waive, at any time, the condition precedent set out in sub-paragraph (e) above (to the extent waivable). The Purchaser has the absolute discretion to waive, at any time, the condition precedent set out in sub-paragraph (d) above (to the extent waivable).

If the above conditions precedent are not fulfilled (or waived, where applicable) on or before 31 October 2023 (or such later date as may be agreed between the parties to the SP Agreement), the SP Agreement (other than the provisions in respect of expenses, confidentiality, notice and dispute resolutions) shall terminate and the parties shall be released from their obligations under the SP Agreement, save and except for rights and remedies available to the non-defaulting party pursuant to the SP Agreement in relation to any antecedent breach prior to termination or otherwise specified in the SP Agreement.

Completion

Completion shall take place on the Completion Date, being the fifth business day from the day on which the last condition precedent to Completion is fulfilled (or waived, where applicable) or such other date as the parties to the SP Agreement may agree.

Subject to and upon Completion, the Purchaser's interest in Targetco's issued share capital will increase from approximately 70% to 77% (and the Vendor's interest in Targetco's issued share capital will decrease from approximately 30% to 23%), and Targetco will become an approximately 77% owned subsidiary of the Company. The financial results of Targetco has been and will continue to be consolidated in the financial statements of the Group.

Joint and several liability of the Company (as warrantor of the Purchaser)

As warrantor of the Purchaser, the Company has undertaken in favour of the Vendor to assume joint and several liability for the performance of all the obligations of the Purchaser under the SP Agreement (including but not limited to settlement of the Consideration).

REASONS FOR AND BENEFITS OF THE ACQUISITION

As at the date of this announcement and immediately prior to Completion, Targetco is an approximately 70% owned subsidiary of the Company. Immediately after Completion, Targetco will become an approximately 77% owned subsidiary of the Company. The Board considers that the Acquisition will allow the Group to have more control of the operations of Targetco, so as to ensure the efficiency and management of its digital media business and enhance the Group's influence in the metaverse business. The Acquisition would also increase the profit attributable to the equity shareholders of the Company (as a result of the increase in the Purchaser's interest in Targetco's issued share capital from approximately 70% to 77%).

The Group has always been at the forefront of the times and, as one of the first batch of media groups in the PRC to develop the metaverse business, the Group aims to maintain its position as a leading, high-profile media group in the PRC, and to promote the continuous high-quality development of the Group in different types of innovative content including business, culture, art, fashion, lifestyle, and multimedia integration strategic platforms which combine digital technology, space platform and metaverse platform. As the business operations of the Target Group in the digital media industry (which can integrate with the Group's metaverse business) are in line with the overall development objectives of the Group's businesses, the Board is of the view that the Acquisition could strategically strengthen synergy benefits through the combination of digital, art and metaverse technology and enhance the revenue and profit of the Group in the future.

The Directors (including the INEDs) consider that the terms of the SP Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereunder are on normal commercial terms or better, fair and reasonable and in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole, notwithstanding that the transactions contemplated thereunder are not conducted in the ordinary and usual course of business of the Group.

None of the Directors has any material interest in the Acquisition and hence none of them is required to abstain from voting on the resolutions passed by the Board for approving the SP Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereunder.

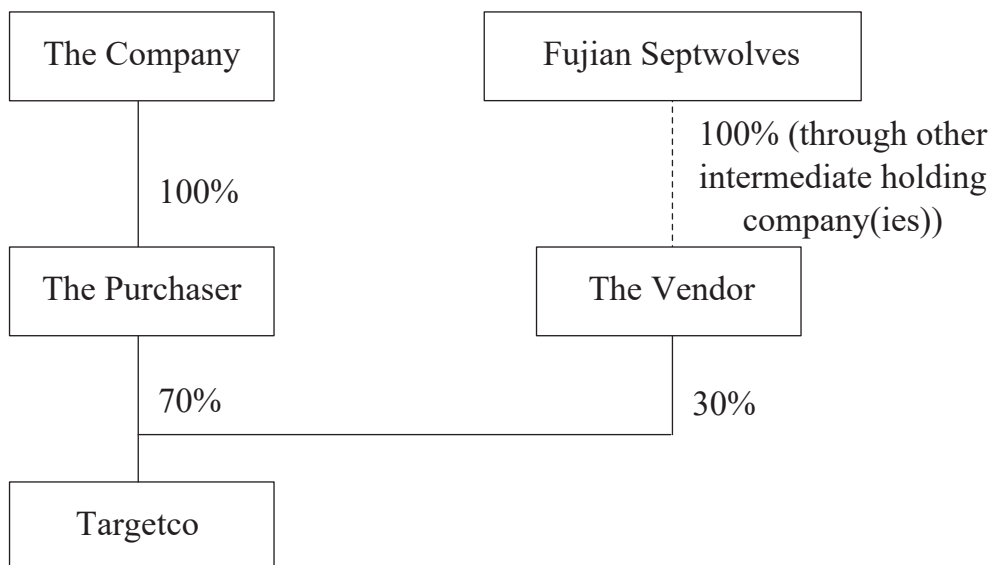
INFORMATION ABOUT TARGETCO

Targetco is a company incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability and is principally engaged in investment holding. The subsidiaries of Targetco are principally engaged in digital media business in the PRC, Hong Kong and the United Kingdom.

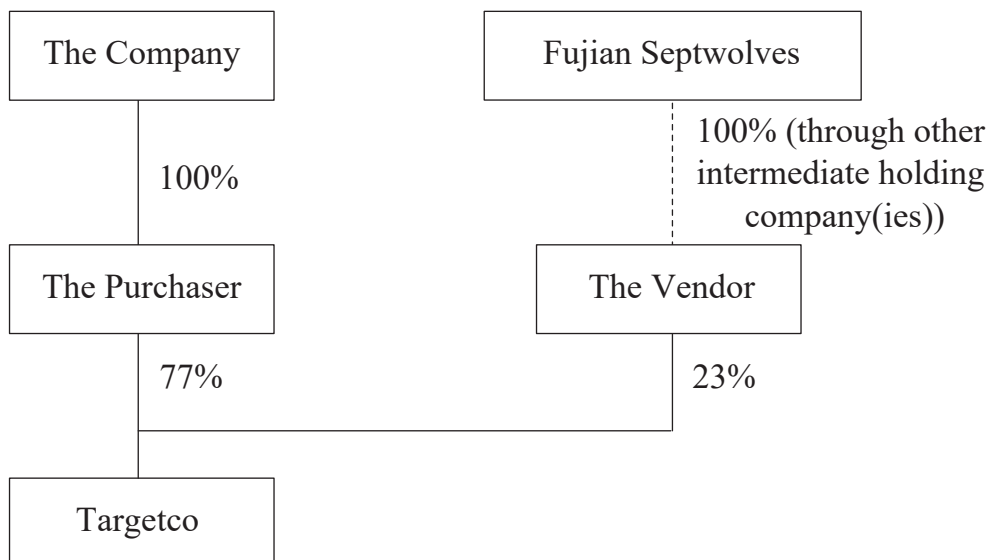
As at the date of this announcement and immediately prior to Completion, 1,000,001 shares and 428,570 shares in Targetco (representing approximately 70% and 30%, respectively, of Targetco's issued share capital) are held by the Purchaser and the Vendor, respectively.

Set out below is a simplified shareholding structure of Targetco (i) as at the date of this announcement; and (ii) immediately upon Completion:

(i) As at the date of this announcement



(ii) Immediately upon Completion



The following table sets out the key consolidated financial information of the Target Group for the years ended 31 December 2021 and 2022 prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards:

	For the year ended 31 December 2021	For the year ended 31 December 2022
	(audited)	(audited)
	<i>RMB'000</i>	<i>RMB'000</i>
Revenue	185,581	130,472
Net profit/(loss) before taxation	54,895	(1,039)
Net profit/(loss) after taxation	55,404	(620)

The audited consolidated net asset value of the Target Group as at 31 December 2022 was approximately RMB255.98 million.

Reference is made to the announcements of the Company dated 10 March 2017, 22 March 2017 and 4 August 2017 in relation to the deemed disposal of equity interest in Targetco. As stated in the above announcements, the total price for subscription of 428,570 shares in Targetco by the Vendor amounted to RMB43,050,000, which was then determined with reference to (among other things) the net asset value of Targetco as at 31 December 2016. Accordingly, the original acquisition costs of the Target Shares (i.e. 100,000 shares in Targetco) made by the Vendor amounted to approximately RMB10.05 million. The Consideration was agreed by the Purchaser and the Vendor having regard to the factors stated in the section headed “The SP Agreement” above, and is considered by the Directors (including the INEDs) to be agreed on normal commercial terms or better, and is fair and reasonable.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE GROUP AND THE PURCHASER

The Company is principally engaged in investment holding. The Group is principally engaged in publication of magazines and periodicals in Hong Kong, the PRC and the United Kingdom, the provision of advertising agency services, digital publishing business, artwork trading and auction, art exhibition and related education and restaurant operations.

The Purchaser is a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company and is principally engaged in investment holding.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE VENDOR

The Vendor is a company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability and is principally engaged in investment, wholesale and retail. The Vendor is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Fujian Septwolves, whose issued shares are listed on the Small and Medium Enterprise Board of the Shenzhen Stock Exchange (stock code: 002029).

Fujian Septwolves is principally engaged in the design, production and distribution of garments and apparels, in particular, male garments and apparels.

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DEFINITIONS

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

“Acquisition”	the acquisition of the Target Shares by the Purchaser from the Vendor pursuant to the SP Agreement
“Board”	the board of Directors
“Company”	Meta Media Holdings Limited (超媒體控股有限公司), a company incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability and the Shares of which are listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange (stock code: 72)
“Completion”	completion of the Acquisition in accordance with the terms and conditions of the SP Agreement
“Completion Date”	the date on which Completion takes place
“connected person(s)”	has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules
“Consideration”	the initial consideration of RMB24,492,600 for the Acquisition
“Director(s)”	the director(s) of the Company
“Fujian Septwolves”	Fujian Septwolves Industry Co., Ltd. (福建七匹狼實業股份有限公司), a company established in the PRC with limited liability and whose issued shares are listed on the Small and Medium Enterprise Board of the Shenzhen Stock Exchange (stock code: 002029)
“Group”	the Company and its subsidiaries from time to time
“HK\$”	Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong

“Hong Kong”	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC
“INED(s)”	independent non-executive Director(s)
“Listing Rules”	Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange
“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
“Purchaser”	e-Starship Limited, a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands with limited liability and a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company
“RMB”	Renminbi, the lawful currency of the PRC
“Share(s)”	ordinary share(s) in the share capital of the Company
“Shareholder(s)”	holder(s) of the Share(s)
“SP Agreement”	the conditional sale and purchase agreement dated 22 August 2023 entered into between the Purchaser, the Vendor, and the Company (as warrantor of the Purchaser) in relation to the Acquisition
“Stock Exchange”	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
“substantial shareholder(s)”	has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules
“SZSE Listing Rules”	Rules Governing the Listing of Shares on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange (深圳證券交易所股票上市規則)
“Target Group”	Targetco and its subsidiaries
“Target Shares”	100,000 shares (having a par value of HK\$0.01 each) in Targetco (representing approximately 7% of Targetco’s issued share capital) held by the Vendor

“Targetco”	Modern Digital Holdings Limited (現代數碼控股有限公司), a company incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability and owned as to approximately 70% and 30% by the Purchaser and the Vendor, respectively, as at the date of this announcement
“Vendor”	Hong Kong Septwolves Invest-Holding Limited (香港七匹狼投資控股有限公司), a company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability and an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Fujian Septwolves as at the date of this announcement
“%”	per cent.

By Order of the Board
Meta Media Holdings Limited
Shao Zhong
Co-Chairman

Hong Kong, 22 August 2023

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises the following members: (a) as executive Directors, Mr. SHAO Zhong, Ms. YANG Ying, Mr. LI Jian and Mr. DEROCHE Alain, Jean-Marie, Jacques; (b) as non-executive Director, Dr. CHENG Chi Kong, Adrian; and (c) as INEDs, Mr. YICK Wing Fat Simon, Ms. WEI Wei and Mr. WAN Jie.