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## KINGKEY FINANCIAL INTERNATIONAL (HOLDINGS) LIMITED 京基金融國際(控股)有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability) (Stock Code: 01468)

## INSIDE INFORMATION DEMAND LETTER TO THE COMPANY; AND RESUMPTION OF TRADING

This announcement is made by Kingkey Financial International (Holdings) Limited (the "**Company**", together with its subsidiaries, the "**Group**") pursuant to Rule 13.09 and 13.10 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities (the "**Listing Rules**") on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "**Stock Exchange**"), and the Inside Information Provisions (as defined under the Listing Rules) under Part XIVA of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong.

Reference is made to the announcements of the Company dated (i) 2 February 2024, in relation to the forced sale (the "**Forced Sale**") of the shares of the Company ("**Shares**") of KHIL, ultimately held by Mr. Chen, that took place on 1 February 2024; and (ii) 23 February 2024, in relation to, among other things, the disposal of Shares of Mr. Chen (the "**Disposal**") (collectively, the "**Announcements**"). Unless otherwise specified, capitalised terms used herein shall have the same meanings as defined in the Announcements.

## DEMAND LETTER TO THE COMPANY

On 3 March 2024, the Company received a letter (the "**Demand Letter**") dated 2 March 2024 from the legal representative of the Great Return Group Limited ("**Great Return**"), registered holder of approximately 11.9% of the issued share capital of the Company and one of the two requisitionists that requested the Board to convene an extraordinary general meeting ("**EGM**") held on 8 March 2024. For further details of the requisitions and the EGM, please refer to the Company's circular dated 19 February 2024 and announcement dated 8 March 2024.

It was alleged in the Demand Letter that certain information in relation to the Forced Sale and the Disposal constitutes inside information pursuant to section 307A of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (the "**SFO**"). It was alleged that the Company shall disclose further particulars of, among other things, the security interest created over the Shares held by KHIL and liability covered by such security before applying for resumption of trading of the Shares (the "**Alleged Inside Information**").

Upon receipt of the Demand Letter, the Special Board Committee (the "**Special Board Committee**") (which was established on 12 February 2024 for the purpose of, among other things, handling and conducting investigation on compliance issues of the Company and handling complaints received by the Board from time to time) immediately proceeded with seeking legal advice on the possible liabilities that may be faced by the Company and the Directors and whether there is any legitimate cause of action against the Company should the Company apply for resumption of trading of the Shares.

Subsequently, the Special Board Committee obtained legal advice that, while the Alleged Inside Information may constitute inside information pursuant to the SFO, however, where (i) the Company has no knowledge of the Alleged Inside Information; and (ii) the Board has made diligent efforts to obtain relevant information from Mr. Chen, the Company is not in breach of its duty of disclosure for not disclosing the Alleged Inside Information to the Shareholders and potential investors. Moreover, as Mr. Chen is no longer an executive Director after the EGM held on 8 March 2024, Mr. Chen is not required to provide relevant information. As such, after assessing the allegations and demands set out in the Demand Letter, the Board is of the view that the legal risks posed by the Demand Letter are relatively low and it is unlikely to have material adverse impact to the Company.

As at the date of this announcement, the Board considers that there is no other undisclosed inside information of the Company.

## **RESUMPTION OF TRADING**

At the request of the Company, trading in the Shares on the Stock Exchange was suspended with effect from 11:18 a.m. on Friday, 2 February. An application has been made by the Company to the Stock Exchange for the resumption of trading in the Shares with effect from 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 13 March 2024.

Shareholders and potential investors are accordingly advised to exercise caution when dealing in the securities of the Company.

By Order of the Board **Kingkey Financial International (Holdings) Limited Mong Cheuk Wai** *Chairman and Executive Director*  As at the date of this announcement, the executive Directors are Mr. Mong Cheuk Wai and Ms. Cheung Pui Ki Gloria; and the independent non-executive Directors are Ms. Mak Yun Chu, Mr. Hung Wai Che, Mr. Leung Siu Kee and Mr. Chan Ting Fung.