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## LISTING RULES IMPLICATIONS

As certain of the applicable percentage ratios in respect of the Loan are more than 5% but less than 25% under Rule 14.07 of the Listing Rules, the grant of the Loan constitutes a discloseable transaction for the Company under Chapter 14 of the Listing Rules and is therefore subject to the reporting and announcement requirements under the Listing Rules.

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<sup>\*</sup> For identification purpose only

#### LOAN AGREEMENT

Date of agreement : 3 May 2024

Lender : ETC Finance

Borrower : The Customer

Principal : HK\$16,500,000

Interest rate : 10% per annum

Repayment : Interest repayable by 12 monthly instalments with the

principal repayable at the last instalment

Security : A first legal charge in favour of the lender over two

residential properties located in Tsim Sha Tsui with valuation conducted by an independent professional property valuer on 21 March 2024 and 26 March 2024 in amount of HK\$18,000,000 and HK\$13,000,000 respectively

#### **FUNDING OF THE LOAN**

The Group will finance the Loan with its general working capital.

### INFORMATION ON THE CREDIT RISK RELATING TO THE LOAN

The grant of the Loan was based on the collateral provided by the Customer, the credit assessments on the financial strength and repayment ability of the Customer together with the relatively short-term nature of the Loan. After taking into account all such factors, the Directors consider that the risks involved in the Loan are relatively low and manageable.

## INFORMATION ON THE CUSTOMER

The Customer is an individual who principally engages in art collection and investment. To the best of the Directors' knowledge, information and belief having made all reasonable enquiry, the Customer is a third party independent of the Company and its connected persons (as defined under the Listing Rules). There are no previous business relationships between the Company and the Customer.

# REASONS FOR AND BENEFITS OF THE ENTERING INTO OF THE LOAN AGREEMENT

The principal activities of the Group comprise money lending, property investment and securities trading.

The terms of the Loan Agreement (including the interest rate) were negotiated on an arm's length basis between ETC Finance and the Customer based on the credit policy of ETC Finance. Taking into account the financial background and repayment ability of the Customer, the Directors are of view that a stable revenue and cashflow stream from interest income for the Group is expected to be generated from the Loan. The Directors consider and believe that the terms of the Loan Agreement are fair and reasonable and the entering into of the Loan Agreement is in the interests of the Company and its shareholders as a whole.

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#### **DEFINITIONS**

In this announcement, the following expressions have the following meanings:

"Board"	the board of Directors
"Company"	New Century Group Hong Kong Limited, a company incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability, whose shares are listed on the main board of the Stock Exchange with stock code 234
"Customer"	Mr. Hui George, the borrower under the Loan Agreement
"Directors"	the directors of the Company
"ETC Finance"	ETC Finance Limited, a company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability and with money lenders licence registered under Money Lenders Ordinance (Chapter 163 of the Laws of Hong Kong), which is an indirect non-wholly owned subsidiary of the Company
"Group"	the Company and its subsidiaries
"Hong Kong"	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China
"Listing Rules"	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock

Exchange

"Loan" a mortgage loan in the principal sum of HK\$16,500,000

granted by ETC Finance to the Customer pursuant to the Loan

Agreement

"Loan Agreement" the loan agreement dated 3 May 2024 entered into between

ETC Finance and the Customer, particulars of which are stated in the section headed "Loan Agreement" in this announcement

"Stock Exchange" The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

"HK\$" Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong

"%" per cent.

By order of the Board

New Century Group Hong Kong Limited

Ng Wee Keat

Chairman

Hong Kong, 3 May 2024

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Mr. Ng Wee Keat (Chairman), Ms. Sio Ion Kuan (Deputy Chairman), Ms. Ng Siew Lang, Linda (Chief Operating Officer), Ms. Lilian Ng, Ms. Chen Ka Chee, Mr. Yu Wai Man and Ms. Huang Si Teng as executive directors and Mr. Cheung Chun Kwok, Mr. Kwan Kai Kin, Kenneth, Mr. Ho Yau Ming and Mr. Wong Steve Cheuk Hung as independent non-executive directors.