Minerva Group Holding Limited
贏集團控股有限公司*

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

(Stock code: 397)

SUPPLEMENTAL ANNOUNCEMENT IN RELATION TO THE PROFIT WARNING ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

This announcement is made by Minerva Group Holding Limited (the "**Company**", together with its subsidiaries, the "**Group**") pursuant to Rule 13.09(2)(a) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and the inside information provisions under Part XIVA of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong).

Reference is made to the profit warning announcement of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2024 ("**Profit Warning**") dated 17 January 2025. Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalised terms herein shall have the same meanings as those defined in the Profit Warning.

The board of directors (the "**Board**") of the Company wishes to inform shareholders of the Company (the "**Shareholders**") and potential investors that based on the preliminary assessment of the latest available unaudited consolidated management accounts of the Group, including (i) the loss on fair value changes of financial assets at FVTPL of approximately HK$85 million (2023: HK$106 million); and (ii) expected credit loss on loan and interest receivables of approximately HK$74 million (2023: HK$24 million). The Group expects to record a consolidated net loss of not less than HK$144 million for FY2024.

* *For identification purpose only*

The Group's investment performance has been negatively affected by the performance of specific sectors, particularly healthcare, where the Hang Seng Composite Industry Index – Healthcare experienced a 20.1% decline in 2024. Additionally, as economic conditions in Hong Kong remain in a downturn, the Hong Kong Government announced that real GDP decelerated to 2.5% in 2024, down from 3.2% in previous year. Additional losses on fair value changes of financial assets at FVTPL was recognised, particularly due to the performance of unlisted funds and unlisted equity investments affected by the lackluster stock price performance of comparable companies.

Hong Kong has faced prolonged economic challenges in recent years, evidenced by a surge in overdue loans among the city's largest banks, a significant contraction in corporate lending, rising bad debt, increasing bankruptcies, and a struggling mainland Chinese economy plagued by structural issues – all of which further cloud the city's economic outlook. This deteriorating economic environment has contributed to a significant increase in the expected credit loss allowance of the Group risen to approximately HK$74 million for FY2024. This notable increase reflects broader market trends, as outlined in a Hong Kong Monetary Authority's circular on debt collection on March 2025, which reported that 33 authorised institutions utilised debt collection agents ("**DCAs**"), assigning approximately 548,000 accounts to 21 DCAs – an increase from approximately 437,000 accounts assigned to 19 DCAs in the first half of 2024–highlighting pervasive credit difficulties across Hong Kong's financial sector. The adverse loan market conditions are further underscored by a continuous rise in bankruptcy petitions and winding-up orders since 2022, compounded by poor economic performance and defaults on some loan receivables for FY2024, as recorded by the Official Receiver's Office.

The Group is in the process of finalising its consolidated annual results for FY2024. The information contained in this announcement is solely based on a preliminary assessment made by the Board with reference to the information currently available, including the unaudited consolidated management accounts of the Group available for the time being, which has not been reviewed by the audit committee of the Board or the auditors of the Company and is subject to change. Such information is also subject to adjustment after further review and finalisation of the consolidated financial information for the FY2024. The Shareholders and potential investors of the Company are advised to refer to the details of the Company's announcement of its results for the FY2024 to be published in or around late March 2025.

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

By order of the Board
Minerva Group Holding Limited
Li Wing Cheong
Chairman

Hong Kong, 25 March 2025

As at the date of this announcement, the executive Directors are Mr. Li Wing Cheong and Mr. Tong Hin Jo; and the independent non-executive Directors are Ms. Chan Lai Ping, Ms. Tam Mei Chu and Mr. Ho Yuen Tung.