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Hilong Holding Limited

海隆控股有限公司*

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 1623)

INSIDE INFORMATION WINDING-UP PETITION AND CONTINUED SUSPENSION OF TRADING

This announcement is made by Hilong Holding Limited (the “**Company**”, together with its subsidiaries, the “**Group**”) pursuant to Rule 13.09(2) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Stock Exchange**”) and the Inside Information Provisions (as defined in the Listing Rules) under Part XIVA of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong).

WINDING-UP PETITION

It has come to the Company’s attention that a winding-up petition (the “**Petition**”) dated 27 May 2025 was filed by The Bank of New York Mellon, London Branch (the “**Petitioner**”) against the Company at the High Court of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (the “**High Court**”) in relation to the non-payment of the US\$379,135,000 9.75% senior secured notes due November 2024 issued by the Company, details of which have been set out in the Company’s announcement dated 18 November 2024 issued by the Company.

Effects of the Petition

Pursuant to section 182 of the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance (Chapter 32 of the Laws of Hong Kong) (the “**Companies (WUMP) Ordinance**”), in the event that the Company is ultimately wound up as a result of the Petition, any disposition of the property directly owned by the Company (for the avoidance of doubt, excluding the property of the subsidiaries of the Company), any transfer of shares of the Company, or alteration in the status of the members of the Company, made after the commencement date of the winding up which was 27 May 2025 when the Petition was filed (the “**Commencement Date**”), will be void unless a validation order is obtained from the High Court. Any disposition of the property, transfer or alteration made on or after the Commencement Date will not be affected if the Petition is subsequently struck out, dismissed or permanently stayed.

The Company will oppose the Petition vigorously. However, given the effect of section 182 of the Companies (WUMP) Ordinance, the board (the “**Board**”) of directors of the Company wishes to remind the shareholders and potential investors of the Company that, the transfer of the shares in the Company made on or after the Commencement Date would be void without a validation order from the High Court in the event that the Company is ultimately wound up. Pursuant to the circular dated 28 December 2016 issued by Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited (“**HKSCC**”) in relation to the transfer of the shares of listed issuers after a winding up petition has been presented, in view of the restrictions and the uncertainties that may arise in relation to the transfer of shares, for participant(s) who conduct share transfers through HKSCC (the “**Participant(s)**”), HKSCC may at any time, and without notice, exercise its powers under the General Rules of Central Clearing and Settlement System (“**CCASS**”) to temporarily suspend any of its services in respect of shares of the Company. This may include the suspension of acceptance of deposits of share certificates of the Company into CCASS. The share certificates of the Company received by HKSCC but not yet re-registered in HKSCC Nominees Limited’s name will also be returned to the relevant Participant and HKSCC shall reserve the right to reverse any credit granted to such Participant by debiting the relevant securities from its CCASS account accordingly. These measures would generally cease to apply from the date when the Petition has been struck-out, dismissed or permanently stayed, or the Company has obtained the necessary validation order from the High Court.

The filing of the Petition does not represent the successful winding up of the Company by the Petitioner. No winding-up order has been granted by the High Court to wind up the Company as at the date of this announcement. The first hearing of the Petition is scheduled to be held on 30 July 2025.

Actions to be taken by the Company

The Company will seek legal advice and take all necessary actions to protect its legal rights. The Board believes that the Petition does not represent the best interests of the other stakeholders.

The Company will keep its shareholders and investors informed of any significant development in relation to the Petition and make further announcement(s) as and when appropriate.

CONTINUED SUSPENSION OF TRADING

At the request of the Company, the trading in the shares of the Company on the Stock Exchange has been suspended from 9:00 a.m. on 2 April 2024, and will remain suspended until further notice.

Shareholders and potential investors of the Company are advised to exercise due caution when dealing in the securities of the Company. When in doubt, Shareholders and potential investors of the Company are advised to seek advice from their own professional or financial advisers.

For and on behalf of the Board
Hilong Holding Limited
ZHANG Jun
Chairman

Hong Kong, 29 May 2025

As of the date of this announcement, the executive director of the Company is Mr. ZHANG Jun; the non-executive directors are Ms. ZHANG Shuman, Dr. YANG Qingli, Mr. CAO Hongbo and Dr. FAN Ren Da Anthony; and the independent non-executive directors are Mr. WANG Tao, Mr. WONG Man Chung Francis and Mr. SHI Zheyang.

** For identification purposes only*