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## **Black Sesame International Holding Limited**

**黑芝麻智能國際控股有限公司\***

*(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)*

**(Stock Code: 2533)**

### **RE-DESIGNATION OF DIRECTOR**

The board (the “**Board**”) of directors (the “**Directors**”) of Black Sesame International Holding Limited (the “**Company**”, together with its subsidiaries, the “**Group**”) hereby announces that as Mr. Liu Weihong (“**Mr. Liu**”) doesn’t have sufficient time to participate in the daily operation and management of the Company due to his personal commitments, Mr. Liu has been re-designated from an executive Director to a non-executive Director and has ceased to serve as the president of the Company, effective from January 29, 2026. Following the above re-designation, Mr. Liu will concurrently act as a consultant to the Company, providing advice on the business operations of the Company. The Board would like to take this opportunity to express its sincere gratitude to Mr. Liu for his contributions to the Company during his tenure as president of the Company.

The biographical details of Mr. Liu, which are required to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.51(2) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange (“**Stock Exchange**”) of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Listing Rules**”), are set out as follows:

Mr. LIU Weihong, aged 57, is one of the founders of the Group. He was appointed as a Director on July 15, 2016, served as an executive Director since June 2023 and has been re-designated as a non-executive Director since January 29, 2026. Mr. Liu founded the Group in July 2016 with Mr. Shan Jizhang, the chairman of the Board and currently holds directorships in various subsidiaries of the Group.

Mr. Liu had over 20 years of exposure to the automotive industry and gained substantial automotive industry expertise and insights. Prior to joining the Group in 2016, Mr. Liu was a president of Asia Pacific region at Chassis Brakes International (Suzhou) Co., Ltd. (泛博制動部件(蘇州)有限公司) (currently known as Hitachi Astemo Braking Systems (Suzhou) Co. (日立安斯泰莫制動系統(蘇州)有限公司)) from July 2012 to November 2016, during which Mr. Liu was responsible for its strategy, operation, business development, restructuring and mergers and acquisitions. Mr. Liu worked at Bosch Automotive Products (Suzhou) Co., Ltd. (博世汽車部件(蘇州)有限公司) from September 2002 to December 2011, with his last position as a regional president. Mr. Liu also worked at General Motors (China) Co., Ltd. (通用汽車(中國)投資有限公司) prior to joining Bosch Automotive Products (Suzhou) Co., Ltd. (博世汽車部件(蘇州)有限公司).

Mr. Liu obtained a bachelor's degree in applied chemistry from Shanghai Jiao Tong University (上海交通大學) in the PRC in July 1990, a master's degree in chemical engineering from Tsinghua University (清華大學) in the PRC in June 1995 and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Toronto in Canada in June 2002.

To the best of the Directors' knowledge, information and belief and having made all reasonable enquiries, as at the date of this announcement, Mr. Liu controls Ruby Wealth International Limited ("**Ruby Wealth**") and New Key Trade Company Limited ("**New Key Trade**"). Accordingly, Mr. Liu is deemed to be interested in the 14,700,000 shares of the Company held in aggregate by Ruby Wealth and New Key Trade. In addition, Mr. Liu is deemed to be interested in the 9,891,667 outstanding share options granted under the Pre-IPO Share Scheme of the Company, representing 9,891,667 shares of the Company.

Mr. Liu has entered into a new letter of appointment with the Company for his re-designation as a non-executive Director with effect from January 29, 2026 for a continuing term, subject to retirement by rotation and re-election in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company. Either party has the right to give not less than three months' prior written notice to terminate the agreement. Pursuant to the letter of appointment, as a non-executive Director, Mr. Liu will not receive director's fee or remuneration from the Company.

Save as disclosed above, as at the date of this announcement, Mr. Liu (i) does not hold and have not held any directorship in any other public listed companies in Hong Kong or overseas in the past three years nor any other major appointments and professional qualifications; (ii) does not hold any other positions within the Company and its subsidiaries; (iii) does not have any relationship with any Directors, senior management, substantial shareholders or controlling shareholders (as defined in the Listing Rules) of the Company; and (iv) does not have nor is deemed to have any interests or short positions in the shares, underlying shares or bonds of the Company or its associated corporation(s) within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong). Save as disclosed in this announcement, there is no other information that is required to be disclosed under Rules 13.51(2)(h) to 13.51(2)(v) of the Listing Rules and there are no other matters relating to the re-designation of Mr. Liu that need to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Company and the Stock Exchange as at the date of this announcement.

By order of the Board  
**Black Sesame International Holding Limited**  
**Mr. SHAN Jizhang**  
*Chairman of the Board, Executive Director and  
Chief Executive Officer*

Hong Kong, January 29, 2026

*As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises (i) Mr. SHAN Jizhang and Mr. ZENG Daibing as executive directors; (ii) Mr. LIU Weihong and Dr. YANG Lei as non-executive directors; and (iii) Prof. LI Qingyuan, Prof. LONG Wenmao and Prof. XU Ming as independent non-executive directors.*

\* *For identification purposes only*