Sterling Group Holdings Limited
美臻集團控股有限公司*

(incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 1825)

VOLUNTARY ANNOUNCEMENT
RECEIPT OF EARLY REPAYMENT

References are made to the announcements of Sterling Group Holdings Limited (the "**Company**", together with its subsidiaries, the "**Group**") dated 24 November 2023, 3 June 2024, 30 August 2024, 24 April 2025, 30 April 2025, 8 May 2025, 15 May 2025, 12 June 2026, 29 June 2026 and 7 July 2026 (the "**Announcements**") and the circular dated 26 February 2025 (the "**Circular**"), in relation to, among others, a major and connected transaction; a continuing connected transaction and connected transaction; a major transaction; and a continuing connected transaction. Unless defined otherwise, capitalised terms used herein shall bear the same meaning as those defined in the Announcements and the Circular.

Pursuant to the Agreement and the Second Agreement, SAL provided the Financial Assistance and the Second Financial Assistance in the principal amounts of approximately HK$33.5 million in aggregate at an interest rate of 7% per annum.

After recent negotiations with Santai, the Group has successfully reached an agreement with Santai that Santai will make an additional early repayment towards the outstanding principal and interest amounts of the Financial Assistance and the Second Financial Assistance in addition to the HK$10 million, HK$3.3 million, HK$6 million, HK$8 million, HK$30 million, and HK$10,881,568 repayments made on 24 April 2025, 30 April 2025, 8 May 2025, 15 May 2025, 29 June 2026 and 7 July 2026, respectively. There is no penalty for repayment of principal and relevant interest amounts at any time under the Agreement and the Second Agreement.

The Board is pleased to announce that on 13 July 2026, Santai repaid HK$5.2 million to the Group, and the amounts shall firstly repay all the outstanding principal and interest amounts of the Financial Assistance and the Second Financial Assistance of approximately HK$4.4 million in aggregate, and the remaining repayment of approximately HK$0.8 million shall repay as repayment of SAL's trade receivables due from Santai.

Following the above early repayment, as at the date of this announcement, it is confirmed that all outstanding principal and interest amounts of the Financial Assistance and the Second Financial Assistance have been repaid in full.

The Company considers such early repayment to be beneficial to the financial conditions and cash flows of the Group as a whole.

CONTINUED TRADING SUSPENSION

At the request of the Company, trading in the Company's shares on the Stock Exchange was suspended with effect from 9:00 a.m. on 2 July 2026 pending publication of the audited annual results of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2026.

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

By order of the Board
Sterling Group Holdings Limited
美臻集團控股有限公司*
Wong Mei Wai Alice
Chairperson, Executive Director
and Chief Executive Officer

Hong Kong, 13 July 2026

As at the date of this announcement, Ms. Wong Mei Wai Alice is the executive Director and Chairperson and Ms. Luo Yuechan is the executive Director; and Ms. Chen Jie and Ms. Wu Jing are the independent non-executive Directors.

* *For identification purposes only*