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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)

VOLUNTARY ANNOUNCEMENT VOLUNTARY FURTHER EXTENSION OF LOCK-UP UNDERTAKING BY THE FOUNDER

This announcement is made by Black Sesame International Holding Limited (the “**Company**”, together with its subsidiaries, the “**Group**”) on a voluntary basis.

References are made to (i) the prospectus of the Company dated July 31, 2024; (ii) the announcement of the Company dated August 7, 2025 (the “**Announcement**”); and (iii) the annual report of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2025 (the “**Annual Report**”), in relation to, among other things, the lock-up requirements pursuant to Rule 18C.14 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and the voluntary extension of lock-up undertaking.

As set out in the Announcement and the Annual Report, after the voluntary extension, the lock-up undertaking given by Mr. Shan Jizhang (“**Mr. Shan**”), a founder, the chairman of the board of directors (the “**Board**”), an executive director and the chief executive officer of the Company, in respect of 44,100,000 shares of the Company (the “**Lock-up Shares**”) beneficially held by him, will expire on August 7, 2026.

The Board is pleased to announce that the Company has been informed by Mr. Shan that, as a demonstration of his confidence in the long-term value and future prospects of the Company, and his strong confidence in the Company’s long-term strategy of comprehensive transition to an on-device AI inference solution provider, Mr. Shan has voluntarily further undertaken not to dispose of the Lock-up Shares for a period of another 12 months from August 8, 2026 until August 7, 2027 (both dates inclusive).

* For identification purposes only

The total number of Lock-up Shares is 44,100,000 shares, representing approximately 6.18% of the total number of issued shares (excluding treasury shares) of the Company as at the date of this announcement. The Lock-up Shares represent all the shares of the Company beneficially held by Mr. Shan as at the date of this announcement (excluding any interests in the options granted to him pursuant to the pre-IPO share plan adopted by the Company on September 7, 2016 and as amended on December 31, 2021).

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

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, July 30, 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.