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**東方報業集團有限公司**

**ORIENTAL PRESS GROUP LTD**

*(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)*

**(Stock Code: 18)**

## **DISCLOSEABLE TRANSACTION PROVISION OF LOAN**

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### **INTRODUCTION**

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### **THE LOAN AGREEMENT**

The principal terms of the Loan Agreement are set out below:

Date:	6 July 2021
Lender:	OFA
Borrower:	Customer
Principal:	HK\$194 million
Interest rate:	0.96% per month (i.e. 11.52% per annum)
Term:	12 months commencing from the Drawdown Date
Repayment:	Customer shall pay interest monthly and repay the principal amount of the Loan and interest payable at maturity

Early repayment: Customer shall have an option to make early repayment of the Loan after the Drawdown Date subject to the Customer giving OFA not less than 1 month's advance notice in writing

Security: An all-money first legal charge in favour of OFA in respect of 2 office premises located in Admiralty, Hong Kong and 2 residential apartments and 2 car parking spaces located in Mid-Levels, Hong Kong which are valued by an independent property valuer at HK\$286 million in June 2021

## **FUNDING OF THE LOAN**

OFA will finance the Loan with the Group's internal resources.

## **INFORMATION OF THE CUSTOMER AND OTHER SECURITY PARTIES**

The Customer is a businessman based in Hong Kong, principally engaged in the business of manufacture and sale of packaging boxes and materials. The Mortgagors are companies wholly owned by the Customer, which are principally engaged in the business of property holding. To the best of the knowledge, information and belief of the Directors having made all reasonable enquiry, the Customer and the Mortgagors are Independent Third Parties.

## **INFORMATION OF THE GROUP AND THE LENDER**

The Company is an investment holding company and is the holding company of the Group. The Group is principally engaged in publication of newspapers and money lending business. OFA is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company and is a licensed money lender, principally engaged in the business of money lending in Hong Kong.

## **REASONS FOR AND BENEFITS OF ENTERING INTO THE LOAN AGREEMENT**

Taking into account the principal business of OFA, the grant of the Loan to the Customer pursuant to the Loan Agreement is in the ordinary course of business of OFA.

Given that the terms of the Loan Agreement were negotiated on an arm's length basis between OFA and the Customer with reference to OFA's credit policy and the prevailing market rate, and the Loan can generate a stable revenue and cash flow stream to the Group from interest income, the Directors are of the view that the terms of the Loan Agreement and the entering into of the Loan Agreement are fair and reasonable and in the interest of the Company and its shareholders as a whole.

## **LISTING RULES IMPLICATIONS**

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## DEFINITIONS

In this announcement, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions shall have the following meanings when used herein:

<b>“Board”</b>	the board of the Directors
<b>“Company”</b>	Oriental Press Group Limited, a company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability whose shares are listed on the main board of the Stock Exchange
<b>“connected person”</b>	has the meaning ascribed thereto under the Listing Rules
<b>“Customer”</b>	Ms. To Yuen Fang Louise, being the borrower under the Loan Agreement and an Independent Third Party
<b>“Director(s)”</b>	the director(s) of the Company
<b>“Drawdown Date”</b>	7 July 2021
<b>“Group”</b>	the Company and its subsidiaries
<b>“HK\$”</b>	Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong
<b>“Hong Kong”</b>	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China
<b>“Independent Third Party”</b>	third party that is independent of the Company and connected persons of the Company
<b>“Listing Rules”</b>	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange
<b>“Loan”</b>	the secured loan with a principal amount of HK\$194 million to be granted by OFA to the Customer pursuant to the Loan Agreement
<b>“Loan Agreement”</b>	the loan agreement dated 6 July 2021 entered into between OFA and the Customer in respect of the Loan
<b>“Mortgagors”</b>	owners of the properties which will be charged in favour of OFA as security for the Loan and include:  (a) Pacrim Realty (HK) Limited, a company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability and wholly owned by the Customer; and  (b) Eminent Gain Limited, a company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability and wholly owned by the Customer

**“OFA”** Oriental FA Limited, a company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability with money lenders licence registered under the Money Lenders Ordinance (Chapter 163 of the Laws of Hong Kong), which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company

**“Stock Exchange”** The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

By order of the Board  
**Oriental Press Group Limited**  
**Ching-fat MA**  
Chairman

Hong Kong, 6 July 2021

*As at the date hereof, the Board comprises seven Directors, of which three are executive Directors, namely Mr. Ching-fat MA (Chairman), Mr. Ching-choi MA (Vice Chairman) and Mr. Shun-chuen LAM (Chief Executive Officer), one non-executive Director, namely Mr. Dominic LAI and three independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Yau-nam CHAM, Mr. Ping-wing PAO and Mr. Yat-fai LAM.*