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# **DISCLOSEABLE TRANSACTION**

# **PROVISION OF LOAN FACILITY**

On 14 September 2023, the Lender entered into the Loan Agreement with the Borrower in relation to the provision of the Loan Facility up to HK\$50,000,000.

The transaction contemplated under the Loan Agreement constitutes a discloseable transaction of the Company and is therefore subject to the announcement requirement but exempt from obtaining Shareholders' approval under Chapter 14 of the Listing Rules.

The Board announces that on 14 September 2023, the Lender entered into the Loan Agreement with the Borrower. A summary of the details is set out as follows:-

#### THE LOAN AGREEMENT

Date	:	14 September 2023
Lender	:	Emperor Finance
Borrower	:	the Borrower
Amount of Loan Facility	:	up to HK\$50,000,000
Term of Loan Facility	:	12 months from the date of drawdown
Interest	:	13% per annum
Security for Loan Facility	:	The Loan Facility is secured by a first legal charge over a residential unit and a car parking space located in Wanchai, Hong Kong (collectively known as " <b>Mortgaged Properties</b> "). Valuations on the Mortgaged Properties were conducted by independent valuers on 3 August 2023 with average value of the said properties being approximately HK\$53,500,000. The loan-to-value ratio of the approved drawdown amount of the Loan Facility is approximately 80.4% as at the date of this announcement

Drawdown of the Loan Facility is subject to, inter alia, satisfactory credit assessment and due diligence on the Borrower by the Lender. The Borrower is required to provide the Lender with other securities as requested by the Lender from time to time during the loan period. The Lender has the discretion to further extend the term of the Loan Facility for another 12 months.

#### **INFORMATION OF THE BORROWER**

The Borrower is a merchant and has been a customer of the securities arm of the Company for a decade.

To the best knowledge, information and belief of the Directors after having made all reasonable enquiries, the Borrower is an Independent Third Party and not connected with the Company under the Listing Rules.

#### CREDIT RISK ASSESSMENT

The Loan Facility is secured by a first legal charge over the Mortgaged Properties provided by the Borrower with a loan-to-value ratio of approximately 80.4% calculated by the approved drawdown amount as at the date of this announcement and based on the value of the Mortgaged Properties as determined by independent valuers. The Group has performed credit risk assessment on (i) the security provided by the Borrower, which is located at prime site in Hong Kong; (ii) the historical repayment record of the Borrower; and (iii) other physical and financial assets owned by the Borrower. The Group based on the findings of the credit risk assessment considered the credit risk of granting the Loan Facility to the Borrower was acceptable at the time of granting the Loan Facility.

## REASONS FOR ENTERING INTO THE LOAN AGREEMENT

The Company is an investment holding company and its subsidiaries are principally engaged in the provision of financial services, including (i) commercial and personal lending as well as margin and initial public offering financing; (ii) brokerage services, wealth management and asset management; (iii) placing and underwriting services for listed issuers; and (iv) corporate finance advisory services.

The Lender is a registered money lender holding a valid money lenders licence under the Money Lenders Ordinance (Chapter 163 of the Laws of Hong Kong) and is principally engaged in the business of money lending services. Provision of the Loan Facility is a transaction carried out as part of the ordinary and usual course of business activities of the Group. The Loan Facility is funded by internal resources of the Group.

The terms of the Loan Agreement were negotiated on arm's length basis between the Lender and the Borrower and were on normal commercial terms based on the Group's credit policy. Taking into account the results of due diligence on the financial background, repayment ability of and the collaterals given by the Borrower and the stable interest income expected to be generated from the Loan Facility, the Directors consider that the terms of the Loan Agreement are fair and reasonable and the entering into of the same is in the interests of the Company and its Shareholders as a whole.

#### IMPLICATIONS UNDER THE LISTING RULES

As the relevant percentage ratios (as defined under the Listing Rules) in respect of the maximum amount of financial assistance granted to the Borrower or his associates pursuant to the Loan Agreement exceed 5% but are under 25%, the transaction contemplated thereunder constitutes a discloseable transaction of the Company and is therefore subject to the announcement requirement but exempt from obtaining Shareholders' approval under Chapter 14 of the Listing Rules.

Pursuant to Rule 14.58(2) of the Listing Rules, the identity of the Borrower is required to be disclosed. As (i) the Loan Facility is not regarded as a material transaction of the Company as compared to overall financial position of the Company; (ii) the Borrower has confirmed to the Group that no consent will be given for disclosing his identity; (iii) the disclosure of identity of the Borrower does not have additional value to the assessment of the financial standing and repayment ability of the Borrower, including creditworthiness, risks involved and exposure of the Loan Facility; and (iv) the Company has made alternative disclosure in this announcement, including but not limited to the details of the security and loan-to-value ratio of the Loan Facility, it is believed that the information disclosed herein is sufficient for the Shareholders to assess the risk and exposure involved with the Loan Facility. Concealing the identity of the Borrower would not render this announcement inaccurate, incomplete in all material respects nor misleading or deceptive, as the Company has applied to the Stock Exchange and the Stock Exchange has granted a waiver from strict compliance of Rule 14.58(2) of the Listing Rules.

### DEFINITIONS

"associate(s)"	has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules		
"Board" or "Directors"	board of directors of the Company		
"Borrower "	the borrower under the Loan Agreement, being an individual and an Independent Third Party to the Company, and serves as chairman of the board, an executive director and the controlling shareholder of a company of which the shares are listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange. Such company is principally engaged in international trading business, provision of financial guarantee services and property investment business in The People's Republic of China and Hong Kong		
"Company"	Emperor Capital Group Limited, an exempted company incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability, the shares of which are listed on the Stock Exchange		
"connected person(s)"	has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules		
"Group"	the Company and its subsidiaries		
"HK\$"	Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong		
"Hong Kong"	Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of The People's Republic of China		

"Independent Third Party"	person who is not a connected person of the Company and is independent of and not connected with the Company and directors, chief executive, controlling shareholders and substantial shareholders of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or their respective associates
"Lender" or "Emperor Finance"	Emperor Finance Limited, a company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability and an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company
"Listing Rules"	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange
"Loan Agreement"	a loan agreement dated 14 September 2023 entered into between the Lender and the Borrower relating to the granting of the Loan Facility
"Loan Facility"	a loan facility in the amount up to HK\$50,000,000 granted by the Lender to the Borrower pursuant to the terms of the Loan Agreement
"percentage ratio(s)"	percentage ratio(s) as set out in Rule 14.07 of the Listing Rules to be applied for determining the classification of a transaction
"Shareholders"	holders of the ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each in the issued share capital of the Company
"Stock Exchange"	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
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## Hong Kong, 14 September 2023

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises:

Executive Directors:	Ms. Daisy Yeung Mr. Wong Chi Fai Ms. Fan Man Seung, Vanessa
Independent Non-Executive Directors:	Ms. Wan Choi Ha Mr. Wong Tak Ming, Gary Mr. Yu King Tin