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**NOBLE CENTURY INVESTMENT HOLDINGS LIMITED**

**仁瑞投資控股有限公司**

*(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)*

**(Stock Code: 2322)**

**DISCLOSEABLE TRANSACTION INVOLVING  
FINANCE LEASE ARRANGEMENTS**

**THE FINANCE LEASE ARRANGEMENT I**

The Board would like to announce that on 5 June 2019 (after the trading hours of the Stock Exchange), the Lessor, being an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, and the Lessee I entered into the Master Sale and Leaseback Agreement I and the Sale and Purchase Agreement I at the Consideration I of RMB10,000,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$11,500,000) for the Leased Assets I.

As security for the due and punctual performance of the Lessee I's obligations under the Master Sale and Leaseback Agreement I and the Sale and Purchase Agreement I, on 5 June 2019 (after the trading hours of the Stock Exchange), the Lessee I has procured and each of Guarantor A, Guarantor B and Guarantor C has executed Guarantee Letter IA, Guarantee Letter IB and Guarantee Letter IC in favour of the Lessor respectively.

## **THE FINANCE LEASE ARRANGEMENT II**

On the same day, the Lessor and the Lessee II entered into the Master Sale and Leaseback Agreement II and the Sale and Purchase Agreement II at the Consideration II of RMB20,000,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$23,000,000) for the Leased Assets II.

As security for the due and punctual performance of the Lessee II's obligations under the Master Sale and Leaseback Agreement II and the Sale and Purchase Agreement II, on 5 June 2019 (after the trading hours of the Stock Exchange), the Lessee II has procured and (i) each of Guarantor A, Guarantor B and Guarantor D executed the Guarantee Letter IIA, the Guarantee Letter IIB and the Guarantee Letter IID in favour of the Lessor respectively; and (ii) Guarantor A executed the Share Charge in favour of the Lessor.

## **LISTING RULES IMPLICATIONS**

The transactions contemplated under the Finance Lease Arrangement I and the Finance Lease Arrangement II are aggregated on the basis that they are in relation to the provision of service by the Lessor to each of the Lessee I and the Lessee II, which is owned as to 100% and 99% by Guarantor A respectively, and shall be aggregated pursuant to Rule 14.22 of the Listing Rules.

As the applicable percentage ratio(s) (as defined under the Listing Rules) in respect of the transactions contemplated under the Finance Lease Arrangement I and the Finance Lease Arrangement II, when aggregated, is more than 5% but less than 25%, the entering into of the Finance Lease Arrangement I and the Finance Lease Arrangement II constitutes a discloseable transaction on the part of the Company under the Listing Rules and is subject to the notification and announcement requirements but is exempt from the Shareholders' approval requirement under Chapter 14 of the Listing Rules.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Board would like to announce that on 5 June 2019 (after the trading hours of the Stock Exchange), the Lessor, being an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, and the Lessee I entered into the Master Sale and Leaseback Agreement I and the Sale and Purchase Agreement I at the Consideration I of RMB10,000,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$11,500,000) for the Leased Assets I.

As security for the due and punctual performance of the Lessee I's obligations under the Master Sale and Leaseback Agreement I and the Sale and Purchase Agreement I, on 5 June 2019 (after the trading hours of the Stock Exchange), the Lessee I has procured and each of Guarantor A, Guarantor B and Guarantor C has executed Guarantee Letter IA, Guarantee Letter IB and Guarantee Letter IC in favour of the Lessor respectively.

On the same day, the Lessor and the Lessee II entered into the Master Sale and Leaseback Agreement II and the Sale and Purchase Agreement II at the Consideration II of RMB20,000,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$23,000,000) for the Leased Assets II.

As security for the due and punctual performance of the Lessee II's obligations under the Master Sale and Leaseback Agreement II and the Sale and Purchase Agreement II, on 5 June 2019 (after the trading hours of the Stock Exchange), the Lessee II has procured and (i) each of Guarantor A, Guarantor B and Guarantor D executed the Guarantee Letter IIA, the Guarantee Letter IIB and the Guarantee Letter IID in favour of the Lessor respectively; and (ii) Guarantor A executed the Share Charge in favour of the Lessor.

**THE MASTER SALE AND LEASEBACK AGREEMENT I, THE SALE AND PURCHASE AGREEMENT I, THE MASTER SALE AND LEASEBACK AGREEMENT II AND THE SALE AND PURCHASE AGREEMENT II**

The principal terms of (i) the Master Sale and Leaseback Agreement I and the Sale and Purchase Agreement I; and (ii) the Master Sale and Leaseback Agreement II and the Sale and Purchase Agreement II are set out below:

	<b>The Master Sale and Leaseback Agreement I and the Sale and Purchase Agreement I</b>	<b>The Master Sale and Leaseback Agreement II and the Sale and Purchase Agreement II</b>
<b>Date:</b>	5 June 2019	5 June 2019
<b>Parties:</b>	(i) the Lessor; and  (ii) the Lessee I.	(i) the Lessor; and  (ii) the Lessee II.

**The Master Sale and Leaseback Agreement I and the Sale and Purchase Agreement I**

**The Master Sale and Leaseback Agreement II and the Sale and Purchase Agreement II**

The Lessee I is a company established in the PRC with limited liability and principally engaged in highway construction. To the best of the knowledge, information and belief of the Directors, having made all reasonable enquiries, each of the Lessee I and its ultimate beneficial owner(s) is an Independent Third Party.

The Lessee II is a company established in the PRC with limited liability and principally engaged in sandstone mining and trading business. To the best of the knowledge, information and belief of the Directors, having made all reasonable enquiries, each of the Lessee II and its ultimate beneficial owner(s) is an Independent Third Party.

**Consideration:**

The Consideration I, being the amount of consideration to be paid by the Lessor to the Lessee I for the Leased Assets I shall be in the sum of RMB10,000,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$11,500,000). The Consideration I shall bear an interest rate of 7% per annum.

The Consideration II, being the amount of consideration to be paid by the Lessor to the Lessee II for the Leased Assets II shall be in the sum of RMB20,000,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$23,000,000). The Consideration II shall bear an interest rate of 7% per annum.

The Consideration I shall be settled within seven (7) days from the date on which the conditions contained therein are fulfilled, including but not limited to, (i) the delivery of the duly executed Master Sale and Leaseback Agreement I, Sale and Purchase Agreement I and Guarantee Letters I; (ii) the valuation of the Leased Assets I having been issued by the valuer approved by the Lessor; (iii) the Lessee I having paid the Deposit I and other expenses; and (iv) the Lessee I having arranged insurance for the Leased Assets I in favour of the Lessor as the sole beneficiary and the Lessor having received the relevant original insurance documents for the same.

The Consideration II shall be settled within seven (7) days from the date on which the conditions contained therein are fulfilled, including but not limited to, (i) the delivery of the duly executed Master Sale and Leaseback Agreement II, the Sale and Purchase Agreement II and Guarantee Letters II; (ii) the valuation of the Leased Assets II having been issued by the valuer approved by the Lessor; (iii) the Lessee II having paid the Deposit II and other expenses; and (iv) the Lessee II having arranged insurance for the Leased Assets II in favour of the Lessor as the sole beneficiary and the Lessor having received the relevant original insurance documents for the same.

The Group expects to finance each of the Consideration I and the Consideration II by internal resources of the Group.

**The Master Sale and Leaseback Agreement I  
and the Sale and Purchase Agreement I**

**The Master Sale and Leaseback Agreement II  
and the Sale and Purchase Agreement II**

Each of the Consideration I and the Consideration II is arrived at after arm's length negotiation between the Group and each of the Lessees with reference to the following factors, (a) taking each of the Finance Lease Arrangements as a whole, each of the Consideration I and the Consideration II is in effect the principal amount of the loan to be advanced by the Lessor to each of the Lessees, with each of the Leased Assets I and the Leased Assets II as collateral respectively; and (b) the reasons and benefits as detailed in the section headed "Reasons for and Benefits of the Finance Lease Arrangements" below.

**Repayment:**

The Lessee I shall repay the Lessor the full amount of the Consideration I and the interest accrued thereon by eighteen (18) monthly installments of which:

- (i) the first installment shall be RMB58,322 (equivalent to approximately HK\$67,070);
- (ii) the second and third installments shall be RMB58,334 (equivalent to approximately HK\$67,084) each;
- (iii) the fourth to seventeenth installments shall be RMB658,334 (equivalent to approximately HK\$757,084) each; and
- (iv) the eighteenth installment shall be RMB1,658,334 (equivalent to approximately HK\$1,907,084).

The Lessee II shall repay the Lessor the full amount of the Consideration II and the interest accrued thereon by eighteen (18) monthly installments of which:

- (i) the first installment shall be RMB116,661 (equivalent to approximately HK\$134,160);
- (ii) the second and third installments shall be RMB116,667 (equivalent to approximately HK\$134,167) each;
- (iii) the fourth to seventeenth installments shall be RMB1,316,667 (equivalent to approximately HK\$1,514,167) each; and
- (iv) the eighteenth installment shall be RMB3,316,667 (equivalent to approximately HK\$3,814,167).

**Sale and leaseback of  
the Leased Assets  
and the obligations  
of the Lessee:**

The Lessor shall buy and the Lessee I shall sell the Leased Assets I at the consideration of RMB10,000,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$11,500,000) and the Lessor shall then lease back the Leased Assets I to the Lessee I for a lease period of 18 months commencing from the date on which the Consideration I is made to the Lessee I.

The Lessor shall buy and the Lessee II shall sell the Leased Assets II at the consideration of RMB20,000,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$23,000,000) and the Lessor shall then lease back the Leased Assets II to the Lessee II for a lease period of 18 months commencing from the date on which the Consideration II is made to the Lessee II.

**The Master Sale and Leaseback Agreement I and the Sale and Purchase Agreement I**

**The Master Sale and Leaseback Agreement II and the Sale and Purchase Agreement II**

The Leased Assets I are principally comprised of construction equipment (the “**Leased Assets I**”). As at 18 April 2019, the Leased Assets I were valued by an independent professional valuer at RMB12,483,400 (equivalent to approximately HK\$14,355,910) on a cost approach.

The Leased Assets II are principally comprised of mining rights (the “**Leased Assets II**”). As at 31 March 2019, the Leased Assets II were valued by an independent professional valuer at RMB88,622,500 (equivalent to approximately HK\$101,915,875) on a discounted cash flow approach.

Each of the Lessees shall have the discretion in determining and therefore be responsible for the accuracy and completeness of the details of each of the Leased Assets I and the Leased Assets II, including but not limited to the name, specification, model, quality, quantity, technology standard, technology warranty, price and delivery.

**Lease consideration:**

In consideration of the finance lease service provided by the Lessor, each of the Lessees shall pay the Lessor the rents and other monies payable. The obligations of each of the Lessees to pay the relevant rents and other monies payable under each of the Finance Lease Arrangements respectively shall be absolute and unconditional, which shall not be subject to any deduction, setoff or conditional upon any other conditions.

The Lessor shall have the right to charge default interest on the due and unpaid amount of the rents or other monies outstanding under each of the Finance Lease Arrangements at 0.06% per day, calculated from the date on which such amount become due and unpaid and up to the date on which such amount is fully settled. If the relevant payment is overdue for more than 15 days, the Lessor has the right to unilaterally terminate the each of the Master Sale and Leaseback Agreements.

**Deposit:**

The Lessee I shall pay a deposit (the “**Deposit I**”) of RMB500,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$575,000), being an amount equal to 5% of the Consideration I, on the date which the Consideration I is made to the Lessee I.

The Lessee II shall pay a deposit (the “**Deposit II**”) of RMB1,000,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$1,150,000), being an amount equal to 5% of the Consideration II, on the date which the Consideration II is made to the Lessee II.

If no default is committed by each of the Lessees, the Lessor shall return each of the Deposit I and the Deposit II to the Lessee I and the Lessee II respectively within seven (7) Business Days after the expiry of the lease period under each of the Finance Lease Arrangements.

**The Master Sale and Leaseback Agreement I  
and the Sale and Purchase Agreement I**

**The Master Sale and Leaseback Agreement II  
and the Sale and Purchase Agreement II**

**Handling fee:**

The Lessee I shall pay a handling fee of RMB300,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$345,000) (the “**Handling Fee I**”), being an amount equal to 3% of the Consideration I, shall be payable by the Lessee I on the date which the Consideration I is made to the Lessee I. The Handling Fee I is non-refundable in any event.

The Lessee II shall pay a handling fee of RMB600,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$690,000) (the “**Handling Fee II**”), being an amount equal to 3% of the Consideration II, shall be payable by the Lessee II on the date which the Consideration II is made to the Lessee II. The Handling Fee II is non-refundable in any event.

**Early termination:**

Each of the Lessees may, by serving a thirty (30) days’ prior written notice to the Lessor and upon obtaining the written consent from the Lessor, terminate each of the Finance Lease Arrangements respectively, provided that each of the Lessees has repaid in full the following sums five (5) days before the next repayment date after the date of such termination notice:

- (i) a termination fee of the Finance Lease Arrangement I, being 105% of the outstanding principal amount of the rents, whether or not due and payable, as at the termination date of the Finance Lease Arrangement I;
- (ii) a buyback fee in the amount of RMB3,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$3,450) (the “**Buyback Fee I**”);
- (iii) all default interest (if any); and
- (iv) any other monies payable by the Lessee I.

- (i) a termination fee of the Finance Lease Arrangement II, being 105% of the outstanding principal amount of the rents, whether or not due and payable, as at the termination date of the Finance Lease Arrangement II;
- (ii) a buyback fee in the amount of RMB7,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$8,050) (the “**Buyback Fee II**”);
- (iii) all default interest (if any); and
- (iv) any other monies payable by the Lessee II.

Subject to the above repayments having been made by the Lessee I and/or the Lessee II (as the case may be) to the Lessor, upon the termination of the Finance Lease Arrangement(s), the ownership of the Leased Assets I and/or the Leased Assets II shall pass to the Lessee I and/or the Lessee II (as the case may be) on an “as is” basis. The Lessor shall not provide any undertaking or warranty to each of the Lessees, and shall not be responsible for the physical delivery of each of the Leased Assets I and the Leased Assets II. For the avoidance of doubt, the Lessor has no right to terminate the each of the Master Sale and Leaseback Agreements prior to the end of the lease period of each of the Finance Lease Arrangements without mutual consent from the Lessor and the Lessee I or the Lessee II (as the case may be).

**The Master Sale and Leaseback Agreement I    The Master Sale and Leaseback Agreement II  
and the Sale and Purchase Agreement I        and the Sale and Purchase Agreement II**

- Legal ownership and the use of the Leased Assets:** During the lease period, the Lessor shall have the legal ownership of each of the Leased Assets I and the Leased Assets II and each of the Lessees shall have the right to possess, use and income from each of the Leased Assets I and the Leased Assets II respectively.
- Compensation:** In the event that the Leased Assets I and/or the Leased Assets II (as the case may be) cause any personal injuries and/or financial losses on third parties, the Lessor shall not be liable therefor and the Lessee I and/or the Lessee II (as the case may be) shall fully indemnify the Lessor for any claims, losses and costs in relation thereto.
- Risk:** Each of the Lessees shall, during the continuance of each of the Master Sale and Leaseback Agreements, take all risks in relation to each of the Leased Assets I and the Leased Assets II respectively.
- If each of the Leased Assets I and the Leased Assets II are damaged (save for normal wear and tear), lost, confiscated, seized, expropriated, or unusable, each of the Lessees shall immediately notify the Lessor and be responsible for the repair or replacement thereof and the costs incurred. The payment obligations of each of the Lessees under the finance lease arrangement shall not be affected in the aforementioned circumstances.
- If each of the Leased Assets I and the Leased Assets II suffer total loss, each of the Lessees shall pay to the Lessor immediately (i) the rents due and payable, the rents not yet due and payable, the default interest, the default payment (being an amount equal to 20% of the rents due and unpaid, default interest and rents not yet due and payable) and damages; (ii) the Buyback Fee(s); and (iii) any other monies payable by the Lessee. Immediately upon receiving the above payments, the finance lease arrangement shall be terminated, the ownership of each of the Leased Assets I and the Leased Assets II shall automatically pass to each of the Lessees respectively on an “as is” basis, and all the Lessees’ obligations thereunder shall be absolutely discharged and released in all aspects.
- Insurance:** During the lease period and for the three (3) months immediately after the expiry of the same, each of the Lessees shall keep each of the Leased Assets I and the Leased Assets II insured respectively and be responsible for all costs incurred, with the Lessor being named as the first beneficiary.
- Transfer:** Without prior written consent of the Lessor, (i) each of the Lessees shall not dispose of, transfer, sub-let, lend, mortgage, invest or take other actions which may affect the legal ownership of the Lessor; and (ii) each of the Lessees or any third parties shall not exercise a lien over each of the Leased Asset I and the Leased Assets II respectively.

**The Master Sale and Leaseback Agreement I    The Master Sale and Leaseback Agreement II  
and the Sale and Purchase Agreement I        and the Sale and Purchase Agreement II**

**Default:** If the Lessee I and/or the Lessee II default(s), or the Lessor requests to terminate the Finance Lease Arrangement(s) due to the fault of the Lessee I and/or the Lessee II, the Lessor shall be entitled to, among others, (i) forfeit the Deposit(s) and demand repayment of all outstanding rents and other monies, whether it has become due and payable by the Lessee I and/or the Lessee II; (ii) terminate the Finance Lease Arrangement(s) forthwith and take possession of or prohibit the Lessee I and/or the Lessee II from using the Leased Assets I and/or the Leased Assets II; and (iii) claim for compensation for any losses or costs incurred against the Lessee I and/or the Lessee II.

In the event that the Lessee I and/or the Lessee II default(s) and the Leased Assets I and/or the Leased Assets II are sold or disposed of by the Lessor, all proceeds arising thereof shall first be applied towards the settlement of the costs and expenses incurred by the Lessor in taking possession of, the sale of and/or the disposition of the Leased Assets I and/or the Leased Assets II, followed by the settlement of all outstanding amount due from the Lessee I and/or the Lessee II under the Finance Lease Arrangement(s), and lastly any other outstanding monies payable. In the event that such proceeds are insufficient to cover the above amounts, the Lessee I and/or the Lessee II is contractually obliged to compensate for the shortfall.

**Guarantee:** During the continuance of each of the Master Sale and Leaseback Agreements, in the event that there is, among others, impairment on the creditworthiness of the guarantor(s), the Lessor is entitled to request and each of the Lessees shall substitute the guarantee with a new guarantor or provide other security as approved and/or accepted by the Lessor.

**Options upon the expiry of the lease period:** Upon the expiry of the lease period of, and each of the Lessees' fulfilment of all its obligations under, each of the Finance Lease Arrangements, each of the Lessees may elect to, among others, (i) return each of the Leased Assets I and the Leased Assets II to the Lessor in complete and good condition (save as normal wear and tear); (ii) buy back each of the Leased Assets I and the Leased Assets II; or (iii) extend the lease period, respectively. In the event that the Lessee I and/or the Lessee II elect(s) to return the Leased Assets I and/or the Leased Assets II, the Lessee I and/or the Lessee II should return the Leased Assets I and/or the Leased Assets II to the Lessor at its own expenses and warrant the complete and good condition of the same (save for normal wear and tear). In the event that the Lessee I and/or the Lessee II elect(s) to buy back the Leased Assets I and/or the Leased Assets II, the Lessee I and/or the Lessee II shall pay the Lessor the Buyback Fee(s), and the Lessor shall pass the ownership of the Leased Assets I and/or the Leased Assets II to the Lessee I and/or the Lessee II on an "as is" basis respectively. In the event that the Lessee I and/or the Lessee II elect(s) to extend the lease period, the Lessee I and/or the Lessee II shall notify the Lessor in writing within 30 days prior the expiry date of the lease period and extend the lease period pursuant to the relevant terms and conditions set out in a supplemental agreement to be entered into.

## **GUARANTEE LETTERS I**

As security for the due and punctual performance of the Lessee I's obligations under the Master Sale and Leaseback Agreement I and the Sale and Purchase Agreement I, on 5 June 2019, the Lessee I procured and each of Guarantor A, Guarantor B and Guarantor C executed the Guarantee Letter IA, the Guarantee Letter IB and the Guarantee Letter IC in favour of the Lessor respectively.

To the best of the knowledge, information and belief of the Directors having made all reasonable enquiries, each of Guarantor A, Guarantor B, Guarantor C and their associate(s) is an Independent Third Party.

### **Guarantee**

Pursuant to the terms of the Guarantee Letters I, each of Guarantor A, Guarantee B and Guarantee C shall provide guarantee in favour of the Lessor for, including but not limited to, the due and punctual performance by the Lessee I of its payment obligations under the Finance Lease Arrangement I respectively.

## **GUARANTEE LETTERS II AND SHARE CHARGE**

As security for the due and punctual performance of the Lessee II's obligations under the Master Sale and Leaseback Agreement II and the Sale and Purchase Agreement II, on 5 June 2019, the Lessee II procured and (i) each of Guarantor A, Guarantor B and Guarantor D executed the Guarantee Letter IIA, the Guarantee Letter IIB and the Guarantee Letter IID in favour of the Lessor respectively; and (ii) Guarantor A executed the Share Charge in favour of the Lessor.

To the best of the knowledge, information and belief of the Directors having made all reasonable enquiries, each of Guarantor A, Guarantor B, Guarantor D and their associate(s) is an Independent Third Party.

## **Guarantee**

Pursuant to the terms of the Guarantee Letters II, each of Guarantor A, Guarantee B and Guarantee D shall provide guarantee in favour of the Lessor for, including but not limited to, the due and punctual performance by the Lessee II of its payment obligations under the Finance Lease Arrangement II respectively.

## **Share Charge**

Pursuant to the terms of the Share Charge, the Guarantor A shall provide a charge in respect of the 99% equity interest Guarantor A holds in the Lessee II in favour of the Lessor to secure, including but not limited to, the due and punctual performance by the Lessee II of its payment obligations under the Finance Lease Arrangement II.

## **REASONS FOR AND BENEFITS OF THE FINANCE LEASE ARRANGEMENTS**

The Group is principally engaged in vessel chartering, trading, money lending and finance leasing. The Lessor is a limited liability company established in the PRC providing financing services to its customers in its ordinary and usual course of business. The terms of the Finance Lease Arrangement I and the Finance Lease Arrangement II were arrived at after arm's length negotiations among the Lessor, the Lessees and/or the Guarantors.

Since the terms of the Master Sale and Leaseback Agreements, the Sale and Purchase Agreements and the Guarantee Letters reflect the normal commercial terms of transactions of this nature and can provide the Group with stable revenue and cashflow stream from the interest received and the Finance Lease Arrangements are in the ordinary and usual course of business of the Group, the Directors consider that they are fair and reasonable and are in the interest of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

## **LISTING RULES IMPLICATIONS**

The transactions contemplated under the Finance Lease Arrangement I and the Finance Lease Arrangement II are aggregated on the basis that they are in relation to the provision of service by the Lessor to each of the Lessee I and the Lessee II, which is owned as to 100% and 99% by Guarantor A respectively, and shall be aggregated pursuant to Rule 14.22 of the Listing Rules.

As the applicable percentage ratio(s) (as defined under the Listing Rules) in respect of the transactions contemplated under Finance Lease Arrangement I and the Finance Lease Arrangement II, when aggregated, is more than 5% but less than 25%, the entering into of the Finance Lease Arrangement I and the Finance Lease Arrangement II constitutes a discloseable transaction on the part of the Company under the Listing Rules and is subject to the notification and announcement requirements but is exempt from the Shareholders' approval requirement under Chapter 14 of the Listing Rules.

## **DEFINITIONS**

Unless the context otherwise requires, capitalised terms used in this announcement shall have the following meanings:

“associate”	has the meaning ascribed thereto under the Listing Rules
“Board”	the board of Directors
“Business Day”	a day (other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday) on which licensed banks in the PRC are generally open for business throughout their normal business hour
“Buyback Fee(s)”	the Buyback Fee I and/or the Buyback Fee II, as the case may be
“Buyback Fee I”	has the meaning ascribed thereto in the paragraph headed “Early termination” under the section “The Master Sale and Leaseback Agreement I, the Sale and Purchase Agreement I, the Master Sale and Leaseback Agreement II and the Sale and Purchase Agreement II” in this announcement
“Buyback Fee II”	has the meaning ascribed thereto in the paragraph headed “Early termination” under the section “The Master Sale and Leaseback Agreement I, the Sale and Purchase Agreement I, the Master Sale and Leaseback Agreement II and the Sale and Purchase Agreement II” in this announcement

“Company”	Noble Century Investment Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability and the issued shares of which are listed on the Stock Exchange (Stock Code: 2322)
“Consideration I”	an amount of RMB10,000,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$11,500,000) advanced by the Lessor to the Lessee I by way of payment of the consideration for the Leased Assets I to the Lessee I pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Finance Lease Arrangement I
“Consideration II”	an amount of RMB20,000,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$23,000,000) advanced by the Lessor to the Lessee II by way of payment of the consideration for the Leased Assets II to the Lessee II pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Finance Lease Arrangement II
“controlling shareholder”	has the meaning ascribed thereto under the Listing Rules
“Deposit(s)”	the Deposit I and/or the Deposit II, as the case may be
“Deposit I”	has the meaning ascribed thereto in the paragraph headed “Deposit” under the section “The Master Sale and Leaseback Agreement I, the Sale and Purchase Agreement I, the Master Sale and Leaseback Agreement II and the Sale and Purchase Agreement II” in this announcement
“Deposit II”	has the meaning ascribed thereto in the paragraph headed “Deposit” under the section “The Master Sale and Leaseback Agreement I, the Sale and Purchase Agreement I, the Master Sale and Leaseback Agreement II and the Sale and Purchase Agreement II” in this announcement
“Directors”	the directors of the Company

“Finance Lease Arrangement(s)”	the Finance Lease Arrangement I and/or the Finance Lease Arrangement II, as the case may be
“Finance Lease Arrangement I”	transactions contemplated under the Master Sale and Leaseback Agreement I, the Sale and Purchase Agreement I and the Guarantee Letters I
“Finance Lease Arrangement II”	transactions contemplated under the Master Sale and Leaseback Agreement II, the Sale and Purchase Agreement II and the Guarantee Letters II
“Group”	the Company and its subsidiaries
“Guarantee Letter IA”	a guarantee letter dated 5 June 2019 and executed by the Guarantor A in favour of the Lessor, pursuant to which, the Guarantor A shall provide guarantee in favour of the Lessor for, including but not limited to, the due and punctual performance by the Lessee I of its payment obligations under the Finance Lease Arrangement I
“Guarantee Letter IB”	a guarantee letter dated 5 June 2019 and executed by the Guarantor B in favour of the Lessor, pursuant to which, the Guarantor B shall provide guarantee in favour of the Lessor for, including but not limited to, the due and punctual performance by the Lessee I of its payment obligations under the Finance Lease Arrangement I
“Guarantee Letter IC”	a guarantee letter dated 5 June 2019 and executed by the Guarantor C in favour of the Lessor, pursuant to which, the Guarantor C shall provide guarantee in favour of the Lessor for, including but not limited to, the due and punctual performance by the Lessee I of its payment obligations under the Finance Lease Arrangement I

“Guarantee Letter IIA”	a guarantee letter dated 5 June 2019 and executed by the Guarantor A in favour of the Lessor, pursuant to which, the Guarantor A shall provide guarantee in favour of the Lessor for, including but not limited to, the due and punctual performance by the Lessee II of its payment obligations under the Finance Lease Arrangement II
“Guarantee Letter IIB”	a guarantee letter dated 5 June 2019 and executed by the Guarantor B in favour of the Lessor, pursuant to which, the Guarantor B shall provide guarantee in favour of the Lessor for, including but not limited to, the due and punctual performance by the Lessee II of its payment obligations under the Finance Lease Arrangement II
“Guarantee Letter IID”	a guarantee letter dated 5 June 2019 and executed by the Guarantor D in favour of the Lessor, pursuant to which, the Guarantor D shall provide guarantee in favour of the Lessor for, including but not limited to, the due and punctual performance by the Lessee II of its payment obligations under the Finance Lease Arrangement II
“Guarantee Letters I”	collectively, the Guarantee Letter IA, the Guarantee Letter IB and the Guarantee Letter IC
“Guarantee Letters II”	collectively, the Guarantee Letter IIA, the Guarantee Letter IIB and the Guarantee Letter IID
“Guarantor A”	劉勇 (transliterated as Liu Yong <sup>#</sup> ), being (i) a sole and controlling shareholder of the Lessee I holding the entire equity interest in the Lessee I; (ii) a controlling shareholder of the Lessee II holding 99% equity interest in the Lessee II; and (iii) the spouse of Guarantor B
“Guarantor B”	鐘雪君 (transliterated as Zhong Xue Jun <sup>#</sup> ), being the spouse of Guarantor A

“Guarantors”	collectively, Guarantor A, Guarantor B, Guarantor C and/or Guarantor D, as the case may be
“Handling Fee I”	has the meaning ascribed thereto in the paragraph headed “Handling Fee” under the section “The Master Sale and Leaseback Agreement I, the Sale and Purchase Agreement I, the Master Sale and Leaseback Agreement II and the Sale and Purchase Agreement II” in this announcement
“Handling Fee II”	has the meaning ascribed thereto in the paragraph headed “Handling Fee” under the section “The Master Sale and Leaseback Agreement I, the Sale and Purchase Agreement I, the Master Sale and Leaseback Agreement II and the Sale and Purchase Agreement II” in this announcement
“Hong Kong”	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC
“Independent Third Party(ies)”	any persons or company(ies) and their respective ultimate beneficial owners, to the best of the Directors’ knowledge, information and belief having made all reasonable enquiries, are not connected persons of the Company and are third parties independent of the Company and its connected persons in accordance with the Listing Rules
“Leased Assets I”	has the meaning ascribed thereto in the paragraph headed “Sale and leaseback of the Leased Assets and the obligations of the Lessee” under the section “The Master Sale and Leaseback Agreement I, the Sale and Purchase Agreement I, the Master Sale and Leaseback Agreement II and the Sale and Purchase Agreement II” in this announcement
“Leased Assets II”	has the meaning ascribed thereto in the paragraph headed “Sale and leaseback of the Leased Assets and the obligations of the Lessee” under the section “The Master Sale and Leaseback Agreement I, the Sale and Purchase Agreement I, the Master Sale and Leaseback Agreement II and the Sale and Purchase Agreement II” in this announcement

“Lessee I” or “Guarantor D”	廣州市嘉粵建材實業有限公司 (transliterated as Guangzhou City Jia Yue Building Materials Industry Company Limited <sup>#</sup> ), being a company established in the PRC with limited liability and wholly-owned by Guarantor A
“Lessee II” or “Guarantor C”	懷集縣坳仔南塘石場有限公司 (transliterated as Huai Ji County Ao Zai Nan Tang Shi Chang Company Limited <sup>#</sup> ), being a company established in the PRC with limited liability and owned as to 99% by Guarantor A
“Lessee(s)”	collectively, the Lessee I and the Lessee II
“Lessor”	仁瑞(深圳)融資租賃有限公司 (transliterated as Noble Century (Shenzhen) Finance Lease Company Limited <sup>#</sup> ), being a company established in the PRC 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
“Master Sale and Leaseback Agreement(s)”	the Master Sale and Leaseback Agreement I and/or the Master Sale and Leaseback Agreement II, as the case may be
“Master Sale and Leaseback Agreement I”	the master sale and leaseback agreement dated 5 June 2019 and entered into between the Lessor and the Lessee I which set out the rights and obligations between the Lessor and the Lessee I in relation to the Finance Lease Arrangement I
“Master Sale and Leaseback Agreement II”	the master sale and leaseback agreement dated 5 June 2019 and entered into between the Lessor and the Lessee II which set out the rights and obligations between the Lessor and the Lessee II in relation to the Finance Lease Arrangement II

“PRC”	the People’s Republic of China which for the purpose of this announcement excludes Hong Kong, the Macau Special Administrative Region and Taiwan
“Sale and Purchase Agreement(s)”	the Sale and Purchase Agreement I and/or the Sale and Purchase Agreement II, as the case may be
“Sale and Purchase Agreement I”	the sale and purchase agreement dated 5 June 2019 and entered into between the Lessor and the Lessee I in relation to the sale and purchase of the Leased Assets I
“Sale and Purchase Agreement II”	the sale and purchase agreement dated 5 June 2019 and entered into between the Lessor and the Lessee II in relation to the sale and purchase of the Leased Assets II
“Share Charge”	the share charge dated 5 June 2019 and executed by Guarantor A in favour of the Lessor as security for the Finance Lease Arrangement II
“Shares”	share(s) of the Company of HK\$0.02 each
“Shareholder(s)”	holder(s) of the issued Share(s)
“Stock Exchange”	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
“HK\$”	Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong
“RMB”	Renminbi, the lawful currency of the PRC
“%”	per cent.

By order of the Board  
**Noble Century Investment Holdings Limited**  
**Ms. Zheng Juhua**  
*Chairman*

Hong Kong, 5 June 2019

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*As at the date of this announcement, the executive Directors are Ms. Zheng Juhua and Mr. Chan Chi Yuen; the independent non-executive Directors are Mr. Man Kwok Leung, Mr. Yu Pak Yan, Peter and Mr. Chi Chi Hung, Kenneth.*