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**華融國際金融控股有限公司**

**HUARONG INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL HOLDINGS LIMITED**

*(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)*

**(Stock Code: 993)**

## **FULFILLMENT OF RESUMPTION GUIDANCE AND RESUMPTION OF TRADING**

This announcement is made by Huarong International Financial Holdings Limited (the “**Company**”, together with its subsidiaries, the “**Group**”) pursuant to Rules 13.09 and 13.24A of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities (the “**Listing Rules**”) on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Stock Exchange**”) and the Inside Information Provisions under Part XIVA of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571 of the laws of Hong Kong) (the “**SFO**”).

References are made to (i) the announcement published by the Company on 31 March 2021 (the “**First Announcement**”) in relation to the delay in publication of audited annual results of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2020 (the “**Annual Results**”) and suspension of trading in the Company’s shares (the “**Shares**”) since 1 April 2021; (ii) the announcement published by the Company on 22 June 2021 in relation to the Stock Exchange’s guidance to the Company for the resumption of trading in the Shares (the “**Resumption Guidance**”); (iii) the announcement published by the Company on 30 June 2021 in relation to the quarterly update on the progress of resumption of trading; (iv) the announcement on the Annual Results published by the Company on 29 August 2021 (the “**Annual Results Announcement**”); and (v) the announcement on the unaudited interim results (the “**Interim Results**”) of the Group for the six months ended 30 June 2021 published by the Company on 29 August 2021 (the “**Interim Results Announcement**”). Capitalised terms used in this announcement have the same meanings as defined in the aforesaid announcements unless defined otherwise.

### **BACKGROUND OF SUSPENSION OF TRADING IN THE SHARES**

As disclosed in the First Announcement, the Company was unable to publish the Annual Results on 31 March 2021, due to the reason that the Company was still in the process of discussing with its auditors, Ernst & Young (“**E&Y**”) on the valuation of certain assets, and further information was requested by E&Y for the purpose of completing its relevant audit procedures.

At the request of the Company, trading in the shares of the Company on the Stock Exchange has been suspended with effect from 9:00 a.m. on 1 April 2021 pending the publication of the Annual Results.

## **FULFILLMENT OF RESUMPTION GUIDANCE**

### **Resumption Guidance**

According to the Resumption Guidance, the Company must fulfill the following requirements to the satisfaction of the Listing Division of the Stock Exchange before the trading in Shares can resume:

- (i) publish all outstanding financial results required under the Listing Rules and address any audit modifications (“**Guidance 1**”);
- (ii) demonstrate the Company’s compliance with Rule 13.24 (“**Guidance 2**”); and
- (iii) inform the market of all material information for the Company’s shareholders and other investors to appraise its position (“**Guidance 3**”).

### **Work completed by the Company**

In order to meet the Resumption Guidance and resume trading in its Shares at soon as practicable, the Company worked closely with E&Y and provided E&Y with updated information and materials to facilitate the audit work. E&Y has reported to the management, audit committee and the board of directors of the Company (the “**Board**”) from time to time in relation to the audit progress and discuss the issues identified as well as the solutions to resolve the issues.

### **Satisfaction of the Resumption Guidance**

The Board is pleased to announcement that the Company has fulfilled the Resumption Guidance on the following basis:

- (i) for Guidance 1, the Company published both the Annual Results Announcement and the Interim Results Announcement on 29 August 2021. As far as the Board is concerned, the audit opinion issued by E&Y in relation to the financial statements for the year 2020 is unqualified and no audit modification is made by E&Y, and nothing unusual has come to the attention of the audit committee of the Board in relation to the Annual Results and the Interim Results that need to be brought to the attention of the Stock Exchange and the shareholders of the Company;

- (ii) for Guidance 2, the Company confirms that it is in compliance with Rule 13.24 of the Listing Rules as it always maintains sufficient operations:
- (a) the Group’s principal businesses, comprising asset management and direct investment, securities, corporate finance, financial services and others, remain unchanged and are in normal operation. While the Company suffered loss for 2020 and the first six months of 2021 (the “**Relevant Reporting Periods**”), the Company remains positive in developing its core businesses, its revenue and net assets are significant, and its net cash flows from operating activities for each of the Relevant Reporting Periods remain positive. Please refer to the Annual Results Announcement and the Interim Results Announcement for details of the Group’s financial position and financial performance during the Relevant Reporting Periods;
- (b) the Group was actively advancing the steady development of various businesses in the first half of 2021, including:
- in connection with the asset management and direct investment segment, further development of and research on new fund products were made, underpinned by active exploration of innovative businesses relating to cross-border non-performing assets and special opportunities;
  - in connection with the securities segment, stable growth in commission income was recorded, while the Group was also actively advancing transition from a traditional securities business to a digitalized wealth management securities company;
  - in connection with the corporate finance segment, cooperation with market peers and investment institutions was strengthened, and completed the project implementation for several innovative products, while making breakthrough in the bond underwriting business; and
  - it also provided customers with comprehensive financial services for the equity capital market;
- (c) based on the Company’s business operations, available liquid funds, possible sources of finance, and future operating plan, the Company’s management are of the view that the Company is capable of ensuring the Group’s continued operation in the next 12 months, by considering the above to obtain sufficient working capital and maintain liquidity; and

- (d) save for the change in chairman of the Board in August 2020 and January 2021 due to their work re-allocation within the parent group of China Huarong, and the appointment of the non-executive director in June 2020, members of the Board and the chief executive of the Company remain unchanged during 2020 and up to the date of this announcement.
- (iii) for Guidance 3, the Company has included all material information on its business, financial performance and operation management during Relevant Reporting Period in the Annual Results Announcement, the Interim Results Announcement and other disclosure documents published in accordance with the Listing Rules and other applicable regulatory requirements. To the best of knowledge of the directors of the Company, there is no other information required to be disclosed under Part XIVA of the SFO and no other undisclosed information that is material for the Company's shareholders and other investors to appraise the Company's position.

## **RESUMPTION OF TRADING**

At the request of the Company, trading in the Shares on the Stock Exchange has been suspended with effect from 9:00 a.m. on 1 April 2021. As the Resumption Guidance have been fulfilled, an application has been made by the Company to the Stock Exchange for the resumption of trading in the Shares on the Stock Exchange with effect from 9:00 a.m. on 1 September 2021.

By order of the Board  
**Huarong International Financial Holdings Limited**  
**Xu Xiaowu**  
*Chairman*

Hong Kong, 31 August 2021

*As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Mr. Xu Xiaowu and Mr. Wang Junlai as executive Directors, Ms. Wang Qi as non-executive Director, and Mr. Hung Ka Hai Clement, Mr. Ma Lishan and Mr. Guan Huanfei as independent non-executive Directors.*