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# EFT Solutions Holdings Limited 俊盟國際控股有限公司

(incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 8062)

# RENEWAL OF CONTINUING CONNECTED TRANSACTION RELATING TO MASTER SUPPLY AND SERVICES AGREEMENT

Reference is made to the announcement of the Company dated 26 November 2018 in relation to, among others, the Existing Master Supply and Services Agreement.

#### NEW MASTER SUPPLY AND SERVICES AGREEMENT

As the Existing Master and Services Agreement will expire on 31 March 2022, the Board announces that, on 17 February 2022 (after trading hours), the Company entered into the New Master Supply and Services Agreement with EFT Payments to renew the Existing Master Supply and Services Agreement, pursuant to which the Company shall provide EFT Payments with EFT-POS terminals and peripheral devices and system support services for the EFT-POS terminals and peripheral devices, with effect from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2025. EFT-POS system support service comprises of installation, maintenance, collection and repair of EFT-POS terminals and peripheral devices deployed at merchants by EFT Payments, as well as hotline services and merchant training. The Group will also provide software solution services to EFT Payments.

# IMPLICATIONS UNDER THE GEM LISTING RULES

EFT Payments is indirectly owned as to 90% by Mr. Lo, the Chairman, chief executive officer, executive Director and Controlling Shareholder of the Company. Therefore, EFT Payments is a connected person of the Company under Rule 20.07 of the GEM Listing Rules. As one or more of the applicable percentage ratios (as defined under the GEM Listing Rules) are more than 5%, accordingly the entering into of the New Master Supply and Services Agreement constitutes a continuing connected transaction of the Company under Chapter 20 of the GEM Listing Rules, and is subject to the reporting, announcement and Independent Shareholders' approval requirements under Chapter 20 of the GEM Listing Rules.

#### **GENERAL**

The EGM will be convened to consider and, if thought fit, to pass the resolutions to approve the New Master Supply and Services Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereunder.

At the Board meeting approving the New Master Supply and Services Agreement, other than Mr. Lo and his associates including Ms. Lam Ching Man and Mr. Lo Chun Wa (being Mr. Lo's spouse and brother, respectively) who were altogether considered to have material interests in the relevant transactions, and had abstained from voting on the relevant board resolutions, none of the other Directors had to abstain from voting on the relevant board resolutions. LCK Group Limited, the Controlling Shareholder of the Company which is wholly-owned by Mr. Lo, will abstain from voting at the EGM on the resolution in relation to the New Master Supply and Services Agreement.

The Independent Board Committee comprising all the independent non-executive Directors has been formed to advise the Independent Shareholders as to whether the terms of the New Master Supply and Services Agreement are fair and reasonable and how to vote in respect of the resolution on the New Master Supply and Services Agreement after taking into account the recommendation of the Independent Financial Adviser.

Elstone Capital Limited has been appointed as the Independent Financial Adviser to advise the Independent Board Committee and the Independent Shareholders in respect of the terms of the New Master Supply and Services Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereunder.

A circular containing, among other things, (i) further details of the New Master Supply and Services Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereunder; (ii) the recommendation of the Independent Board Committee to the Independent Shareholders; (iii) the advice of the Independent Financial Adviser to the Independent Board Committee and the Independent Shareholders; and (iv) a notice of the EGM, is expected to be despatched to the Shareholders on or before 11 March 2022.

## NEW MASTER SUPPLY AND SERVICES AGREEMENT

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Services Agreement with EFT Payments to renew the Existing Master Supply and Services Agreement. Principal terms of the New Master Supply and Services Agreement are set out below for reference:

#### Date

17 February 2022

#### **Parties**

The Company and EFT Payments

#### **Services**

The Company shall provide EFT Payments with EFT-POS terminals and peripheral devices and system support services for the EFT-POS terminals and peripheral devices. EFT-POS system support service comprises of installation, maintenance, collection and repair of EFT-POS terminals and peripheral devices deployed at merchants by EFT Payments, as well as hotline services and merchant training. The Group will also provide software solution services to EFT Payments.

#### **Term**

3 years, commencing from 1 April 2022 and expiring on 31 March 2025.

### **Conditions precedent**

The New Master Supply and Services Agreement is conditional upon (not to be waived by any of the parties), among other things, the Company having complied with the requirements under the GEM Listing Rules in relation to continuing connected transactions, which include but not limited to the announcement and Independent Shareholders' approval requirements.

### **Pricing basis**

The purchase price for EFT-POS terminals shall be determined after arm's length negotiations between EFT Payments and the Group from time to time with reference to the model of EFT-POS terminals to be purchased, their various specifications and the then prevailing market price of similar products in the market and that in any event shall be no less favourable to the Group than that offered to Independent Third Parties by the Group. The Company adopts a cost-plus approach that the prices for EFT-POS terminals have a margin of not less than 20%, taking into account of the cost of terminals, delivery, specifications required of the acquirers, number of terminals ordered and lot sizes.

The monthly system support fee payable by EFT Payments to the Group is based on the number of terminals deployed by EFT Payments multiplied by a system support fee, which ranged from HK\$10 to HK\$130 per month depending on the scope of services required, where separate fees would be charged for additional ad-hoc services not covered in the services agreements on a case by case basis, which was agreed after arm's length negotiations between the parties with regard to the scope of services and the prevailing market rates and that in any event shall be no less favourable to the Group than that offered to Independent Third Parties by the Group.

The software solution service fee payable by EFT Payments to the Group is determined on an estimate of the number of man-power and time required to develop the software solutions, subject to the size and complexity of a particular software solution together with any other costs incurred such as material cost and testing cost plus the targeted margin and shall be determined after arm's length negotiations between EFT Payments and the Group from time to time with reference to the then prevailing market price of similar services in the market and that in any event shall be no less favourable to the Group than that offered to Independent Third Parties by the Group.

The Group will revisit and make reference to the prices of the same or comparable products or services offered to independent customers in the ordinary and usual course of business from time to time to ensure that the prices offered to EFT Payments will be no less favourable than those available to the Independent Third Parties, after balancing various factors including but not limited to the costs, lot sizes and quantities of each order, market conditions and delivery deadline and arrangements. In determining the prevailing market prices for the relevant products and services, the Group will make reference to the prices offered to at least two Independent Third Parties for the same or similar products or services.

#### HISTORICAL TRANSACTION AMOUNTS AND ANNUAL CAPS

The following table sets out the historical transaction amounts under the Existing Master Supply and Services Agreement and the annual caps for the corresponding years:

	For the year ended	For the year ended	For the nine months ended
	31 March	31 March	31 December
	2020	2021	2021
	(HK\$'000)	(HK\$'000)	(HK\$'000)
	(audited)	(audited)	(unaudited)
Historical transaction amounts	17,921	18,261	15,756

	For the year ended	For the year ended	For the year ending
	31 March	31 March	31 March
	2020	2021	2022
	(HK\$'000)	(HK\$'000)	(HK\$'000)
Existing annual caps	20,000	23,000	23,000

The proposed annual caps for each of the three years ending 31 March 2025 under the New Master Supply and Services Agreement are as follows:

	For the year ending 31 March	For the year ending 31 March	For the year ending 31 March
	<b>2023</b> (HK\$'000)	<b>2024</b> (HK\$'000)	<b>2025</b> (HK\$'000)
Annual caps	23,000	23,000	25,000

In determining the above annual caps, the Directors have considered (i) the historical purchase price and system support fees due from the Existing Master Supply and Services Agreement for each of the two years ended 31 March 2020 and 2021, and the nine months ended 31 December 2021; and (ii) the expected demand and/or sales and deployment of terminals for the year ending 31 March 2022 and the three years ending 31 March 2023, 2024 and 2025.

Having considered (i) the historical purchase price and system support fees paid under the Existing Master Supply and Services Agreement was approximately HK\$17.9 million for the year ended 31 March 2020 and HK\$18.3 million for the year ended 31 March 2021, respectively; (ii) the transaction amounts between the Group and EFT Payments for the nine months ended 31 December 2021 accounted for approximately 68.5% of the annual cap of HK\$23 million; (iii) the number of mobile payment users in Hong Kong continues to increase and the demand of EFT-POS terminals deployed in merchants is expected to continue to grow in the coming years; (iv) the expected demand of EFT-POS terminals for the confirmed projects in malls, restaurants and other merchants of EFT Payments and its subsidiaries; (v) the service fee for system support service is cumulative once the EFT-POS terminals are deployed and increases progressively depending on the number of terminals deployed and the monthly service fee payable to the Group by EFT Payments for EFT-POS system support service based on the number of terminals deployed as at 31 December 2021 amounted to approximately HK\$5.5 million; and (vi) the software solution fees can vary depending on the size and complexity of the software solution being provided, the Directors consider that the terms of the New Master Supply and Services Agreement and the annual caps are on normal commercial terms, fair and reasonable and in the interest of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

# REASONS FOR AND BENEFITS OF ENTERING INTO THE NEW MASTER SUPPLY AND SERVICES AGREEMENT

With the increasing popularity of mobile payment methods in Hong Kong, the demand for EFT-POS terminals for mobile payments, corresponding system support services and software solution services continues to increase. The aggregate purchase of EFT-POS terminals and peripheral devices by EFT Payments are expected to increase to keep abreast of the rapid development of the mobile payment market. The increased number of deployed EFT-POS terminals and peripheral devices by EFT Payments will increase demand for system support Services and software solution services to provide seamless integrated solutions for merchants.

The Directors (excluding the independent non-executive Directors whose opinion will be formed after considering the advice from the Independent Financial Adviser) consider it is beneficial for the Group to conduct transactions under the New Master Supply and Services Agreement in order to seize the opportunity of the increasing demand of mobile payments, which will in turn continue to enhance the revenue and profitability to the Group. The Directors (excluding the independent non-executive Directors whose opinion will be formed after considering the advice from the Independent Financial Adviser) consider the entering into of the New Master Supply and Services Agreement is in the Group's ordinary course of business, and the terms of the New Master Supply and Services Agreement are on normal commercial terms and are fair and reasonable and in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

#### INFORMATION ABOUT THE GROUP AND EFT PAYMENTS

The Group is a leading EFT-POS solution provider focusing on sales of EFT-POS terminals and peripheral devices, and provision of EFT-POS system support services, software solution services and embedded system solution services in Hong Kong.

EFT Payments is principally engaged in promoting and marketing the acceptance of Alipay as means of electronic payment by merchants in Hong Kong and the PRC.

# IMPLICATIONS UNDER THE GEM LISTING RULES

EFT Payments is indirectly owned as to 90% by Mr. Lo, the Chairman, chief executive officer, executive Director and Controlling Shareholder of the Company. Therefore, EFT Payments is a connected person of the Company under Rule 20.07 of the GEM Listing Rules. As one or more of the applicable percentage ratios (as defined under the GEM Listing Rules) are more than 5%, accordingly the entering into of the New Master Supply and Services Agreement constitutes a continuing connected transaction of the Company under Chapter 20 of the GEM Listing Rules, and is subject to the reporting, announcement and Independent Shareholders' approval requirements under Chapter 20 of the GEM Listing Rules.

#### **GENERAL**

The EGM will be convened to consider and, if thought fit, to pass the resolution to approve the New Master Supply and Services Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereunder and the annual caps.

At the Board meeting approving the New Master Supply and Services Agreement, other than Mr. Lo and his associates including Ms. Lam Ching Man and Mr. Lo Chun Wa (being Mr. Lo's spouse and brother, respectively) who were altogether considered to have material interests in the relevant transactions and had abstained from voting on the relevant Board resolutions, none of the Directors had to abstain from voting on the relevant Board resolutions. LCK Group Limited, the Controlling Shareholder of the Company which is wholly-owned by Mr. Lo, will abstain from voting at the EGM on the resolution in relation to the New Master Supply and Services Agreement.

The Independent Board Committee comprising all the independent non-executive Directors has been formed to advise the Independent Shareholders as to whether the terms of the New Master Supply and Services Agreement and the annual caps are fair and reasonable and how to vote in respect of the resolution on the New Master Supply and Services Agreement after taking into account the recommendation of the Independent Financial Adviser. Elstone Capital Limited has been appointed as the Independent Financial Adviser to advise the Independent Board Committee and the Independent Shareholders in this regard.

A circular containing, among other things, (i) further details of the New Master Supply and Services Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereunder; (ii) the recommendation of the Independent Board Committee to the Independent Shareholders; (iii) the advice of the Independent Financial Adviser to the Independent Board Committee and the Independent Shareholders; and (iv) a notice of the EGM, is expected to be despatched to the Shareholders on or before 11 March 2022.

### **DEFINITIONS**

In this announcement, unless the context otherwise requires, the following words and expressions shall have the following meanings:

"associate" has the meaning ascribed to it under the GEM Listing

Rules

"Board" the board of Directors

"Company" EFT Solutions Holdings Limited 俊盟國際控股有限公

司, a company incorporated in the Cayman Islands with

limited liability, whose Shares are listed on GEM

"connected persons" has the meaning ascribed to it under the GEM Listing

Rules

"Controlling Shareholder" has the meaning ascribed to it under the GEM Listing

Rules

"Director(s)" director(s) of the Company

"EFT Payments" EFT Payments (Asia) Limited, a company incorporated

in Hong Kong with limited liability, indirectly owned as to 90% by Mr. Lo and indirectly owned as to 10% by Openrice Investment Inc. and its associates, which are

**Independent Third Parties** 

"EFT-POS" electronic fund transfer at point-of-sales

"EGM" the extraordinary general meeting of the Company to be

convened to consider and approve the New Master Supply and Services Agreement and the transactions contemplated

thereunder

"Existing Master Supply and

Services Agreement"

the master supply and services agreement entered into between the Company and EFT Payments in relation to the supply of EFT-POS terminals and peripheral devices and system support services for the EFT-POS terminals

and peripheral devices dated 26 November 2018

"GEM" GEM operated by the Stock Exchange

"GEM Listing Rules" the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on GEM

"Group" the Company and its subsidiaries

"HK\$" Hong Kong dollars and cents respectively, the lawful

currency of Hong Kong

"Hong Kong" the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC

"Independent Board Committee" the independent committee of the Board comprising all

three independent non-executive Directors, namely Dr. Wu Wing Kuen, B.B.S., Mr. Tso Ping Cheong Brian and Mr. Wong Ping Yiu, which has been established by the Company to make recommendations to the Independent Shareholders in respect of the terms of the New Master

Supply and Services Agreement

"Independent Financial Adviser"

Elstone Capital Limited, a licensed corporation to carry out Type 6 (advising on corporate finance) regulated activities under the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong) has been appointed to advise the Independent Board Committee and Independent Shareholders in respect of the terms of the New Master Supply and Services Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereunder

"Independent Shareholders"

Shareholders other than those who have material interests in the New Master Supply and Services Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereunder and are required to abstain from voting at the EGM

"Independent Third Party(ies)"

any person(s) or company(s) and their respective ultimate beneficial owner(s), to the best of the Directors' knowledge, information and belief, having made all reasonable enquiries, are third party(ies) independent of and not connected with any director, chief executive or substantial shareholders or management shareholders of the Company or its subsidiaries or any of their respective associates

"Mr. Lo"

Mr. Lo Chun Kit Andrew (勞俊傑), the Chairman, chief executive officer, executive Director and Controlling Shareholder of the Company

Agreement"

"New Master Supply and Services the master supply and services agreement entered into between the Company and EFT Payments in relation to the supply of EFT-POS terminals and peripheral devices and system support services for the EFT-POS terminals and peripheral devices dated 17 February 2022

"PRC"

the People's Republic of China, which for the purpose of this announcement shall exclude Hong Kong, the Macau Special Administrative Region of the PRC and Taiwan

"Share(s)"

ordinary share(s) of HK\$0.01 each in the issued and unissued share capital of the Company

"Shareholder(s)"

holder(s) of the Share(s) from time to time

"Stock Exchange" The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

"%" per cent

By Order of the Board

EFT Solutions Holdings Limited

Lo Chun Kit Andrew

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Hong Kong, 17 February 2022

As of the date of this announcement, the Board comprises executive Directors Mr. Lo Chun Kit Andrew and Mr. Lo Chun Wa; non-executive Directors Ms. Lam Ching Man and Mr. Lui Hin Weng Samuel; and independent non-executive Directors Dr. Wu Wing Kuen, B.B.S., Mr. Tso Ping Cheong Brian and Mr. Wong Ping Yiu.

This announcement, for which the Directors collectively and individually accept full responsibility, includes particulars given in compliance with the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on GEM of the Stock Exchange for the purpose of giving information with regard to the Company. The Directors, having made all reasonable enquiries, confirm that, to the best of their knowledge and belief, the information contained in this announcement is accurate and complete in all material respects and not misleading or deceptive, and there are no other matters the omission of which would make any statement herein or this announcement misleading.

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