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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022

Reference is made to the annual report ("**Annual Report**") of the Company for the year ended 30 April 2022 published on the respective websites of the Stock Exchange and the Company. Capitalised terms used herein shall have the same meanings as those defined in the Annual Report unless the context requires otherwise.

In addition to the information disclosed in the Annual Report, the Company wishes to provide to the shareholders of the Company and the public with the following additional information in relation to the money lending business of the Group:

## Money lending business

- 1. Gold Medal does not place advertisement to procure new customers from the general public. Instead, Gold Medal acquires its new customers through referrals by the business acquaintances of the management or existing and/or previous customers. When a potential customer is referred to the Group, each loan application will be considered and approved by the Board on a case-by-case basis.
- 2. The Group finances the money lending business principally by the cash inflow mainly from the repayment of the existing loan portfolio and the proceeds from the issuance of bonds by Gold Medal and the Company.
- 3. As at 30 April 2022, Gold Medal had 72 customers.

<sup>\*</sup> For identification purpose only

## Approval of loan application

- 4. All loans and loan agreements under the Group's money lending business have been granted and approved in accordance with the Guidelines and the Procedure Manual of Gold Medal. The Guidelines provide the policies to be observed by Gold Medal for its money lending business, and set out the objective for the money lending business is to earn interest income to generate profits for Gold Medal whilst avoiding incurrence of bad debts. At present, the Guidelines provide that the usual tenure of the loan is between 3 months to 5 years, and for loan less than HK\$5,000,000, the usual interest rate is between 7%-15%, for loan in the amount between HK\$5,000,000 to HK\$40,000,000, the usual interest rate is 7%-13% and for loan in the amount between HK\$20,000,000 to HK\$40,000,000, the usual interest rate is 7%-10%.
- 5. Each loan application is considered on a case-by-case basis. In general, if the intending borrower will not provide any collateral for the borrowing, the Group will assess the overall creditworthiness of the intending borrower. To balance the risk and return, a higher interest rate (when compared with usual secured bank borrowing) will be charged by the Group and such interest rate may be higher than any of the interest rates as specified in the Guidelines.
- 6. When evaluating the overall creditworthiness of the intending borrower, Gold Medal has adopted the following practices:
  - (i) With regard to private and listed companies, Gold Medal does not approve loan application of intending borrower which conducts business in industries engaging in sensitive or high risk activities for money laundering and terrorist financing, such as the entertainment and the gambling industries.
  - (ii) With regard to individual customers, in accordance with the Licensing Condition 15 of the licensing conditions as imposed by the Licensing Court which was effective from 16 March 2021, in respect of unsecured personal loans only, Gold Medal is required to carry out a reasonable assessment of the intending borrower's ability to make repayments in an affordable manner. Therefore, Gold Medal has obtained income proof and asset proof from the intending borrower and also took into account payments needed to meet existing debts (if any) and essential living expenses of the intending borrower when reviewing the loan application.

## **Existing loans**

7. The amount of overdue loans receivable as at 30 April 2022 was approximately HK\$40.9 million. In relation to the overdue loans, Gold Medal has sent loan repayment request letter to the relevant borrowers and/or has been conducting negotiation with the relevant borrowers and may consider taking legal action.

- 8. The Company has complied with the requirements set out in Chapter 19 and/or Chapter 20 of the GEM Listing Rules when Gold Medal granted the loan to each of the borrowers, whose loan was still outstanding as at 30 April 2022.
- 9. The Company does not have any agreement, arrangement, understanding, or undertaking (whether formal or informal and whether express or implied) with a connected person (as defined in the GEM Listing Rules) with respect to the grant of any loan by Gold Medal to the borrower whose loan was still outstanding as at 30 April 2022.

On behalf of the Board WLS Holdings Limited So Yu Shing Chairman

Hong Kong, 9 November 2022

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Dr. So Yu Shing (chairman and executive Director), Mr. Kong Kam Wang (executive Director and chief executive officer), Ms. Lai Yuen Mei, Rebecca (executive Director), Mr. So Wang Chun, Edmond (executive Director), Mr. Tse Fung Chun (executive Director), Mr. Law Man Sang (independent non-executive Director), Ms. Lam Wai Yu (independent non-executive Director).

This announcement, for which the Directors collectively and individually accept full responsibility, includes particulars given in compliance with the GEM Listing Rules 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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