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New Century Group Hong Kong Limited
新世紀集團香港有限公司*

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 234)

DISCLOSEABLE TRANSACTION
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Before entering into of the New Loan Agreement, ETC Finance has entered into with the Customers the Existing Loan Agreement for granting a mortgage loan in the principal sum of HK\$11,000,000 for a term of 24 months and the Additional Loan Agreement for granting additional mortgage loan in the principal sum of HK\$2,000,000 for a term of 12 months to the Customers respectively. Part of the loan proceed from the New Loan has been used to fully settle the outstanding principal of the Additional Loan on 16 February 2023.

LISTING RULES IMPLICATIONS

The grant of the New Loan requires aggregation with the Existing Loan under Rule 14.22 of the Listing Rules. As one of the applicable percentage ratios in respect of the New Loan and the Existing Loan in aggregate is more than 5% but less than 25% under Rule 14.07 of the Listing Rules, the grant of the New Loan and the Existing Loan constitutes a discloseable transaction for the Company under Chapter 14 of the Listing Rules and is therefore subject to the reporting and announcement requirements under the Listing Rules.

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PROVISION OF THE NEW LOAN

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NEW LOAN AGREEMENT

Date of agreement	: 16 February 2023
Lender	: ETC Finance
Borrowers	: The Customers
Principal	: HK\$6,000,000
Interest rate	: 9% per annum
Repayment	: Interest repayable by 12 monthly instalments with the principal repayable at the last instalment
Prepayment	: The borrowers may prepay to the lender all outstanding balance of the loan together with interest accrued by giving prior one month written notice to the lender
Security	: A first legal charge in favour of the lender over a residential property located in Yuen Long with valuation conducted by an independent professional property valuer on 8 February 2023 in amount of HK\$12,000,000

PROVISION OF THE EXISTING LOAN AND THE ADDITIONAL LOAN

Before entering into of the New Loan Agreement, ETC Finance has entered into with the Customers the Existing Loan Agreement for granting a mortgage loan in the principal sum of HK\$11,000,000 for a term of 24 months and the Additional Loan Agreement for granting additional mortgage loan in the principal sum of HK\$2,000,000 for a term of 12 months to the Customers respectively. The principal terms of the Existing Loan Agreement and the Additional Loan Agreement are set out as follows:

EXISTING LOAN AGREEMENT

Date of agreement	: 20 October 2021
Lender	: ETC Finance
Borrowers	: The Customers
Principal	: HK\$11,000,000
Interest rate	: 8% per annum
Repayment	: Interest repayable by 24 monthly instalments with the principal repayable at the last instalment
Prepayment	: The borrowers may prepay to the lender all outstanding balance of the loan together with interest accrued by giving prior one month written notice to the lender
Security	: A first legal charge in favour of the lender over a residential property located in Shatin with valuation conducted by an independent professional property valuer on 20 August 2021 in amount of HK\$18,500,000

ADDITIONAL LOAN AGREEMENT

Date of agreement	: 6 January 2022
Lender	: ETC Finance
Borrowers	: The Customers
Principal	: HK\$2,000,000
Interest rate	: 8% per annum
Repayment	: Interest repayable by 12 monthly instalments with the principal repayable at the last instalment
Prepayment	: The borrowers may prepay to the lender all outstanding balance of the loan together with interest accrued by giving prior one month written notice to the lender

Security : A first legal charge in favour of the lender over a residential property located in Shatin with valuation conducted by an independent professional property valuer on 28 December 2021 in amount of HK\$18,500,000

The outstanding principal of the Additional Loan has been fully settled by part of the loan proceed from the New Loan on 16 February 2023.

FUNDING OF THE NEW LOAN

The Group will finance the New Loan with its general working capital. Part of the loan proceed from the New Loan has been used to fully settle the outstanding principal of the Additional Loan on 16 February 2023.

INFORMATION ON THE CREDIT RISK RELATING TO THE NEW LOAN

The grant of the New Loan was based on the collaterals provided by the Customers, the credit assessments on the financial strength and repayment ability of the Customers, together with the relatively short term nature of the New Loan. After taking into account all such factors, the Directors consider that the risks involved in the New Loan are relatively low and manageable.

INFORMATION ON THE CUSTOMERS

Customer A

Customer A is a merchant, the spouse of Customer B and a repeated customer of ETC Finance with no default record. To the best of the Directors' knowledge, information and belief having made all reasonable enquiry, Customer A is a third party independent of the Company and its connected persons (as defined under the Listing Rules).

Customer B

Customer B is a housewife, the spouse of Customer A and a repeated customer of ETC Finance with no default record. To the best of the Directors' knowledge, information and belief having made all reasonable enquiry, Customer B is a third party independent of the Company and its connected persons (as defined under the Listing Rules).

REASONS FOR AND BENEFITS OF THE ENTERING INTO OF THE NEW LOAN AGREEMENT

The principal activities of the Group comprise money lending, cruise ship charter services, property investments and securities trading.

The terms of the New Loan Agreement (including the interest rate) were negotiated on an arm's length basis between ETC Finance and the Customers based on the credit policy of ETC Finance. Taking into account the financial background and repayment ability of the Customers, the Directors are of view that a stable revenue and cashflow stream from interest income for the Group is expected to be generated from the New Loan. The Directors consider and believe that the terms of the New Loan Agreement are fair and reasonable and the entering into of the New Loan Agreement is in the interests of the Company and its shareholders as a whole.

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The grant of the New Loan requires aggregation with the Existing Loan under Rule 14.22 of the Listing Rules. As one of the applicable percentage ratios in respect of the New Loan and the Existing Loan in aggregate is more than 5% but less than 25% under Rule 14.07 of the Listing Rules, the grant of the New Loan and the Existing Loan constitutes a discloseable transaction for the Company under Chapter 14 of the Listing Rules and is therefore subject to the reporting and announcement requirements under the Listing Rules.

DEFINITIONS

In this announcement, the following expressions have the following meanings:

“Additional Loan”	an additional mortgage loan in the principal sum of HK\$2,000,000 granted by ETC Finance to the Customers pursuant to Additional Loan Agreement
“Additional Loan Agreement”	the loan agreement dated 6 January 2022 entered into between ETC Finance and the Customers, particulars of which are stated in the section headed “Additional Loan Agreement” in this announcement
“Board”	The board of Directors
“Company”	New Century Group Hong Kong Limited, a company incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability, whose shares are listed on the main board of the Stock Exchange with stock code 234
“Customer A”	Mr. Wong Man Chun, one of the borrowers under the New Loan Agreement, the Existing Loan Agreement and the Additional Loan Agreement
“Customer B”	Ms. Wang Haiyan, one of the borrowers under the New Loan Agreement, the Existing Loan Agreement and the Additional Loan Agreement
“Customers”	Customer A and Customer B
“Directors”	the directors of the Company
“ETC Finance”	ETC Finance Limited, a company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability and with money lenders licence registered under Money Lenders Ordinance (Chapter 163 of the Laws of Hong Kong), which is an indirect non-wholly owned subsidiary of the Company

“Existing Loan”	a mortgage loan in the principal sum of HK\$11,000,000 granted by ETC Finance to the Customers pursuant to Existing Loan Agreement
“Existing Loan Agreement”	the loan agreement dated 20 October 2021 entered into between ETC Finance and the Customers, particulars of which are stated in the section headed “Existing Loan Agreement” in this announcement
“Group”	the Company and its subsidiaries
“Hong Kong”	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China
“Listing Rules”	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange
“New Loan”	a mortgage loan in the principal sum of HK\$6,000,000 granted by ETC Finance to the Customers pursuant to New Loan Agreement
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“Stock Exchange”	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
“HK\$”	Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong
“%”	per cent.

On behalf of the Board
Ng Wee Keat
Chairman

Hong Kong, 16 February 2023

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Mr. Ng Wee Keat (Chairman), Ms. Sio Ion Kuan (Deputy Chairman), Ms. Ng Siew Lang, Linda (Chief Operating Officer), Ms. Lilian Ng, Ms. Chen Ka Chee and Mr. Yu Wai Man as executive directors and Mr. Cheung Chun Kwok, Mr. Kwan Kai Kin, Kenneth and Mr. Ho Yau Ming as independent non-executive directors.