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## **CWT INTERNATIONAL LIMITED**

*(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)*

**(Stock Code: 521)**

### **(1) INSIDE INFORMATION – SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION PROCEEDINGS AND (2) CONTINUED SUSPENSION OF TRADING**

This announcement is made by CWT International Limited (the “**Company**”) pursuant to Rule 13.09(2)(a) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Listing Rules**”) and Part XIVA of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong) (the “**SFO**”) on insider information (as defined in the Listing Rules).

References is made to: (i) the inside information announcement of the Company dated 23 January 2022; (ii) the supplementary announcement dated 26 January 2022; (iii) the announcement dated 17 February 2022; (iv) and the announcement dated 10 May 2022 (collectively, the “**Announcements**”) in relation to the litigation commenced by MCM in December 2017 relating to Straits (Singapore) Pte. Ltd. (“**SSPL**”), a subsidiary of the Company, arising out of its trade finance business in around 2016 (the “**2017 Litigation**”), and to the claim commenced by MCM against SFG, CWT Pte Ltd. (“**CWT Singapore**”) and Mr. Ang in England on 4 May 2022 (the “**2022 Litigation**”), which claim was subsequently amended to exclude Mr. Ang as a defendant.

The 2017 Litigation together with the 2022 Litigation are referred to herein as the “**Proceedings**”. Capitalised terms used in this announcement shall have the same meanings as defined in the Announcements unless otherwise defined.

## SETTLEMENT OF THE PROCEEDINGS

The Board hereby wishes to update the Shareholders and potential investors of the Company that on 10 August 2023, the Company's indirect subsidiaries, CWT Singapore, SSPL, and SFG (collectively referred to as the "**CWT Parties**"), entered into a settlement agreement (the "**Settlement Agreement**") with MCM and ED&F Man Holdings Limited (collectively referred to as the "**EDF Parties**") in relation to the Proceedings.

Among other terms, pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, the CWT Parties and EDF Parties agreed to settle the claims in the Proceedings by (i) payment of US\$25 million to the EDF Parties, with the first installment of US\$13 million due on the date of the settlement agreement, and further installments of US\$5 million, US\$5 million and US\$2 million being due on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd anniversaries of the agreement respectively; and (ii) agreement that MCM retains a payment by SSPL in March 2022 of US\$5 million, that was made pursuant to an Order of the High Court of England and Wales as a condition to the stay of execution of the Judgment.

The Settlement Agreement will become effective upon fulfillment of the conditions precedent under the Settlement Agreement, namely payment of the first instalment by the CWT Parties, and entry into a deed of release by CWT Parties and Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited and ANZ Commodity Trading PTY Ltd in relation to related potential claims arising from the facts leading to the Proceedings, upon which MCM will seek a discontinuance of the 2022 Litigation with no order as to costs.

A provision in the amount of approximately US\$13 million has been made in the Company's financial statements for the year 2021 with regard to the 2017 Litigation and the Company shall make further provisions in the financial statements for the financial year 2022 as a result of entering into the Settlement Agreement. After thorough discussion with the board of SSPL and having regard to factors including the current financial position of the Group, it is the view of the Board that the entering into of the Settlement Agreement will not have any material adverse impact on the ordinary operation of the Group and will not materially affect the Group's financial performance from an operational perspective.

**Shareholders and potential investors of the Company are advised to exercise caution when dealing in the securities of the Company.**

## **CONTINUED SUSPENSION OF TRADING IN SHARES**

At the request of the Company, trading in the Shares on the Stock Exchange has been suspended since 9:00 a.m. on 3 April 2023 and will continue to be suspended pending publication of the 2022 Final Results.

**The Shareholders and potential investors are reminded to exercise caution when dealing in the Shares.**

By order of the Board  
**CWT INTERNATIONAL LIMITED**  
**Wang Kan**  
*Executive Director*

Hong Kong, 11 August 2023

*As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Mr. Wang Kan (Executive Director, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer), Mr. Zhao Quan (Executive Director), Mr. Peng Biao (Executive Director), Mr. Xu Xu (Executive Director), Mr. Leung Shun Sang, Tony (Independent Non-executive Director), Mr. Liem Chi Kit, Kevin (Independent Non-executive Director) and Mr. Lam Kin Fung, Jeffrey (Independent Non-executive Director).*