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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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LISTING RULES IMPLICATIONS

As certain of the applicable percentage ratios in respect of the Loan are more than 5% but less than 25% under Rule 14.07 of the Listing Rules, the grant of the 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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** For identification purpose only*

LOAN AGREEMENT

Date of agreement	:	22 September 2023
Lender	:	ETC Finance
Borrower	:	The Customer
Guarantors	:	Guarantor A and Guarantor B
Principal	:	HK\$23,000,000
Interest rate	:	10% per annum
Repayment	:	Interest repayable by 12 monthly instalments with the principal repayable at the last instalment
Prepayment	:	The borrower 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 and a car parking space located in Pok Fu Lam with valuation conducted by an independent professional property valuer on 31 August 2023 in aggregate amount of HK\$36,000,000

FUNDING OF THE LOAN

The Group will finance the Loan with its general working capital.

INFORMATION ON THE CREDIT RISK RELATING TO THE LOAN

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

INFORMATION ON THE CUSTOMER AND THE GUARANTORS

Customer

The Customer is a company incorporated in Hong Kong and its principal activity is property investment holding. Guarantor A and Guarantor B are the directors and shareholders of the Customer. To the best of the Directors' knowledge, information and belief having made all reasonable enquiry, the Customer and its ultimate beneficial owner are third parties independent of the Company and its connected persons (as defined under the Listing Rules). There are no previous business relationships between the Company and the Customer.

Guarantor A

Guarantor A is an individual, a merchant, the spouse of Guarantor B, one of the directors and shareholders of the Customer and one of the Guarantors under the Loan Agreement. To the best of the Directors' knowledge, information and belief having made all reasonable enquiry, Guarantor A is a third party independent of the Company and its connected persons (as defined under the Listing Rules). There are no previous business relationships between the Company and Guarantor A.

Guarantor B

Guarantor B is an individual, a merchant, the spouse of Guarantor A, one of the directors and shareholders of the Customer and one of the Guarantors under the Loan Agreement. To the best of the Directors' knowledge, information and belief having made all reasonable enquiry, Guarantor B is a third party independent of the Company and its connected persons (as defined under the Listing Rules). There are no previous business relationships between the Company and Guarantor B.

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

The principal activities of the Group comprise money lending, property investment and securities trading.

The terms of the Loan Agreement (including the interest rate) were negotiated on an arm's length basis between ETC Finance, the Customer and the Guarantors based on the credit policy of ETC Finance. Taking into account the financial background and repayment ability of the Customer and the Guarantors, 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 Loan. The Directors consider and believe that the terms of the Loan Agreement are fair and reasonable and the entering into of the Loan Agreement is in the interests of the Company and its shareholders as a whole.

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DEFINITIONS

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

“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”	Jointmax Trading Limited, a company incorporated in Hong Kong, the borrower under the Loan Agreement
“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
“Group”	the Company and its subsidiaries
“Guarantor A”	Mr. Ling Kam Wah Kelvin, one of the Guarantors under the Loan Agreement
“Guarantor B”	Ms. Leong Sio Fan, one of the Guarantors under the Loan Agreement
“Guarantors”	Guarantor A and Guarantor B
“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
“Loan”	a mortgage loan in the principal sum of HK\$23,000,000 granted by ETC Finance to the Customer pursuant to the Loan Agreement
“Loan Agreement”	the loan agreement dated 22 September 2023 entered into between ETC Finance, the Customer and the Guarantors, particulars of which are stated in the section headed “Loan Agreement” in this announcement
“Stock Exchange”	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

“HK\$” Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong

“%” per cent.

By order of the Board
New Century Group Hong Kong Limited
Ng Wee Keat
Chairman

Hong Kong, 22 September 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, Mr. Yu Wai Man and Ms. Huang Si Teng as executive directors and Mr. Cheung Chun Kwok, Mr. Kwan Kai Kin, Kenneth, Mr. Ho Yau Ming and Mr. Wong Steve Cheuk Hung as independent non-executive directors.