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# 英皇證券集團有限公司\* Emperor Capital Group Limited

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 717)

# DISCLOSEABLE TRANSACTION

## RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF LOAN FACILITY

The Board announces that on 22 January 2014, the Lender, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, entered into the Loan Agreement with the Borrower, under which the Lender has agreed to provide a loan facility of up to HK\$80,000,000 to the Borrower. The Loan Facility is available for drawdown upon signing the Loan Agreement, and shall be repaid within 1 month from the date of drawdown.

Pursuant to Rule 14.06(2) of the Listing Rules, the granting of the Loan Facility constitutes a discloseable transaction of the Company as the relevant percentage ratio(s) exceed 5% but are under 25% and it is subject to the announcement requirement as set out in the Listing Rules but is exempted from shareholders' approval requirement under the Listing Rules.

The Board announces that on 22 January 2014, the Lender, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, entered into the Loan Agreement with the Borrower, under which the Lender has agreed to provide a loan facility of up to HK\$80,000,000 to the Borrower pursuant to the terms of the Loan Agreement.

#### THE LOAN AGREEMENT

Date: 22 January 2014

Lender: Emperor Finance Limited, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the

Company

Borrower: the borrower under the Loan Agreement

<sup>\*</sup> for identification purposes only

The Borrower is an individual. To the best knowledge, information and belief of the Directors having made all reasonable enquiries, the Borrower is an independent third party not connected with the Company or connected persons of the Company.

# **Principal terms of the Loan Agreement**

Amount of the up to HK\$80,000,000

Loan Facility:

Drawdown: available for drawdown upon signing the Loan Agreement

Repayment: within 1 month from the date of drawdown

Interest: 4% per month

#### REASONS FOR ENTERING INTO THE LOAN AGREEMENT

The principal business activity of the Company is investment holding and its subsidiaries are principally engaged in the provision of financial services in Hong Kong, including (i) brokerage services for securities, futures and options traded on the exchanges in Hong Kong, the United States, Japan and the United Kingdom, as well as wealth management and asset management services; (ii) margin and initial public offering financings as well as loans and advances such as personal money lending and second mortgage loan; (iii) placing and underwriting services; and (iv) corporate finance advisory services.

The Lender is a registered money lender holding a valid money lenders licence under the Money Lenders Ordinance (Chapter 163 of the Laws of Hong Kong) and is principally engaged in the business of money lending services. The provision of the Loan Facility is a transaction carried out as part of the ordinary and usual course of business activities of the Group. The Loan Facility will be funded by internal resources of the Group.

The terms of the Loan Agreement were arrived at after arm's length negotiations between the Lender and the Borrower. After considering the expected revenue to be generated and the attractive return to the Group, the Directors are of the view that the provision of the Loan Facility under the Loan Agreement is on normal commercial terms which are fair and reasonable and in the interests of the Company and its Shareholders as a whole.

## IMPLICATIONS UNDER THE LISTING RULES

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### **DEFINITIONS**

"Board" board of Directors of the Company

"Borrower" the borrower under the Loan Agreement and an

independent third party

"Company" Emperor Capital Group Limited, an exempted company

incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability, the shares

of which are listed on the Stock Exchange

"connected person(s)" has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules

"Directors" the directors of the Company

"Group" the Company and its subsidiaries

"HK\$" Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong

"Hong Kong" Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of The

People's Republic of China

"Lender" Emperor Finance Limited, a company incorporated in

Hong Kong with limited liability and an indirect

wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company

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

Stock Exchange

"Loan Agreement" the loan agreement dated 22 January 2014 entered into

between the Lender and the Borrower relating to the

granting of the Loan Facility

"Loan Facility" the loan facility in the amount of up to HK\$80,000,000

granted by the Lender to the Borrower pursuant to the

terms of the Loan Agreement

"percentage ratio(s)" percentage ratio(s) as set out in Rule 14.07 of the Listing

Rules to be applied for determining the classification of a

transaction

"Share(s)" ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each in the issued share

capital of the Company

"Shareholders" holders of Shares

"Stock Exchange" The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

"%" per cent

By order of the Board of **Emperor Capital Group Limited Daisy Yeung** *Managing Director* 

Hong Kong, 22 January 2014

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises:

Ms. Daisy Yeung Executive Directors:

Mr. Chan Shek Wah

Ms. Choi Suk Hing, Louisa

Ms. Pearl Chan

Mr. Cheng Wing Keung, Raymond Mr. Chu Kar Wing Independent Non-Executive Directors:

Mr. Poon Yan Wai