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# BIRMINGHAM INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LIMITED 伯明翰環球控股有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 2309)

## APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS AND APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Board is pleased to announce that, with effect 17 December 2013:

- (1) Mr. Panagiotis Pavlakis has been appointed as an Executive Director of the Company;
- (2) Mr. Liu Enxue has been appointed as an Independent Non-Executive Director, a member of Audit Committee, Remuneration Committee and Nomination Committee of the Company; and
- (3) Mr. Li Hanguo has been appointed as an Independent Non-Executive Director, a member of Audit Committee, Remuneration Committee and Nomination Committee of the Company.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Birmingham International Holdings Limited (the "Company") is pleased to announce that Mr. Panagiotis Pavlakis ("Mr. Pavlakis") has been appointed as an Executive Director of the Company with effect from 17 December 2013.

Mr. Pavlakis, aged 37, holds a Master of Science Degree in Investment and Finance awarded by Middlesex University in London, UK in 2001, while he obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science from Aston University of Birmingham, UK in 1999. Mr. Pavlakis has more than 10 years working experience in Financial Industry in both Cities of London and Hong Kong. Previously he worked in London for Bloomberg LP, a well-known multi-national financial media organization, for more than 3 years in the area of mutual funds and hedge funds analysis and further business developing.

Since January 2008 and until recently he has been working for Kingsway Financial Group, a Hong Kong-based Investment Bank, as an Equity Capital Markets Banker. During these years he has been involved to a number of corporate actions and other raising capital activities in Hong Kong Capital markets for Chinese and International Companies; these activities were ranging from coordinating and running IPOs to executing several Secondary Offering deals such as Placements of Shares, Warrants, and Convertible Bonds. He has been also organizing a number of Roadshows for HK-Iisted Companies not only in Hong Kong and China but also in the cities of Singapore, London, Frankfurt, Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Moscow where a number of his international institutional investors are located. For all these years, he has been a holder of Type 1 and Type 6 licenses under the SFC for dealing in Securities and advising on Corporate Finance.

There is no service contract entered into between the Company and Mr. Pavlakis. He has no fixed term of service of the Company. Mr. Pavlakis will hold office until the next annual general meeting of the Company and will be subject to retirement by rotation and re-election in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company. He will be entitled to a directors' fee to be determined by the Remuneration Committee of the Company with reference to his duties and responsibility in the Company and the market benchmark.

Mr. Pavlakis has not held any directorship in other listed companies in Hong Kong or overseas in the last three years. He has not held any other positions with the Company or other members of the Group. Mr. Pavlakis does not have any relationship with any director, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholder of the Company. He does not have any interest in the shares of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance.

The Board is not aware of any matter in relation to the appointment of Mr. Pavlakis that is required to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange and any other matter that needs to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Company.

#### APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Board also announces that Mr. Liu Enxue ("Mr. Liu") and Mr. Li Hanguo ("Mr. Li") has been appointed as an Independent Non-Executive Director, a member of Audit Committee, Remuneration Committee and Nomination Committee of the Company with effect from 17 December 2013.

Mr. Liu, aged 62, joined the Communist Party of the PRC in August 1971. He is a holder of university degree and senior engineer qualification (entitled to special government allowance), and was Deputy to the Ninth and Tenth Session of the National People's Congress. He has been the chairman of the supervisory committee of Sinopec Asset Company prior to retirement.

Mr. Liu has worked at Shengli Oilfield in leader positions of the drilling team and major drilling team during 1971 to 1977, and became the deputy secretary to the Communist Party Committee of the drilling headquarters in June 1976. From June 1977 to September 1987, he has successively worked in various positions of the provisional deputy secretary to the Communist Party Committee and director of the political department of the exploration headquarters of Dongpu Petroleum (predecessor of Zhongyuan Oilfield), deputy commander of Dongpu drilling headquarters of Shengli Oilfield, as well as the deputy commander, deputy secretary and secretary of the Communist Party Committee of the exploration headquarters of Zhongyuan Oilfield. He was the deputy secretary of the Communist Party Committee of Zhongyuan Oilfield from September 1987 to January 1997. During January 1997 to November 2000, Mr. Liu has consecutively served as the section chief, secretary to the Communist Party Committee, branch manager of Jianghan Oilfield, and the president of Jianghan Petroleum Broach Company Limited. He has acted as the section chief and branch manager of Zhongyuan Oilfield, as well as the president, secretary of the Communist Party Committee and minister of the coordinating committee of Zhongyuan Oil and Gas Company Limited from November 2000 to June 2004. During June 2004 to December 2006, Mr. Liu was the head of the preparatory team and secretary of the Communist Party Committee of the natural gas branch company of China Petroleum & Chemical Corporation, and served as the chairman of the supervisory committee of Sinopec Asset Company during December 2006 to September 2010.

There is no service contract entered into between the Company and Mr. Liu. He has no fixed term of service with the Company. Mr. Liu will hold office until the next annual general meeting of the Company and will be subject to retirement by rotation and re-election in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company. He will be entitled to directors' fee to be determined by the Remuneration Committee of the Company with reference to his duties and responsibility in the Company and the market benchmark.

Mr. Liu has not held directorship in any other listed companies in Hong Kong in the last three years. He has not held any other position with the Company or other members of the Group. Mr. Liu does not have any relationship with any director, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholder of the Company. He does not have any interest in the shares of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance.

The Board is not aware of any matter in relation to the appointment of Mr. Liu that is required to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange and any other matter that needs to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Company.

Mr. Li, aged 57, holds Master of Accounting. He is now the Director of the Securities and Futures Research Centre, Professor of finance and a postgraduate tutor at Jiangxi University of Finance (JUFE). He used to work as the vice Director of Accounting college and Director of the Securities and Futures Research Center at JUFE, and was a President of Jiangxi Rich Futures Ltd., Executive Vice President of Minfa Sercurities Ltd., President of China Sifang Holding Ltd., and the Chairman of Wanlian Sercurities Ltd. He is a holder of certified public accountant, futures and securities certifications and independent director qualification of Listing Company.

Now, Mr. Li is an independent director of Shenzhen Seastar Technologies Co., Ltd, Xinhui Meida Nylon Co., Ltd., Jiangxi Jing'an Gaoke Co" Ltd. Mr. Li is also working as the counsellor of the People's Government of Nanchang City and a member of Financial Committee at Zhengzhou Commodity Exchange.

There is no service contract entered into between the Company and Mr. Li. He has no fixed term of service with the Company. Mr. Li will hold office until the next annual general meeting of the Company and will be subject to retirement by rotation and re-election in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company. He will be entitled to directors' fee to be determined by the Remuneration Committee of the Company with reference to his duties and responsibility in the Company and the market benchmark.

Mr. Li has not held directorship in any other listed companies in Hong Kong in the last three years. He has not held any other position with the Company or other members of the Group. Mr. Li does not have any relationship with any director, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholder of the Company. He does not have any interest in the shares of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance.

The Board is not aware of any matter in relation to the appointment of Mr. Li that is required to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange and any other matter that needs to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Company.

The Board would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mr. Pavlakis, Mr. Liu and Mr. Li to join the Board.

### By Order of the Board BIRMINGHAM INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LIMITED Yeung Ka Sing, Carson Executive Director and Chairman

Hong Kong, 17 December 2013

As at the date hereof, the executive directors of the Company are Mr. Yeung Ka Sing, Carson, Mr. Peter Pannu, Mr. Ma Shui Cheong, Mr. Chan Shun Wah, Mr. Cheung Kwai Nang, Mr. Charlie Penn, Mr. Chen Liang, Mr. Cheung Shing and Mr. Panagiotis Pavlakis and the independent non-executive directors are Mr. Wong Ka Chun, Carson, Mr. Gao Shi Kui, Mr. Liu Enxue and Mr. Li Hanguo.