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OPES ASIA DEVELOPMENT LIMITED

華保亞洲發展有限公司*

(Continued into Bermuda with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 810)

**PLACING OF NEW SHARES
AND
RESUMPTION OF TRADING**

Placing agent



Core Pacific – Yamaichi International (H.K.) Limited

On 2 October 2007, the Company has conditionally agreed to place, through the Placing Agent under the Placing on a best effort basis, not more than 12,360,000 Placing Shares to independent investors at a price of HK\$0.98 per Placing Share.

The completion of the Placing is subject to the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange granting or agreeing to grant the listing of and permission to deal in the Placing Shares. If such condition is not fulfilled, the Placing will not proceed.

The maximum number of 12,360,000 Placing Shares represents 10.00% of the entire issued share capital of the Company of 123,600,000 Shares as at the date of this announcement and approximately 9.09% of the Company's entire issued share capital as enlarged by the Placing. The net proceeds from the Placing of approximately HK\$11.7 million (assuming the Placing Shares are fully placed) will be used for numerous future investment opportunities that fulfill the investment objectives of the Company.

Trading in the Shares on the Stock Exchange was suspended at the request of the Company from 9:30 a.m. on 3 October 2007 pending the release of this announcement. Application has been made to the Stock Exchange for resumption of trading in the Shares with effect from 9:30 a.m. on 4 October 2007.

* *For identification purpose only*

THE PLACING AGREEMENT

Date: 2 October 2007.

Issuer: Company

Placing Agent: Core Pacific – Yamaichi International (H.K.) Limited, a corporation licensed to conduct business in type 1 (dealing in securities), type 4 (advising on securities), and type 6 (advising on corporate finance) regulated activities under the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong).

The Placing Agent and its ultimate beneficial owners are Independent Third Parties.

Placees: The Placing Shares will be placed to not less than six placees (which will be independent individual, corporate and/or institutional investors) and their ultimate beneficial owners will be Independent Third Parties. It is expected that no placee will become a substantial Shareholder (as defined in the Listing Rules) immediately following completion of the Placing.

Number of Placing Shares: Up to 12,360,000 new Shares, to be issued by the Company and placed by the Placing Agent on the best efforts basis. Assuming the Placing Shares are fully placed, the Placing Shares represent 10.00% of the entire issued share capital of the Company of 123,600,000 Shares as at the date of this announcement and approximately 9.09% of the Company's entire issued share capital as enlarged by the Placing.

Placing Price: HK\$0.98 per Placing Share. The Placing Price was agreed after arm's length negotiations between the Company and the Placing Agent, with reference to, among other things, the recent trading price of the Shares on the Stock Exchange. The Placing Price represents:

- (a) a discount of 2.0% to the closing price of HK\$1.00 per Share as quoted on the Stock Exchange on 2 October 2007, being the last trading day of the Shares immediately before the signing of the Placing Agreement on 2 October 2007; and
- (b) a discount of approximately 5.0% to the average closing price of HK\$1.032 per Share as quoted on the Stock Exchange for the last 5 trading days of the Shares immediately before the date of the Placing Agreement on 2 October 2007.

Ranking of Placing Shares: The Placing Shares, when issued and fully paid, will rank pari passu among themselves and with the Shares in issue at the time of issue and allotment of the Placing Shares.

Placing Commission: The Placing Agent will receive a placing commission of 2.0% on the gross proceeds of the Placing.

Termination of the Placing: The Placing is subject to termination by the Placing Agent on the occurrence of certain events prior to completion of the Placing, including:

- (a) in the reasonable opinion of the Placing Agent, there shall have been since the date of this announcement such a change in political, economic, fiscal, national or international financial, regulatory or stock market conditions including introduction of any new law or regulation or any change in existing laws or regulation (including in relation to taxation or exchange controls) which would prejudice materially the consummation of the Placing or would have a material adverse effect on the business or financial or financial position of the Group as a whole; or
- (b) any material breach of any of the representations and warranties set out in the Placing Agreement comes to the knowledge of the Placing Agent or any event occurs or any matter arises on or after the date of the Placing Agreement and prior to the completion of the Placing which if it had occurred or arisen before the date of the Placing Agreement would have rendered any of such representations and warranties untrue or incorrect in any material respect or there has been a material breach by the Company of any other provision of the Placing Agreement; or
- (c) there is any adverse change in the market conditions in which in the reasonable opinion of the Placing Agent would materially affect the Placing; or
- (d) any of the statement contained in this announcement being incorrect or misleading.

The Directors are not aware of the occurrence of any of such events as at the date of this announcement.

Placing Conditions: Save for the Placing Agent's right of termination as set out above, the Placing is conditional, inter alia, upon the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange granting or agreeing to grant the approval of the listing of and permission to deal in all of the Placing Shares, and the Company obtaining all necessary consents and approvals in relation to the Placing from the relevant authorities, if applicable, on or before the date falling 14 Business Days from the date of the Placing Agreement, being 23 October 2007, or such date as the Company and the Placing Agent may agree in writing.

Application will be made to the Stock Exchange to grant approval for the listing of and permission to deal in the Placing Shares.

Completion of the Placing: Completion of the Placing is expected to take place on the next Business Day after the fulfillment of the Placing Conditions (or such other date as the Company and the Placing Agent may agree in writing).

General Mandate: The Placing Shares will be issued pursuant to the general mandate to allot, issue and deal with Shares granted to the Directors by resolution of the Shareholders passed at the Company's annual general meeting held on 23 May 2007. The general mandate has not been utilized prior to entering into the Placing Agreement.

EFFECT OF THE PLACING ON SHAREHOLDING

The shareholdings in the Company immediately before and after completion of the Placing are and will be as follows:

| Shareholders | Immediately before the Placing | | Immediately after the Placing | |
|--------------------------------|---|-----------------------|--|-----------------------|
| | <i>Number of Shares</i> | <i>Percentage</i> | <i>Number of Shares</i> | <i>Percentage</i> |
| Li Ji Ning* | 18,100,000 | 14.64% | 18,100,000 | 13.31% |
| Placees | 0 | 0.00% | 12,360,000 | 9.09% |
| Public (excluding the placees) | <u>105,500,000</u> | <u>85.36%</u> | <u>105,500,000</u> | <u>77.60%</u> |
| Total | <u>123,600,000</u> | <u>100.00%</u> | <u>135,960,000</u> | <u>100.00%</u> |

* a director of the Company

Note: The figures assume that (i) the maximum number of 12,360,000 Placing Shares will be placed pursuant to the Placing, and (ii) no further Shares are issued or repurchased by the Company after the date of this announcement and up to the date of completion of the Placing.

REASONS FOR THE PLACING AND USE OF PROCEEDS

The Company is an investment company whose shares are listed on the Stock Exchange pursuant to Chapter 21 of the Listing Rules. The Company is principally engaged in investment in listed and unlisted companies established in the PRC, Hong Kong, and Taiwan, having substantial operation in the PRC. The Company has continued to put great effort in diversifying its investment portfolio models to forerun the market trend and industry cycles. The Directors consider that the Placing represents a good opportunity to broaden the capital base of the Company and to raise capital for the company for further pursuing its investment objectives and to make timely investment when investment opportunities arise. The Directors consider that the Placing of new Shares is in the interest of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

The Company will bear all costs and expenses of approximately HK\$400,000 in connection with the Placing. The net proceeds from the Placing and the net placing price will be approximately HK\$11.7 million and HK\$0.9476 per Placing Share respectively. The net proceeds from the Placing will be used for numerous future investment opportunities that fulfill the investment objectives of the Company. The Directors have confirmed that no specific targets or projects have been identified by the Group as at the date of this announcement.

EQUITY FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES IN THE PAST TWELVE MONTHS

On 18 April 2007, the Company announced the results of a rights issue, which was on the basis of nine rights Shares for every Share at the price of HK\$0.10 per rights Share. Details of such rights issues are set out on in the announcement of the Company dated 26 March 2007. As at the date of this announcement, the net proceeds from such rights issue of approximately HK\$10 million had been fully utilized in investment in both listed and unlisted securities as intended.

Save as disclosed above, The Company has not conducted any equity fund-raising activity in the 12-month period immediately preceding the date of this announcement.

SUSPENSION AND RESUMPTION OF TRADING

Trading in the Shares on the Stock Exchange was suspended at the request of the Company from 9:30 a.m. on 3 October 2007 pending the release of this announcement. Application has been made to the Stock Exchange for resumption of trading in the Shares with effect from 9:30 a.m. on 4 October 2007.

DEFINITIONS

Unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms shall have the meanings set out below:

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| “associate(s)” | has the meaning ascribed thereto under the Listing Rules |
| “Board” | the board of Directors |

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| “Business Day” | any day (not being a Saturday) on which licensed banks are generally open for business in Hong Kong throughout their normal business hours |
| “Company” | Opes Asia Development Limited, a company continued into Bermuda with limited liability, the Shares of which are listed on the Stock Exchange |
| “Director(s)” | the director(s) of the Company |
| “Hong Kong” | the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China |
| “Independent Third Party(ies)” | an independent third party, to the best of the Directors’ knowledge, information and belief having made all reasonable enquiry, who is third party independent of the Company and its connected persons |
| “Listing Rules” | the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange |
| “Placing” | the placing of the Placing Shares by the Company, through the Placing Agent, pursuant to the Placing Agreement |
| “Placing Agent” | Core Pacific – Yamaichi International (H.K.) Limited |
| “Placing Agreement” | the conditional placing agreement entered into between the Company and the Placing Agent dated 2 October 2007 in relation to the Placing |
| “Placing Conditions” | the conditions of the Placing Agreement as set out in the sub-section headed “Placing Conditions” under the section headed “Placing Agreement” in this announcement. |
| “Placing Price” | HK\$0.98 per Placing Share |
| “Placing Shares” | a maximum of 12,360,000 Shares to be placed pursuant to the Placing Agreement |
| “PRC” | the People’s Republic of China, which for the purpose of this announcement, shall exclude Hong Kong, Macau, and Taiwan |
| “Share(s)” | ordinary share(s) of HK\$0.01 each in the issued capital of the Company |
| “Shareholder(s)” | holder(s) of the Share(s) |
| “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 of
OPES ASIA DEVELOPMENT LIMITED
Chu Wai Lim
Executive Director

Hong Kong, 3 October 2007

As at the date hereof, the directors of the Company comprises three executive directors, being Li Ji Ning, Chu Wai Lim, and Lau Shun Chi, Benjamin; and three independent non-executive directors being, Yin Ling, Shiu Kwok Keung, and Chen Man Lung.

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