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FREEMAN CORPORATION LIMITED

民豐控股有限公司

(incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 279)

PLACING OF NEW SHARES UNDER GENERAL MANDATE

Placing Agent



KINGSTON SECURITIES LIMITED

THE PLACING

On 9 April 2010 (after trading hours), the Placing Agent and the Company entered into the Placing Agreement pursuant to which the Company has conditionally agreed to place, through the Placing Agent on a fully underwritten basis, in aggregate of 76,270,000 Placing Shares to not fewer than six Placees who and whose ultimate beneficial owners are third parties independent of and not connected with the Company and its connected persons.

The 76,270,000 Placing Shares under the Placing represent approximately 18.19% of the existing issued share capital of the Company of 419,356,198 Shares as at the date of this announcement and approximately 15.39% of the then issued share capital of 495,626,198 Shares as enlarged by the Placing. The aggregate nominal value of the Placing Shares under the Placing will be HK\$7,627,000.

The Placing Price of HK\$0.50 represents a discount of approximately 12.28 % to the benchmarked price of the Shares, which is the higher of (i) the closing price of HK\$0.57 as quoted on the Stock Exchange on the date of the Placing Agreement; and (ii) the average closing price of HK\$0.56 in the last 5 trading days prior to the date of the Placing Agreement.

The Placing is conditional upon, among other things, the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange granting or agreeing to grant the listing of, and permission to deal in, the Placing Shares.

The gross proceeds from the Placing will be approximately HK\$38.14 million. The net proceeds from the Placing will amount to approximately HK\$37.09 million which is intended to be used for general working capital of the Group. The net price raised per Share upon the completion of the Placing will be approximately HK\$0.49 per Share.

THE PLACING AGREEMENT

Date

9 April 2010 (after trading hours)

Issuer

The Company

Placing Agent

The Placing Agent has conditionally agreed to place in aggregate of 76,270,000 Placing Shares on a fully underwritten basis and will receive a placing commission of 2.5% on the gross proceeds of the actual number of Placing Shares being placed. The Directors are of the view that the placing commission of 2.5% is fair and reasonable. The Placing Agent is interested in 3 Shares as at the date of this announcement.

To the best of the Directors' knowledge, information and belief, having made all reasonable enquiry, save for the fact that the Placing Agent holds 3 Shares as at the date of this announcement, the Placing Agent and its ultimate beneficial owners are not connected persons of the Company and its connected persons.

Placees

The Placing Agent will place the Placing Shares to not fewer than six Placees who and whose ultimate beneficial owners are not connected persons of the Company and are third parties independent of and not connected with the Company, connected persons of the Company and any of the Directors, chief executive or substantial shareholder(s) of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or their respective associates. None of the Placees will become a substantial Shareholder (as defined under the Listing Rules) of the Company immediately after the Placing.

Number of Placing Shares

The 76,270,000 Placing Shares under the Placing represent approximately 18.19% of the existing issued share capital of the Company of 419,356,198 Shares as at the date of this announcement and approximately 15.39% of the then issued share capital of 495,626,198 Shares as enlarged by the Placing. The aggregate nominal value of the Placing Shares under the Placing will be HK\$7,627,000.

Ranking of Placing Shares

The Placing Shares under the Placing will rank, upon issue, pari passu in all respects with the Shares in issue on the date of allotment and issue of the Placing Shares.

Placing Price

The Placing Price of HK\$0.50 represents a discount of approximately 12.28 % to the benchmarked price of the Shares, which is the higher of (i) the closing price of HK\$0.57 as quoted on the Stock Exchange on the date of the Placing Agreement; and (ii) the average closing price of HK\$0.56 in the last 5 trading days prior to the date of the Placing Agreement.

The Placing Price was determined with reference to the prevailing market price of the Share and was negotiated on an arm's length basis between the Company and the Placing Agent. The Directors consider that the terms of the Placing are fair and reasonable based on the current market conditions and in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

The Placing Shares

The Placing Shares will be issued under the General Mandate to allot, issue and deal with Shares granted to the Directors by resolution of the Shareholders passed at the EGM subject to the limit up to 20% of the then issued share capital of the Company as at the date of the EGM. Under the General Mandate, the Company is authorized to issue up to 76,271,239 Shares. Up to the date of this announcement, no Share has been issued under the General Mandate.

Conditions of the Placing Agreement

Completion of the Placing Agreement is conditional upon:

- (i) the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange granting or agreeing to grant the listing of, and permission to deal in, the Placing Shares under the Placing; and
- (ii) the obligations of the Placing Agent under the Placing Agreement not being terminated in accordance with the terms of the Placing Agreement, including provisions regarding force majeure event.

Termination and force majeure

- (i) **Unless otherwise agreed among the Parties, the Placing Agent's appointment shall terminate upon the earlier of (a) Completion and (b) termination of the Placing by the Placing Agent in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, whereby the Company will be formally notified by the Placing Agent in writing in accordance with the terms of the Placing Agreement.**
- (ii) **The Placing Agent reserves its right to terminate this Agreement by notice in writing prior to 10:00 a.m. on the Placing Completion Date, if in the absolute opinion of the Placing Agent, the success of the Placing would be materially and adversely affected by any force majeure events (as defined below).**

For this purpose, a "force majeure event" refers to

- (a) **the introduction of any new laws or regulations or any change in existing laws or regulations (or the judicial interpretation thereof) or other occurrence of any nature whatsoever which may, in the absolute opinion of the Placing Agent, materially and adversely affect the business or the financial or trading position or prospects of the Group as a whole; or**
- (b) **the occurrence of any local, national or international event or change (whether or not forming part of a series of events or changes occurring or continuing before and/or after the date of the Placing Agreement) of a political, military, financial, economic, currency (including a change in the system under which the value of the Hong Kong currency is linked to the currency of the United States of America) or other nature (whether or not sui generis with any of the foregoing), or in the nature of any local, national, international outbreak or escalation of hostilities or armed conflict, or affecting local securities market or the occurrence of any combination of circumstances which may, in the absolute opinion of the Placing Agent, materially and adversely affect the business or the financial or trading position or prospects of the Group as a whole or adversely prejudices the success of the Placing of the Shares by potential investor(s) or otherwise makes it inexpedient or inadvisable for the Company or the Placing Agent to proceed with the Placing; or**
- (c) **any change in market conditions or combination of circumstances in Hong Kong (including without limitation suspension or material restriction on trading in securities) occurs which affect the success of the Placing (such success being the placing of the Shares to potential investor(s)) or otherwise in the absolute opinion of the Placing Agent make it inexpedient or inadvisable or inappropriate for the Company or the Placing Agent to proceed with the Placing.**

(iii) If, at or prior to 10:00 a.m. on the Completion Date;

(a) the Company commits any material breach of or omits to observe any of the obligations or undertakings expressed or assumed under this Placing Agreement; or

(b) any suspension in the trading of the Shares on the Stock Exchange for more than ten consecutive trading days save for the purposes of clearing of the announcement relating to this Placing Agreement or any announcements or circulars relating to the Placing; or

(c) the Placing Agent shall become aware of the fact that any of the representations or warranties contained in this Placing Agreement was, when given, untrue or inaccurate or would in any respect be untrue or inaccurate if repeated the Placing Agent shall determine that any such untrue representation or warranty represents or is likely to represent a material adverse change in the financial or trading position or prospects of the Group taken as a whole or will otherwise likely to have a material prejudicial effect on the Placing.

The Placing Agent shall be entitled (but not bound) by notice in writing to the Company to elect to treat such matter or event as releasing and discharging the Placing Agent from its obligations under this Placing Agreement.

Upon giving of notice pursuant to the paragraph above, all obligations of the Placing Agent hereunder shall cease and determine and no party shall have any claim against any other parties in respect of any matter or thing arising out of or in connection with the Placing Agreement, save for any antecedent breaches.

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

Completion of the Placing

Completion of the Placing will take place within four business days after the fulfillment of the conditions set out in the Placing Agreement but not later than 30 April 2010 or such later date as may be agreed between the Company and the Placing Agent.

The Placing may or may not proceed. Shareholders and potential investors are advised to exercise caution when dealing in the Shares.

REASONS FOR THE PLACING AND USE OF PROCEEDS

The gross proceeds from the Placing will be approximately HK\$38.14 million. The net proceeds from the Placing will amount to approximately HK\$37.09 million which is intended to be used for general working capital of the Group. The net proceeds raised per Share upon the completion of the Placing will be approximately HK\$0.49 per Share.

The Directors have considered different types of fund raising arrangement and consider that the Placing is the most efficient way in terms of cost for the Company. Furthermore, the Company can take this opportunity to broaden the capital base of the Company.

FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES IN THE PAST TWELVE MONTHS

Apart from the fund raising activities mentioned below, the Company has not carried out other fund raising activities during the 12 months immediately preceding the date of this announcement.

Date of announcement	Fund raising activity	Net proceeds raised <i>(approximately)</i>	Intended use of proceeds	Actual use of proceeds
22 January 2010	Placing of 46,892,699 new Shares on a fully underwritten basis, which was completed on 29 January 2010	HK\$25.04 million	General working capital of the Group	Used as intended
26 November 2009	Placing of 100,000,000 new Shares under specific mandate, which was completed on 6 January 2010	HK\$46.17 million	General working capital of the Group	Used as intended
19 October 2009	Placing of 39,000,000 new Shares under general mandate, which was completed on 29 October 2009	HK\$22.5 million	Repayment of the debts of the Group	Used as intended

EFFECTS ON SHAREHOLDING STRUCTURE

The existing shareholding structure of the Company and the effect on the shareholding structure of the Company upon completion of the Placing is set out as below:

	As at the date of this announcement		Upon completion of the Placing	
	<i>Number of Shares</i>	<i>Approximate %</i>	<i>Number of Shares</i>	<i>Approximate %</i>
Directors:				
Dr. Yang Fan Shing, Andrew	66,000	0.02%	66,000	0.01%
Ms. Kwok Wai Ming	3,640,600	0.87%	3,640,600	0.73%
Ms. Au Shuk Yee, Sue	1,229,000	0.29%	1,229,000	0.25%
Public:				
Placees	-	-	76,270,000	15.39%
Other public Shareholders	<u>414,420,598</u>	<u>98.82%</u>	<u>414,420,598</u>	<u>83.62%</u>
Total	<u>419,356,198</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>495,626,198</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

GENERAL

The Company was incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability. The Group is principally engaged in the provision of finance services, trading of securities, trading of goods, property holding and investment, investment activities and insurance agency and brokerage business.

Application will be made by the Company to the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange for the grant of the listing of, and permission to deal in, the Placing Shares.

TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

“Board”	the board of Directors
“Company”	Freeman Corporation Limited, a company incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability whose shares are listed on the main board of the Stock Exchange
“connected person(s)”	the meaning ascribed thereto in the Listing Rules
“Director(s)”	director(s) of the board of the Company
“EGM”	the extraordinary general meeting of the Company held on 26 February 2010
“General Mandate”	the mandate granted to the Directors by the Shareholders at the EGM to allot, issue and deal with up to 20% of the then issued share capital of the Company as at the date of the EGM
“Group”	the Company and its subsidiaries
“Hong Kong”	Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC
“Listing Rules”	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange
“Placee(s)”	any professional, institutional or other investor(s) procured by the Placing Agent to subscribe for any of the Placing Shares pursuant to the obligations of the Placing Agent under the Placing Agreement
“Placing”	the placing of 76,270,000 new Shares pursuant to the terms of the Placing Agreement
“Placing Agent”	Kingston Securities Limited, a licensed corporation to carry on business in type 1 regulated activity (dealing in securities) under the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong)
“Placing Agreement”	the conditional placing agreement entered into between the Company and the Placing Agent dated 9 April 2010 in relation to the Placing
“Placing Price”	HK\$0.50 per Placing Share
“Placing Share(s)”	an aggregate of 76,270,000 new Shares to be placed pursuant to the Placing Agreement

“PRC”	the People’s Republic of China
“Shareholder(s)”	holder(s) of the Share(s)
“Share(s)”	ordinary share(s) of HK\$0.10 each in the share capital of the Company
“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
Freeman Corporation Limited
Lo Kan Sun
Managing Director

Hong Kong, 9 April 2010

Executive Directors:

Dr. Yang Fan Shing, Andrew (*Chairman*)
Mr. Lo Kan Sun (*Managing Director*)
Ms. Kwok Wai Ming
Ms. Au Shuk Yee, Sue
Mr. Scott Allen Phillips

Independent non-executive Directors:

Mr. Chiu Siu Po
Ms. Hui Wai Man, Shirley
Mr. Gary Drew Douglas
Mr. Peter Temple Whitelam