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## **FREEMAN FINANCIAL CORPORATION LIMITED**

民眾金服控股有限公司

(incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability) (Stock Code: 279)

## **BUSINESS UPDATE – TRADING OF SECURITIES**

This announcement is made by Freeman Financial Corporation Limited (the "Company", together with its subsidiaries, the "Group") pursuant to Rule 13.09 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules") and the Inside Information Provisions under Part XIVA of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571, Laws of Hong Kong).

The Board of Directors of the Company (the "Board") is pleased to inform its shareholders and potential investors in relation to the business update of trading of securities segment. Trading of securities is one of the Group's principal activities. As at 31 March 2015, the Group has investments at fair value through profit or loss of approximately HK\$3,686.3 million.

In the view of the recent turmoil in the Hong Kong and global stock markets over the past few months, the proprietary trading team of the Company has forethought in realizing listed securities held by Group since April 2015. Up to the date of this announcement, despite of the Group's foresight, along with the stock market volatility and general trading sentiment, the Group realised its investments in listed securities with carrying value as of 31 March 2015 of approximately HK\$3,318.6 million for an aggregate gross proceeds of approximately HK\$3,089.5 million (exclusive of transaction costs), resulting a net realised loss of investments at fair value through profit or loss of approximately HK\$229.1 million (exclusive of transaction costs). The proceeds from such disposals have been applied towards payment of dividends to shareholders of Freeman Corporation Limited (a 60.5% indirect subsidiary of the Company) and expansion of the Group's existing business lines. The Company will also seize the opportunities when arise for future development of its financial services business under new banner "民眾金服".

As at the date of this announcement, the Group currently holds investments at fair value through profit or loss of approximately HK\$1,258.2 million which mainly comprised listed securities of Mascotte Holdings Limited (stock code: 136) and the Group intends to continue to hold this investment for a longer term.

The information contained in this announcement has not been confirmed, audited nor reviewed by the Company's auditors. The actual amount of the net gains or losses from the sale of investments at fair value through profit or loss may subject to necessary adjustments.

Shareholders of the Company and potential investors are advised to exercise caution when dealing in the shares of the Company.

By order of the Board Freeman Financial Corporation Limited Lo Kan Sun Chairman

Hong Kong, 7 August 2015

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises the following Directors:-

Executive Directors: Mr. Lo Kan Sun (Chairman) Mr. Hui Quincy Kwong Hei (Managing Director) Ms. Au Shuk Yee, Sue Ms. Chow Mun Yee Independent Non-executive Directors: Mr. Cheung Wing Ping Mr. Chung Yuk Lun Mr. Hung Cho Sing Dr. Agustin V. Que