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ASIA ORIENT HOLDINGS LIMITED 滙漢控股有限公司\* (Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability) (Stock Code: 214)

VOLUNTARY ANNOUNCEMENT



ASIA STANDARD INTERNATIONAL GROUP LIMITED 泛海國際集團有限公司\* (Incorporated in Bermuda

with limited liability) (**Stock Code: 129**)

# VOLUNTARY ANNOUNCEMENT



ASIA STANDARD HOTEL GROUP LIMITED 泛海酒店集團有限公司\* (Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability) (Stock Code: 292)

DISCLOSEABLE TRANSACTION

# IN RELATION TO ACQUISITIONS OF CHINA EVERGRANDE NOTES

## THE ACQUISITIONS

Between 26 and 27 May 2020, the ASH Acquirer acquired the China Evergrande Notes on the open market at an aggregate consideration of approximately US\$6.16 million (equivalent to approximately HK\$47.74 million).

## LISTING RULES IMPLICATIONS

As one or more of the applicable percentage ratios in respect of the Acquisitions, when aggregated with the Previous Acquisitions, exceeds 5% but is or are less than 25% for ASH, the Acquisitions constitute a discloseable transaction for ASH, and are therefore subject to the reporting and announcement requirements under Chapter 14 of the Listing Rules.

As all of the applicable percentage ratios in respect of the Acquisitions, when aggregated with the Previous Acquisitions, are below 5% for each of AO and ASI, the Acquisitions do not constitute a notifiable transaction for each of AO and ASI, and are therefore not subject to the reporting and announcement requirements under Chapter 14 of the Listing Rules.

As all of the applicable percentage ratios in respect of the Acquisitions, when aggregated with the Previous Acquisitions and any other previous subscriptions and/or acquisitions over the past 12 months of the China Evergrande Notes by the AO Group, the ASI Group and the ASH Group (on a non-consolidated and standalone basis), would still be classified as a major acquisition transaction for each of AO, ASI and ASH under Chapter 14 of the Listing Rules, and since each of AO, ASI and ASH has complied with the major acquisition transaction requirements in respect of the Major Transaction Acquisitions as set out in the 26 March 2020 Announcement and the 22 May 2020 Circulars, each of AO, ASI and ASH is not required to reclassify the Acquisitions

and the Previous Acquisitions by aggregating them with any other previous subscriptions and/or acquisitions over the past 12 months of the China Evergrande Notes by the AO Group, the ASI Group and the ASH Group (on a non-consolidated and standalone basis) and the implications of the applicable percentage ratios in respect of the Acquisitions and the Previous Acquisitions are determined on a standalone basis.

## THE ACQUISITIONS

Between 26 and 27 May 2020, the ASH Acquirer acquired the China Evergrande Notes on the open market at an aggregate consideration of approximately US\$6.16 million (equivalent to approximately HK\$47.74 million).

In view that the Acquisitions were conducted through the open market, ASH is not aware of the identities of the vendors of the relevant China Evergrande Notes sold to the ASH Acquirer. To the best of the knowledge, information and belief of the ASH Directors having made all reasonable enquiries, the vendors of the China Evergrande Notes and where applicable, their respective ultimate beneficial owners are Independent Third Parties.

#### Terms of the Acquisitions are set out below:

Notional amount of the Acquisitions, acquisition price(s) and date of settlement	:	12% China Evergrande Notes Due 2023 in the aggregate notional amount of US\$7 million (equivalent to HK\$54.25 million): aggregate consideration was approximately US\$6.16 million (equivalent to approximately HK\$47.74 million)
		The date of settlement of the Acquisitions will be between 28 and 29 May 2020

#### INFORMATION ON THE CHINA EVERGRANDE NOTES

The 12% China Evergrande Notes Due 2023:

Information on the 12% China Evergrande Notes Due 2023 is disclosed in the 21 April 2020 Announcement.

## **REASONS FOR AND BENEFITS OF THE ACQUISITIONS**

The Acquisitions form part of the investing activities of the ASH Group, which are conducted in its ordinary and usual course of business. The ASH Group intends to fund the acquisition price(s) of the China Evergrande Notes by its internal cash resources.

Having considered the terms of the China Evergrande Notes (including the relevant acquisition price(s), interest rate(s) and maturity date) and the fact that the Acquisitions were conducted through the open market, the ASH Directors are of the view that the terms of the China Evergrande Notes and the Acquisitions are fair and reasonable and the Acquisitions are in the interests of ASH and its shareholders as a whole.

## INFORMATION ON AO, ASI, ASH AND THE ASH ACQUIRER

AO is a limited liability company incorporated in Bermuda whose shares are listed on the Main Board. AO Group is principally engaged in property management, development and investment, hotel operations and securities investments.

ASI is a limited liability company incorporated in Bermuda whose shares are listed on the Main Board. ASI Group is principally engaged in investment and development of commercial, retail and residential properties in Hong Kong and the PRC and securities investments. Through ASH, ASI Group is also involved in hotel operations.

ASH is a limited liability company incorporated in Bermuda whose shares are listed on the Main Board. The principal activity of ASH is investment holding. The principal activities of the subsidiaries of ASH consist of holding and operating hotels, property development and securities investments.

The ASH Acquirer is a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands with limited liability and an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of ASH. As at the date hereof, it is principally engaged in securities investments.

## **INFORMATION ON CHINA EVERGRANDE**

China Evergrande was founded in 1996 in Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province, the PRC and together with its subsidiaries, has established an overall industry layout leveraging in real estate development as its foundation, developing cultural tourism and health and wellbeing management industries as complementary pillars, and focusing in new energy vehicles as a lead growth driver. It is ranked 138th in the Fortune Global 500 in 2019.

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As all of the applicable percentage ratios in respect of the Acquisitions, when aggregated with the Previous Acquisitions and any other previous subscriptions and/or acquisitions over the past 12 months of the China Evergrande Notes by the AO Group, the ASI Group and the ASH Group (on a non-consolidated and standalone basis), would still be classified as a major acquisition transaction for each of AO, ASI and ASH under Chapter 14 of the Listing Rules, and since each of AO, ASI and ASH has complied with the major acquisition transaction requirements in respect of the Major Transaction Acquisitions as set out in the 26 March 2020 Announcement and the 22 May 2020 Circulars, each of AO, ASI and ASH is not required to reclassify the Acquisitions and the Previous Acquisitions by aggregating them with any other previous subscriptions and/or acquisitions over the past 12 months of the China Evergrande Notes by the AO Group, the ASI Group and the ASH Group (on a non-consolidated and standalone basis) and the implications of the applicable percentage ratios in respect of the Acquisitions and the Previous Acquisitions in respect of the Acquisitions and the Previous Acquisitions are determined on a standalone basis.

## DEFINITIONS

Unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms have the following meanings in this joint announcement:

"12% China Evergrande Notes Due 2023"	the 12% senior notes due 2023 in the aggregate notional amount of US\$2,000 million issued by Scenery Journey, which will mature on 24 October 2023, details of which are disclosed in the 21 April 2020 Announcement
"21 April 2020 Announcement"	the announcement of ASH dated 21 April 2020
"22 May 2020 Circulars"	the circulars dated 22 May 2020 issued by each of AO, ASI and ASH in relation to the Major Transaction Acquisitions
"26 March 2020 Announcement"	the joint announcement of AO, ASI and ASH dated 26 March 2020 in relation to the Major Transaction Acquisitions
"Acquisition(s)"	the acquisitions of the China Evergrande Notes between 26 and 27 May 2020 by the ASH Acquirer in the aggregate notional amount of US\$7 million, at the aggregate consideration of approximately US\$6.16 million on the open market
"AO"	Asia Orient Holdings Limited (Stock Code: 214), an exempted company incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability, the issued shares of which are listed on the Main Board
"AO Group"	AO and its subsidiaries, including the ASI Group and the ASH Group
"ASH"	Asia Standard Hotel Group Limited (Stock Code: 292), an exempted company incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability, the issued shares of which are listed on the Main Board
"ASH Acquirer"	Greatime Limited, a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands with limited liability and an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of ASH
"ASH Director(s)"	the director(s) of ASH, including the independent non-executive director(s)
"ASH Group"	ASH and its subsidiaries

"ASI"	Asia Standard International Group Limited (Stock Code: 129), an exempted company incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability, the issued shares of which are listed on the Main Board
"ASI Group"	ASI and its subsidiaries, including the ASH Group
"China Evergrande"	China Evergrande Group (Stock Code: 3333), an exempted company incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability, the issued shares of which are listed on the Main Board
"China Evergrande Notes"	notes issued by China Evergrande and/or its subsidiaries, including but not limited to the 12% China Evergrande Notes Due 2023
"connected person(s)"	has the same meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules
"HK\$"	Hong Kong Dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong
"Hong Kong"	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC
"Independent Third Party(ies)"	person(s) or company(ies) which is/are third party(ies) independent of ASH and its connected persons
"Listing Rules"	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange
"Main Board"	the Main Board of the Stock Exchange
"Major Transaction Acquisitions"	as the case may be, the previous acquisitions between 24 and 25 March 2020 of the China Evergrande Notes, on a non- consolidated and standalone basis by the ASI Group and the ASH Group, details of which are disclosed in the 26 March 2020 Announcement and the 22 May 2020 Circulars
"percentage ratio(s)"	has the same meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules
"PRC"	the People's Republic of China, and for the purpose of this joint announcement, excluding Hong Kong, the Macao Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China and Taiwan
"Previous Acquisitions"	as the case may be, the previous acquisitions between 19 and 22 May 2020 of the China Evergrande Notes, on a non-consolidated and standalone basis (i) by the ASI Group in the aggregate notional amount of US\$22 million; and (ii) by the ASH Group in the aggregate notional amount of US\$14 million, respectively, all of the applicable percentage ratios in respect of which were below 5% for each of AO, ASI and ASH

"Scenery Journey"	Scenery Journey Limited, a company incorporated with limited liability in the British Virgin Islands, an indirect subsidiary of China Evergrande and the issuer of, among others, the 12% China Evergrande Notes Due 2023
"Stock Exchange"	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
"US\$"	United States Dollars, the lawful currency of the United States of America
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In this joint announcement, amounts denominated in US\$ are converted into HK\$ at the rate of US\$1.00 = HK\$7.75. Such conversion rate is for illustration purpose only and should not be construed as a representation that the amounts in question have been, could have been or could be converted at any particular rate or at all.

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Chairman	Chairman	Deputy Chairman and

Chief Executive

Hong Kong, 28 May 2020

As at the date of this joint announcement,

- (a) the executive directors of AO are Mr. Fung Siu To, Clement, Mr. Poon Jing, Mr. Poon Hai, Mr. Poon Yeung, Roderick, Mr. Lun Pui Kan and Mr. Kwan Po Lam, Phileas and the independent non-executive directors of AO are Mr. Cheung Kwok Wah, Mr. Hung Yat Ming and Mr. Wong Chi Keung;
- (b) the executive directors of ASI are Mr. Fung Siu To, Clement, Mr. Poon Jing, Mr. Poon Hai, Mr. Poon Yeung, Roderick, Mr. Lun Pui Kan and Mr. Kwan Po Lam, Phileas and the independent non-executive directors of ASI are Mr. Koon Bok Ming, Alan, Mr. Leung Wai Keung and Mr. Wong Chi Keung; and
- (c) the executive directors of ASH are Mr. Poon Jing, Dr. Lim Yin Cheng, Mr. Poon Hai, Mr. Poon Yeung, Roderick, Mr. Fung Siu To, Clement and Mr. Woo Wei Chun, Joseph and the independent non-executive directors of ASH are Mr. Ip Chi Wai, Mr. Leung Wai Keung and Mr. Hung Yat Ming.

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