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**The Hong Kong Building and Loan Agency Limited**  
**香港建屋貸款有限公司**

*(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)*

**(Stock code: 145)**

**FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENT IN RELATION TO  
VERY SUBSTANTIAL ACQUISITION AND  
PLACING OF NEW SHARES UNDER SPECIFIC MANDATE**

The Company would like to inform the Shareholders that the Supplemental Agreements have been signed on 22 December 2011 and the long stop dates of both the Sale and Purchase Agreement and the Second Placing Agreement have been extended accordingly. As such, the Sale and Purchase Agreement and the Second Placing Agreement have not lapsed and shall continue to proceed, pending clearance of the announcement in relation to the Supplemental Agreements by the Stock Exchange.

Reference is made to:

- (i) the announcements of the Company dated 25 February 2011, 21 April 2011, 19 May 2011, 31 May 2011, 24 June 2011, 20 July 2011, 30 September 2011 and 6 October 2011 (collectively, the “**VSA Announcements**”) and the circular of the Company dated 31 May 2011 (the “**VSA Circular**”) in relation to, among others, a very substantial acquisition of the Company regarding the acquisition of the entire issued share capital in Weldtech Technology Co. Limited;

- (ii) the announcements of the Company dated 18 October 2011 and 30 November 2011 (the “**Placing Announcements**”) and the circular of the Company dated 15 November 2011 (the “**Placing Circular**”) in relation to the placing of new shares of the Company under the specific mandate; and
- (iii) the holding announcement of the Company dated 9 January 2012 in which the Company disclosed that it is in the process of clearing an announcement in relation to the supplemental agreements of the Acquisition and the Second Placing with the Stock Exchange (the “**Holding Announcement**”).

Unless otherwise stated, capitalised terms used herein shall have the same meanings as those defined in the VSA Announcements, the VSA Circular, the Placing Announcements, the Placing Circular and the Holding Announcement.

The Company would like to inform the Shareholders that both supplemental agreements of the Acquisition and the Second Placing as mentioned in the Holding Announcement (the “**Supplemental Agreements**”) have been signed on 22 December 2011 and the long stop dates of both the Sale and Purchase Agreement and the Second Placing Agreement have been extended accordingly. As such, the Sale and Purchase Agreement and the Second Placing Agreement have not lapsed and shall continue to proceed, pending clearance of the announcement in relation to the Supplemental Agreements by the Stock Exchange.

At the request of the Company, trading in the shares of the Company on the Stock Exchange has been suspended since 9:00 a.m. on Friday, 23 December 2011 pending publication of the announcement in relation to the Supplemental Agreements. The Company will make further announcement(s) as and when appropriate to keep the Shareholders and the market generally apprised of the situation prior to resumption of trading in the shares of the Company.

By order of the Board  
**The Hong Kong Building and Loan Agency Limited**  
**So Yuen Chun**  
*Executive Director*

Hong Kong, 12 January 2012

*As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Mr. So Yuen Chun being executive Director; Mr. Lam Kwok Hing, Wilfred being non-executive Director; and Mr. Ng Cheuk Fan, Keith and Mr. Yeung Wai Hung, Peter being independent non-executive Directors.*