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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)**

**UNUSUAL SHARE PRICE AND TRADING VOLUME MOVEMENTS  
AND  
RESUMPTION OF TRADING**

This statement is made at the request of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Stock Exchange”).

The board of directors (the “Board”) of The Hong Kong Building and Loan Agency Limited (the “Company”) has noted the recent increases in price of, and trading volume in, the shares of the Company (the “Shares”) and wishes to state that the Board is not aware of any reason for such movements save and except for the matters disclosed below.

Reference is made to the announcement of the Company dated 24 August 2012 regarding to the termination of the very substantial acquisition (the “Transaction”). The Company has been in preliminary discussion with the parties of the Transaction for the possible investment in Weldtech Technology Co. Limited (the “Possible Transaction”), which may constitute a notifiable transaction of the Company under the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the “Listing Rules”) if materialises.

As at the date hereof, the discussion is very preliminary and the Company has not entered into any legally-binding agreement with respect to the Possible Transaction and no terms and conditions have been finalized yet. If the Possible Transaction materialises, further announcement will be made by the Company in accordance with the Listing Rules as and when appropriate.

Save as disclosed above, the Board confirms that there are no negotiations or agreements relating to intended acquisitions or realizations which are discloseable under Rule 13.23 of the Listing Rules, and neither is the Board aware of any matter discloseable under the general obligation of disclosure imposed by Rule 13.09 of the Listing Rules, which is or may be of a price-sensitive nature.

**As the Possible Transaction may or may not materialize, shareholders and potential investors of the Company are advised to exercise caution when dealing in the Shares.**

At the request of the Company, trading in the Shares on the Stock Exchange was suspended with effect from 10:40 a.m. on 25 October 2012, pending the issue of this announcement. Application has been made to the Stock Exchange for the resumption of trading in the Shares on the Stock Exchange from 9:00 a.m. on 26 October 2012.

This announcement is made by the order of the Board, the directors of which individually and jointly accept responsibility for the accuracy of this announcement.

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

Hong Kong, 25 October 2012

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