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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)

**DELAY IN DESPATCH OF CIRCULAR IN RELATION TO
VERY SUBSTANTIAL ACQUISITION IN RELATION
TO THE ACQUISITION OF THE ENTIRE ISSUED SHARE CAPITAL
IN WELDTECH TECHNOLOGY CO. LIMITED
INVOLVING THE ISSUE OF CONSIDERATION SHARES,
CONVERTIBLE BONDS AND PROMISSORY NOTES**

This announcement is made pursuant to Rule 14.36A of the Listing Rules.

Reference is made to the announcement of The Hong Kong Building and Loan Agency Limited (the “**Company**”) dated 6 December 2013 (the “**Announcement**”) in relation to, among other things, the Acquisition. Capitalised terms used herein shall have the same meaning ascribed to them in the Announcement unless the context otherwise defined.

As stated in the Announcement, a circular containing, among other things, (i) further details of the Acquisition and other information of the Group and the Enlarged Group; and (ii) a notice of the EGM, is expected to be despatched to Shareholders (the “**Circular**”) on or before 30 December 2013. As additional time is required for the Company to finalise certain information for inclusion in the Circular, the Company will extend the despatch date of the Circular to a date falling on or before 29 January 2014.

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

Hong Kong, 30 December 2013

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, Mr. Lam Raymond Shiu Cheung and Ms. Yuen Wai Man being independent non-executive Directors.