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HUA LIEN INTERNATIONAL (HOLDING) COMPANY LIMITED

華聯國際(控股)有限公司*

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 969)

GRANT OF WAVIER FROM STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH RULES 3.10(1), 3.10(2), 3.21 AND 3.25 OF THE LISTING RULES

Reference is made to the announcement of the Company dated 1 June 2017, 5 July 2017, 31 August 2017 and 6 September 2017 (the "**Announcements**"). Unless otherwise defined herein, terms used in this announcement shall have the same meanings as those defined in the Announcements

As disclosed in the Announcements, following the retirement of Dr. Zheng on 5 July 2017, the Company fails to meet (i) the minimum number and the qualification requirement of independent non-executive Directors pursuant to Rule 3.10 of the Listing Rules, (ii) the minimum number, qualification requirement and chairman appointment requirement of the audit committee pursuant to Rule 3.21 of the Listing Rules and (iii) the chairman appointment requirement of the remuneration committee pursuant to Rule 3.25 of the Listing Rules.

Pursuant to Rule 3.11, Rule 3.23 and Rule 3.27 of the Listing Rules, the Company shall within three months from 5 July 2017 appoint suitable candidate(s) to fill the vacancy(ies) of the Board and appoint the chairman of the audit committee and the remuneration committee pursuant to the respective requirements under Rule 3.10, Rule 3.21 and Rule 3.25 of the Listing Rules.

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On 6 September 2017, the Board announced that it has received written requisitions from Requisitionists, requiring the Company to convene an EGM for the First Requisition and Second Requisition to consider the passing of ordinary resolutions to appoint Ms. Liu, Mr. Zhang, Mr. Cheng, Mr. Shi and Dr. Lu (the "**Proposed Appointment**") and to remove Mr. Yu Chi Jui and Ms. Li Xia Wei, the existing independent non-executive directors of the Company (the "**Proposed Removal**").

As the Proposed Appointment and the Proposed Removal are subject to the approval of the shareholders at the EGM, the Company is in the process of finalizing the circular in respect of the Requisitions (the "Circular"). As such, additional time is required by the Company to finalize the information in the Circular, in particular, to canvass the views of the Board regarding the Requisitions. The Circular is expected to be despatched on or before 8 November 2017.

On 3 October 2017, the Company has applied for, and on 10 October 2017, The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "**Stock Exchange**") has granted a waiver from strict compliance with Rules 3.10(1), 3.10(2), 3.21 and 3.25 of the Listing Rules for a period of two months from 5 October 2017 to 4 December 2017. Further announcement will be made by the Company as and when appropriate.

By order of the Board **Hua Lien International (Holding) Company Limited Mr. Han Hong**

Executive Direction

Hong Kong, 10 October 2017

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises five directors, of which three are executive directors, namely Mr. Liu Xueyi, Mr. Han Hong, and Mr. Wang Zhaohui, and two are independent non-executive directors, namely Mr. Yu Chi Jui and Ms. Li Xiao Wei.