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Pan Asia Data Holdings Inc.

聯洋智能控股有限公司 (Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 1561)

# ISSUE OF NEW SHARES UNDER GENERAL MANDATE FOR DEBT CAPITALISATION

## **DEBT CAPITALISATION**

On 27 March 2023 (after trading hours), the Company has conditionally agreed to allot and issue, and the Creditors have conditionally agreed to subscribe, a total of 35,963,448 Capitalisation Shares at the price of HK\$1.60 per Share in settlement of the Indebted Sum as follows:

- (i) the Company has conditionally agreed to allot and issue, and Creditor A has conditionally agreed to subscribe 7,783,540 Capitalisation Shares at the Subscription Price of HK\$1.60 per Share in settlement of the Indebted Sum A;
- (ii) the Company has conditionally agreed to allot and issue, and Creditor B has conditionally agreed to subscribe 21,605,640 Capitalisation Shares at the Subscription Price of HK\$1.60 per Share in settlement of the Indebted Sum B;
- (iii) the Company has conditionally agreed to allot and issue, and Creditor C has conditionally agreed to subscribe 4,662,363 Capitalisation Shares at the Subscription Price of HK\$1.60 per Share in settlement of the Indebted Sum C; and
- (iv) the Company has conditionally agreed to allot and issue, and Creditor D has conditionally agreed to subscribe 1,911,905 Capitalisation Shares at the Subscription Price of HK\$1.60 per Share in settlement of the Indebted Sum D.

The Capitalisation Shares represent (i) approximately 4.21% of the existing issued share capital of the Company as at the date of this announcement; and (ii) approximately 4.04% of the issued share capital of the Company as enlarged by the allotment and issue of the Capitalisation Shares, assuming there will be no change in the number of issued share capital of the Company from the date of this announcement and up to the completion of the Debt Capitalisation.

The issue of the Capitalisation Shares is conditional upon the Stock Exchange granting the listing of, and permission to deal in, the Capitalisation Shares.

Completion of the Debt Capitalisation is subject to the Stock Exchange granting the listing of and permission to deal in the Capitalisation Shares, and may or may not proceed. Shareholders and potential investors are advised to exercise caution when dealing in the Shares.

#### INTRODUCTION

On 14 January 2022 (as amended by a supplemental agreement dated 14 July 2022), the Company entered into Loan Agreement A with Creditor A, pursuant to which a loan in the amount of US\$1,500,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$11,675,000) would be provided by Creditor A to the Company.

On 19 January 2022 (as amended by a supplemental agreement dated 19 July 2022), the Company entered into Loan Agreement B with Creditor B, pursuant to which a loan in the amount of RMB27,000,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$32,440,000) would be provided by Creditor B to the Company.

On 21 January 2022 (as amended by a supplemental agreement dated 21 July 2022), the Company entered into Loan Agreement C with Creditor C, pursuant to which a loan in the amount of HK\$7,000,000 would be provided by Creditor C to the Company.

On 30 December 2022, the Company entered into Loan Agreement D with Creditor D, pursuant to which a loan in the amount of HK\$3,000,000 would be provided by Creditor D to the Company.

The outstanding principal amount and the accrued interests thereon under Loan Agreement A, Loan Agreement B, Loan Agreement C and Loan Agreement D have been due for repayment as at the date of this announcement. After negotiation with the Creditors, the Board announces that on 27 March 2023 (after trading hours of the Stock Exchange), the Company and the Creditors have agreed to settle the Indebted Sum of approximately HK\$57,542,000 in aggregate by way of allotment and issue of a total of 35,963,448 Capitalisation Shares at the price of HK\$1.60 per Share to the Creditors, subject to (i) the Stock Exchange granting the listing of and permission to deal in the Capitalisation Shares to be allotted and issued; and (ii) compliance with the applicable rules and regulations under the Listing Rules.

## THE DEBT CAPITALISATION

### Date

27 March 2023

## Issuer

the Company

### Subscribers

Each of Creditor A, Creditor B, Creditor C and Creditor D is a natural person who is a PRC resident. To the best of the Directors' information and belief after having made all reasonable enquiries, save for Creditor B holding 6,000,000 Shares as at the date of this announcement, each of Creditor A, Creditor B, Creditor C and Creditor D is a third party independent of the Company and its connected persons.

## **Debt Capitalisation**

The Company is in debt to the Creditors in the amount of the Indebted Sum. The Company will issue to the Creditors the Capitalisation Shares at the Subscription Price as settlement of the debt owed to the Creditors as follows:

- (a) the Company has conditionally agreed to allot and issue, and Creditor A has conditionally agreed to subscribe 7,783,540 Capitalisation Shares at the Subscription Price of HK\$1.60 per Share in settlement of the Indebted Sum A;
- (b) the Company has conditionally agreed to allot and issue, and Creditor B has conditionally agreed to subscribe 21,605,640 Capitalisation Shares at the Subscription Price of HK\$1.60 per Share in settlement of the Indebted Sum B;
- (c) the Company has conditionally agreed to allot and issue, and Creditor C has conditionally agreed to subscribe 4,662,363 Capitalisation Shares at the Subscription Price of HK\$1.60 per Share in settlement of the Indebted Sum C; and
- (d) the Company has conditionally agreed to allot and issue, and Creditor D has conditionally agreed to subscribe 1,911,905 Capitalisation Shares at the Subscription Price of HK\$1.60 per Share in settlement of the Indebted Sum D.

### **Capitalisation Shares**

An aggregate of 35,963,448 new Shares will be issued under the Debt Capitalisation.

The Capitalisation Shares represent (i) approximately 4.21% of the existing issued share capital of the Company as at the date of this announcement; and (ii) approximately 4.04% of the issued share capital of the Company as enlarged by the allotment and issue of the Capitalisation Shares, assuming there will be no change in the number of issued share capital of the Company from the date of this announcement and up to the completion of the Debt Capitalisation.

The Capitalisation Shares have an aggregate nominal value of HK\$359,634.48.

### **Subscription Price**

HK\$1.60 per Capitalisation Share, representing:

- (a) a premium of approximately 37.9% to the closing price of HK\$1.16 per Share as quoted on the Stock Exchange on 27 March 2023, being the date on which the Company and the Creditors conditionally agreed on the Debt Capitalisation; and
- (b) a premium of approximately 36.8% to the average closing price of HK\$1.17 per Share as quoted on the Stock Exchange for the last five (5) trading days immediately prior to the date on which the Company and the Creditors conditionally agreed on the Debt Capitalisation.

The Subscription Price was determined and negotiated on an arm's length basis between the Company and each of the Creditors and with reference to the market conditions and the prevailing market price of the Shares. The Directors consider that the Subscription Price is fair and reasonable and is in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

The Debt Capitalisation contemplated thereunder involves the capitalisation of the Indebted Sum into a total of 35,963,448 Capitalisation Shares of HK\$1.60 per Share, and the Company will use its internal resources to settle the professional fees and all other related expenses which may be borne by the Company in connection with the Debt Capitalisation. The net issue price per Capitalisation Share will be HK\$1.60.

There will be no proceeds arising from the issue of the Capitalisation Shares as all the Subscription Prices will be set off against the debts owing by the Company to the Creditors on a dollar to dollar basis.

### General Mandate

The Capitalisation Shares will be issued under the General Mandate granted to Directors to allot, issue and deal with 152,296,733 new Shares. As at the date of this announcement, save for 92,833,316 new Shares being issued on 28 November 2022 for the cancellation of the promissory note (details of which are set out in the announcements of the Company dated 22 November 2022 and 28 November 2022), no Shares have been allotted and issued pursuant to the General Mandate. Accordingly, 59,463,417 Shares remains available for allotment and issuance under the General Mandate which is sufficient for the issue of the Capitalisation Shares. As a result, the issue of the Capitalisation Shares is not subject to separate Shareholders' approval.

### **Application for Listing**

An application will be made by the Company to the Stock Exchange for the listing of, and permission to deal in, the Capitalisation Shares.

#### **Ranking of the Capitalisation Shares**

The Capitalisation Shares, when fully paid, will rank pari passu in all respects with the Shares in issue on the completion date of the Debt Capitalisation, including the right to any dividends or distributions after the date of allotment.

#### **Condition to the Debt Capitalisation**

Completion of the Debt Capitalisation is conditional upon the Stock Exchange granting the listing of and permission to deal in the Capitalisation Shares.

#### **Completion of the Debt Capitalisation**

Completion of the Debt Capitalisation will take place as soon as practicable after the date upon which the condition mentioned above has been satisfied. If such condition is not fulfilled, the Debt Capitalisation will not proceed.

#### FUND-RAISING EXERCISE IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS

The Company has not conducted any equity fund raising activities for the 12 months immediately before the date of this announcement.

#### EFFECT ON THE SHAREHOLDING STRUCTURE

The shareholdings of the Company as at date of this announcement and immediately after completion of the Debt Capitalisation is and will be as follows:

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|                              | As at the date of this announcement |             | completion of<br>the Debt Capitalisation |             |
|                              |                                     |             |  |             |
|                              | Number of                           | Approximate |  | Approximate |
|                              | Shares                              | %           | Shares                                   | %           |
| Non-public Shareholders      |                                     |             |  |             |
| Timenew Limited              | 211,669,714                         | 24.78       | 211,669,714                              | 23.77       |
| Yu Wei Xing                  | 91,789,316                          | 10.74       | 91,789,316                               | 10.31       |
| Lian Yang Investment Limited | 76,092,789                          | 8.91        | 76,092,789                               | 8.55        |
| Subtotal                     | 379,551,819                         | 44.43       | 379,551,819                              | 42.63       |
| Public Shareholders          |                                     |             |  |             |
| Creditor A                   |                                     |             | 7,783,540                                | 0.88        |
| Creditor B                   | 6,000,000                           | 0.70        | 27,605,640                               | 3.10        |
| Creditor C                   |                                     |             | 4,662,363                                | 0.52        |
| Creditor D                   |                                     | _           | 1,911,905                                | 0.21        |
| Other public Shareholders    | 468,765,162                         | 54.87       | 468,765,162                              | 52.66       |
| Subtotal                     | 474,765,162                         | 55.57       | 510,728,610                              | 57.37       |
| Total                        | 854,316,981                         | 100.00      | 890,280,429                              | 100.00      |

### **REASONS AND BENEFITS FOR THE DEBT CAPITALISATION**

The Company is an investment holding company. The Group is principally engaged in provision of big data services, provision of third-party payment services and manufacturing and trading of liquid coatings and powder coatings.

Each of Loan Agreement A, Loan Agreement B and Loan Agreement C bears interest at the rate of 6% per annum while Loan Agreement D bears interest at the rate of 12% per annum, and they have been due for repayment as at the date of this announcement. As at 30 June 2022, the Group had cash in hand of approximately HK\$241.6 million and trade and bills receivables of approximately HK\$314.8 million. On the other hand, as at 30 June 2022, the Group had (i) current liabilities of other borrowings which were due for settlement within one year of approximately HK\$61.8 million; and (ii) trade payables which were due for settlement of approximately HK\$186.5 million. Excluding the aforesaid amount of cash which had been earmarked for the settlement of other borrowings and trade payables, while the remaining cash balances of the Group is sufficient to repay the outstanding indebtedness, the Directors consider that it is important and prudent to maintain sufficient cash and liquidity to support the Group's working capital needs and stable operation under the recent challenging economic environment, instead of depleting a substantial portion of the Group's cash for the settlement of the Indebted Sum. The Debt Capitalisation enables the Group to settle its outstanding indebtedness without utilizing existing financial resources of the Company and avoid cash outflows. The Directors are of the view that it is in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole to preserve as much liquidity as possible in order to strengthen the Group's financial and liquidity position for its business development.

The Directors have considered other alternative financing methods to settle the Indebted Sum, however, those other financing methods taken into consideration have the following disadvantages:

- (i) as disclosed in the Company's interim report for the six months ended 30 June 2022, the gearing ratio of the Group (calculated by dividing total debts by total equity multiplied by 100%) as at 30 June 2022 was approximately 162.8%. Debt financing such as bank borrowings, will inevitably further increase the interest expenses and gearing ratio of the Group, it may also require pledge of assets and/or other kind of securities which may reduce the Group's flexibility in managing its portfolio. Moreover, debt financing may be subject to lengthy and time-consuming due diligence and negotiations for more favourable terms for such borrowings; and
- (ii) given the recent turbulence and uncertainty in the stock market and the economic environment, it is difficult to ascertain market demand and to have certainty in successful equity fund raising, and is also difficult to procure an underwriter for rights issue/open offer or a placing agent for share placement. Rights issue and open offer generally requires more legal documentations preparation and additional administrative procedures which are relatively more time consuming and less cost effective.

Even though the allotment and issue of the Capitalisation Shares will have a dilution effect to the existing Shareholders, having considered (i) the capitalisation of the Indebted Sum can alleviate the repayment and settlement pressure of the Company; and (ii) the Capitalisation Shares, when allotted and issued, will be recognised entirely as equity of the Company which in turn will reduce the gearing ratio, enlarge the capital base, and accordingly, strengthen the financial position of the Group, the Directors are of the view that the Debt Capitalisation is a more desirable and cost-effective solution for the Company to settle the Indebted Sum.

In view of the above, the Directors consider that the terms of the Debt Capitalisation to be fair and reasonable and in the interest of the Group and the Shareholders as a whole.

Completion of the Debt Capitalisation is subject to the Stock Exchange granting the listing of and permission to deal in the Capitalisation Shares, and may or may not proceed. Shareholders and potential investors are advised to exercise caution when dealing in the Shares.

#### DEFINITIONS

In this announcement, the following words and phrases have the following meanings:

| "2022 AGM"                | the annual general meeting of the Company held on 1 June 2022  |
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| "Board"                   | the board of Directors of the Company  |
| "Capitalisation Share(s)" | an aggregate of 35,963,448 new Shares to be allotted and issued by the Company to the Creditors in settlement of the Indebted Sum  |
| "Company"                 | Pan Asia Data Holdings Inc. (聯洋智能控股有限公司), a company incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability, the Shares of which are listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange (Stock Code: 1561) |
| "connected person(s)"     | has the meaning ascribed thereto under the Listing Rules   |
| "Creditor A"              | Zhang Su (張蘇), a PRC citizen and a third party independent of the Company and its connected persons  |
| "Creditor B"              | Jiang Hong (姜虹), a PRC citizen and save for holding 6,000,000 Shares, a third party independent of the Company and its connected persons   |
| "Creditor C"              | Yao Keyu (姚克宇), a PRC citizen and a third party independent of the Company and its connected persons   |
| "Creditor D"              | Gu Ming (谷鳴), a PRC citizen and a third party independent of the Company and its connected persons   |
| "Creditors"               | collectively, Creditor A, Creditor B, Creditor C and Creditor D  |
| "Debt Capitalisation"     | the capitalisation of the Indebted Sum owed by the Group to the Creditors  |

| "Director(s)"      | the director(s) of the Company  |
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| "General Mandate"  | the general mandate granted to the Directors pursuant to an ordinary resolution passed at the 2022 AGM to allot and issue up to $152,296,733$ new Shares, representing $20\%$ of the issued share capital of the Company on the date of the 2022 AGM  |
| "Group"            | the Company and its subsidiaries  |
| "HK\$"             | Hong Kong dollar, the lawful currency of Hong Kong  |
| "Hong Kong"        | the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC  |
| "Indebted Sum"     | collectively, Indebted Sum A, Indebted Sum B, Indebted Sum C and Indebted Sum D   |
| "Indebted Sum A"   | a sum of approximately HK\$12,454,000 owed by the Company to Creditor A pursuant to Loan Agreement A and the interests accrued thereunder   |
| "Indebted Sum B"   | a sum of approximately HK\$34,569,000 owed by the<br>Company to Creditor B pursuant to Loan Agreement B and<br>the interests accrued thereunder   |
| "Indebted Sum C"   | a sum of approximately HK\$7,460,000 owed by the Company to Creditor C pursuant to Loan Agreement C and the interests accrued thereunder  |
| "Indebted Sum D"   | a sum of approximately HK\$3,059,000 owed by the Company to Creditor D pursuant to Loan Agreement D and the interests accrued thereunder  |
| "Listing Rules"    | the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange   |
| "Loan Agreement A" | the loan agreement dated 14 January 2022 (as amended by a supplemental agreement dated 14 July 2022) and entered into between the Company and Creditor A, pursuant to which a loan in the amount of US\$1,500,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$11,675,000) would be provided to the Company |
| "Loan Agreement B" | the loan agreement dated 19 January 2022 (as amended by a supplemental agreement dated 19 July 2022) and entered into between the Company and Creditor B, pursuant to which a loan in the amount of RMB27,000,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$32,440,000) would be provided to the Company |

| "Loan Agreement C"   | the loan agreement dated 21 January 2022 (as amended by a supplemental agreement dated 21 July 2022) and entered into between the Company and Creditor C, pursuant to which a loan in the amount of HK\$7,000,000 would be provided to the Company |
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| "Loan Agreement D"   | the loan agreement dated 30 December 2022 and entered<br>into between the Company and Creditor D, pursuant to<br>which a loan in the amount of HK\$3,000,000 would be<br>provided to the Company   |
| "PRC"                | The People's Republic of China which, for the purpose of<br>this announcement, excludes Hong Kong, the Macau Special<br>Administrative Region of the PRC and Taiwan  |
| "Share(s)"           | ordinary share(s) of HK\$0.01 each in the share capital of the Company   |
| "Shareholder(s)"     | holder(s) of the Share(s)  |
| "Stock Exchange"     | The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited  |
| "Subscription Price" | HK\$1.60 per Capitalisation Share  |
| "US\$"               | United States dollar, the lawful currency of the United States of America  |

By Order of the Board Pan Asia Data Holdings Inc. Gu Zhongli Chairman

Hong Kong, 27 March 2023

At the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Mr. Gu Zhongli (Chairman), Dr. Wang Bangyi and Mr. Jin Peiyi as executive Directors; Dr. Dong Liuhuan as non-executive Director and Mr. Li Gong, Dr. Shi Ping and Ms. Xu Yanqiong as independent non-executive Directors.