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# CHINA AIRCRAFT LEASING GROUP HOLDINGS LIMITED

中國飛機租賃集團控股有限公司

(Incorporated under the laws of the Cayman Islands with limited liability)
(Stock code: 1848)

# ANNOUNCEMENT IN RESPECT OF THE PROPOSED RESTRUCTURING

This announcement is made by the Company pursuant to Rule 13.09 of the Listing Rules and the Inside Information Provisions (as defined under the Listing Rules) under Part XIVA of the SFO.

The Company and all Directors jointly and severally accept full responsibility for the accuracy of information contained in this announcement and confirm, having made all reasonable enquiries, that to the best of their knowledge, opinions expressed in this announcement have been arrived at after due and careful consideration and there are no other facts not contained in this announcement, the omission of which would make any statement in this announcement misleading.

The Board hereby announces that the Company has been informed by CEL, the indirect controlling shareholder of the Company, that pursuant to the Restructuring Plan, on 6 November 2014, MOF and Huijin Limited entered into a founder agreement (發起人協議) (the "Founder Agreement") for the purpose of establishing of and regulating the business, financial affairs and management of CE Group. According to the Founder Agreement, MOF and Huijin Limited have agreed to subscribe for 44.33% and 55.67% (subject to the final adjustment and approval by MOF) of the registered capital of CE Group, respectively.

Pursuant to the Proposed Restructuring under the Founder Agreement, MOF will make capital contribution of 100% equity interest in CE Beijing, which will be transformed from a state-wholly-owned enterprise to a joint stock limited company, and the name of which will be changed to China Everbright Group Ltd.\* (中國光大集團股份公司) (i.e. CE Group). MOF will make capital contributions to CE Group by and through injecting: (1) the 100% equity interest in CE Hong Kong, with the authorization from the State Council; and (2) a loan and its interest accrued to CE Beijing; and Huijin Limited will make

capital contributions to CE Group by and through injecting the assets as specified in the Restructuring Plan.

Upon completion of the Proposed Restructuring under the Founder Agreement, MOF and Huijin Limited will hold 44.33% and 55.67% (subject to the final adjustment and approval by MOF) equity interest in CE Group respectively, which in turn will hold 100% equity interest in CE Hong Kong. CE Hong Kong is the indirect controlling shareholder of CEL, which in turn indirectly holds approximately 36.74% equity interest in the Company.

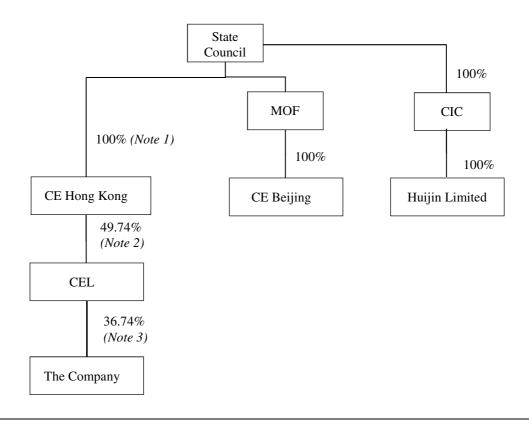
The capital contributions to be made by MOF and Huijin Limited under the Founder Agreement (including but not limited to the injection of the 100% equity interest in CE Hong Kong to CE Group) shall be conditional upon, among other things, Huijin Limited and CE Group obtaining waivers from the SFC from strict compliance with the requirements under Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code to make mandatory offers for all the shares in the Company (if required). In case the said waivers (if required) from the SFC are not granted, MOF and Huijin Limited will not make the said capital contributions under the Founder Agreement.

The Board has been informed by CEL that a waiver application will be made by Huijin Limited to the Executive Director of the Corporate Finance Division of the SFC in respect of any mandatory general offer which would arise under Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code. The Company will make further announcement(s) in this regard pursuant to the Takeovers Code, the Listing Rules and the SFO, as and when appropriate.

#### SHAREHOLDING STRUCTURES

Set out below are the shareholding structures of the Company immediately before and after completion of the Proposed Restructuring:

### Immediately before completion of the Proposed Restructuring

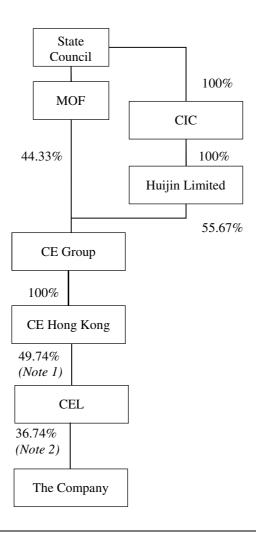


#### Notes:

- 1 CE Hong Kong was funded by the State Council. As at the date hereof, Mr. TANG Shuangning and Mr. ZANG Qiutao are the nominal shareholders of CE Hong Kong and hold the entire issued share capital of CE Hong Kong for the benefit of the State Council.
- As at the date hereof, CE Hong Kong holds (1) 100% of the issued shares of Datten Investments Limited, a BVI company, which in turns holds 100% of the issued shares of Honorich Holdings Limited ("Honorich"), a BVI company, and (2) 100% of the issued shares of Everbright Investment & Management Limited ("Everbright Investment & Management"), a Hong Kong company, respectively. As Honorich holds approximately 49.386% and Everbright Investment & Management holds approximately 0.358% of the issued shares of CEL, CE Hong Kong is deemed to be interested in approximately 49.74% of the issued shares of CEL under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO.
- 3 As at the date hereof, CEL holds (1) 100% of the issued shares of China Everbright Aerospace Holdings Limited ("CE Aerospace"), a Cayman Islands company, and (2)

100% of the issued shares of Emporium (HK) Limited, a Hong Kong company, which in turn holds 100% of the issued shares of China Everbright Financial Investments Limited ("CE Financial Investments"), a Hong Kong company. As CE Aerospace holds approximately 35.33% and CE Financial Investments holds approximately 1.40% of the issued shares of the Company respectively, CEL is deemed to be interested in approximately 36.74% of the issued shares of the Company under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO.

# Immediately after completion of the Proposed Restructuring



Note 1 : Same as Note 2 above.

Note 2: Same as Note 3 above.

### REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED RESTRUCTURING

MOF is one of the ministries in the PRC under the control, leadership and supervision of the State Council. Huijin Limited is a company incorporated under the laws of the PRC with limited liability and is currently indirectly wholly-owned by the State Council. According to CEL, the Proposed Restructuring involves the intra-group transactions among the group members under the State Council and is conducted at the State Council's sole discretion. The Proposed Restructuring would enable CE Group to consolidate the financial results of CEL and other relevant entities, and it would not affect the operation of the Company.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

In this announcement, unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

"Board" the board of Directors

"BVI" British Virgin Islands

"CE Beijing" China Everbright Group Limited\* (中國光大(集團)總公

司), a wholly state-owned enterprise incorporated under

the laws of the PRC

"CE Hong Kong" China Everbright Holdings Company Limited, a

company incorporated under the laws of Hong Kong

with limited liability

"CE Group" China Everbright Group Ltd.\* (中國光大集團股份公司),

a company transformed from CE Beijing under the laws of the PRC pursuant to the Restructuring Plan and the

Founder Agreement

"CEL" China Everbright Limited, a company incorporated

under the laws of Hong Kong with limited liability and whose shares are listed on the Stock Exchange (stock

code: 165)

"CIC" China Investment Corporation\* (中國投資有限責任公

司), a company incorporated under the laws of the PRC

with limited liability

"Company" China Aircraft Leasing Group Holdings Limited (中國飛

機租賃集團控股有限公司), an exempted company

incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability and whose shares are listed on the Stock Exchange (stack and stack)

(stock code: 1848)

"Directors" the directors of the Company

"Hong Kong" the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the

**PRC** 

"Huijin Limited" Central Huijin Investment Limited\* (中央匯金投資有限

責任公司), a company incorporated under the laws of

the PRC with limited liability

"Listing Rules" the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the

Stock Exchange

"MOF" Ministry of Finance of the PRC

"PRC" The People's Republic of China (excluding, for the

purpose of this announcement, Hong Kong, the Macau Special Administrative Region of the PRC and Taiwan)

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injecting the assets as specified in the Restructuring

Plan

"Restructuring Plan" the restructuring plan of CE Beijing as approved by the

State Council

"SFC" the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong

"SFO" Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the

Laws of Hong Kong)

"State Council" the State Council of the PRC

"Stock Exchange" The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

"Takeovers Code" the Hong Kong Code on Takeovers and Mergers

# By order of the Board

# China Aircraft Leasing Group Holdings Limited POON HO MAN

Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer

Hong Kong, 10 November 2014

As at the date of this announcement, (i) the executive Directors are Mr. Poon Ho Man and Ms Liu Wanting; (ii) the non-executive Directors are Mr. Chen Shuang, Mr. Tang Chi Chun and Mr. Guo Zibin; and (iii) the independent non-executive Directors are Mr. Fan Yan Hok, Philip, Mr. Ng Ming Wah, Charles, Mr. Zhang Chongqing and Mr. Nien Van Jin, Robert.

<sup>\*</sup> For identification purposes only