

HONG LAI HUAT GROUP LIMITED

(Incorporated in the Republic of Singapore)

(Company Registration No. 199905292D)

PROPOSED RENOUNCEABLE NON-UNDERWRITTEN RIGHTS ISSUE – NOTICE OF RECORD DATE FOR THE RIGHTS ISSUE

Unless otherwise defined, all terms and references used herein shall bear the same meanings ascribed to them in the Circular (as defined below) in relation to, amongst others, the Rights Issue.

The Board of Directors of Hong Lai Huat Group Limited (the “**Company**”) refers to the Company’s announcements dated 3 December 2020, 27 December 2020, 1 February 2021 and 23 February 2021 and the Circular to Shareholders dated 1 February 2021 (the “**Circular**”) in relation to, amongst others, the Rights Issue and the results of the EGM held by way of electronic means on 23 February 2021.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Register of Members and the Share Transfer Books of the Company will be closed at 5.00 p.m. on 3 March 2021 (the “**Record Date**”) for the purpose of determining the provisional allotments of Rights Shares of entitled shareholders of the Company (“**Entitled Shareholders**”) under the Rights Issue, comprising:

- (a) “**Entitled Depositors**”, being Shareholders with Shares standing to the credit of their Securities Accounts as at the Record Date and (i) whose registered addresses with CDP are in Singapore as at the Record Date, or (ii) who have, at least three (3) Market Days prior to the Record Date, provided CDP with addresses in Singapore for the service of notices and documents; and
- (b) “**Entitled Scripholders**”, being Shareholders whose share certificates have not been deposited with CDP as well as transferees who have tendered to the Share Registrar registrable transfers of their Shares and the certificates relating thereto for registration up to the Record Date and (i) whose registered addresses with the Company are in Singapore as at the Record Date, or (ii) who have, at least three (3) Market Days prior to the Record Date, provided the Share Registrar with addresses in Singapore for the service of notices and documents.

Subject to the foregoing, the last date for Shares to trade “cum-rights” to the Rights Issue is 1 March 2021 and the first date for Shares to trade “ex-rights” to the Rights Issue is 2 March 2021.

Entitled Depositors should note that all notices and documents will be sent to their last registered Singapore mailing addresses with CDP. Depositors who do not presently have an address in Singapore for the service of notices and documents and who wish to be eligible to participate in the Rights Issue should provide such an address in Singapore by notifying in writing CDP at 11 North Buona Vista Drive, #01-19/20 The Metropolis Tower 2, Singapore 138589, no later than three (3) Market Days before the Record Date.

Shareholders (not being Depositors) who do not presently have an address in Singapore for the service of notices and documents and who wish to be eligible to participate in the Rights Issue should provide such an address in Singapore by notifying the Share Registrar, B.A.C.S. Private Limited at 8 Robinson Road, #03-00 ASO Building, Singapore 048544, in writing not later than three (3) Market Days before the Record Date.

Entitled Scripholders are encouraged to open Securities Accounts if they have not already done so and to deposit their share certificates with CDP well in advance of the Record Date so that their Securities Accounts may be credited by CDP with their Shares prior to the Record Date and their provisional allotments of Rights Shares. Entitled Scripholders should note that their Securities Accounts will only be credited with their Shares on the twelfth (12th) Market Day from the date of lodgement of their share certificates with CDP or such later date as CDP may determine.

Shareholders with registered addresses outside Singapore as at the Record Date and who have not, at least three (3) Market Days prior thereto, provided the Share Registrar or CDP, as the case may be, with addresses in Singapore for the service of notice and documents (“**Foreign Shareholders**”) will not be entitled to participate in the Rights Issue. Accordingly, no provisional allotments of Rights Shares will be made to Foreign Shareholders and no purported acceptance of the provisional allotments of Rights Shares or application for Excess Rights Shares by Foreign Shareholders will be valid.

If it is practicable to do so, the Company may, at its absolute discretion, arrange for the provisional allotments of Rights Shares which would otherwise have been provisionally allotted to Foreign Shareholders, to be sold “nil-paid” on the Mainboard of the SGX-ST as soon as practicable after dealings in the provisional allotments of Rights Shares commence. Such sales may, however, only be effected if the Company, in its absolute discretion, determines that a premium can be obtained from such sales, after taking into account the relevant expenses to be incurred in relation thereto.

The net proceeds from all such sales, after deduction of all expenses therefrom, will be pooled and thereafter distributed to Foreign Shareholders in proportion to their respective shareholdings or, as the case may be, the number of Shares entered against their names in the Depository Register maintained by CDP as at the Record Date and sent to them **AT THEIR OWN RISK** by ordinary post, or in such other manner as they may have agreed with CDP for payment of any cash distributions. If the amount of net proceeds distributable to any single Foreign Shareholder is less than S\$10.00, such net proceeds shall be retained or dealt with as the Directors may, in their absolute discretion, deem fit in the interests of the Company and no Foreign Shareholder shall have any claim whatsoever against the Company, the Directors, SAC Capital Private Limited, CDP, the Share Registrar and/or their respective officers in connection therewith.

An offer information statement in relation to the Rights Issue (the “**Offer Information Statement**”) and its accompanying documents will be lodged with the Monetary Authority of Singapore in due course. The Offer Information Statement and its accompanying documents have not been and will not be lodged, registered or filed in any jurisdiction other than Singapore. The distribution of the Offer Information Statement and its accompanying documents, and the purchase, exercise of or subscription for the provisional allotments of Rights Shares and/or the Rights Shares by any persons who have registered addresses outside Singapore, or who are resident in, or citizens of countries other than Singapore, may be prohibited or restricted (either absolutely or subject to various relevant securities requirements, whether legal or administrative, being complied with) in certain jurisdictions under the relevant securities laws of those jurisdictions. For practical reasons and in order to avoid any violation of the securities legislation applicable in jurisdictions other than Singapore, the Rights Issue is only made in Singapore, and the Offer Information Statement and its accompanying documents will not be despatched or, as the case may be, disseminated to Foreign Shareholders.

Subject to the terms and conditions of the Offer Information Statement and the accompanying documents, Entitled Shareholders will be at liberty to accept, decline or renounce their provisional allotments of Rights Shares and will also be eligible to apply for Excess Rights Shares.

Further details of the Rights Issue will be made available in the Offer Information Statement to be despatched or otherwise disseminated in accordance with such laws and regulation as may be applicable to Entitled Shareholders, in due course.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Liew Meng Ling
Company Secretary

Singapore,
Date: 23 February 2021