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**GUANGDONG – HONG KONG GREATER BAY AREA
HOLDINGS LIMITED**

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(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock code: 1396)

ISSUANCE OF US\$277,220,000 13.85% SENIOR NOTES DUE 2023

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The Board is pleased to announce that on 8 October 2021, the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantors entered into the Purchase Agreement with Haitong International, Guotai Junan International, Potomac Capital Limited and Zhongtai International in connection with the issue of the New Notes under the Concurrent New Money Issuance. The Group intends to use the net cash proceeds from the Concurrent New Money Issuance to refinance the Existing Notes and other existing medium to long term offshore debts which will become due within one year.

Subject to completion of the Exchange Offer and the Concurrent New Money Issuance, the Company will issue US\$41,500,000 of the New Notes in the Concurrent New Money Issuance and US\$235,720,000 of the New Notes pursuant to the Exchange Offer, for an aggregate principal amount of US\$277,220,000 of the New Notes.

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THE PURCHASE AGREEMENT IN RELATION TO THE CONCURRENT NEW MONEY ISSUANCE

Date: 8 October 2021

Parties to the Purchase Agreement

- (a) the Company;
- (b) the Subsidiary Guarantors;
- (c) Haitong International;
- (d) Guotai Junan International;
- (e) Potomac Capital Limited; and
- (f) Zhongtai International.

Haitong International, Guotai Junan International and Potomac Capital Limited are the joint global coordinators, and Haitong International, Guotai Junan International, Potomac Capital Limited and Zhongtai International are the joint bookrunners and joint lead managers, in respect of the offer and sale of the New Notes under the Concurrent New Money Issuance. To the best of the Directors’ knowledge, information and belief, having made all reasonable enquiries, each of Haitong International, Guotai Junan International, Potomac Capital Limited, and Zhongtai International is an independent third party and not a connected person of the Company and its connected persons.

The New Notes have not been, and will not be, registered under the Securities Act. The New Notes will only be offered outside the United States in offshore transactions to non-U.S. persons in compliance with Regulation S under the Securities Act, and may not be offered or sold within the United States or to, or for the account on benefit of, U.S. persons (as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act) except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act. None of the New Notes will be offered to the public in Hong Kong.

Offering Price

The offering price of the New Notes under the Concurrent New Money Issuance is 100% of the principal amount with respect to the New Notes.

Principal terms of the New Notes

The following is a summary of certain provisions of the New Notes and the Indenture. This summary does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the provisions of the Indenture, the New Notes, the guarantees provided by the Company, Subsidiary Guarantors, and the JV Subsidiary Guarantors, if any.

Amount and tenor

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Interest

The New Notes will bear interest from and including 12 October 2021 at the rate of 13.85% per annum, payable semi-annually in arrears on 12 April and 12 October each year, commencing 12 April 2022.

Ranking of the New Notes

The New Notes are (1) general obligations of the Company; (2) senior in right of payment to any existing and future obligations of the Company expressly subordinated in right of payment to the New Notes; (3) at least pari passu in right of payment with all unsecured, unsubordinated indebtedness of the Company (subject to any priority rights of such unsecured unsubordinated indebtedness pursuant to applicable law); (4) guaranteed by the Subsidiary Guarantors and the JV Subsidiary Guarantors (if any) on a senior basis, subject to certain limitations; (5) effectively subordinated to the secured obligations of the Company, the

Subsidiary Guarantors and the JV Subsidiary Guarantors (if any), to the extent of the value of the assets serving as security therefor; and (6) effectively subordinated to all existing and future obligations of the Non-Guarantor subsidiaries.

Events of default

The events of default under the New Notes include:

- (a) default in the payment of principal of (or premium, if any, on) the New Notes when the same becomes due and payable at maturity, upon acceleration, redemption or otherwise;
- (b) default in the payment of interest on any New Note when the same becomes due and payable, and such default continues for a period of 30 consecutive days;
- (c) default in the performance or breach of the provisions of the covenants relating to consolidation, merger and sale of assets, the failure by the Company to make or consummate an offer to purchase in the manner prescribed by the terms of the Indenture;
- (d) the Company or any restricted subsidiary defaults in the performance of or breaches any other covenant or agreement in the Indenture or under the New Notes (other than a default specified in (a), (b) or (c) above) and such default or breach continues for a period of 30 consecutive days after written notice by the trustee of the New Notes or the holders of 25% or more in aggregate principal amount of the New Notes;
- (e) there occurs with respect to any indebtedness of the Company or any restricted subsidiary having an outstanding principal amount of US\$10.0 million (or the dollar equivalent thereof) or more in the aggregate for all such indebtedness of all such persons, whether such indebtedness now exists or shall hereafter be created, (i) an event of default that has caused the holder thereof to declare such indebtedness to be due and payable prior to its stated maturity and/or (ii) the failure to make a principal payment when due;
- (f) one or more final judgments or orders for the payment of money are rendered against the Company or any restricted subsidiary and are not paid or discharged, and there is a period of 60 consecutive days following entry of the final judgment or order that causes the aggregate amount for all such final judgments or orders outstanding and not paid or discharged against all such persons to exceed US\$10.0 million (or the dollar equivalent thereof) (in excess of amounts the Company's insurance carriers have agreed to pay under applicable policies) during which a stay of enforcement, by reason of a pending appeal or otherwise, is not in effect;
- (g) an involuntary case or other proceeding is commenced against the Company or any significant restricted subsidiary with respect to it or its debts under any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law now or hereafter in effect seeking the appointment of a receiver, liquidator, assignee, custodian, trustee, sequestrator or similar official of the Company or any significant restricted subsidiary or for any substantial

part of the property and assets of the Company or any significant restricted subsidiary and such involuntary case or other proceeding remains undismissed and unstayed for a period of 60 consecutive days; or an order for relief is entered against the Company or any significant restricted subsidiary under any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law as now or hereafter in effect;

- (h) the Company or any significant restricted subsidiary (i) commences a voluntary case under any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law now or hereafter in effect, or consents to the entry of an order for relief in an involuntary case under any such law, (ii) other than in connection with a solvent liquidation or reorganization, consents to the appointment of or taking possession by a receiver, liquidator, assignee, custodian, trustee, sequestrator or similar official of the Company or any significant restricted subsidiary or for all or substantially all of the property and assets of the Company or any significant restricted subsidiary or (iii) effects any general assignment for the benefit of creditors; or
- (i) any Subsidiary Guarantor or JV Subsidiary Guarantor (if any) denies or disaffirms its obligations under its Subsidiary Guarantee or JV Subsidiary Guarantee (if any) or, except as permitted by the Indenture, any Subsidiary Guarantee or JV Subsidiary Guarantee is determined to be unenforceable or invalid or shall for any reason cease to be in full force and effect.

If an event of default (other than an event of default specified in (g) or (h) above) occurs and is continuing under the Indenture, the Trustee or the holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the New Notes then outstanding, by written notice to the Company (and to the Trustee if such notice is given by the holders), may, and the Trustee at the written request of such holders shall (subject to receiving indemnity and/or security to its reasonable satisfaction), declare the principal of, premium, if any, and accrued and unpaid interest on the New Notes to be immediately due and payable. Upon a declaration of acceleration, such principal of, premium, if any, and accrued and unpaid interest shall be immediately due and payable. If an event of default specified in (g) or (h) above occurs with respect to the Company or any restricted subsidiary, the principal of, premium, if any, and accrued and unpaid interest on the New Notes then outstanding shall automatically become and be immediately due and payable without any declaration or other act on the part of the Trustee or any holder of the New Notes.

Covenants

Subject to certain conditions and exceptions, the New Notes, the Indenture, the Subsidiary Guarantees and the JV Subsidiary Guarantees (if any) will limit the Company's ability and the ability of its restricted subsidiaries to, among other things:

- (a) incur or guarantee additional indebtedness and issue disqualified or preferred stock;
- (b) declare or pay dividends on, or make other distributions in respect of its capital stock or purchase or redeem capital stock;

- (c) make investments or other specified restricted payments;
- (d) issue or sell capital stock of restricted subsidiaries;
- (e) guarantee indebtedness of restricted subsidiaries;
- (f) sell assets;
- (g) create liens;
- (h) enter into sale and leaseback transactions;
- (i) engage in any business other than permitted business;
- (j) enter into agreements that restrict the restricted subsidiaries' ability to pay dividends, transfer assets or make intercompany loans;
- (k) enter into transactions with shareholders or affiliates; and
- (l) effect a consolidation or merger or transfer all or substantially all of their assets.

Optional Redemption for the New Notes

The New Notes may be redeemed in the following circumstances:

- (1) At any time prior to 12 October 2023, the Company may at its option redeem the New Notes, in whole but not in part, at a redemption price equal to 102.6% of the principal amount of the New Notes plus the applicable premium as of, and accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to (but not including) the redemption date.
- (2) At any time and from time to time prior to 12 October 2023, the Company may redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal outstanding amount of the New Notes with the net cash proceeds of one or more sales of common stock of the Company in an equity offering at a redemption price of 113.85% of the principal amount of the New Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to (but not including) the redemption date; provided that at least 65% of the aggregate principal amount of the New Notes originally issued on the original issue date remains outstanding after each such redemption and any such redemption takes place within 60 days after the closing of the related equity offering.

The Company will give not less than 30 days' nor more than 60 days' notice of any redemption.

PROPOSED USE OF PROCEEDS

The Group intends to use the net proceeds of the Concurrent New Money Issuance to refinance the Existing Notes and other existing medium to long term offshore debts which will become due within one year.

LISTING OF THE NEW NOTES

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GENERAL

Shareholders, holders of the Existing Notes and potential investors should note that completion of the Exchange Offer and the Concurrent New Money Issuance is subject to the fulfillment or waiver of the conditions precedent to the Exchange Offer and the Concurrent New Money Issuance as set forth in the Exchange Offer Memorandum and summarised in the Announcements. No assurance can be given that the Exchange Offer and the Concurrent New Money Issuance will be completed and the Company reserves the right to amend, withdraw or terminate the Exchange Offer and the Concurrent New Money Issuance with or without conditions.

The Company may, at its sole discretion, amend or waive certain of the conditions precedent to the Exchange Offer and the Concurrent New Money Issuance. As the Exchange Offer and the Concurrent New Money Issuance may or may not proceed, shareholders, holders of the Existing Notes and potential investors should exercise caution when dealing in the shares of the Company or the Existing Notes.

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DEFINITIONS

In this announcement, the following expressions shall have the meanings set forth below unless the context requires otherwise:

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| “connected person” | has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules |
| “Indenture” | the written agreement entered into between the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors as guarantors and the Trustee, that specifies the terms and conditions of the New Notes including the covenants, events of default, interest rate of the New Notes and the maturity date |
| “JV Subsidiary Guarantees” | limited recourse guarantees to be given by the JV Subsidiary Guarantors on the New Notes |
| “JV Subsidiary Guarantors” | certain subsidiaries of the Company, other than the Subsidiary Guarantors, that guarantee the Company’s obligations under the New Notes |
| “Purchase Agreement” | the agreement dated 8 October 2021 entered into by and among Haitong International, Guotai Junan International, Potomac Capital Limited, Zhongtai International, the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantors in respect of the offer and sale of the New Notes under the Concurrent New Money Issuance |
| “Subsidiary Guarantees” | guarantees for the New Notes to be provided by the Subsidiary Guarantors |
| “Subsidiary Guarantors” | certain existing subsidiaries of the Company that on the issue date of the New Notes will provide guarantees for the New Notes |
| “Trustee” | Citicorp International Limited |
| “Zhongtai International” | Zhongtai International Securities Limited |

By Order of the Board
Guangdong – Hong Kong Greater Bay Area Holdings Limited
Wong Choi Hing
Chairman and Executive Director

Hong Kong, 8 October 2021

As at the date of this announcement, our executive Directors of the Company are Mr. Wong Choi Hing, Mr. Zeng Yunshu, Mr. Cai Hongwen, Mr. Yang Sanming and Mr. Wang Dewen; and our independent non-executive Directors of the Company are Mr. Lam Chi Yuen Nelson, Mr. Yue Zheng and Mr. Dai Yiyi.