

**PROPOSED RENOUNCEABLE NON-UNDERWRITTEN RIGHTS ISSUE  
– NOTICE OF BOOKS CLOSURE DATE**

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**1. INTRODUCTION**

The board of directors (the "**Board**" or "**Directors**") of Hong Leong Asia Ltd. (the "**Company**") refers to the Company's announcements dated 14 August 2018, 5 September 2018 and 7 September 2018 (the "**Announcements**") in relation to the proposed renounceable non-underwritten rights issue (the "**Rights Issue**") of up to 374,678,559 new ordinary shares in the capital of the Company (the "**Rights Shares**") at an issue price of S\$0.54 for each Rights Share, on the basis of one (1) Rights Share for every one (1) existing ordinary share in the capital of the Company.

Unless otherwise defined, all capitalised terms herein shall bear the same meaning as ascribed to them in the Announcements. Any reference to the time of day herein shall be a reference to Singapore time.

**2. NOTICE OF BOOKS CLOSURE DATE**

**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 2 October 2018** (the "**Books Closure Date**") for the purpose of determining the provisional allotments of Rights Shares of Shareholders whose registered addresses with the Company or The Central Depository (Pte) Limited ("**CDP**"), as the case may be, are in Singapore as at the Books Closure Date or who have, at least three (3) Market Days<sup>1</sup> prior to the Books Closure Date, provided to CDP, at 9 North Buona Vista Drive, #01-19/20 The Metropolis Tower 2, Singapore 138588 or the Company's share registrar, M & C Services Private Limited (the "**Share Registrar**"), at 112 Robinson Road, #05-01, Singapore 068902, as the case may be, addresses in Singapore for the service of notices and documents (the "**Entitled Shareholders**").

The Shares will trade on a "cum-rights" basis on the SGX-ST up to 5.00 p.m. on 27 September 2018. The Shares will trade on an "ex-rights" basis from 9.00 a.m. on 28 September 2018 and any person who purchases Shares on and from 28 September 2018 will not be entitled to any provisional allotment of Rights Shares under the Rights Issue.

**3. ELIGIBILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RIGHTS ISSUE**

**3.1 Eligibility to Participate**

Entitled Shareholders will be entitled to participate in the Rights Issue and receive the Offer Information Statement together with the appropriate application forms and accompanying documents at their respective Singapore addresses as maintained with the records of the CDP or the Share Registrar, as the case may be.

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<sup>1</sup> "**Market Day**" means a day on which the SGX-ST is open for trading in securities.

### 3.2 Entitled Depositors

Entitled Depositors are Shareholders with Shares standing to the credit of their securities accounts (the "**Securities Account**") with CDP and whose registered addresses with CDP are in Singapore as at the Books Closure Date or if they have registered addresses outside Singapore, have provided CDP with addresses in Singapore for the service of notices and documents not later than 5.00 p.m. on the date falling three (3) Market Days prior to the Books Closure Date (the "**Entitled Depositors**").

Entitled Depositors will be provisionally allotted the Rights Shares on the basis of the number of Shares standing to the credit of their Securities Accounts as at 5.00 p.m. on the Books Closure Date.

### 3.3 Entitled Scripholders

Entitled Scripholders are Shareholders whose (i) share certificates are not deposited with CDP, (ii) Shares are registered in their own names, and (iii) registered addresses with the Share Registrar are in Singapore as at the Books Closure Date or who have provided the Share Registrar with addresses in Singapore for the service of notices and documents not later than 5.00 p.m. (Singapore time) on the date falling three (3) Market Days prior to the Books Closure Date, and who have tendered to the Share Registrar valid transfers of their Shares and the certificates relating thereto for registration up to the Books Closure Date (the "**Entitled Scripholders**").

Entitled Scripholders will have to submit duly completed and stamped transfers in respect of Shares not registered in the name of CDP, together with all relevant documents of title, so as to be received up to 5.00 p.m. on the Books Closure Date by the Share Registrar, in order to be registered to determine their provisional allotments of Rights Shares.

### 3.4 Foreign Shareholders

Foreign Shareholders are Shareholders with registered addresses outside Singapore and who have not provided CDP or the Share Registrar, as the case may be, with addresses in Singapore for the service of notices and document, by 5.00 p.m. on the date falling three (3) Market Days prior to the Books Closure Date ("**Foreign Shareholders**").

The Offer Information Statement and its accompanying documents will not be despatched, lodged, registered or filed in any jurisdiction other than Singapore. The distribution of the Offer Information Statement and its accompanying documents may be prohibited or restricted (either absolutely or subject to various securities laws 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 Shares will **NOT** be offered to and the Offer Information Statement and its accompanying documents will **NOT** be despatched to Foreign Shareholders or into any jurisdictions outside Singapore.

Accordingly, Foreign Shareholders will not be entitled to participate in the Rights Issue. As Foreign Shareholders will not be entitled to participate in the Rights Issue, no provisional allotment of Rights Shares will be made to Foreign Shareholders and no purported acceptance thereof or application for any excess Rights Shares therefor by any Foreign Shareholder will be valid.

Entitlements to Rights Shares which would otherwise have been provisionally allotted to Foreign Shareholders will, if practicable to do so and at the absolute discretion of the Company, be sold "nil-paid" on 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 standing to the credit of their respective Securities Accounts as at the Books Closure Date and sent to them at their own risk by ordinary post. If the amount of net proceeds to be distributed to any single Foreign Shareholder is less than S\$10.00, the Company shall be entitled to retain or deal with such net proceeds as the Board may, in their absolute discretion, deem fit in the interests of the Company and no Foreign Shareholder or persons acting to the account or benefit of any such persons shall have any claim whatsoever against the Company, the Directors, the Manager, the CDP, the Share Registrar and/or their respective officers in connection therewith.

Where the provisional allotments of Rights Shares are sold "nil-paid" on the SGX-ST, they will be sold at such price or prices as the Company may, in its absolute discretion, decide and no Foreign Shareholder or persons acting to the account or benefit of any such persons shall have any claim whatsoever against the Company, the Directors, the Manager, CDP, the Share Registrar and/or their respective officers in connection therewith. If such provisional allotments of Rights Shares cannot be sold or are not sold on the SGX-ST as aforesaid for any reason by such time as the SGX-ST shall have declared to be the last day for trading in the provisional allotments of Rights Shares, the Rights Shares represented by such provisional allotments will be allotted and issued to satisfy applications for excess Rights Shares (if any) or disposed of or dealt with in such manner as the Board may, in its absolute discretion, deem fit in the interests of the Company and no Foreign Shareholder or persons acting to the account or benefit of any such persons shall have any claim whatsoever against the Company, the Directors, the Manager, CDP, the Share Registrar and/or their respective officers in connection therewith.

**SHAREHOLDERS WITH REGISTERED ADDRESSES OUTSIDE SINGAPORE WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RIGHTS ISSUE MAY PROVIDE AN ADDRESS IN SINGAPORE FOR THE SERVICE OF NOTICES AND DOCUMENTS BY NOTIFYING IN WRITING, AS THE CASE MAY BE, (I) CDP AT 9 NORTH BUONA VISTA DRIVE, #01- 19/20 THE METROPOLIS TOWER 2, SINGAPORE 138588 OR (II) M & C SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED AT 112 ROBINSON ROAD, #05-01, SINGAPORE 068902, IN EACH CASE, AT LEAST THREE (3) MARKET DAYS PRIOR TO THE BOOKS CLOSURE DATE.**

### **3.5 Entitled Shareholders**

Entitled Shareholders are at liberty to accept (in full or in part), decline, or otherwise renounce or trade (during the provisional allotment trading period prescribed by SGX-ST) their provisional allotments of the Rights Shares and will be eligible to apply for additional Rights Shares in excess of their provisional allotments under the Rights Issue.

## **4. FURTHER DETAILS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Further details of the Rights Issue will be made available in the Offer Information Statement to be despatched to the Entitled Shareholders in due course. The Company will make further announcements relating to the Rights Issue (including any material developments and progress made) as may be appropriate from time to time.

**BY ORDER OF THE BOARD**  
HONG LEONG ASIA LTD.

Yeo Swee Gim, Joanne  
Company Secretary

24 September 2018  
Singapore