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# ELECTION OF LANGUAGE AND MEANS OF RECEIPT OF CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS

## **INTRODUCTION**

Chong Hing Bank Limited (the "**Bank**") is availing itself of Rules 2.07A and 2.07B of the Listing Rules to make arrangements to offer its Shareholders the options to elect for receipt of its Corporate Communications (as defined below) either by electronic means through the Bank's website at <u>www.chbank.com</u> or in printed form (in English version only, or in Chinese version only, or in both English and Chinese versions). For the purposes of environmental protection and cost saving, the Bank recommends its Shareholders to elect the Website Version (as defined below) for receiving Corporate Communications.

# PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS

In accordance with Rules 2.07A and 2.07B of the Listing Rules, the following arrangements have been made by the Bank:

- 1. A letter of request (the "**First Letter**") dated 5 July 2016 together with a pre-paid reply form (the "**Reply Form**"), in both English and Chinese versions, have been sent by the Bank to its Shareholders to enable them to elect any one of the following options for receipt of the Corporate Communications:
  - (1) to read the Corporate Communications published on the Bank's website at <u>www.chbank.com</u> (the "Website Version") in place of receiving printed copies, and receive the Bank's printed notification of the publication of Corporate Communications on its website; or
  - (2) to receive the printed English version of all Corporate Communications only; or
  - (3) to receive the printed Chinese version of all Corporate Communications only; or
  - (4) to receive both the printed English and Chinese versions of all Corporate Communications.

The Reply Form should be completed, signed and returned by post using the mailing label at the bottom of the Reply Form (a stamp is not needed if posted in Hong Kong) or by hand delivery to the Bank c/o the Bank's Share Registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong.

- 2. The First Letter explains that if the Bank does not receive the duly completed Reply Form or receive a response indicating any objection from its Shareholders by 2 August 2016, such Shareholders will be deemed to have consented to Website Version only in place of receiving printed copies. A notification of the publication of Corporate Communications will be sent to such Shareholders by post when the relevant Corporate Communications are published on the Bank's website.
- 3. Shareholders who wish to receive Corporate Communications in printed form can select to receive either English version only, or Chinese version only, or both English and Chinese versions. The Shareholders have the right at any time by reasonable notice in writing to the Bank c/o the Bank's Share Registrar or via email at chbank.ecom@computershare.com.hk specifying their name, address and request, to change the choice of language or means of receipt of the Corporate Communications. Even if a Shareholder has chosen (or is deemed to have consented) to receive all Corporate Communications using electronic means but for any reason has difficulty in receiving or gaining access to the Corporate Communications, the Bank will promptly upon request send the Corporate Communications to this Shareholder in printed form free of charge.
- 4. When each of the printed Corporate Communications (either English version or Chinese version only) is sent out in accordance with the arrangements as set out in paragraph 3 above, a notification letter (the "Second Letter") together with a pre-paid request form (the "Request Form"), in both English and Chinese versions, will be attached to the Corporate Communications stating that the Corporate Communications prepared in the other language will be available upon request.
- 5. With respect to Shareholders who have chosen (or are deemed to have consented) to receive all Corporate Communications using electronic means, the Second Letter together with the Request Form will be sent to such Shareholders by post as and when any Corporate Communication is published on the Bank's website and the website of the Stock Exchange.
- 6. Each of the Corporate Communications in both English and Chinese versions and in an accessible format will be available on the Bank's website at <u>www.chbank.com</u> and the website of the Stock Exchange at <u>www.hkex.com.hk</u>.
- 7. Shareholders can call the Bank's telephone hotline at (852) 2862 8688 during business hours from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. from Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays, in respect of any queries in relation to the Bank's proposed arrangements.

### DEFINITIONS

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

| "Corporate Communications" | any documents issued or to be issued by the Bank for the<br>information or action of holders of any of its securities as<br>defined in Rule 1.01 of the Listing Rules, including but not<br>limited to (a) the directors' report, its annual accounts<br>together with a copy of the auditors' report and, where<br>applicable, its summary financial report; (b) the interim<br>report and, where applicable, its summary interim report; (c)<br>a notice of meeting; (d) a listing document; (e) a circular;<br>and (f) a proxy form |
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| "Listing Rules"            | Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock<br>Exchange of Hong Kong Limited  |
| "Shareholder(s)"           | holder(s) of ordinary shares issued by the Bank  |
| "Hong Kong"                | Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of The People's Republic of China  |
| "Stock Exchange"           | The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited  |

By Order of the Board Chong Hing Bank Limited Lai Wing Nga Company Secretary

#### Hong Kong, 5 July 2016

As at the date of this announcement, the Board of the Bank comprises:

- Executive Directors Mrs Leung Ko May Yee Margaret (Deputy Chairman, Managing Director and Chief Executive), Mr Zong Jianxin (Deputy Managing Director) and Mr Lau Wai Man (Deputy Managing Director);
- Non-executive Directors Mr <u>Zhang</u> Zhaoxing (Chairman), Mr <u>Zhu</u> Chunxiu, Mr <u>Wang</u> Shuhui, Mr <u>Li</u> Feng and Mr <u>Chow</u> Cheuk Yu Alfred; and
- Independent Non-executive Directors Mr <u>Chiranakhorn</u> Wanchai, Mr <u>Cheng</u> Yuk Wo, Mr <u>Ma</u> Chiu Cheung Andrew, Mr <u>Lee</u> Ka Lun and Mr <u>Yu</u> Lup Fat Joseph.