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# HOPEWELL HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE LIMITED 合和公路基建有限公司\*

(incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 737)

## CHANGE OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IN HONG KONG

## **AND**

## CONTINUING CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS TENANCY AGREEMENTS

On 31 January 2008, Singway as landlord and HCDL as tenant has entered into the Agreements for the relocation of the current office in Hopewell Centre and the lease of additional office areas in Hopewell Centre. The Agreements (together with the current tenancy agreements between the parties) constitute continuing connected transactions of the Company under Rule 14A.14 of the Listing Rules.

The entering into of the Agreements (when aggregated with the current tenancy agreements between the parties) is subject to the reporting, announcement and annual review requirements set out in Rules 14A.45 to 14A.47 and Rules 14A.37 to 14A.40 of the Listing Rules and is exempt from the independent shareholders' approval requirements under Rule 14A.34 of the Listing Rules.

The Company's principal place of business in Hong Kong will be changed to Room 63-02, 63rd Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong with effect from 1 February 2008.

### CHANGE OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IN HONG KONG

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## **TENANCY AGREEMENTS**

Singway as landlord and HCDL as tenant has entered into the Agreements in respect of the relocation of the current office in Hopewell Centre and the lease of additional office areas in Hopewell Centre as detailed below:-

	Tenancy Agreement for	Supplemental Agreement
	Additional Areas	
Date:	31 January 2008	31 January 2008
Parties:		
Landlord	Singway, a property holding company and a wholly-owned subsidiary of HHL	Singway
Tenant	HCDL, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company	HCDL
Premises:	Additional areas on 59th and 63rd Floors of Hopewell Centre with a total gross floor area of approximately 2,434 square feet.	Relocation of the current office from Room 64-02 to Room 63-02 (which is of approximately the same size as Room 64-02) of Hopewell Centre
Lease Term:	One Year and Five Months commencing from 1 February 2008 to 30 June 2009	Not applicable
Rent:	HK\$92,492 per month (exclusive of air-conditioning charges, management charges and government rates)	Not applicable
Air-conditioning Charges:	HK\$6,571.80 per month as at the date of the agreement (subject to revision from time to time during the term)	Not applicable
Management Charges:	HK\$5,111.40 per month as at the date of the agreement (subject to revision from time to time during the term)	Not applicable

The rent (including the current air-conditioning charges and management charges) at approximately HKD42.80 per square foot under the Tenancy Agreement for Additional Areas was determined by reference to open market rent of office units of similar size and location. The board of directors of the Company (including the independent non-executive directors) considers that the terms of the Agreements were negotiated on an arm's length basis and were entered into on normal commercial terms and in the ordinary and usual course of business of the Group and the terms are fair and reasonable and in the interests of the shareholders of the Company as a whole.

In addition to the above, HCDL also has lease arrangement with Singway for:

- 1. Tenancy Agreement for Room 64-02 of a gross floor area of approximately 2,727 square feet of Hopewell Centre (which will be relocated to Room 63-02 of Hopewell Centre with effect from 1 February 2008 pursuant to the Supplemental Agreement) for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2009 at the rent (including the current air-conditioning charges and management charges, which are subject to revision from time to time during the term) of HK\$89,445.60 per month;
- 2. Tenancy Agreement for Room 5904B of a gross floor area of approximately 1,413 square feet of Hopewell Centre for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2009 at the rent (including the current air-conditioning charges and management charges, which

- are subject to revision from time to time during the term) of HK\$46,346.40 per month; and
- 3. Two car parking spaces in Hopewell Centre on monthly basis at current aggregate rental of HK\$8,550 per month.

Based on the amounts payable per month set out above, the annual caps on the rent (including the air-conditioning charges and management charges) payable by HCDL under the Agreements and the current tenancy agreements are set as follows:

## For the year ending 30 June 2008 For the year ending 30 June 2009

HK\$3,000,000 HK\$4,000,000

#### REASONS FOR ENTERING INTO THE AGREEMENTS

Since 2003, HCDL and another subsidiary of the Company have entered into tenancy agreements with Singway for office space in Hopewell Centre which is used as the principal place of business of the Company in Hong Kong. Such tenancy agreements have been exempted from reporting, announcement and independent shareholders' approval requirement under the Listing Rules. Due to the expansion of the Company, HCDL has to lease larger office space from Singway and thus entered into the Tenancy Agreement for Additional Areas and arranged for the relocation of office from Room 64-02 to Room 63-02 Hopewell Centre accordingly. The rental charge per square foot under the Tenancy Agreement for Additional Areas has also increased due to the up-rising rentals as a result of the property market growth in Hong Kong.

#### CONTINUING CONNECTED TRANSACTION

As at the date of this announcement, HHL is the holding company of the Company (the HHL Group holds approximately 73% of the issued share capital of the Company). Singway is wholly-owned by HHL. Accordingly, Singway is a connected person of the Company under the Listing Rules and the entering into of the Agreements (together with the current tenancy agreements between the parties) constitute continuing connected transactions of the Company under Rule 14A.14 of the Listing Rules. The Agreements (together with the current tenancy agreements between the parties) are subject to the reporting, announcement and annual review requirements set out in Rules 14A.45 to 14A.47 and Rules 14A.37 to 14A.40 of the Listing Rules and are exempt from the independent shareholders' approval requirements under Rule 14A.34 of the Listing Rules.

## **GENERAL**

The Group's primary business is to initiate, promote, develop and operate strategically important roads, tunnels, bridges and related infrastructure projects in the People's Republic of China, and in particular the Pearl River Delta region bordering Hong Kong.

## **DEFINITIONS**

Unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms shall have the meanings set out below:

"the Agreements"

The Tenancy Agreement for Additional Areas and

the Supplemental Agreement

"the Company"

Hopewell Highway Infrastructure Limited, a limited

liability company incorporated in the Cayman Islands, the shares of which are listed on the Main

Board of the Stock Exchange

"Group" the Company and its subsidiaries

"HCDL" Hopewell China Development (Superhighway)

Limited, a limited liability company incorporated in Hong Kong and a wholly-owned subsidiary of the

Company

"HHL" Hopewell Holdings Limited, a limited liability

company incorporated in Hong Kong, the shares of which are listed on the Main Board of the Stock

Exchange

"HHL Group" HHL and its subsidiaries

"HK\$" Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong

Kong

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

Stock Exchange

"Singway" Singway (B.V.I.) Company Limited, a limited liability

company incorporated in British Virgin Islands and a

wholly-owned subsidiary of HHL

"Stock Exchange" The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

"Supplemental Agreement" a supplemental agreement dated 31 January 2008

entered into between Singway and HCDL in relation to the relocation of office from Room 64-02 to Room

63-02 of Hopewell Centre

"Tenancy Agreement for

Additional Areas"

the tenancy agreement dated 31 January 2008 entered into between Singway and HCDL in relation to additional office spaces in 59th and 63rd of

Hopewell Centre

By Order of the Board
Hopewell Highway Infrastructure Limited
Peter Yip Wah LEE
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 31 January, 2008

As at the date of this announcement, the board of directors of the Company comprises eight executive directors namely, Sir Gordon Ying Sheung WU (Chairman), Mr. Eddie Ping Chang HO (Vice Chairman), Mr. Thomas Jefferson WU (Managing Director), Mr. Alan Chi Hung CHAN (Deputy Managing Director), Ir. Leo Kwok Kee LEUNG, Mr. Lijia HUANG, Mr. Cheng Hui JIA and Mr. Barry Chung Tat MOK, and five independent non-executive directors namely, Mr. Philip Tsung Cheng FEI, Mr. Lee Yick NAM, Mr. Kojiro NAKAHARA, Dr. Gordon YEN and Mr. Yuk Keung IP.

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