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# EASYKNIT INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LIMITED 永義國際集團有限公司\*

(a company incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 1218)

## DISCLOSEABLE TRANSACTION

During the period from 28 October 2010 to 10 February 2011, the Company, through its wholly owned subsidiary, acquired an aggregate of 150,000 HKEx Shares on the market for an aggregate consideration of HK\$25,540,000 (excluding transaction costs).

The percentage ratios in relation to the aggregate investments in HKEx Shares for the period from 28 October 2010 to 10 February 2011 (being the date on which the investments in the HKEx Shares by the Company first became a discloseable transaction) exceed 5% but are less than 25%. Accordingly, the aggregate investments in HKEx Shares for the period from 28 October 2010 up to and including 10 February 2011 constitute a discloseable transaction of the Company under Chapter 14 of the Listing Rules. This announcement is made pursuant to the Listing Rules in respect of all investments in the HKEx Shares acquired from 28 October 2010 to 10 February 2011.

## THE ACQUISITION

During the period from 28 October 2010 to 10 February 2011, the Company, through its wholly owned subsidiary, acquired an aggregate of 150,000 HKEx Shares on the market for an aggregate consideration of HK\$25,540,000 (excluding transaction costs).

As the Acquisition was made on the market, the Company is not aware of the identities of the vendors of the HKEx Shares. To the best of the knowledge, information and belief of the Directors, having made all reasonable enquiries, each of the vendors of the HKEx Shares and their ultimate beneficial owners are third parties independent of the Company and its connected persons (as defined in the Listing Rules).

## Assets acquired

150,000 HKEx Shares, representing approximately 0.0139% of the issued shares of HKEx based on 1,078,140,846 HKEx Shares in issue as at 31 January 2011 according to publicly available information.

#### Consideration

The aggregate consideration of the Acquisition was HK\$25,540,000 (excluding transaction costs), which was satisfied in cash from internal resources of the Company. The consideration for the Acquisition represented the market price of the HKEx Shares at the time of the Acquisition.

## REASONS FOR AND BENEFITS OF THE ACQUISITION

The Group is principally engaged in property investment and development, securities investment and loan financing.

Having considered the track record of HKEx and its recent performance, the Company considers that the HKEx Shares are an attractive investment and can enhance the returns on cash for the Company.

As the Acquisition was made at market price, the Directors (including the independent non-executive Directors) are of the view that the Acquisition was fair and reasonable, on normal commercial terms and in the interests of the Company and its Shareholders as a whole.

## **INFORMATION ON HKEX**

According to publicly available information, HKEx is a company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability, the shares of which are listed on the main board of the Stock Exchange (Stock Code: 388), and it owns and operates the only stock exchange and futures exchange in Hong Kong, and their related clearing houses. Further information on HKEx can be found on the website of the Stock Exchange. Based on the quarterly report of HKEx for the nine months ended 30 September 2010, the unaudited net asset value of HKEx as at 30 September 2010 was HK\$7,196,000,000. According to the annual report of HKEx for the year ended 31

December 2009, its net profits from ordinary activities before and after taxation were approximately HK\$5,928,137,000 and HK\$5,128,631,000 respectively for the year ended 31 December 2008, and HK\$5,542,091,000 and HK\$4,704,044,000 respectively for the year ended 31 December 2009.

#### **GENERAL**

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If the Group acquires any further HKEx Shares, the Company will comply with the reporting, announcement and Shareholders' approval requirements under the Listing Rules if and when necessary.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

transaction"

In this announcement, unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms have the following meanings:

"Acquisition"	the acquisition by the Company, through its wholly owned subsidiary, of a total of 150,000 HKEx Shares on the market during the period from 28 October 2010 to 10 February 2011
"Board"	the board of Directors
"Company"	Easyknit International Holdings Limited (永義國際集團有限公司*), a company incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability, the shares of which are listed on the Stock Exchange
"Director(s)"	director(s) of the Company
"discloseable	as defined in the Listing Rules

"Group" the Company and its subsidiaries

"HKEx" Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Ltd, a company the

shares of which are listed on the main board of the

Stock Exchange (Stock code: 00388)

"HKEx Share(s)" share(s) of HK\$1.00 each in the share capital of HKEx

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

"Hong Kong" the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the

**PRC** 

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

Stock Exchange

"percentage ratios" as defined in the Listing Rules

"Share(s)" ordinary share(s) of HK\$0.10 each in the share capital

of the Company

"Shareholder(s)" holder(s) of Shares

"Stock Exchange" The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

"%" per cent

By order of the Board of

Easyknit International Holdings Limited

Kwong Jimmy Cheung Tim

President and Chief Executive Officer

# Hong Kong, 14 February 2011

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Mr. Kwong Jimmy Cheung Tim, Ms. Lui Yuk Chu and Ms. Koon Ho Yan, Candy as executive Directors; Mr. Tse Wing Chiu, Ricky as non-executive Director; and Mr. Tsui Chun Kong, Mr. Jong Koon Sang and Mr. Hon Tam Chun as independent non-executive Directors.

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