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## **Hephaestus Holdings Limited**

### **客思控股有限公司**

*(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)*

**(Stock code: 8173)**

## **CONTINUING CONNECTED TRANSACTION TENANCY AGREEMENT**

### **THE 2023 TENANCY AGREEMENT**

The Board announces that on 1 January 2023, the Tenant, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company as the tenant and the Landlord as the landlord entered into the 2023 Tenancy Agreement in relation to the lease of the Premises for a term of twelve months from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023 (both days inclusive).

### **IMPLICATIONS UNDER THE GEM LISTING RULES**

The Landlord is wholly and beneficially owned by Mr. Norman Chan, who is a former executive director of the Company (resigned on 4 March 2022) and a former director of significant subsidiaries of the Company (resigned on 19 April 2022). The Landlord is therefore a connected person of the Company. Accordingly, the 2023 Tenancy Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereunder constitutes a continuing connected transaction on the part of the Company under Chapter 20 of the GEM Listing Rules.

Given that one or more of the applicable percentage ratios (as defined in the GEM Listing Rules) in respect of the 2023 Tenancy Agreement exceeds 5% but are less than 25% and the amount of all of the Annual Caps is less than HK\$10,000,000, the 2023 Tenancy Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereunder is subject to the reporting and announcement requirements under Chapter 20 of the GEM Listing Rules but is exempt from the circular, independent financial advice and independent Shareholders' approval requirements under Chapter 20 of the GEM Listing Rules.

Reference is made to the announcement of the Company dated 2 January 2022 in relation to the 2022 Tenancy Agreement.

Having considered that (i) the Premises has been used by members of the Group as the principal place of business for over five years; (ii) it will enable the Group to secure its stable operation at the Premises without incurring additional costs and expenses in identifying, renovating and relocating to alternative premises and ensure that there will be no disruption to the operations, business and growth of the Group; and (iii) the expected need for office spaces of the Group in the future and as the lease of the Premises expired on 31 December 2022, after arm's length negotiations, the Board announces that on 1 January 2023, the Tenant as the tenant and the Landlord as the landlord entered into the 2023 Tenancy Agreement in relation to the lease of the Premises for a term of twelve months from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023 (both days inclusive).

### **2023 TENANCY AGREEMENT**

The principal terms of the 2023 Tenancy Agreement are set out below:

Date:	1 January 2023
Parties:	(i) Waldorf Holdings Limited, a company wholly-owned by Mr. Norman Chan as the landlord; and  (ii) BTR (HK) Limited, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, as the tenant
Premises:	Offices B, C, D, E, F and G on 15th Floor and private parking space Nos. P10 and P11 on 3rd Floor of Monterey Plaza at 15 Chong Yip Street, Kowloon, Hong Kong
Term:	twelve months from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023 (both days inclusive)
Monthly rent:	HK\$293,000 per calendar month (inclusive of all government rents and rates and management fee) payable in advance in cash without any deduction on the first day of each and every calendar month.
Deposit:	HK\$586,000 (being two months' rent)

## Historical transaction value

The actual rents paid by the Tenant to the Landlord under the 2022 Tenancy Agreement are as follows:

	<b>Actual rent paid</b>
Year ended 31 March 2022	HK\$879,000
Year ending 31 March 2023 (from 1 April 2022 to 31 December 2022)	HK\$2,637,000

## Annual Caps

For the two years ending 31 March 2024, the maximum annual aggregate amounts payable (the “**Annual Caps**”) by the Tenant to the Landlord, which are determined with reference to the rent payable by the Tenant to the Landlord under the 2022 Tenancy Agreement and 2023 Tenancy Agreement, are as follows:

	<b>Year ending 31 March 2023</b>	<b>Year ending 31 March 2024</b>
	<i>HK\$</i>	<i>HK\$</i>
2022 Tenancy Agreement	2,637,000	—
2023 Tenancy Agreement	879,000	2,637,000
Annual Caps	3,516,000	2,637,000

In arriving at the above Annual Caps, the Directors have taken into account the following factors:

- (a) the historical figures of the actual rent amounts paid by Tenant under the 2022 Tenancy Agreement; and
- (b) the prevailing market rent for the Premises as determined by an independent property valuer and the rent under the 2023 Tenancy Agreement.

## REASONS AND BENEFITS FOR ENTERING INTO THE 2023 TENANCY AGREEMENT

The Group is principally engaged in the provision of interior design services to premises including private residences, corporate offices, service apartments, hotels, residential clubhouses, show flats and sales galleries.

The Tenant is a company incorporated in Hong Kong and an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. It is principally engaged in the provision of interior design services to premises including private residences, corporate offices, service apartments, hotels, residential clubhouses, show flats and sales galleries.

The Landlord is a company incorporated in Hong Kong and is wholly and beneficially owned by Mr. Norman Chan, a former executive director of the Company (resigned on 4 March 2022) and a former director of significant subsidiaries of the Company (resigned on 19 April 2022) and the Landlord is principally engaged in the holding and leasing of the Premises.

The terms of the 2023 Tenancy Agreement were determined after arm's length negotiations between the Tenant and the Landlord with reference to the market rent of the Premises of HK\$293,000 as at 14 December 2022 as opined by an independent property valuer under a direct comparison approach. Having considered the above and that (i) the Premises has been used by members of the Group as the principal place of business for over five years; (ii) it will enable the Group to secure its stable operation at the Premises without incurring additional costs and expenses in identifying, renovating and relocating to alternative premises and ensure that there will be no disruption to the operations, business and growth of the Group; and (iii) the expected need for office spaces of the Group in the future, the Directors (including the independent non-executive Directors) are of the view that the terms of the 2023 Tenancy Agreement are entered into on normal commercial terms and in the ordinary and usual course of business of the Group, and the terms of the 2023 Tenancy Agreement and the Annual Caps are fair and reasonable and in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

None of the Directors has a material interest in the 2023 Tenancy Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereunder and was required to abstain from voting on the relevant Board resolutions approving the 2023 Tenancy Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereunder.

## **IMPLICATIONS UNDER THE GEM LISTING RULES**

The Landlord is wholly and beneficially owned by Mr. Norman Chan, who is a former executive director of the Company (resigned on 4 March 2022) and a former director of significant subsidiaries of the Company (resigned on 19 April 2022). The Landlord is therefore a connected person of the Company. Accordingly, the 2023 Tenancy Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereunder constitutes a continuing connected transaction on the part of the Company under Chapter 20 of the GEM Listing Rules.

Reference is made to the announcement of the Company dated 2 January 2022 in relation to the lease of the Premises under the 2022 Tenancy Agreement. As the 2022 Tenancy Agreement and the 2023 Tenancy Agreement both relate to the leasing of the Premises, the 2022 Tenancy Agreement and the 2023 Tenancy Agreement have been aggregated for determination of the Annual Caps under Chapter 20 of the GEM Listing Rules.

Given that one or more of the applicable percentage ratios (as defined in the GEM Listing Rules) in respect of the Annual Caps under the 2023 Tenancy Agreement (as aggregated with the 2022 Tenancy Agreement) exceed 5% but are less than 25% and the amount of all of the Annual Caps is less than HK\$10,000,000, the 2023 Tenancy Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereunder is subject to the reporting and announcement requirements under Chapter 20 of the GEM Listing Rules but is exempt from the circular, independent financial advice and independent Shareholders' approval requirements under Chapter 20 of the GEM Listing Rules.

## **DEFINITION**

Unless otherwise specified, the following terms have the following meanings in this announcement:

“2022 Tenancy Agreement”	a tenancy agreement dated 1 January 2022 entered into between the Tenant (an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company) as the tenant and the Landlord as the landlord in relation to the lease of the Premises
“2023 Tenancy Agreement”	a tenancy agreement dated 1 January 2023 entered into between the Tenant (an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company) as the tenant and the Landlord as the landlord in relation to the lease of the Premises
“Board”	board of Directors
“Company”	Hephaestus Holdings Limited 客思控股有限公司 (stock code: 8173), an exempted company incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability, the issued shares of which are listed on GEM of the Stock Exchange
“connected person(s)”	has the meaning ascribed to it under the GEM Listing Rules
“Director(s)”	director(s) of the Company
“GEM Listing Rules”	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on GEM of the Stock Exchange
“Group”	the Company and its subsidiaries
“HK\$”	Hong Kong dollar, the lawful currency of Hong Kong
“Hong Kong”	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China

“Landlord”	Waldorf Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability on 3 July 2012, which is wholly owned by Mr. Norman Chan
“Mr. Norman Chan”	Mr. Chan Norman Enrique, a former executive director of the Company (resigned on 4 March 2022) and a former director of significant subsidiaries of the Company (resigned on 19 April 2022)
“Premises”	Offices B, C, D, E, F and G on 15th Floor and private parking space Nos. P10 and P11 on 3rd Floor of Monterey Plaza at 15 Chong Yip Street, Kowloon, Hong Kong
“Shareholder(s)”	holder(s) of shares of the Company
“Stock Exchange”	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
“Tenant”	BTR (HK) Limited, a company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability and an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company
“%”	per cent

By order of the Board  
**Hephaestus Holdings Limited**  
**Huang Liang**  
*Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director*

Hong Kong, 2 January 2023

*As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprised two executive Directors, namely Mr. Huang Liang and Ms. Lou Yi and three independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Luk Chi Shing, Mr. Lee Man Chun and Mr. Zheng Yuqiang.*

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