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中銀香港(控股)有限公司

BOC HONG KONG (HOLDINGS) LIMITED

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

Stock Codes: 2388 (HKD counter) and 82388 (RMB counter)

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

The Board hereby announces that on the recommendation of the Audit Committee, the Board resolved to propose the appointment of EY as the auditor of the Company for the financial year 2024, subject to the approval by the Shareholders at the EGM. It is proposed that EY shall, if appointed, hold office until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company.

Reference is made to the supplemental circular of BOC Hong Kong (Holdings) Limited (the “**Company**”) dated 12 June 2024, in relation to the proposed appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers (“**PwC**”) for provision of professional service of the 2024 interim financial report review (the “**2024 Interim Financial Report Review Service**”) at the 2024 annual general meeting of the Company and that the Company will commence the selection process for appointment of auditor of the Company for the financial year 2024.

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Taking into account market conditions and the Company’s business needs, and based on the principle of prudence, the board of directors of the Company (the “**Board**”) hereby announces that on the recommendation of the audit committee of the Company (the “**Audit Committee**”), the Board resolved to propose the appointment of Ernst & Young (“**EY**”) as the auditor of the Company for the financial year 2024 (the “**Proposed Appointment of Auditor**”), subject to the approval by the shareholders of the Company (the “**Shareholders**”) at an extraordinary general meeting (the “**EGM**”) to be held by the Company. It is proposed that EY shall, if appointed, hold office until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company.

The Audit Committee has assessed EY’s eligibility and suitability to act as the auditor of the Company and is of the view that EY is qualified and competent to provide audit services to the Company. The Board is of the view that the Proposed Appointment of Auditor would be in the best interest of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

PwC, the auditor of the Company for the financial year 2023, had been appointed for the provision of 2024 Interim Financial Report Review Service which was completed as of the

date of this announcement. PwC had confirmed in writing that there are no matters in relation to the Proposed Appointment of Auditor which are needed to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

The Board confirmed that, the Company has no disagreement with PwC, and there are no other matters in connection with the Proposed Appointment of Auditor that should be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

THE EGM

The EGM will be convened and held by the Company for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, approving the Proposed Appointment of Auditor. A circular of the Company containing details of the Proposed Appointment of Auditor and notice of the EGM will be despatched to the Shareholders in early September 2024.

By Order of the Board
HUANG Xuefei
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 29 August 2024

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Mr GE Haijiao (Chairman), Mr SUN Yu (Vice Chairman and Chief Executive), Mr LIN Jingzhen*, Madam CHENG Eva**, Dr CHOI Koon Shum**, Madam FUNG Yuen Mei Anita**, Mr LAW Yee Kwan Quinn**, Mr LEE Sunny Wai Kwong**, Mr LIP Sai Wo** and Professor MA Si Hang Frederick**.*

* *Non-executive Directors*

** *Independent Non-executive Directors*