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ALLIED GROUP LIMITED

(聯合集團有限公司)

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 373)

ELECTIONS AS TO MEANS OF RECEIPT AND LANGUAGE OF CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS

The Company announces that, in accordance with Rules 2.07A and 2.07B of the Listing Rules and the articles of association of the Company, it is making arrangements to ascertain the preferences of Shareholders in respect of means of receipt and language of the Corporate Communications. These arrangements will supersede all prior arrangements made by the Company on the same subject matter.

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INTRODUCTION

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For the purposes of environmental protection and cost saving, the Company recommends the Shareholders to select the Website Version for receiving future Corporate Communications. If the Company does not receive Shareholders' response by 25th January, 2024, Shareholders are deemed to have consented to receiving the Website Version of future Corporate Communications. However, Shareholders shall have the right at any time by Reasonable Notice in writing to the Share Registrar to change their choice of preferred means of receipt and/or language of the Corporate Communications.

PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS

In accordance with Rules 2.07A and 2.07B of the Listing Rules, the following arrangements are being made by the Company:

1. The Company will send the First Letter together with the Reply Form on 28th December, 2023, in both English and Chinese, to Shareholders to enable them to elect one of the following options:

Option 1: to access the Website Version of all future Corporate Communications only, instead of receiving printed copies by mail, and receive a printed or an email notification of the publication of the Corporate Communications on the Company's website; or

Option 2: to receive by mail the printed English version of all future Corporate Communications only; or

Option 3: to receive by mail the printed Chinese version of all future Corporate Communications only; or

Option 4: to receive by mail both the printed English and Chinese versions of all future Corporate Communications.

The Reply Form should be completed, signed and returned by post using the mailing label at the bottom of the Reply Form or by hand delivery to the Share Registrar on or before 25th January, 2024.

The First Letter specifies that if the Company does not receive the completed and signed Reply Form or a response from a Shareholder by 25th January, 2024 and until such Shareholder informs the Company otherwise by Reasonable Notice (sent to the Share Registrar in writing or by email to alliedgroup@computershare.com.hk), the Shareholder is deemed to have consented to receiving the Website Version of all future Corporate Communications and only a printed or an email notification of the publication of the Corporate Communications on the Company's website will be sent to such Shareholder in the future.

2. If a Shareholder has elected in the Reply Form to receive printed version of Corporate Communications, the Company will send printed copies of the Corporate Communications to the Shareholder in the language version(s) selected by the Shareholder together with the Second Letter and the Change Request Form, both in English and Chinese, specifying that the Corporate Communications prepared in the other language will be available upon request, unless and until the Shareholder notifies the Share Registrar in writing or by email to alliedgroup@computershare.com.hk that the Shareholder wishes to receive a different language (or, as the case may be, in both languages) or Website Version of Corporate Communications.
3. For Shareholders who elect to receive the Website Version of future Corporate Communications, the Company will request such Shareholders to provide an email address in the Reply Form or the Change Request Form for the purposes of receiving (i) email notifications for the publication of the relevant Corporate Communications on the Company's website as and when Corporate Communications are published on the Company's website; and (ii) all future Actionable Corporate Communications in electronic form from the Company. It is the responsibility of the Shareholders to provide an email address that is valid and functional. The Company will be considered to have complied with the Listing Rules if it sends Actionable Corporate Communications to the email address provided by a Shareholder without receiving any "non-delivery" message.

If no valid and functional email address is provided by a Shareholder in the Reply Form or the Change Request Form or if a Shareholder is otherwise deemed to have consented to receiving the Website Version of future Corporate Communications, the Company will send to such Shareholder by post (i) a notification letter for the publication of Corporate Communications on the Company's website; and (ii) all future Actionable Corporate Communications in printed form, until such time when such Shareholder has provided a valid and functional email address to the Share Registrar for receiving the same.

4. When each printed version of Corporate Communication is sent by the Company to a Shareholder in accordance with the arrangements described in paragraph 2 above, the Second Letter and the Change Request Form will be attached to or printed in the relevant Corporate Communication, specifying that the Corporate Communication prepared in the other language will be available upon request. The Second Letter and the Change Request Form will be in English and Chinese. By completing and returning the Change Request Form to the Share Registrar, the Shareholder may elect (i) to receive future Corporate Communications in printed version or in Website Version; or (ii) to change the language in which the Shareholder receives Corporate Communications in printed version.
5. Shareholders may also at any time by Reasonable Notice to the Company (sent to the Share Registrar in writing or by email to alliedgroup@computershare.com.hk) elect (i) to receive future Corporate Communications in printed version instead of Website Version; or (ii) to change the language in which they receive Corporate Communications in printed version. If for any reason such Shareholders should have difficulty in accessing the Website Version, the Company will upon request send the printed version of Corporate Communications to such Shareholders free of charge.
6. All Corporate Communications will continue to be available on the Company's website at <http://www.alliedgroup.com.hk> in both English and Chinese and in accessible format. Electronic copies of all such Corporate Communications in both languages will also be available on the website of the Stock Exchange at <http://www.hkexnews.hk>.
7. The Company will provide a hotline service (Tel: (852) 2862 8688) during business hours (9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, excluding Hong Kong public holidays) for Shareholders to make enquiries about the above arrangements.
8. The First Letter and the Second Letter will indicate that printed copies of the English and Chinese versions of all future Corporate Communications will be available from the Company or the Share Registrar upon request, as well as on the Company's website at <http://www.alliedgroup.com.hk> and on the Stock Exchange's website at <http://www.hkexnews.hk>, and that the dial-up hotline service has been provided.

DEFINITIONS

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

“Actionable Corporate Communication(s)”	any Corporate Communication from the Company that seeks instructions from the Shareholders on how they wish to exercise their rights or make an election as the Shareholder, including but not limited to: (a) election forms in connection with a dividend payment; (b) excess application forms in connection with a rights issue or open offer; (c) application forms for assured entitlement under an open offer; (d) acceptance forms in connection with takeovers, mergers and share buy-backs; and (e) provisional allotment letters in connection with a rights issue
“Board”	board of Directors
“Change Request Form”	a form with postage paid (for posting within Hong Kong only) requesting for a change in a relevant Shareholder’s choice of means of receipt and/or language of the Corporate Communications, to be attached to the Second Letter
“Company”	Allied Group Limited, a company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability, the shares of which are listed on the main board of the Stock Exchange
“Corporate Communication(s)”	document(s) issued or to be issued by the Company for the information or action of holders of any of the Company’s securities, including but not limited to: (a) directors’ reports, its annual accounts together with the independent auditor’s reports and, where applicable, summary financial reports; (b) interim reports and, where applicable, summary interim reports; (c) notices of meetings; (d) listing documents; (e) circulars; and (f) proxy forms
“Director(s)”	director(s) of the Company

“First Letter”	the letter dated 28th December, 2023 to be sent by the Company to the Shareholders containing the information described under the heading of “Proposed Arrangements” in this announcement
“Hong Kong”	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China
“Listing Rules”	Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange
“Reasonable Notice”	the prior written notice of not less than seven days
“Reply Form”	a reply form with postage paid (for posting within Hong Kong only) for the election of means of receipt and language of Corporate Communications, attached to the First Letter
“Second Letter”	the letter which will be sent by the Company together with each subsequent Corporate Communication containing the information described under the heading of “Proposed Arrangements” in this announcement
“Share(s)”	ordinary share(s) of the Company
“Shareholder(s)”	registered holder(s) of the Share(s)
“Share Registrar”	Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited of 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen’s Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong
“Stock Exchange”	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

“Website Version”

the version of Corporate Communications in electronic form published, in both English and Chinese, on the website of the Company at <http://www.alliedgroup.com.hk>

On behalf of the Board
Allied Group Limited
Arthur George Dew
Chairman

Hong Kong, 27th December, 2023

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Messrs. Lee Seng Hui (Chief Executive), Edwin Lo King Yau and Mak Pak Hung being the Executive Directors; Mr. Arthur George Dew (Chairman), Mr. Akihiro Nagahara (Vice Chairman) and Ms. Lee Su Hwei being the Non-Executive Directors; and Mr. David Craig Bartlett, Mr. Alan Stephen Jones, Ms. Lisa Yang Lai Sum and Mr. Kelvin Chau Kwok Wing being the Independent Non-Executive Directors.