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The Hong Kong Building and Loan Agency Limited

香港建屋貸款有限公司

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

(Stock code: 145)

**FURTHER DELAY IN DESPATCH OF CIRCULAR IN RELATION TO
VERY SUBSTANTIAL ACQUISITION IN RELATION TO
THE ACQUISITION OF THE ENTIRE ISSUED SHARE CAPITAL
IN WELDTECH TECHNOLOGY CO. LIMITED
INVOLVING THE ISSUE OF CONSIDERATION SHARES,
CONVERTIBLE BONDS AND PROMISSORY NOTES**

This announcement is made pursuant to Rule 14.36A of the Listing Rules.

Reference is made to the announcements of the Company dated 6 December 2013, 30 December 2013, 29 January 2014 and 21 February 2014 (the “**Announcements**”) in relation to, among other things, the Acquisition. Capitalised terms used herein shall have the same meaning ascribed to them in the Announcements unless the context otherwise requires.

As stated in the Announcements, a circular containing, among other things, (i) further details of the Acquisition and other information of the Group and the Enlarged Group; and (ii) a notice of the EGM (the “**Circular**”), is expected to be despatched to the Shareholders on or before 21 March 2014. As additional time is required for the Company to finalise certain information for inclusion in the Circular, the Company will further extend the despatch date of the Circular to a date falling on or before 10 April 2014.

By Order of the Board
The Hong Kong Building and Loan Agency Limited
So Yuen Chun
Executive Director

Hong Kong, 24 March 2014

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Mr. So Yuen Chun and Mr. Yeung Kwok Leung being executive Directors; Mr. Lam Kwok Hing, Wilfred, J.P. being non-executive Director; and Mr. Yeung Wai Hung, Peter, Mr. Lam Raymond Shiu Cheung and Ms. Yuen Wai Man being independent non-executive Directors.