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## **CHINA CHENGTONG DEVELOPMENT GROUP LIMITED**

**中國誠通發展集團有限公司**

*(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)*

**(Stock Code: 217)**

### **DISCLOSEABLE TRANSACTION – SALE AND LEASEBACK ARRANGEMENT**

On 24 August 2022, Chengtong Financial Leasing, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, entered into the Sale and Leaseback Agreements with the Lessee, pursuant to which Chengtong Financial Leasing will purchase the Leased Assets from the Lessee and will lease the Leased Assets back to the Lessee for a term of four (4) years, subject to early termination in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Sale and Leaseback Agreements.

As the highest applicable percentage ratio (as defined under the Listing Rules) in respect of the Sale and Leaseback Arrangement exceeds 5% but is less than 25%, the Sale and Leaseback Arrangement constitutes a discloseable transaction of the Company and is subject to the notification and announcement requirements under Chapter 14 of the Listing Rules.

On 24 August 2022, Chengtong Financial Leasing, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, entered into the Sale and Leaseback Agreements with the Lessee in respect of the Sale and Leaseback Arrangement, the major terms of which are set out below.

#### **SALE AND LEASEBACK ARRANGEMENT**

##### **Date**

24 August 2022

##### **Parties**

Lessor: Chengtong Financial Leasing

Lessee: The Lessee

To the best of the Directors' knowledge, information and belief having made all reasonable enquiries, (i) the Lessee is wholly-owned by 重慶巴洲文化旅遊產業集團有限公司 (unofficial English translation being Chongqing Bazhou Cultural Tourism Industry Group Co., Ltd.), which is in turn wholly-owned by 重慶市巴南區國有資產管理中心 (unofficial English translation being the State-owned Assets Administration Center of the Banan District of Chongqing City ("**Banan SA Administration Centre**")); (ii) the Lessee and its ultimate beneficial owner are Independent Third Parties; and (iii) the Lessee is principally engaged in the business of the production and supply of tap water in the Banan District of Chongqing City in the PRC and provision of maintenance and installation services related to water supply.

### **Subject matter**

Subject to the fulfilment of the conditions as set out in the Sale and Leaseback Agreements (including but not limited to the provision by the Lessee of all necessary documents or information evidencing its ownership in the Leased Assets, the obtaining of all necessary approvals by the Lessee in relation to the Sale and Leaseback Arrangement, the payment of the security money (as set out below), and the signing and the coming into effect of the relevant security agreement), Chengtong Financial Leasing will purchase the Leased Assets from the Lessee at the Purchase Price of RMB100 million (equivalent to HK\$115 million), and the Leased Assets will be leased back to the Lessee for a period of four (4) years ("**Lease Term**") from the date on which the Purchase Price is paid by Chengtong Financial Leasing, subject to early termination in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Sale and Leaseback Agreements.

If any of the conditions under the Sale and Leaseback Agreements is not satisfied on or before 31 December 2022, Chengtong Financial Leasing shall have the right to unilaterally terminate the Sale and Leaseback Agreements.

### **Purchase Price**

The Purchase Price of the Leased Assets was agreed between Chengtong Financial Leasing and the Lessee with reference to the appraised value of the Leased Assets as at 30 June 2022 which amounted to approximately RMB130.91 million (equivalent to approximately HK\$150.55 million).

The Purchase Price will be satisfied by the internal resources of the Group and/or general bank borrowings.

### **Legal title**

Chengtong Financial Leasing owns the legal title of the Leased Assets during the Lease Term.

## **Lease payment**

The total amount of lease payment over the Lease Term is estimated to be approximately RMB110.17 million (equivalent to approximately HK\$126.70 million) which shall be paid by the Lessee to Chengtong Financial Leasing in sixteen (16) quarterly instalments during the Lease Term.

The total amount of lease payment represents the sum of the lease principal amount (being the amount of Purchase Price to be paid by Chengtong Financial Leasing) and the lease interest which is calculated on the then outstanding lease principal amount with a fixed interest rate which has been agreed after arm's length negotiations between the parties with reference to the Purchase Price payable by Chengtong Financial Leasing for the purchase of the Leased Assets and the credit risks associated with the Sale and Leaseback Arrangement.

## **Lessee's right to repurchase the Leased Assets**

Upon the Lessee having paid all the lease payments and other payables (if any) to Chengtong Financial Leasing in accordance with the terms of the Sale and Leaseback Agreements, the Lessee shall have the right to repurchase the Leased Assets at a nominal consideration of RMB1.00.

## **Security money**

The Lessee agrees to pay RMB5 million (equivalent to HK\$5.75 million) as security money for the performance of its obligations under the Sale and Leaseback Agreements.

If the Lessee fails to fully perform any obligation under the Sale and Leaseback Agreements, Chengtong Financial Leasing has the right to apply the security money to set off against any amount owed by the Lessee to it in the following order: liquidated damages, other payables including but not limited to damages (if any), outstanding and prospective lease payments and repurchase price. If the Lessee has fully performed all its obligations under the Sale and Leaseback Agreements, Chengtong Financial Leasing shall return the security money to the Lessee upon the Lessee's presentation of the receipt of the security money.

When the amount payable by the Lessee under the Sale and Leaseback Agreements is less than the balance of the security money, the Sale and Leaseback Agreements may be early terminated upon the Lessee's application. The Lessee shall then present the receipt of the security money to Chengtong Financial Leasing upon which the security money shall be used to set off the lease payments and other payables under the Sale and Leaseback Agreements and any remaining balance of the security money shall be returned to the Lessee.

## **Guarantee**

The Guarantor has provided a guarantee in favour of Chengtong Financial Leasing for all amounts payable by the Lessee under the Sale and Leaseback Agreements, including but not limited to liquidated damages, outstanding and prospective lease payment, repurchase price and other payables. The guarantee is irrevocable and continuing in nature.

To the best of the Directors' knowledge, information and belief having made all reasonable enquiries, (i) the Guarantor is wholly-owned by Banan SA Administration Centre; (ii) the Guarantor and its ultimate beneficial owner are Independent Third Parties; and (iii) the Guarantor is a state-owned investment and management entity responsible for the infrastructure construction and land consolidation in the Banan District of Chongqing City in the PRC.

## **REASONS FOR AND BENEFITS OF THE SALE AND LEASEBACK ARRANGEMENT**

The Group is principally engaged in leasing, bulk commodity trade, property development and investment, marine recreation services and hotel business. The Group's leasing business is mainly carried out through Chengtong Financial Leasing as its principal business.

The entering into of the Sale and Leaseback Arrangement is in the ordinary and usual course of business of Chengtong Financial Leasing and it is expected that Chengtong Financial Leasing will earn an income of approximately RMB10.17 million (equivalent to approximately HK\$11.70 million), being the difference between the estimated total lease payment under the Sale and Leaseback Arrangement and the Purchase Price.

The Directors are of the view that the terms of the Sale and Leaseback Arrangement are fair and reasonable and are in the interests of the Company and the shareholders of the Company as a whole.

## **IMPLICATION UNDER THE LISTING RULES**

As the highest applicable percentage ratio (as defined under the Listing Rules) in respect of the Sale and Leaseback Arrangement exceeds 5% but is less than 25%, the Sale and Leaseback Arrangement constitutes a discloseable transaction of the Company and is subject to the notification and announcement requirements under Chapter 14 of the Listing Rules.

## **DEFINITIONS**

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

- “Board” means the board of Directors
- “Chengtong Financial Leasing” means 誠通融資租賃有限公司 (unofficial English translation being Chengtong Financial Leasing Company Limited), a company incorporated in the PRC with limited liability and an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company

“Company”	means China Chengtong Development 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
“Director(s)”	means the director(s) of the Company
“Group”	means the Company and its subsidiaries as at the date of this announcement
“Guarantor”	means 重慶市南部新城產業投資集團有限公司 (unofficial English translation being Chongqing Nanbu Xincheng Industrial Investment Group Co., Ltd.), a state-owned enterprise established in the PRC with limited liability
“HK\$”	means Hong Kong dollar, the lawful currency of Hong Kong
“Hong Kong”	means the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC
“Independent Third Party(ies)”	means third party(ies) independent of the Company and its connected persons (having the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules)
“Leased Assets”	means certain water plant equipment and pump station equipment
“Lessee”	means 重慶南城水務有限公司 (unofficial English translation being Chongqing Nancheng Water Co., Ltd.), a state-owned enterprise established in the PRC with limited liability
“Listing Rules”	means the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange
“PRC”	means the People’s Republic of China which, for the purpose of this announcement, excludes Hong Kong, the Macau Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China and Taiwan
“Purchase Price”	means the consideration payable by Chengtong Financial Leasing for the purchase of the Leased Assets from the Lessee
“RMB”	means Renminbi, the lawful currency of the PRC

“Sale and Leaseback Agreements”	means, collectively, the following agreements each dated 24 August 2022 and signed between Chengtong Financial Leasing and the Lessee in relation to the Sale and Leaseback Arrangement:
	(1) leaseback assets transfer agreement;
	(2) finance lease agreement (sale and leaseback); and
	(3) security money agreement
“Sale and Leaseback Arrangement”	means the purchase of the Leased Assets by Chengtong Financial Leasing from the Lessee and the leaseback of the Leased Assets to the Lessee pursuant to the terms of the Sale and Leaseback Agreements
“Stock Exchange”	means The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
“%”	means per cent.

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By Order of the Board  
**China Chengtong Development Group Limited**  
**Zhang Bin**  
*Chairman*

Hong Kong, 24 August 2022

*As at the date of this announcement, the executive Directors are Mr. Zhang Bin and Mr. Yang Tianzhou; the non-executive Director is Mr. Wang Daxiong; and the independent non-executive Directors are Professor Chang Qing, Mr. Lee Man Chun, Tony and Professor He Jia.*