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## **PUBLICATION OF OFFERING CIRCULAR AND PRICING SUPPLEMENTS**

### **MTR CORPORATION (C.I.) LIMITED**

*(a company with limited liability organised under the laws of the Cayman Islands) (the “**Issuer**”)*

US\$1,500,000,000 Subordinated Perpetual Guaranteed Capital Securities (the “**Series 222 Securities**”)  
(**Stock Code: 5687**)

and

US\$1,500,000,000 Subordinated Perpetual Guaranteed Capital Securities (the “**Series 223 Securities**”)  
(**Stock Code: 5688**)

(the Series 222 Securities together with the Series 223 Securities, the “**Securities**”)

issued under the US\$15,000,000,000  
Debt Issuance Programme (the “**Programme**”)  
and unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by



### **MTR CORPORATION LIMITED**

**香港鐵路有限公司**

*(incorporated in Hong Kong under the Companies Ordinance with limited liability) (the “**Guarantor**”)  
(**Stock Code: 66**)*

*Joint Global Coordinators, Joint Lead Managers and Joint Bookrunners*

**Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank**  
**The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited**  
**J.P. Morgan Securities (Asia Pacific) Limited**  
**Société Générale**  
**UBS AG Hong Kong Branch**

*Joint Lead Managers and Joint Bookrunners*

**Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited**  
**Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited**  
**Barclays Bank PLC**  
**DBS Bank Ltd.**  
**Deutsche Bank AG, Hong Kong Branch**  
**Mizuho Securities Asia Limited**  
**Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited**

This announcement is issued pursuant to Rule 37.39A of the Listing Rules.

Reference is made to the notice of listing of the Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited dated 24 June 2025 published by the Issuer.

The offering circular dated 31 October 2024 in relation to the Programme (the “**Offering Circular**”) and the two pricing supplements each dated 16 June 2025 in relation to the Securities are appended to this announcement.

Hong Kong, 25 June 2025

As at the date of this announcement:

*Members of the Board of the Issuer:* Michael George Fitzgerald, Gillian Elizabeth Meller and Lee Guo Chun

*Members of the Board of the Guarantor:* Dr Rex Auyeung Pak-kuen (Chairman)\*\*, Dr Jacob Kam Chak-pui (Chief Executive Officer), Andrew Clifford Winawer Brandler\*, Dr Bunny Chan Chung-bun\*, Cheng Yan-kee\*, Hui Siu-wai\*, Ayesha Macpherson Lau\*, Sunny Lee Wai-kwong\*, Jimmy Ng Wing-ka\*, Susanna Shen Shuk-ching\*, Dr Carlson Tong\*, Sandy Wong Hang-yee\*, Adrian Wong Koon-man\*, Professor Anna Wong Wai-kwan\*, Christopher Hui Ching-yu (Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury)\*\*, Secretary for Transport and Logistics (Mable Chan)\*\*, Permanent Secretary for Development (Works) (Ricky Lau Chun-kit)\*\* and Commissioner for Transport (Angela Lee Chung-yan)\*\*

*Members of the Executive Directorate of the Guarantor:* Dr Jacob Kam Chak-pui, Jeny Yeung Mei-chun, Margaret Cheng Wai-ching, Linda Choy Siu-min, Carl Michael Devlin, Michael George Fitzgerald, Gillian Elizabeth Meller, David Tang Chi-fai and Sammy Wong Kwan-wai

\* *independent non-executive Director*

\*\* *non-executive Director*

## **Appendix 1 - Offering Circular**

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Prospective investors who are the directors, employees or major shareholders of the relevant Issuer (as defined in the Offering Circular), the Guarantor (as defined in the Offering Circular), a CMI or its group companies would be considered under the Code as having an association (an “Association”) with the relevant Issuer, the Guarantor, the CMI or the relevant group company. Prospective investors associated with the relevant Issuer, the Guarantor or any CMI (including its group companies) should specifically disclose this when placing an order for the relevant Notes and should disclose, at the same time, if such orders may negatively impact the price discovery process in relation to the relevant CMI Offering. Prospective investors who do not disclose their Associations are hereby deemed not to be so associated. Where prospective investors disclose their Associations but do not disclose that such order may negatively impact the price discovery process in relation to the relevant CMI Offering, such order is hereby deemed not to negatively impact the price discovery process in relation to the relevant CMI Offering.

Prospective investors should ensure, and by placing an order prospective investors are deemed to confirm, that orders placed are bona fide, are not inflated and do not constitute duplicated orders (i.e. two or more corresponding or identical orders placed via two or more CMIs). A rebate may be offered by the relevant Issuer to all private banks for orders they place (other than in relation to Notes subscribed by such private banks as principal whereby it is deploying its own balance sheet for onward selling to investors), payable upon closing of the relevant CMI Offering based on the principal amount of the Notes distributed by such private banks to investors. Private banks are deemed to be placing an order on a principal basis unless they inform the CMIs otherwise. As a result, private banks placing an order on a principal basis (including those deemed as placing an order as principal) will not be entitled to, and will not be paid, the rebate. Details of any such rebate will be set out in the applicable Pricing Supplement or otherwise notified to prospective investors. If a prospective investor is an asset management arm affiliated with any relevant Dealer, such prospective investor should indicate when placing an order if it is for a fund or portfolio where the relevant Dealer or its group company has more than 50% interest, in which case it will be classified as a “proprietary order” and subject to appropriate handling by CMIs in accordance with the Code and should disclose, at the same time, if such “proprietary order” may negatively impact the price discovery process in relation to the relevant CMI Offering. Prospective investors who do not indicate this information when placing an order are hereby deemed to confirm that their order is not a “proprietary order”. If a prospective investor is otherwise affiliated with any relevant Dealer, such that its order may be considered to be a “proprietary order” (pursuant to the Code), such prospective investor should indicate to the relevant Dealer when placing such order. Prospective investors who do not indicate this information when placing an order are hereby deemed to confirm that their order is not a “proprietary order”. Where prospective investors disclose such information but do not disclose that such “proprietary order” may negatively impact the price discovery process in relation to the relevant CMI Offering, such “proprietary order” is hereby deemed not to negatively impact the price discovery process in relation to the relevant CMI Offering.

Prospective investors should be aware that certain information may be disclosed by CMIs (including private banks) which is personal and/or confidential in nature to the prospective investor. By placing an order, prospective investors are deemed to have understood and consented to the collection, disclosure, use and transfer of such information by the relevant Dealers and/or any other third parties as may be required by the Code, including to the relevant Issuer, the Guarantor, any OCs, relevant regulators and/or any other third parties as may be required by the Code, it being understood and agreed that such information shall only be used for the purpose of complying with the Code, during the bookbuilding process for the relevant CMI Offering. Failure to provide such information may result in that order being rejected.

**Confirmation of the Representation:** This Offering Circular is being sent at your request and by accepting the e-mail and accessing this Offering Circular, you shall be deemed to have represented to us that you are outside the United States or, in respect of any offering of securities under Category 2 of Regulation S of the Securities Act, you shall be deemed to have represented to us that you are not a United States person. In addition, you shall be deemed to have represented to us that the electronic mail address that you gave us and to which this e-mail has been delivered is not located in the United States and that you consent to delivery of such Offering Circular by electronic transmission.

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## Offering Circular



# MTR Corporation Limited

(a company incorporated on 26th April 2000 in Hong Kong)

and

# MTR Corporation (C.I.) Limited

(a company with limited liability organised under the laws of the Cayman Islands on 30th October 2000)

**(Unconditionally and Irrevocably Guaranteed by MTR Corporation Limited)**

**US\$15,000,000,000**

## Debt Issuance Programme

On 22nd December 1993, Mass Transit Railway Corporation ("MTRC") entered into a US\$1,000,000,000 Debt Issuance Programme (the "Programme"). The maximum aggregate nominal amount of Notes (as defined below) which may be outstanding under the Programme was increased to US\$2,000,000,000 with effect from 1st June 1999, to US\$3,000,000,000 with effect from 31st October 2006, to US\$4,000,000,000 with effect from 13th March 2013, to US\$5,000,000,000 with effect from 20th October 2017, to US\$7,000,000,000 with effect from 30th October 2020, to US\$10,000,000,000 with effect from 31st October 2023 and to US\$15,000,000,000 with effect from 31st October 2024. On 30th June 2000 MTR Corporation Limited ("MTRCL" or "the Company") replaced MTRC as the issuer of Notes under the Programme. All the assets and liabilities of MTRC vested in MTRCL and MTRCL has adopted all of the financial statements of MTRC. MTR Corporation (C.I.) Limited ("MTR Cayman") became an additional issuer of Notes under the Programme with effect from 9th April 2001 pursuant to an Amending and Restating Programme Agreement dated 9th April 2001 made between MTRCL, MTR Cayman and the Dealers named therein (MTRCL and MTR Cayman together being the "Issuers" and each an "Issuer"). This Offering Circular supersedes any previous prospectus, listing particulars or offering circular describing the Programme. Notes issued under the Programme on or after the date of this Offering Circular are subject to the provisions described herein. This does not affect any Notes issued before the date of this Offering Circular.

Under the Programme, MTRCL or MTR Cayman or any other entity that may be appointed as an additional issuer under the Programme, as the case may be, (the "relevant Issuer") may from time to time issue Notes (the "Notes") denominated in any currency agreed upon by the relevant Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) (as defined herein). The Notes shall have maturities that are one month or greater (subject to such minimum or maximum maturity as may be allowed or required from time to time by the relevant central bank or equivalent body (however called) or any laws or regulations applicable to the relevant currency) and, subject as set out herein, the maximum aggregate principal amount of all Notes from time to time outstanding will not exceed US\$15,000,000,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies). The payment of all amounts payable in respect of Notes to be issued by MTR Cayman or any other entity that may be appointed as an additional issuer under the Programme will be unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by MTRCL (the "Guarantor"). The Notes will be offered through one or more of the Dealers specified under the section headed "Summary" in this Offering Circular and any additional Dealers appointed under the Programme from time to time (each a "Dealer" and together the "Dealers") on a continuing basis whether in respect of the Programme generally or a particular issue of Notes.

Application has been made to The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Hong Kong Stock Exchange") for the listing of the Programme under which Notes may be issued by way of debt issues to professional investors (as defined in Chapter 37 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited) ("Professional Investors") only during the 12-month period after the date of this document on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. This document is for distribution to Professional Investors only. **Notice to Hong Kong investors:** The Issuers and the Guarantor confirm that the Notes to be issued under the Programme are intended for purchase by Professional Investors only and the Programme and the Notes (where they are to be listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange) will be listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange on that basis. Accordingly, the Issuers and the Guarantor confirm that the Notes are not appropriate as an investment for retail investors in Hong Kong. Investors should carefully consider the risks involved.

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The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the US Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act") or with any securities regulatory authority of any state or other jurisdiction of the United States, and may not be offered or sold within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, US persons (as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act) unless the Notes are registered under the Securities Act or an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act is available.

**IMPORTANT – EEA RETAIL INVESTORS –** The Notes are not intended to be offered, sold or otherwise made available to and should not be offered, sold or otherwise made available to any retail investor in the European Economic Area ("EEA"). For these purposes, a retail investor means a person who is one (or more) of: (i) a retail client as defined in point (11) of Article 4(1) of Directive 2014/65/EU (as amended, "MiFID II"); (ii) a customer within the meaning of Directive (EU) 2016/97 (as amended, the "Insurance Distribution Directive"), where that customer would not qualify as a professional client as defined in point (10) of Article 4(1) of MiFID II; or (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 (as amended, the "Prospectus Regulation"). Consequently no key information document required by Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014 (as amended, the "PRIIPs Regulation") for offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to retail investors in the EEA has been prepared and therefore offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to any retail investor in the EEA may be unlawful under the PRIIPs Regulation.

**IMPORTANT – UK RETAIL INVESTORS –** The Notes are not intended to be offered, sold or otherwise made available to and should not be offered, sold or otherwise made available to any retail investor in the United Kingdom ("UK"). For these purposes, a retail investor means a person who is one (or more) of: (i) a retail client as defined in point (8) of Article 2 of Regulation (EU) No 2017/565 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 ("EUWA"); or (ii) a customer within the meaning of the provisions of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (the "FSMA") and any rules or regulations made under the FSMA to implement the Insurance Distribution Directive, where that customer would not qualify as a professional client as defined in point (8) of Article 2(1) of Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA; or (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in Article 2 of the Prospectus Regulation as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA. Consequently no key information document required by the PRIIPs Regulation as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA (as amended, the "UK PRIIPs Regulation") for offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to retail investors in the UK has been prepared and therefore offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to any retail investor in the UK may be unlawful under the UK PRIIPs Regulation.

**MiFID II PRODUCT GOVERNANCE / TARGET MARKET –** The pricing supplement in respect of any Notes (the "Pricing Supplement") may include a legend entitled "MiFID II product governance" which will outline the target market assessment in respect of the Notes and which channels for distribution of the Notes are appropriate. Any person subsequently offering, selling or recommending the Notes (a "distributor") should take into consideration the target market assessment; however, a distributor subject to MiFID II is responsible for undertaking its own target market assessment in respect of the Notes (by either adopting or refining the target market assessment) and determining appropriate distribution channels.

A determination will be made in relation to each issue about whether, for the purpose of the MiFID Product Governance rules under EU Delegated Directive 2017/593 (the "MiFID Product Governance Rules"), any Dealer subscribing for any Notes is a manufacturer in respect of such Notes, but otherwise neither the Arranger nor the Dealers nor any of their respective affiliates will be a manufacturer for the purpose of the MiFID Product Governance Rules.

**UK MiFIR PRODUCT GOVERNANCE / TARGET MARKET –** The Pricing Supplement may include a legend entitled "UK MiFIR Product Governance" which will outline the target market assessment in respect of the Notes and which channels for distribution of the Notes are appropriate. Any person subsequently offering, selling or recommending the Notes (a "distributor") should take into consideration the target market assessment; however, a distributor subject to the FCA Handbook Product Intervention and Product Governance Sourcebook (the "UK MiFIR Product Governance Rules") is responsible for undertaking its own target market assessment in respect of the Notes (by either adopting or refining the target market assessment) and determining appropriate distribution channels.

A determination will be made in relation to each issue about whether, for the purpose of the UK MiFIR Product Governance Rules, any Dealer subscribing for any Notes is a manufacturer in respect of such Notes, but otherwise neither the Arranger nor the Dealers nor any of their respective affiliates will be a manufacturer for the purpose of the UK MiFIR Product Governance Rules.

Notification under Section 309B(1)(c) of the Securities and Futures Act 2001 of Singapore (the "SFA") – Unless otherwise stated in the Pricing Supplement in respect of any Notes, all Notes issued or to be issued under the Programme shall be prescribed capital markets products (as defined in the Securities and Futures (Capital Markets Products) Regulations 2018) and Excluded Investment Products (as defined in MAS Notice SFA 04-N12: Notice on the Sale of Investment Products and MAS Notice FAA-N16: Notice on Recommendations on Investment Products).

Notice of the aggregate principal amount or interest (if any) payable in respect of the issue price of each Tranche (as defined herein) of Notes will be given in a Pricing Supplement which, with respect to Notes to be listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, will be delivered to the Hong Kong Stock Exchange on or before the date of issue of such Notes. Copies of each Pricing Supplement will be available from the specified office of each of the Paying Agents (as defined herein). The Programme provides that Notes may be listed on such other or further stock exchanges as may be agreed between the relevant Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s), and may also be unlisted. The relevant Pricing Supplement in respect of the issue of any Notes will specify whether or not such Notes will be listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange or any other stock exchange.

Each Tranche of Notes with a maturity of more than 365 days will initially be represented by a temporary global note (each a "Temporary Global Note"), unless the applicable Pricing Supplement specifies otherwise, and each Tranche with a maturity of 365 days or less will initially be represented by a permanent global note (each a "Permanent Global Note" and together with the Temporary Global Notes, the "Global Notes"), unless the applicable Pricing Supplement specifies otherwise. Each Global Note will be deposited (a) in the case of a Tranche intended to be cleared through Euroclear Bank SA/NV ("Euroclear") or Clearstream Banking, S.A. ("Clearstream"), on the issue date with a common depositary on behalf of Euroclear and Clearstream or (b) in the case of a Tranche intended to be cleared through CMU (as defined herein) or any other clearing system other than Euroclear or Clearstream or delivered outside a clearing system, as stipulated in the applicable Pricing Supplement. Interests in Temporary Global Notes will be exchangeable for interests in Permanent Global Notes or, if specified in the Pricing Supplement, for definitive Notes ("Definitive Notes") in bearer or registered form. In the case of Notes in bearer form, such exchange will occur only after 40 days from the issue date upon certification as to non-US beneficial ownership. Interests in Permanent Global Notes will be exchangeable for Definitive Notes in bearer form ("Definitive Bearer Notes") or for Definitive Notes in registered form ("Definitive Registered Notes").

As at the date of this Offering Circular, MTRCL and MTR Cayman's debt ratings are (i) (P)Aa3 (for senior unsecured debt) and (P)P-1 (for short-term debt) by Moody's Investors Service Hong Kong Limited; and (ii) AA+ (for long term debt) by S&P Global Ratings.

Notes issued under the Programme may be rated or unrated. When an issue of Notes is rated, its rating will not necessarily be the same as the rating applicable to the Programme and (where applicable) such rating will be specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement. A rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to suspension, reduction or withdrawal at any time by the assigning rating agency.

Prospective investors should have regard to the factors described under the section headed "Risk Factors" in this Offering Circular. This Offering Circular does not describe all of the risks of an investment in the Notes.

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SMBC Nikko  
UBS

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Citigroup  
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HSBC  
Mizuho  
MUFG  
Standard Chartered Bank  
United Overseas Bank

**IMPORTANT**

**If you are in any doubt about this Offering Circular you should consult your stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor, certified public accountant or other professional adviser.**

*This Offering Circular is to be read in conjunction with all the documents which are deemed to be incorporated herein by reference (see “Documents Incorporated by Reference”).*

*The Offering Circular includes particulars given in compliance with the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited for the purpose of giving information with regard to the Issuers, the Guarantor and the Group (as defined below). The Issuers and the Guarantor accept full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in the Offering Circular and confirm, having made all reasonable enquiries, that to the best of the knowledge and belief of the Issuers and the Guarantor there are no other facts the omission of which would make any statement herein misleading.*

*Each Tranche (as defined in “Terms and Conditions of the Notes”) will be issued on the terms set out herein under “Terms and Conditions of the Notes” as amended and/or supplemented by the Pricing Supplement specific to each Tranche. The Offering Circular must be read and construed together with any amendments or supplements hereto and with any information incorporated by reference herein and, in relation to any Tranche, must be read and construed together with the relevant Pricing Supplement.*

*The distribution of the Offering Circular and any Pricing Supplement and the offering, sale and delivery of the Notes in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law. Persons into whose possession the Offering Circular comes are required by the Issuers, the Guarantor as well as the Arranger and the Dealers to inform themselves about and to observe any such restrictions. None of the Issuers, the Guarantor, the Arranger, the Dealers, the Trustee (as defined herein) or the Agent (as defined herein) represents that the Offering Circular or any Pricing Supplement may be lawfully distributed, or that any Notes may be lawfully offered, in compliance with any applicable registration or other requirements in any such jurisdiction, or pursuant to an exemption available thereunder, or assumes any responsibility for facilitating any such distribution of offering. In particular, no action has been taken by the Issuers, the Guarantor, the Arranger, the Dealers, the Trustee or the Agent which would permit a public offering of any Notes or distribution of the Offering Circular or any Pricing Supplement in any jurisdiction where action for such purposes is required. Accordingly, no Notes may be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, and none of the Offering Circular, any Pricing Supplement or any advertisement or other offering materials may be distributed or published in any jurisdiction, except under circumstance that will result in compliance with any applicable laws and regulations. If a jurisdiction requires that the offering be made by a licensed broker or dealer and the Arranger or Dealers or any affiliate of the relevant Arranger or Dealer is a licensed broker or dealer in that jurisdiction, the offering shall be deemed to be made by that Arranger or Dealer or its affiliate on behalf of the relevant Issuer in such jurisdiction.*



*The Issuers and the Guarantor, having made all reasonable enquiries, confirm that the Offering Circular contains all information with respect to the Issuers, the Guarantor and their subsidiaries and the Notes which is material in the context of the issue and offering of the Notes, the statements contained in them relating to the Issuers, the Guarantor and their subsidiaries are in every material respect true and accurate and not misleading, the opinions and intentions expressed in them with regard to the Issuers, the Guarantor and their subsidiaries are honestly held, have been reached after considering all relevant assumptions and are based on reasonable assumptions and there are no other facts in relation to the Issuers, the Guarantor and their subsidiaries or the Notes the omission of which would, in the context of the issue and offering of the Notes, make any statement in them misleading in any material respect and all reasonable enquiries have been made by the Issuers and the Guarantor to ascertain such facts and to verify the accuracy of all such information and statements.*

*The Arranger and the Dealers have not separately verified the information contained in the Offering Circular. None of the Arranger, the Dealers, the Agent or the Trustee or any director, officer, employee, agent or affiliate of such person makes any representation, warranty or undertaking, express or implied, or accepts any responsibility as to the accuracy or completeness of the information contained in this Offering Circular or for any other statement made or purported to be made by the Issuers and the Guarantor in connection with either of them or the issue and offering of the Notes. Each Arranger, Dealer and the Trustee accordingly disclaims all and any liability whether arising in tort or contract or otherwise which it might otherwise have in respect of this Offering Circular or any such statement.*

*Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited take no responsibility for the contents of the Offering Circular, make no representation as to its accuracy or completeness and expressly disclaim any liability whatsoever for any loss howsoever arising from or in reliance upon the whole or any part of the contents of the Offering Circular.*

*No person has been authorised to give any information or to make any representation not contained in or not consistent with the Offering Circular or any other document entered into in relation to the Programme or any other information supplied by the Issuers or the Guarantor in connection with the Notes and, if given or made, such information or representation must not be relied upon as having been authorised by the Issuers or the Guarantor or any of the Arranger or the Dealers.*

*Neither the Offering Circular nor any other information supplied or incorporated by inference in connection with the Programme is intended to provide the basis of any credit or other evaluation and should not be considered as a recommendation by the Issuers, the Guarantor or any of the Arranger or the Dealers or any director, officer, employee, agent or affiliate of such person, that any recipient of the Offering Circular, or of any such information, should purchase any of the Notes. Each investor contemplating purchasing any of the Notes should make its own independent investigation of the financial condition and affairs, and its own appraisal of the creditworthiness, of the relevant Issuer and the Guarantor (if applicable). Neither the Offering Circular, the Pricing Supplement, nor any other information supplied or incorporated by reference in connection with the Notes constitutes an offer or invitation by or on behalf of the Issuers, the Guarantor or any of the Dealers to any person to subscribe for or purchase any of the Notes.*

*The Arranger and the Dealers expressly do not undertake to review the financial condition or affairs of the Issuers, the Guarantor and their subsidiaries during the life of the Programme. Investors should review, inter alia, the most recent financial statements of the Issuers and the Guarantor when deciding whether or not to subscribe for, or purchase, any of the Notes.*

*Neither the delivery of the Offering Circular or any Pricing Supplement nor the offering, sale or delivery of any Note shall, in any circumstances, create any implication that the information contained in the Offering Circular is true subsequent to the date hereof or the date upon which the Offering Circular has been most recently amended or supplemented or that there has been no adverse change, or any event reasonably likely to involve any material adverse change, in the Issuers' or the Guarantor's prospects, financial or trading position since the date thereof or, if later, the date upon which the Offering Circular has been most recently amended or supplemented or that any other information supplied in connection with the Programme is correct at any time subsequent to the date on which it is supplied or, if different, the date indicated in the document containing the same.*

*The distribution of the Offering Circular and the offer or sale of the Notes may be restricted by law in certain jurisdictions. Persons into whose possession the Offering Circular or any Notes come must inform themselves about, and observe, any such restrictions. In particular, there are restrictions on the distribution of the Offering Circular and the offer or sale of the Notes in the United States, the European Economic Area, the United Kingdom, Hong Kong, the Cayman Islands, Japan and Singapore, as described in the Offering Circular (see "Subscription and Sale").*

*The Offering Circular does not describe all of the risks and investment considerations (including those relating to each investor's particular circumstances) of an investment in the Notes of a particular issue. Each investor contemplating purchasing any of the Notes should refer to and consider carefully the relevant Pricing Supplement for each particular issue of Notes, which may describe additional risks and investment considerations associated with such Notes. The risks and investment considerations identified in the Offering Circular and the applicable Pricing Supplement are provided as general information only. Investors should consult their own financial and legal advisors as to the risks and investment considerations arising from an investment of an issue of Notes and should possess the appropriate resources to analyse such investment and the suitability of such investment in their particular circumstances.*

*In the Offering Circular, references to "HK\$" and "HK dollars" are to Hong Kong dollars, references to "US\$" and "US dollars" are to United States dollars, references to "CNY", "RMB" and "Renminbi" are to the currency of the People's Republic of China, references to "C.I.\$" are to Cayman Islands dollars, references to "sterling" and "£" are to United Kingdom pounds sterling and references to "euro" are to the currency of member states of the European Union that adopted the single currency introduced at the start of the third stage of economic and monetary union in accordance with the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union as amended from time to time. References to any other currency or composite currency in any applicable Pricing Supplement will be defined therein. References to "Hong Kong" are references to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China. References to "Macao" are references to the Macao Special*



*Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China. References to the "PRC" are references to the People's Republic of China and, for the purposes of this Offering Circular, includes Hong Kong, Taiwan and Macao. References to "Mainland China" are references to the People's Republic of China and, for the purposes of this Offering Circular, excludes Hong Kong, Taiwan and Macao. References to the "Central People's Government" are references to the central government of the PRC.*

**In connection with the issue of any Tranche, the Dealer or Dealers (if any) named as the Stabilisation manager(s) (the "Stabilisation Manager(s)") (or persons acting on behalf of any Stabilisation Manager(s)) in the applicable Pricing Supplement may over-allot Notes or effect transactions with a view to supporting the market price of the Notes at a level higher than that which might otherwise prevail. However, there is no assurance that the Stabilisation Manager(s) (or persons acting on behalf of any Stabilisation Manager(s)) will undertake stabilisation action. Any stabilisation action may begin on or after the date on which adequate public disclosure of the terms of the offer of the relevant Tranche is made and, if begun, may be ended at any time, but it must end no later than the earlier of 30 days after the issue date of the relevant Tranche and 60 days after the date of the allotment of the relevant Tranche. Any stabilisation action or over-allotment must be conducted by the relevant Stabilisation Manager(s) (or persons acting on behalf of any Stabilisation Manager(s)) in accordance with all applicable laws and rules.**

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## **Documents Incorporated by Reference**

This Offering Circular should be read and construed in conjunction with: (a) the consolidated Annual Report and audited annual financial statements of MTRCL and its subsidiaries (the “Group”) for the years ended 31st December 2022 and 31st December 2023 together with the audit reports prepared in connection therewith; (b) the audited annual financial statements of MTR Cayman for the years ended 31st December 2022 and 31st December 2023 together with the audit reports prepared in connection therewith; (c) the unaudited interim financial report of the Group for the half year ended 30th June 2024 together with the review report prepared in connection therewith; (d) the latest published annual or interim results announcements of MTRCL, the latest published consolidated Annual Report and audited annual financial statements of the Group or the unaudited interim financial report of the Group from time to time (if any); (e) the latest published sustainability report of MTRCL from time to time; and (f) the latest Sustainable Finance Framework and the Sustainable Finance Report of MTRCL that are published on MTRCL’s website ([www.mtr.com.hk](http://www.mtr.com.hk)) from time to time. In respect of the documents referred to in (d) and (e) above, the relevant “published” document refers to MTRCL’s annual results announcement, interim results announcement or sustainability report, in each case, that is published on MTRCL’s website ([www.mtr.com.hk](http://www.mtr.com.hk)) and/or the website of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange ([www.hkexnews.hk](http://www.hkexnews.hk)). The documents referred to in (a) to (f) above shall be incorporated in and form part of this Offering Circular in each case, excluding any “forward-looking statements” contained in such documents. Words such as “believe”, “expect”, “plan”, “anticipate”, “schedule”, “estimate” and similar words or expressions identify forward-looking statements. However, these words are not the exclusive means of identifying forward-looking statements. All statements other than statements of historical facts, including, but without limitation, those regarding the financial position and results of operations, business strategy, prospects, capital expenditure and investment plans of the Issuers and/or the Group and the plans and objectives of the Issuers’ and/or Group’s management for future operations, are forward-looking statements. Any statement contained herein or in a document which is incorporated by reference herein shall be modified or superseded for the purpose of this Offering Circular to the extent that a statement contained in any such subsequent document which is incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such earlier statement (whether expressly, by implication or otherwise).

This Offering Circular should be read and construed in conjunction with:

- (i) each relevant Pricing Supplement; and
  - (ii) all amendments and supplements from time to time to this Offering Circular;
- which shall be deemed to be incorporated in, and to form part of, this Offering Circular and which shall be deemed to modify or supersede the contents of this Offering Circular.

MTRCL will provide to each person to whom a copy of this Offering Circular has been delivered, upon the oral or written request of such person, a copy of any or all of the documents which are incorporated herein by reference unless such documents have already been supplied to such person. Written requests for such documents should be directed to MTRCL at its principal office set out at the end of this Offering Circular. In addition, such documents will be available from the principal office of the Agent.

## **Supplementary Offering Circular**

The Issuers have given an undertaking to the Dealers that if at any time during the duration of the Programme there is a significant new factor, material mistake or inaccuracy relating to information contained in this Offering Circular which is capable of affecting the assessment of any Notes and whose inclusion in this Offering Circular or removal is necessary for the purpose of allowing an investor to make an informed assessment of the assets and liabilities, financial position, profits and losses and prospects of the Issuers, and the rights attaching to the Notes, the Issuers shall prepare an amendment or supplement to this Offering Circular or publish a replacement Offering Circular for use in connection with any subsequent offering of the Notes and shall supply to each Dealer and the Trustee such number of copies of such supplement hereto as such Dealer and the Trustee may reasonably request.

## Summary

*This summary must be read as an introduction to this Offering Circular. Any decision to invest in any Notes should be based on a consideration of this Offering Circular as a whole, including the documents incorporated by reference.*

<b>Issuer</b>	MTRCL or MTR Cayman.
<b>Guarantor (if MTR Cayman is the relevant Issuer)</b>	MTRCL.
<b>Description</b>	Debt Issuance Programme.
<b>Arranger</b>	The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited.
<b>Dealers</b>	<p> Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited  Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited  Barclays Bank PLC  BNP Paribas  Citigroup Global Markets Limited  Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank  Deutsche Bank AG, Hong Kong Branch  Goldman Sachs (Asia) L.L.C.  The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited  J.P. Morgan Securities (Asia Pacific) Limited  Merrill Lynch (Asia Pacific) Limited  Mizuho Securities Asia Limited  Morgan Stanley &amp; Co. International plc  MUFG Securities EMEA plc  SMBC Nikko Securities (Hong Kong) Limited  Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited  UBS AG Hong Kong Branch  United Overseas Bank Limited </p> <p>The Issuers and the Guarantor may from time to time terminate the appointment of any Dealer under the Programme or appoint additional Dealers either in respect of one or more Tranches or in respect of the whole Programme.</p>
<b>Agent, Principal Paying Agent, Transfer Agent and Registrar</b>	Citibank, N.A.
<b>HK Reference, Lodging, Paying and Transfer Agent</b>	Citibank, N.A., Hong Kong Branch.

<b>Paying and Transfer Agents</b>	Citibank, N.A. and Citibank N.A., Hong Kong Branch.
<b>Trustee</b>	The Law Debenture Trust Corporation p.l.c.
<b>Amount</b>	Up to US\$15,000,000,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies calculated at the time of the agreement to issue) outstanding at any time. The Issuers will have the option at any time to increase the aggregate principal amount of the Programme in accordance with the terms of the Programme Agreement.
<b>Distribution</b>	Notes may be distributed by way of private placement on a syndicated or non-syndicated basis.
<b>Currencies</b>	Subject to compliance with all relevant laws, regulations and directives, such currencies as may be agreed upon between the relevant Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s).
<b>Redenomination</b>	Notes may, in certain circumstances, be redenominated into euro as provided in Condition 10 under “Terms and Conditions of the Notes” (the “Conditions”).
<b>Maturities</b>	Subject to compliance with all relevant laws, regulations and directives, the Notes will have any maturity that is one month or greater.
<b>Issue Price</b>	Notes may be issued on a fully paid or a partly paid basis and at an issue price which is equal to, less than, or more than their principal amount.
<b>Form of Notes</b>	<p>The Notes will be issued in bearer form only, in bearer form exchangeable for Registered Notes or in registered form only as described in Condition 1.</p> <p>Each Tranche of Notes with a maturity of more than 365 days will initially be represented by a Temporary Global Note, unless the applicable Pricing Supplement specifies otherwise, and each Tranche with a maturity of 365 days or less will initially be represented by a Permanent Global Note, unless the applicable Pricing Supplement specifies otherwise.</p> <p>See “Summary of Provisions relating to the Notes while in Global Form”.</p>
<b>Fixed Rate Notes</b>	Fixed Rate Notes will bear interest at such rate(s) and will be payable in arrear on such date or dates, as may be agreed between the relevant Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) (as indicated in the applicable Pricing Supplement) and on redemption.



**Floating Rate Notes**

Floating Rate Notes will bear interest (i) calculated on the same basis as the floating amounts under a notional interest rate swap transaction in the relevant Specified Currency governed by an agreement incorporating the 2006 ISDA Definitions (as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. and as amended, updated or replaced as at the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes of the relevant Series), or (ii) by reference to a specified Screen or Reference Bank Rate, or (iii) on such other basis as may be agreed between the relevant Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) (as indicated in the applicable Pricing Supplement). Interest on Floating Rate Notes in respect of each Interest Period, as selected prior to issue by the relevant Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s), will be payable on the first day of the next Interest Period and on maturity.

**Dual Currency Notes**

Payments (whether with respect to principal or interest and whether at maturity or otherwise) in respect of Dual Currency Notes will be made in such currencies, and based on such rates of exchange, as the relevant Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) may agree (as indicated in the applicable Pricing Supplement).

**Index-Linked Notes**

Payments (whether with respect to principal or interest and whether at maturity or otherwise) in respect of Index-Linked Notes will be calculated by reference to such index and/or formula as the relevant Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) may agree (as indicated in the applicable Pricing Supplement).

**Zero Coupon Notes**

Zero Coupon Notes may be offered and sold at a discount to their face amount and will not bear interest except in the case of any late payment as provided in Condition 5.

**Optional Redemption**

The Pricing Supplement relating to each Tranche of Notes will indicate either that the Notes cannot be redeemed prior to their stated maturity (other than redemptions by instalments, if applicable, or for taxation reasons or following an Event of Default) or that such Notes will be redeemable at the option of the relevant Issuer and/or the Noteholders upon giving not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' irrevocable notice to the Noteholders or the relevant Issuer, as the case may be, on a date or dates specified prior to such stated maturity and at a price or prices and on such terms as are indicated in the applicable Pricing Supplement, subject to applicable currency regulations.

**Redemption by Instalments**

Notes may be repayable in two or more instalments of such amounts and on such dates as indicated in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

<b>Denomination of Definitive Notes</b>	Definitive Notes will be in such denominations as may be agreed between the relevant Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) and as specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement save that unless otherwise permitted by then current laws and regulations, Notes (including Notes denominated in sterling) which have a maturity of less than one year and in respect of which the issue proceeds are to be accepted by the relevant Issuer in the United Kingdom or whose issue otherwise constitutes a contravention of section 19 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 will have a minimum denomination of £100,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies).
<b>Taxation</b>	All payments in respect of the Notes will be made without withholding or deduction for or on account of any present or future tax, duty or charge of whatsoever nature imposed or levied by or on behalf of Hong Kong or the Cayman Islands, or any authority having power to levy tax in Hong Kong or the Cayman Islands, except as provided in Condition 11.
<b>Guarantee and Status of the Notes</b>	The Notes, the Coupons and the Receipts and the Guarantee in respect of Notes, Coupons and Receipts issued by the relevant Issuer are direct, unconditional, unsubordinated, general and (subject to Condition 2(b)) unsecured obligations of the relevant Issuer and (where MTR Cayman is the relevant Issuer) the Guarantor ranking <i>pari passu</i> in all respects and rateably without preference or priority (except for any statutory preference or priority applicable in the winding-up of the relevant Issuer and (where MTR Cayman is the relevant Issuer) the Guarantor) with all other outstanding direct, unconditional, unsecured, general and unsubordinated obligations (contingent or otherwise, present and future) of the relevant Issuer and (where MTR Cayman is the relevant Issuer) the Guarantor.
<b>Negative Pledge</b>	The Conditions will, unless the applicable Pricing Supplement indicates otherwise, contain a negative pledge provision as described in Condition 2(b).
<b>Cross Default</b>	The Conditions will, unless the applicable Pricing Supplement indicates otherwise, contain a cross default provision as described in Condition 12(b).
<b>Listing and Trading</b>	Application has been made to the Hong Kong Stock Exchange for the listing of the Programme under which Notes may be issued by way of debt issues to Professional Investors only during the 12-month period after the date of this Offering Circular on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. Separate application will be made for the listing of, and permission to deal in, the Notes to be issued under the Programme on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

The Notes may be listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange and/or on such other additional stock exchange(s) or as may be agreed between the relevant Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) in relation to each Series as indicated in the applicable Pricing Supplement, and all references to listing shall be construed accordingly. Unlisted Notes may also be issued. The Pricing Supplement relating to each Tranche will state whether or not the Notes are to be listed and, if so, the relevant stock exchange(s).

The Programme Agreement provides that, if the maintenance of the listing of any Notes has, in the opinion of the relevant Issuer, become, inter alia, unduly onerous, the relevant Issuer shall be entitled to terminate such listing subject to its using its reasonable endeavours to list or admit to trading the Notes on a stock exchange within or outside the European Union to be agreed between the relevant Issuer, the Guarantor and the relevant Dealer(s) or, as the case may be, the Lead Manager.

Notes listed on Hong Kong Stock Exchange will be traded on Hong Kong Stock Exchange in a board lot size of at least HK\$500,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies).

#### **Ratings**

Notes issued under the Programme may be rated or unrated. When an issue of Notes is rated, its rating will not necessarily be the same as the rating applicable to the Programme and (where applicable) such rating will be specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement. A rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to suspension, reduction or withdrawal at any time by the assigning rating agency.

#### **Governing Law**

The Notes will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, English law. Any matter, claim or dispute arising out of or in connection with the Notes, whether contractual or non-contractual, is to be governed by and construed in accordance with English law.

#### **Clearing Systems**

Euroclear, Clearstream, CMU or other relevant clearing systems, as specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement.

#### **Selling Restrictions**

United States, the European Economic Area, United Kingdom, Hong Kong, Cayman Islands, Japan and Singapore and such other restrictions as may be required in connection with a particular issue of Notes (see “Subscription and Sale”).

## **Risk Factors**

*Each Issuer believes that the following factors may affect its ability to fulfil its obligations under Notes issued under the Programme. All of these factors are contingencies which may or may not occur and neither Issuer is in a position to express a view on the likelihood of any such contingency occurring.*

*Factors which each Issuer believes may be material for the purpose of assessing the market risks associated with Notes issued under the Programme are also described below.*

*Each Issuer believes that the factors described below represent the principal risks inherent in investing in Notes issued under the Programme, but an Issuer may be unable to pay interest, principal or other amounts on or in connection with any Notes for other reasons and neither of the Issuers represents that the statements below regarding the risks of holding any Notes are exhaustive. Prospective investors should also read the detailed information set out elsewhere in this Offering Circular (including any documents deemed to be incorporated by reference herein) and reach their own views prior to making any investment decision.*

### **FACTORS THAT MAY AFFECT THE ISSUERS' ABILITY TO FULFIL THEIR OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE NOTES ISSUED UNDER THE PROGRAMME**

#### ***Risks relating to MTRCL and its business***

*Competition in Hong Kong from other transport providers may adversely affect MTRCL.*

MTRCL competes with other transport providers, principally franchised bus and public light bus operators, as well as non-franchised bus, tram and ferry operators, and taxis. MTRCL's competitive strengths of speed, reliability and comfort may have been eroded in recent years with:

- (i) the general improvement in bus services;
- (ii) the expanding bus network;
- (iii) the opening of new highways and expressways, thus resulting in an overall improvement in road traffic conditions; and
- (iv) the opening of more ports and control points, which resulted in increased competition in land-based cross boundary transport.

The lower capital costs of MTRCL's competitors and their greater inherent structural flexibility may enable them to respond to changing passenger demand more quickly than MTRCL can. In the Railway Development Strategy 2000 published in May 2000, the Government confirmed that railways are essential to Hong Kong's continued economic, social and land development and will be given priority

in the Government's plans for infrastructure development. Within this framework, the Government also recognised that franchised buses would continue to play an essential role in the public transport system in Hong Kong. As a result, MTRCL does not expect the Government to take any particular direct measures which, in the short-term, would have the effect of reducing or containing patronage on franchised buses or public light buses for the purpose of increasing MTRCL's patronage. The Government completed its review and update of the Railway Development Strategy 2000 in 2014. For more information, please see pages 92 to 95 under the heading "Potential Future Extensions".

*The growth of MTRCL's railway and property businesses and increase in patronage depend, in part, on the award to the Company of new railway projects, the implementation of those projects and on other factors that MTRCL may not be able to control.*

The growth of MTRCL's railway and property businesses depends, in part, on whether new railway projects are awarded to the Company and whether it can implement them in a timely and effective manner in order to expand capacity and, thereby, accommodate more passengers, and develop more properties. MTRCL's plans for new railway projects are subject to a number of uncertainties, including:

- (i) whether, and on what terms, including the grant of property development rights, certain new railway projects will be awarded to the Company and, in particular, whether such terms will enable the Company to earn a commercial rate of return on its investment in new railway projects;
- (ii) whether there will be a sufficient population in the catchment area for a new railway project and whether that catchment area is encouraged to use the mass transit railway system as a result of government planning of highways and bus routes; and
- (iii) whether MTRCL will be able to obtain adequate financing on acceptable terms to fund the required capital expenditures.

MTRCL cannot assure investors that new railway projects will be awarded to the Company. In addition, although MTRCL has significant experience in the design and construction of railway projects since 1975, MTRCL cannot assure investors that railway projects undertaken by it will be completed on time and within budget. Please see pages 92 to 95 under the heading "Potential Future Extensions" for a discussion on MTRCL's current railway projects.

On 17th September 2014, the Government issued its Railway Development Strategy 2014 ("RDS 2014"), which outlined the Government's agenda for railway expansion in Hong Kong up to 2031. In December 2023, the Government announced the Hong Kong Major Transport Infrastructure Development Blueprint (the "Blueprint"), which maps the way forward for Hong Kong's transport infrastructure through projects that support sustainable development and reinforce the city's strategic position.

Under the RDS 2014, the Government proposed to develop seven new railway projects. The Blueprint recommends three enhanced strategic railway projects as well as two new railway projects in the

Northern Metropolis, the “Northern Link Eastern Extension” and “Northeast New Territories Line”. MTRCL cannot assure investors that any of these new projects proposed under the RDS 2014 or the Blueprint will be implemented by the Government and there is no certainty that any or all of these new railway projects will be awarded to the Company. For more information regarding the Government’s proposed projects under RDS 2014 and the Blueprint, please see pages 92 to 95 under the heading “Potential Future Extensions”.

Since the Rail Merger (as defined on page 23) which took effect on 2nd December 2007 (the “Merger Date”), the award of new projects has been subject to the terms set out in the New Operating Agreement (as defined on page 87). The New Operating Agreement provides for three types of new project: natural extensions of the Mass Transit Railway (the “MTR railway”); natural extensions of the Kowloon-Canton Railway (the “KCR railway”); and ‘separate’ projects. For natural extensions of the MTR railway, the Company will be invited on an exclusive basis to undertake the project under the ownership approach and to submit a proposal. If agreement cannot be reached on the terms of the project, the Government may invite third parties to undertake the project. For natural extensions of the KCR railway, the Government may decide to adopt the ownership or the concession approach. If the Government decides to adopt the ownership approach, MTRCL will have the exclusive right to make proposals in respect of such new projects. If agreement cannot be reached on the terms of the project, the Government may invite third parties or, alternatively, invite the Company to operate the new project under the concession approach. For new ‘separate’ projects, the Government may decide to adopt the ownership or the concession approach. If the Government decides to adopt the ownership approach, it may invite the Company to submit a proposal or award the project through an open tender. If the Government decides to adopt the concession approach, it may invite the Company and/or third parties to operate the new project under the concession approach. Therefore, even after the Rail Merger, the Company cannot assure investors that new railway projects will be awarded to it.

Since 2018, MTRCL has had to deal with incidents relating to the Shatin to Central Link (“SCL”) project, i.e. the inadequacies in respect of the construction process and MTRCL’s project management in relation to the Hung Hom Station extension and its adjacent structures, namely the North Approach Tunnel, the South Approach Tunnel and the Hung Hom Stabling Sidings (together, the “Hung Hom Incidents”). The Chief Executive in Council set up a Commission of Inquiry to investigate matters relating to the Hung Hom Incidents (the “COI”). The Government also appointed the Expert Adviser Team (“EAT”) to conduct a review of the Company’s project management system and recommend additional management and monitoring measures to be undertaken by the Company and the Government in taking forward the SCL project. The final reports of COI and EAT were released in May 2020 and February 2021 respectively. Both reports confirmed that the relevant structures are safe with the implementation of suitable measures. MTRCL has also updated and improved its project management system as recommended with the new project management procedures being applied to SCL and new railway projects.

In order to progress the SCL project and to facilitate the phased opening of the Tuen Ma Line (Tai Wai to Hung Hom section) (the “Phased Opening”) in the first quarter of 2020, MTRCL announced in July 2019 that it agreed to fund, on an interim and without prejudice basis, the costs for the preparation and implementation of the Phased Opening, as well as the costs associated with the Hung Hom



Incidents (together, the “Hung Hom Incidents Related Costs”), whilst reserving its position as to the ultimate liability for such costs. MTRCL recognised a provision of HK\$2 billion in its consolidated statement of profit or loss account for the year ended 31st December 2019. During the six months ended 30th June 2024, the provision utilised amounted to HK\$1 million and no provision was written back. As at 30th June 2024, the provision (net of amount utilised) was HK\$761 million.

Due to continuing challenges posed by external factors, MTRCL completed a further review and revalidation of the cost to complete in respect of the SCL project in early 2020 and notified the Government accordingly, including an additional project management fee payable to MTRCL of HK\$1,371 million (“Additional PMC”), being the additional cost to MTRCL of carrying out its remaining project management responsibilities under the SCL Entrustment Agreement entered into between MTRCL and the Government. This HK\$1,371 million is separate from the Hung Hom Incidents Related Costs. However, the Government considers there has been no material modification in respect of the SCL project and, therefore, disagrees to the inclusion of any Additional PMC in the cost to complete. The additional funding sought by the Government and subsequently approved by the Legislative Council on 12th June 2020 did not include any amount of Additional PMC for MTRCL. MTRCL has written to the Government to restate MTRCL’s belief that MTRCL is entitled, in accordance with the provisions of the SCL EA3 (as defined below), to an increase in the project management fee. However, the Government has responded by reiterating the reasons above for maintaining its position of disagreement to any increase in the project management fee. The Group has recognised a provision of HK\$1,371 million in its consolidated statement of profit or loss for the year ended 31st December 2020, for the estimated additional cost to the Company of continuing to comply with its project management responsibilities. During the six months ended 30th June 2024, the provision utilised amounted to HK\$59 million and no provision was written back. As at 30th June 2024, the provision (net of amount utilised) was HK\$248 million.

As the eventual outcome of the discussions between MTRCL and the Government on various matters remain highly uncertain at the current stage, MTRCL is currently not able to measure with sufficient reliability the ultimate amount of MTRCL’s obligation or liability arising from the SCL project as a whole in light of the significant uncertainties involved. Please refer to pages 81 to 85 for further information relating to the SCL project.

Patronage will hinge on macro-economic factors, such as population, employment growth and visitors arrival growth and distribution and changes in demographics and economic conditions. It will also be affected by the amount of road congestion and any expansion of the bus network. Furthermore, because of certain inherent capacity limitations and structural inflexibilities of the MTR railway, MTRCL may not be able to respond quickly to increases in demand. For example, MTRCL cannot quickly change its routes to cater for new passenger demand in areas in which it does not operate.

*MTRCL’s ability to raise fares to cover MTRCL’s operating costs could be limited by a number of factors.*

Since the Rail Merger, the Company’s setting of the majority of its fares has been made in accordance with the Fare Adjustment Mechanism (“FAM”). The FAM requires the Company to adjust its fares according to a pre-determined formula based on changes in the composite consumer price index and

wage index, and a productivity factor. Although the composite consumer price index and wage index correlate to the costs of the Company, the FAM is not directly linked to the costs of operating the MTR and KCR railways. There is a risk therefore that although the costs to the Company of operating the railways may increase (for example, as a result of increased maintenance cost or increased energy and utility costs), the Company may not be able to raise its fares as high as the increase in costs.

Furthermore, because of the lack of a direct relationship between the FAM and the Company's cost base, there is also the risk that the FAM could require the Company to decrease its fares by a greater percentage than any decrease in the Company's costs. In addition, external political and social pressures may require the Company to offer discounts and concessions to certain passengers to mitigate the effects of any upward fare increase in accordance with the FAM, or even where there has been no fare increase in accordance with the FAM. From 2020 to 2022, during the COVID-19 pandemic, MTRCL introduced a number of rebates (including a 20% rebate to customers, partially funded by the government, from July 2020 to March 2021), fare reductions and did not introduce a fare increase for three consecutive years. In March 2023, MTRCL and Government concluded the FAM review. Following the review, it was determined that the current direct-drive FAM formula will be retained for the upcoming five-year cycle (from 2023/2024 to 2027/2028) in order to provide a stable source of recurrent revenue for the maintenance, upgrading and renewal of railway assets. The existing "Affordability Cap" arrangement, by which the rate of any fare increase is capped at the change in the Median Monthly Household Income for the corresponding year, will also be kept in order to continue ensuring affordability. The "Productivity Factor" was enhanced to make reference to the Company's post-tax Hong Kong property development profit; as a result, the corresponding rate of the Productivity Factor will lower the fare adjustment rate by 0.6 to 0.8 percentage points. The overall fare adjustment rate for 2023/2024 is +2.3% after a special reduction of 1.2 percentage points as well as a special deferral of 1.65 percentage points and a voluntary deferral of 0.2 percentage points – both deferrals to 2024/2025 – to support the recovery of the economy after the pandemic. In addition, the service performance rebate has been enhanced with a new "Thank You Day" arrangement for passengers. Monthly Pass and City Saver tickets have also been extended to benefit medium- and long-distance travellers. From the fourth quarter of 2023, MTRCL offered a HK\$0.5 interchange discount with Green Minibuses – up from HK\$0.3. Please see pages 87 to 91 for details relating to the Company's applications of the FAM.

In accordance with the New Operating Agreement (as defined on page 87), the FAM is subject to review every five years upon request by either the Company or the Government. The first FAM review was completed in April 2013. In April 2016, the Company agreed to an early joint review of the FAM as requested by the Government, thereby advancing the next scheduled review by one year (the "Early Review"). The Early Review was completed in 2017. On 21st March 2023, the Company announced that the joint review of the FAM by the Company and Government in accordance with the New Operating Agreement, scheduled to be undertaken in 2022/23, has been completed (see page 88 for more details) and the next scheduled review of the FAM is expected to take place in 2027/28. As noted above, external political and social pressures may affect the review of the FAM and any amendment to the FAM may affect the Company's ability to adjust its fares in the future.

As the Group's railway operations continue to expand into other jurisdictions, if the Group is not able to increase its fares in a jurisdiction to cover increasing costs of operations, this may adversely affect the Group's profitability in operating railways in that jurisdiction. For example, the fares for the Shenzhen Metro Line 4 have not increased since the Group began operating the line in 2010. Shenzhen Metro Line 4 forms part of the Shenzhen metro system, which is operated by a wholly-owned subsidiary, MTR Corporation (Shenzhen) Limited ("MTRSZ"). In July 2020, the Shenzhen Municipal Government announced that a fare adjustment framework for the Shenzhen metro network would come into effect on 1st January 2021. The framework was expected to enable the establishment of a mechanism for fare setting and the implementation procedures for fare adjustments. Up to 30th June 2024, there has been no increase in Shenzhen Metro Line 4's fare since MTRSZ started operating the line in 2010 whilst the operating costs continue to rise. As disclosed in previous years, if a suitable fare increase and adjustment mechanism are not implemented soon, the long-term financial viability of this line will be impacted. At 30th June 2022, as it was anticipated that the mechanism and procedures for fare adjustments will take longer time to implement and patronage will remain at a lower level for a period of time, an impairment test was performed for Shenzhen Metro Line 4 and an impairment provision of HK\$962 million was recognised for the Shenzhen Metro Line 4 service concession assets in the consolidated statement of profit or loss for the six months ended 30th June 2022. Based on the review performed by the Group as at 30th June 2024 and 31st December 2023, no further impairment loss was recognised as at 30th June 2024 and 31st December 2023.

*If MTRCL is unable to continue expanding its business initiatives outside Hong Kong, its growth prospects could be materially and adversely affected.*

MTRCL has been conducting consulting business and pursuing new investments outside Hong Kong, including in Mainland China, Macao, Europe and Australia (see pages 103 to 111 for more details). These investments outside Hong Kong are subject to the risks of investing in those specific areas, as well as risks generally associated with doing business in a new country.

Hangzhou MTR Corporation Limited ("HZMTR"), a 49% owned associate of the Group, operates Hangzhou Metro Line 1 ("HZL1"), the HZL1 Xiasha Extension and HZL1 Airport Extension. HZMTR has been suffering from losses for many of the past several years due to slow growth in patronage and the pandemic. As there is no patronage protection mechanism under this concession agreement, the line's long-term financial viability will be impacted if patronage remains at a lower level over a further period of time, especially when compounded by the lower average fare resulting from the expanded network. In Sweden, the service contract for Stockholm Metro (Stockholms tunnelbana) will end in 2025 and MTRCL's bid for the new Stockholm Metro service contract was unsuccessful. In March 2024, MTRCL completed the handover of operations for Stockholms pendeltåg, the commuter rail service serving the greater Stockholm area, to the new operator. In May 2024, MTRCL completed its divestment of MTRX, the intercity service between Stockholm and Gothenburg. In June 2024, MTRCL handed over the operations for Mälartåg, the regional traffic service connecting Stockholm with all major towns in the Mälardalen region, to the new operator.

As such, MTRCL also cannot assure investors that it will be successful in carrying out new projects that are in markets outside of Hong Kong, in renewing overseas' franchises and in implementing its

business strategies outside Hong Kong, and failure to do so could limit its growth prospects and have a material adverse effect on its future profitability.

In addition, as MTRCL's business continues to expand outside Hong Kong, the Company may be subject to increased foreign currency risks. In particular, the value of, and income generated from, MTRCL's investments outside Hong Kong may be subject to fluctuations in currency exchange rates which may impact on MTRCL's profitability when translated into Hong Kong dollars.

*The Government can exert significant influence on MTRCL, and could cause the Company to make decisions, modify the scope of its activities or impose new obligations on the Company that may not be in the Company's best interest or that of its other shareholders.*

As long as the Government remains a majority shareholder of MTRCL, the Government is able to appoint MTRCL's entire Board of Directors (the "Board"). Accordingly, the Government is in a position to significantly influence MTRCL's major business decisions and strategies, including the scope of its activities and investment decisions and its dividend policy. Please see page 75 for a description of the Government's beneficial ownership of MTRCL's share capital. MTRCL also competes with Kowloon Motor Bus and Citybus, each of which has two board members who are appointed by the Government. Each of Kowloon Motor Bus, Citybus and other transport providers, such as taxi operators and minibus operators, are regulated by the Government. The Government may use its ability to influence MTRCL's business and/or the businesses of the Company's competitors (whether through its shareholding interest, board representation or through regulation) in a manner that may not be in MTRCL's best interest.

A number of provisions in the New Operating Agreement (as defined on page 87) are related to prevailing Government policies, including the provisions relating to the amount of land premium payable by MTRCL for the grant of land. The Government may change its policies, intentions, preferences, views, expectations, projections, forecasts and opinions, including as a result of changes in the economic, political and social environment, its projections of population and employment growth. In addition, the Mass Transit Railway Ordinance and its subsidiary legislation may be amended, modified or repealed in accordance with the Hong Kong legislative process. Any amendment, modification or repeal could modify the existing regulatory regime and materially and adversely affect MTRCL's financial condition and results of operations. The Government has agreed with MTRCL under the New Operating Agreement that it will not make any new regulations under the Mass Transit Railway Ordinance without first having consulted the Company and having taken account of all reasonable representations made by the Company.

The Government may also adopt new policies and enact new laws, including in relation to environmental matters, which may result in increased operating and construction costs for MTRCL or otherwise have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations.

*MTRCL requires significant capital for its business and is exposed to the impact of interest rate and foreign currency movements in respect of its borrowings. If the Company is unable to obtain additional capital on acceptable terms when needed, its growth prospects and future profitability may be adversely affected.*

MTRCL incurs substantial capital expenditures each year to maintain, renew and replace its operating assets and infrastructure. MTRCL may also incur substantial capital expenditures when it undertakes new railway projects and investments in Hong Kong, Mainland China and overseas.

Substantial portions of MTRCL's operating cash flows are used to pay for these capital expenditures. If MTRCL is unable to fund capital expenditures from operating cash flows and external sources, it will be required to reduce its capital expenditures. This would restrict MTRCL's ability to grow and, over time, could reduce the quality and reliability of the service the Company provides.

In addition, MTRCL has borrowed, and expects to continue to borrow, significant amounts at floating interest rates and in foreign currencies. In order to reduce its exposure to movements in interest rates and exchange rates, MTRCL has typically hedged a portion of such exposure by entering into interest rate or cross currency swap arrangements. This helps to reduce, but does not eliminate, the impact of interest rate and foreign currency movements. An increase in interest rates, or fluctuations in exchange rates between the Hong Kong dollar and other currencies, may limit the availability or increase the cost of such swaps or hedging instruments. This may increase MTRCL's borrowing costs or reduce the availability of funding.

*Investments in new projects related to MTRCL's railway operations will increase the Company's overall depreciation charges, and interest and finance charges which could have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition and results of operations. Moreover, any failure to generate the necessary returns on these investments could materially reduce MTRCL's profitability.*

Investments in MTRCL's infrastructure, such as improvements to the Company's existing railway assets, the construction of new railway projects, or the extension of existing railway lines, generally involve substantial capital expenditures. Investments in future new railway projects may require significant capital expenditures and long periods of time to generate the necessary returns and may lead to increased interest and depreciation expenses in the future, which could have a material adverse effect on MTRCL's financial condition and results of operations. Moreover, any failure to generate the necessary returns on these investments could materially reduce MTRCL's profitability.

*MTRCL's property business is subject to fluctuations in the Hong Kong and Mainland China property markets as well as to general risks incidental to the development, ownership and management of properties.*

MTRCL's property business has in recent years accounted for, and is expected to continue to account for, a substantial portion of the Company's net profit. Most of MTRCL's completed investment properties and investment properties under development are located in Hong Kong. MTRCL also has property businesses in Mainland China.

Historically, the Hong Kong property market has been cyclical with property values affected by the amount of new land made available by the Government, the rate of economic growth in Hong Kong and political and economic developments in Hong Kong and Mainland China.

Economic developments outside Hong Kong, such as the China-US trade relations, the possibility of unforeseen financial market crisis or pandemics, measures taken by the Central People's Government in Mainland China and interest rate policy in the United States, could also affect the property market in Hong Kong and Mainland China.

MTRCL is exposed to the general risks inherent in relation to property development, including that construction may not be completed on schedule or within budget, that development may be affected by governmental regulations, that there may be delays in timing on a change of the parameters regarding Government land grants, that developed properties may not be leased or sold on profitable terms and that purchasers may default. The terms on which property developers are prepared to bid for development packages will also be affected by the state of the property market at the time of tender. In the event that there is a downturn in the property market in Hong Kong or Mainland China, the targeted revenue from property development could be significantly reduced. MTRCL's property business in Mainland China could be affected by governmental policies (such as land and housing policies) and property market control measures.

In relation to properties held by MTRCL as investments, since leases of Hong Kong properties are often for a short duration (typically about three years) or contain provisions requiring rent review within a short period of time (typically about three years), MTRCL's income from these properties may be subject to more frequent adjustments than would be the case in other real estate markets. MTRCL is also subject to the general risks relating to its property business including, amongst other things, fluctuations in sentiment in the property and retail sectors, changes in the patterns of consumer behaviour, competition for tenants, changes in market rental levels, inability to collect rent from tenants, inflation, risk of labour movement and the need to renovate, repair and relet space periodically. For example, during the COVID-19 pandemic, MTRCL granted rental concessions to tenants on a case-by-case basis at its stations and malls to ease their financial burden. Such rental concession granted will be amortised to the profit and loss account over the remaining lease terms of respective tenants. The asset value of MTRCL's investment property portfolio may be further affected by market conditions. Depending on the extent to which these and other risks materialise, they could have a material adverse effect on the property business of MTRCL.

*In certain circumstances, the Government has the power to suspend and revoke MTRCL's franchise under the Mass Transit Railway Ordinance.*

Although the power of the Chief Executive in Council (which refers to the Chief Executive of Hong Kong acting after consultation with the Executive Council of Hong Kong) under the Mass Transit Railway Ordinance to suspend or revoke MTRCL's franchise is exercisable only in certain circumstances, the Company cannot assure investors that such power will not be exercised. If MTRCL's franchise were to be suspended or revoked, the Company would not be able to operate its railway business and, accordingly, could not generate revenues from that business.



*Accidents, natural disasters and security incidents could lead to decreased revenues and increased expenditure and reduce MTRCL's operating flexibility.*

MTRCL's operations could be affected by accidents, natural disasters and security incidents resulting in major equipment and power failures, collisions and derailments, which in turn will interrupt or prevent the operation of the mass transit railway and lead to:

- (i) decreased revenues;
- (ii) increased expenditure;
- (iii) prolonged interruptions in, or reductions of, railway operations;
- (iv) a reduction in the Company's operating flexibility;
- (v) increased liabilities for the Company;
- (vi) pressure for greater regulation; and
- (vii) in cases which constitute a failure by MTRCL to comply with any provision of the Mass Transit Railway Ordinance or the New Operating Agreement, the potential imposition of a financial penalty.

Although MTRCL believes that the insurance it has put in place is adequate and consistent with industry practice, the Company cannot assure investors that such insurance will be sufficient to cover losses or that such insurance will continue to be available on the same terms.

*Any future outbreak of mass communicable diseases like COVID-19, Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, avian influenza, swine influenza or other new or contagious diseases may materially and adversely affect MTRCL's business and operations, as well as its financial condition and status.*

Hong Kong, together with certain areas in the region and elsewhere experienced in early 2003 an outbreak of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, or SARS, a new and highly contagious form of atypical pneumonia. At the height of the outbreak of SARS, MTRCL's average weekday patronage on the MTR Lines decreased to a low point of 1.8 million in April 2003, and the Airport Express recorded a significant reduction in its average daily patronage to a low point of 9,200 in May 2003, due to a steep decline in the number of airport passengers. In addition, since the latter half of 2005, several countries in Asia and Europe have reported cases of avian influenza, or bird flu, a disease which was first detected in humans in 1997 in Hong Kong. While there have been no known cases of efficient human-to-human transmission of avian influenza, there can be no assurance that the virus will not mutate, thereby causing a human pandemic in Hong Kong and nearby territories. In 2009, Hong Kong and several countries across the globe reported cases of swine influenza with instances of human-to-human transmission. In 2013, cases of the H7N9 virus were also reported.

The COVID-19 pandemic outbreak has had a significant impact on MTRCL's transport operations, station commercial, property rental and other businesses. Patronage across MTRCL's network was heavily affected due to the reduced number of passengers as a result of social distancing measures, including work-from-home arrangements and face-to-face school classes suspension and related government measures such as the temporary closure of several boundary crossings between Hong Kong and Mainland China. In Hong Kong, MTRCL also offered additional fare rebates to passengers and rental concessions to tenants at its stations and malls. In the post-COVID era, while patronage has slowly recovered, changes in the patterns of consumer and traveller behaviour has been observed. There can be no assurance that the growth of cross-boundary and overseas travel will translate into patronage for MTRCL services.

MTRCL cannot assure investors that there will not be any future outbreak of novel coronavirus, SARS, avian influenza, swine influenza or any other contagious diseases for which there may be no known cure or vaccine. Any future outbreak of novel coronavirus, SARS, avian influenza, swine influenza or any other contagious diseases may cause patronage on the railway to again materially decrease. Furthermore, MTRCL's ability to adequately staff and maintain its operations may be significantly disrupted in such circumstances. In addition, any future outbreak of novel coronavirus, SARS, avian influenza, swine influenza or any other contagious diseases may severely restrict the general level of economic activity in Hong Kong and places where MTRCL operates its business, which may also adversely affect MTRCL's business and prospects. As a result, MTRCL cannot assure investors that any future outbreak of novel coronavirus, SARS, avian influenza, swine influenza or any other contagious disease would not have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition and status.

#### ***Risks relating to the Rail Merger***

After the merger of the MTR railway and the KCR railway and related businesses (the "Rail Merger") (which occurred on the Merger Date) there are certain risks to the Company associated with operation of the KCR railway. These include the following:

*There is only limited recourse contained in the Merger Agreements in respect of defects or problems with the property of the Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation ("KCRC") which is the subject of the Service Concession ("Concession Property"). The terms of the Rail Merger did not provide for warranties in relation to the condition or durability of Concession Property. As a result, any costs which would need to be incurred to rectify problems with the Concession Property may be a direct cost to the Company.*

*Breach of the Mass Transit Railway Ordinance or the New Operating Agreement with respect to the MTRCL's post-Rail Merger franchise relating to the KCR railway may potentially result in fines and/or, in an extreme case, revocation of the MTRCL's entire franchise.*

Since the partial privatisation of the Company in 2000, a breach of the Mass Transit Railway Ordinance and/or the Operating Agreement and New Operating Agreement (as defined on page 87) could potentially result in the revocation of the MTRCL's franchise to operate the MTR railway. After

the Rail Merger, the Company is required to operate the KCR railway subject to the Mass Transit Railway Ordinance (as amended by the Rail Merger Ordinance (Ordinance No. 11 of 2007) (the “Rail Merger Ordinance”)) and the New Operating Agreement. As a result, certain breaches thereof with respect to the KCR railway could potentially result in a revocation of MTRCL’s entire franchise (i.e. with respect to the MTR railway as well as the KCR railway). The Company could, however, have the opportunity in certain circumstances, within specified time periods to remedy any such material breach prior to any revocation of the franchise.

*The Company contracted with KCRC without any formal guarantee from the Government.*

The Rail Merger involved the Company entering into a number of arrangements with KCRC which is wholly-owned by the Government. The Government was not a party to all of the Merger Agreements. The Government did not provide any guarantee in relation to the obligations of KCRC. However, the Government provided that if, on or after the Merger Date, the Government proposes to cease to be the majority shareholder of KCRC, the Government and the Company shall, prior to the Government so ceasing to be the majority shareholder of KCRC, agree arrangements designed to provide adequate comfort to the Company as to KCRC’s performance of its obligations to the Company under the Merger Agreements.

*Certain payments and liabilities relating to the Rail Merger may not qualify as profits tax deductions.*

Since the Rail Merger in 2007, MTRCL has claimed annual Hong Kong profits tax deductions in respect of the amortisation of upfront payment and cut-over liabilities and fixed annual payments and variable annual payments relating to the Rail Merger (collectively “the Sums”). Inland Revenue Department issued notices of profits tax assessments disallowing deduction of the Sums in the computation of MTRCL’s assessable profits for certain years of assessment, to which MTRCL has lodged objections. On 6th August 2024, the Board of Review has issued its decision (“the Board of Review Decision”) and has disagreed with the deduction claims of the fixed annual payments and variable annual payments for the years of assessment from 2011/2012 to 2017/2018. It confirmed the relevant profits tax assessment/additional profits tax assessments in respect of the fixed annual payments and variable annual payments being non-tax deductible. The Company conferred with external legal counsel and its tax advisor and the initial advice obtained was that the Company continued to have strong legal grounds to support its position. As such, as of the date of the interim financial report, no additional tax provision has been made. The Company, external legal counsel and its tax advisor have completed their review of the Board of Review Decision and the advice obtained continues to be that the Company has strong legal grounds to support its position. Based on the strength of advice from external legal counsel and its tax advisor, on 4th September 2024, the Company lodged an application to the Court of First Instance of the High Court of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region for leave to appeal against the Board of Review Decision. For more information, please see the section headed “Litigation and Governmental Proceedings” on pages 154 to 156. If it is ultimately decided that the Sums do not qualify as Hong Kong profits tax deductions, such decision will increase the Hong Kong profits tax liabilities of MTRCL and may therefore have an adverse effect on the financial position of MTRCL.

### ***Risks relating to Hong Kong and Mainland China***

*Economic, political and legal developments in Hong Kong and Mainland China could affect MTRCL's business.*

A substantial part of MTRCL's assets are located in Hong Kong and a substantial part of the Company's revenues are derived from Hong Kong. Accordingly, MTRCL's financial condition, results of operations and prospects are subject to a significant degree to the economic, political and legal developments in Hong Kong. Hong Kong became a Special Administrative Region of the PRC, on 1st July 1997 when the PRC resumed the exercise of sovereignty over Hong Kong. The basic policies of the Central People's Government regarding Hong Kong are embodied in the Basic Law of Hong Kong, which was adopted by the National People's Congress of the PRC on 4th April 1990 and came into effect on 1st July 1997. During the public order events in Hong Kong in the second half of 2019, MTRCL's transport operations, station commercial businesses and property rental businesses in Hong Kong were adversely affected. The public order events affected patronage, involved damage and vandalism to certain stations, facilities and malls, necessitating repair, maintenance or replacement and led to other costs being incurred for the enhancement of staffing and security as well as rental concessions. MTRCL cannot assure investors that economic, political and legal developments in Hong Kong and Mainland China (for example, China-US trade and geopolitical tensions, caution in the world markets, a weaker local economy and public order events in Hong Kong) will not materially and adversely affect the Company's business and operations.

*Any changes to import duties and governmental control over the type of dutiable goods in Hong Kong and Mainland China could affect MTRCL's leasing of retail spaces for duty free shops.*

After the Rail Merger, a significant part of MTRCL's revenue is derived from the leasing of retail spaces for duty free shops at four cross-boundary stations, namely, Lo Wu, Lok Ma Chau, Hung Hom and Hong Kong West Kowloon. Any changes to import duties and governmental control over the type of dutiable goods (such as tobacco and liquors) in the two duty zones, Hong Kong and Mainland China, can affect the mix of the type of dutiable goods and therefore the gross sales turnover generated from these retail areas and the overall rental income for MTRCL.

*Adverse economic developments in Hong Kong, Mainland China or elsewhere could have a material adverse effect on MTRCL's financial condition and results of operations.*

The majority of MTRCL's revenues and most of its net profit are derived from its business activities in Hong Kong, which are directly affected by the performance of Hong Kong's economy. Hong Kong's economy is in turn affected, directly and indirectly, by issues that are domestic to Hong Kong (including social unrest and public order events) and by the performance of the economies of Mainland China and neighbouring Asian regions. As a result, adverse economic developments in Hong Kong, Mainland China or elsewhere in the Asian region could have a material adverse effect on MTRCL's financial condition and results of operations. In addition, as MTRCL expands its business into Mainland China and other regions, adverse economic developments in Mainland China or in the regions in which MTRCL operates will have a direct impact on MTRCL's financial condition and results of operations.

*A devaluation of the Hong Kong dollar may increase costs associated with MTRCL's capital expansion and will increase the Hong Kong dollar cost of repaying its indebtedness.*

The Hong Kong dollar has been linked to the US dollar at the rate of approximately HK\$7.80 to US\$1.00 since 17th October 1983. The Government has repeatedly reaffirmed its commitment to this linked exchange rate system. However, in the event this policy was to be changed and there was to be a devaluation of the Hong Kong dollar, this would increase the Hong Kong dollar cost of MTRCL's foreign currency capital expenditures. In addition, the Hong Kong dollar cost of MTRCL's current and future liabilities denominated in foreign currencies would increase. As a substantial part of MTRCL's revenues are denominated in Hong Kong dollars, a devaluation of the Hong Kong dollar may increase capital costs and the related depreciation costs to the Company and increase its Hong Kong dollar interest expense on US dollar denominated indebtedness. This would in turn reduce MTRCL's operating and net profit.

***Risks related to the structure of a particular issue of Notes***

A wide range of Notes may be issued under the Programme. A number of these Notes may have features which contain particular risks for potential investors. Set out below is a description of certain such features:

***Notes subject to optional redemption by the Issuers.***

An optional redemption feature is likely to limit the market value of Notes. During any period when an Issuer may elect to redeem Notes, the market value of those Notes generally will not rise substantially above the price at which they can be redeemed. This also may be true prior to any redemption period.

An Issuer may be expected to redeem Notes when its cost of borrowing is lower than the interest rate on the Notes. At those times, an investor generally would not be able to reinvest the redemption proceeds at an effective interest rate as high as the interest rate on the Notes being redeemed and may only be able to do so at a significantly lower rate. Potential investors should consider reinvestment risk in light of other investments available at that time.

***Dual Currency Notes.***

An Issuer may issue Notes with principal or interest payable in one or more currencies which may be different from the currency in which the Notes are denominated. Potential investors should be aware that:

- (a) the market price of such Notes may be volatile;
- (b) the payment of principal or interest may occur at a different time or in a different currency than expected; and
- (c) the amount of principal payable at redemption may be less than the nominal amount of such Notes or even zero.

*Partly-paid Notes.*

An Issuer may issue Notes where the issue price is payable in more than one instalment. Failure to pay any subsequent instalment could result in an investor losing all of its investment.

*Variable rate Notes with a multiplier or other leverage factor.*

Notes with variable interest rates can be volatile investments. If they are structured to include multipliers or other leverage factors, or caps or floors, or any combination of those features or other similar related features, their market values may be even more volatile than those for securities that do not include those features.

*Floating Rate Notes.*

Reference rates and indices, including interest rate benchmarks, which are used to determine the amounts payable under financial instruments or the value of such financial instruments (“Benchmarks”), have, in recent years, been the subject of political and regulatory scrutiny as to how they are created and operated. This has resulted in regulatory reform and changes to existing Benchmarks, with further changes anticipated. These reforms and changes may cause a Benchmark to perform differently than it has done in the past or to be discontinued. Any change in the performance of a Benchmark or its discontinuation, could have a material adverse effect on any Notes referencing or linked to such Benchmark.

*Inverse Floating Rate Notes.*

Inverse Floating Rate Notes have an interest rate equal to a fixed rate minus a rate based upon a reference rate. The market values of such Notes typically are more volatile than market values of other conventional floating rate debt securities based on the same reference rate (and with otherwise comparable terms). Inverse Floating Rate Notes are more volatile because an increase in the reference rate not only decreases the interest rate of the Notes, but may also reflect an increase in prevailing interest rates, which further adversely affects the market value of these Notes.

*Fixed/Floating Rate Notes.*

Fixed/Floating Rate Notes may bear interest at a rate that an Issuer may elect to convert from a fixed rate to a floating rate, or from a floating rate to a fixed rate. An Issuer’s ability to convert the interest rate will affect the secondary market and the market value of such Notes since such Issuer may be expected to convert the rate when it is likely to produce a lower overall cost of borrowing. If such Issuer converts from a fixed rate to a floating rate, the spread on the Fixed/Floating Rate Notes may be less favourable than then prevailing spreads on comparable Floating Rate Notes tied to the same reference rate. In addition, the new floating rate at any time may be lower than the rates on other Notes. If such Issuer converts from a floating rate to a fixed rate, the fixed rate may be lower than then prevailing rates on its Notes.

*Notes issued at a substantial discount or premium.*

The market values of securities issued at a substantial discount or premium to their nominal amount tend to fluctuate more in relation to general changes in interest rates than do prices for conventional interest-bearing securities. Generally, the longer the remaining term of the securities, the greater the price volatility as compared to conventional interest-bearing securities with comparable maturities.

*Trustee may request indemnity from noteholders.*

At any time after the Notes shall have become immediately due and repayable pursuant to Condition 12 or otherwise, the Trustee may request noteholders to provide an indemnity to its satisfaction before instituting proceedings against the Issuer and/or the Guarantor. Please see Condition 12 of the Terms and Conditions of the Notes for details.

*Perpetual Notes may be issued for which investors have no right to require redemption.*

Any perpetual Notes issued under the Programme are perpetual and have no fixed final maturity date. Holders of perpetual Notes have no right to require the Issuer to redeem perpetual Notes at any time, and an investor who acquires perpetual Notes may only dispose of such perpetual Notes by sale.

Holders of perpetual Notes who wish to sell their perpetual Notes may be unable to do so at a price at or above the amount they have paid for them, or at all. Therefore, holders of perpetual Notes should be aware that they may be required to bear the financial risks of an investment in perpetual Notes for an indefinite period of time.

*Index-Linked or Variable Redemption Amount Notes.*

If, in the case of a particular Tranche of Notes, the relevant Pricing Supplement specifies that the Notes are Index-Linked Notes or Variable Redemption Amount Notes, there is a risk that the investor may lose the value of their entire investment or part of it.

***Risks related to Notes denominated in Renminbi***

There are certain special risks associated with investing in any Notes denominated in Renminbi (“RMB Notes”). The Issuers believe that the factors described below represent the principal risks inherent in investing in RMB Notes issued, but the inability of the Issuers to pay interest, principal or other amounts on or in connection with RMB Notes may occur for other reasons and the Issuers do not represent that the statements below regarding the risks of holding RMB Notes are exhaustive.

Prospective investors should also read the detailed information set out elsewhere in this Offering Circular and reach their own views prior to making any investment decision.

*Renminbi is not freely convertible; there are significant restrictions on remittance of Renminbi into and outside Mainland China.*

Renminbi is not freely convertible at present. The Central People’s Government continues to regulate conversion between Renminbi and foreign currencies, including the US dollar and the Hong Kong dollar, despite the significant reduction over the years of control over routine foreign exchange transactions under current accounts. Remittance of Renminbi by foreign investors into Mainland China for the purposes of capital account items, such as capital contributions, is generally only permitted upon obtaining specific approvals from, or completing specific registrations or filings with, the relevant authorities and is subject to a strict monitoring system. Regulations on the remittance of Renminbi into Mainland China for settlement of capital account items are developing gradually.

Although starting from 1st October 2016, the Renminbi has been added to the Special Drawing Rights basket created by the International Monetary Fund, there is no assurance that the Central People’s



Government will continue to liberalise control over cross-border remittance of Renminbi in the future, that any pilot schemes for Renminbi cross-border utilisation will not be discontinued or that new regulations will not be promulgated in the future which have the effect of restricting or eliminating the remittance of Renminbi into or outside Mainland China.

Further, if any new regulations are promulgated in the future which have the effect of permitting or restricting (as the case may be) the remittance of Renminbi for payment of transactions categorised as capital account items, then such remittances will need to be made subject to the specific requirements or restrictions set out in such rules. In the event that funds cannot be repatriated outside Mainland China in Renminbi, the Issuer will need to source Renminbi offshore to finance its obligations under RMB Notes, and its ability to do so will be subject to the overall availability of Renminbi outside Mainland China.

Holders of beneficial interests in RMB Notes may be required to provide certifications and other information (including Renminbi account information) in order to allow such holders to receive payments in Renminbi in accordance with the Renminbi clearing and settlement system for participating banks in various financial centres and cities including Hong Kong. Please see “RMB Currency Controls” for further details.

***There is only limited availability of Renminbi outside Mainland China, which may affect the liquidity of RMB Notes and the Issuer’s ability to source Renminbi outside Mainland China to service RMB Notes, and in certain circumstances, amounts payable in respect of any Notes in Renminbi may be paid after the original due date and may be paid in US dollars.***

As a result of the restrictions by the Central People’s Government on cross-border Renminbi fund flows, the availability of Renminbi outside Mainland China is limited.

While the People’s Bank of China (“PBOC”) has entered into agreements on the clearing of Renminbi business with financial institutions in Hong Kong, Taiwan and Singapore, and has established the Cross-Border Inter-Bank Payments System to facilitate cross-border Renminbi settlement and is further in the process of establishing Renminbi clearing and settlement mechanisms in several other jurisdictions, the current size of Renminbi-denominated financial assets outside Mainland China is limited.

Renminbi business participating banks do not have direct Renminbi liquidity support from the PBOC. The relevant RMB clearing bank only has access to onshore liquidity support from the PBOC to square open positions of participating banks for limited types of transactions, including open positions resulting from conversion services for corporations relating to cross-border trade settlement and for individual customers subject to the limitations as provided in the relevant regulatory rules in effect from time to time and for the designated business customers relating to the RMB received in providing their services. The relevant RMB clearing bank is not obliged to square for participating banks any open positions resulting from other foreign exchange transactions or conversion services and the participating banks will need to source Renminbi from the offshore market to square such open positions.

Although it is expected that the offshore Renminbi market will continue to grow in depth and size, its growth is subject to many constraints as a result of laws and regulations in Mainland China on foreign exchange.

There is no assurance that new regulations will not be promulgated or settlement agreements will not be terminated or amended in the future which will have the effect of restricting the availability of Renminbi offshore. The limited availability of Renminbi outside Mainland China may affect the liquidity of the relevant Issuer's RMB Notes. To the extent that the relevant Issuer is required to source Renminbi in the offshore market to service its RMB Notes, there is no assurance that the relevant Issuer will be able to source such Renminbi on satisfactory terms, if at all.

If any amount is payable in respect of any Notes in Renminbi, the primary obligation of the Issuer and, if applicable, the Guarantor is to make such payment in Renminbi. However, if CNY Disruption Event (as defined in Condition 7(d) of the Terms and Conditions of the Notes) is specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement and, by reason of any CNY Disruption Event, the Issuer determines that it is not reasonably practicable to make such payment in Renminbi, the Issuer has the right to postpone the due date of such payment and, if the CNY Disruption Event continues to exist for 14 consecutive calendar days from the original due date, to make the payment in US dollars instead of Renminbi. (Please refer to Condition 7(d) of the Terms and Conditions of the Notes.) There is therefore no assurance that Noteholders will receive each amount payable in Renminbi on the original due date or in Renminbi.

*Investment in RMB Notes is subject to exchange rate risks.*

The value of the Renminbi against the US dollar, the Hong Kong dollar and other foreign currencies fluctuates and is affected by changes in economic and other factors. If an investor measures its investment returns by reference to a currency other than Renminbi, an investment in the RMB Notes entails foreign exchange related risks, including possible significant changes in the value of Renminbi relative to the currency by reference to which an investor measures its investment returns. The Issuers, failing which, in the case of MTR Cayman, the Guarantor, will make all payments of interest and principal with respect to RMB Notes in Renminbi. As a result, the value of these Renminbi payments in foreign currency may vary with the prevailing exchange rates in the marketplace. For example, when an investor buys RMB Notes, such investor may need to convert foreign currency to Renminbi at the exchange rate available at that time. In August 2015, the PBOC implemented change to the way it calculates the Renminbi's daily mid-point against the US dollar to take into account market-marker quotes before announcing such daily mid-point. This change, and others that may be implemented, may increase the volatility in the value of the Renminbi against foreign currencies. If the value of Renminbi depreciates against the relevant foreign currency between then and when the relevant Issuer or the Guarantor pays back the principal of RMB Notes in Renminbi at maturity, the value of the investment in the relevant foreign currency will have declined.

*Payments in respect of RMB Notes will only be made to investors in the manner specified in RMB Notes.*

Subject to Condition 7(d), all payments to investors in respect of RMB Notes will be made solely (i) for so long as RMB Notes are represented by a Global Note, by transfer to a Renminbi bank account maintained in Hong Kong in accordance with prevailing CMU rules and procedures, or (ii) for so long

as RMB Notes are in definitive form, by transfer to a Renminbi bank account maintained in Hong Kong in accordance with prevailing rules and regulations. The relevant Issuer and the Guarantor cannot be required to make payment by any other means (including in any other currency or by transfer to a bank account in Mainland China).

*Gains on the transfer of the RMB Notes may become subject to income taxes under tax laws applicable to Mainland China.*

Under the PRC Enterprise Income Tax Law and its implementation rules, any gain realised on the transfer of RMB Notes by non-resident enterprise holders may be subject to enterprise income tax if such gain is regarded as income derived from sources within Mainland China. However, there remains uncertainty as to whether the gain realised from the transfer of the RMB Notes would be treated as income derived from sources within Mainland China and be subject to tax in Mainland China. This will depend on how the tax authorities in Mainland China interpret, apply or enforce the PRC Enterprise Income Tax Law and its implementation rules.

Therefore, if non-resident enterprise holders are required to pay income tax in Mainland China on gains on the transfer of RMB Notes (such enterprise income tax is currently levied at the rate of 10 per cent. of the gross proceeds, unless there is an applicable tax treaty between PRC and the jurisdiction in which such non-resident enterprise holders of the RMB Notes reside that reduces or exempts the relevant tax), the value of their investment in the RMB Notes may be materially and adversely affected.

#### ***Risks related to Notes generally***

Set out below is a brief description of certain risks relating to the Notes generally:

##### ***Modification, and waivers and substitution.***

The Terms and Conditions of the Notes contain provisions for calling meetings of Noteholders to consider matters affecting their interests generally. These provisions permit defined majorities to bind all Noteholders including Noteholders who did not attend and vote at the relevant meeting and Noteholders who voted in a manner contrary to the majority.

The Terms and Conditions of the Notes also provide that the Trustee may, without the consent of Noteholders, agree to (i) any modification of, or to the waiver or authorisation of any breach or proposed breach of, any of the provisions of Notes or (ii) determine without the consent of the Noteholders that any Event of Default or potential Event of Default shall not be treated as such or (iii) the substitution of another company as principal debtor under any Notes in place of either of the Issuers, in the circumstances described in Condition 13 of the Terms and Conditions of the Notes.

##### ***Change of law.***

The Terms and Conditions of the Notes are based on English law in effect as at the date of issue of the relevant Notes. No assurance can be given as to the impact of any possible judicial decision or change to English law or administrative practice after the date of issue of the relevant Notes.

*Notes where denominations involve integral multiples.*

In the case of Notes which have denominations consisting of a minimum Specified Denomination plus one or more higher integral multiples of another smaller amount, it is possible that Notes may be traded in amounts that are not integral multiples of such minimum Specified Denomination. In such a case, a Noteholder who, as a result of trading such amounts, holds a principal amount of less than the minimum Specified Denomination will not receive a definitive Note in respect of such holding (should definitive Notes be printed) and would need to purchase a principal amount of Notes such that it holds an amount equal to one or integral multiples of the minimum Specified Denomination.

If definitive Notes are issued, holders should be aware that definitive Notes which have a denomination that is not an integral multiple of the minimum Specified Denomination may be illiquid and difficult to trade.

***Risks related to the market generally***

Set out below is a brief description of certain market risks, including liquidity risk, exchange rate risk, interest rate risk and credit risk:

***The secondary market generally.***

Notes may have no established trading market when issued, and one may never develop. If a market does develop, it may not be liquid. Therefore, investors may not be able to sell their Notes easily or at prices that will provide them with a yield comparable to similar investments that have a developed secondary market. This is particularly the case for Notes that are especially sensitive to interest rate, currency or market risks, are designed for specific investment objectives or strategies or have been structured to meet the investment requirements of limited categories of investors. These types of Notes generally would have a more limited secondary market and more price volatility than conventional debt securities. Illiquidity may have an adverse effect on the market value of Notes.

***Exchange rate risks and exchange controls.***

An Issuer will pay principal and interest on the Notes in the Currency specified. This presents certain risks relating to currency conversions if an investor's financial activities are denominated principally in a currency or currency unit (the "Investor's Currency") other than the Currency in which the Notes are denominated. These include the risk that exchange rates may significantly change (including changes due to devaluation of the Currency in which the Notes are denominated or revaluation of the Investor's Currency) and the risk that authorities with jurisdiction over the Investor's Currency may impose or modify exchange controls. An appreciation in the value of the Investor's Currency relative to the Currency in which the Notes are denominated would decrease (i) the Investor's Currency-equivalent yield on the Notes, (ii) the Investor's Currency equivalent value of the principal payable on the Notes and (iii) the Investor's Currency equivalent market value of the Notes. Government and monetary authorities may impose (as some have done in the past) exchange controls that could adversely affect an applicable exchange rate. As a result, investors may receive less interest or principal than expected, or no interest or principal.

*Interest rate risks.*

Investment in Fixed Rate Notes involves the risk that subsequent changes in market interest rates may adversely affect the value of Fixed Rate Notes.

*Credit ratings may not reflect all risks.*

One or more independent credit rating agencies may assign credit ratings to an issue of Notes. The ratings may not reflect the potential impact of all risks related to structure, market, additional factors discussed above, and other factors that may affect the value of the Notes. A credit rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be suspended, reduced or withdrawn by the rating agency at any time.

## Terms and Conditions of the Notes

*The following are the terms and conditions of Notes to be issued by the relevant Issuer which (subject to completion and as supplemented by the provisions of the relevant Pricing Supplement) will be attached to or incorporated by reference into each Global Note and which will be incorporated by reference or endorsed upon each Definitive Note.*

### Terms and Conditions of the Notes

This Note is one of a Series (as defined below) of Notes constituted by a Trust Deed dated 7th November 2013 (as amended, supplemented, novated or restated from time to time, the “Trust Deed”) and made between the Issuer, the other issuer named therein, the Guarantor (as defined below) and The Law Debenture Trust Corporation p.l.c. (the “Trustee”, which expression shall, wherever the context permits, include all other persons or companies for the time being acting as trustee under the Trust Deed). Unless the context requires otherwise, references herein to the “Notes” shall be references to the Notes of this Series (as defined below) and shall mean:

- (i) in relation to any Notes represented by a Global Note, units of the lowest Specified Denomination in the Specified Currency of the relevant Notes;
- (ii) Definitive Notes; and
- (iii) any Global Note.

Notes issued by MTR Corporation (C.I.) Limited (“MTR Cayman”) or any other entity appointed as an additional issuer under the Programme have been unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by MTR Corporation Limited (the “Guarantor”). In the case of Notes issued by MTR Corporation Limited all references in these Conditions to the “Guarantee” or “Guarantor” are not applicable.

The Notes and the Receipts and the Coupons (each as defined below) also have the benefit of an Amended and Restated Agency Agreement dated 28th October 2016 (as amended, supplemented, restated or novated from time to time, the “Agency Agreement”) and made between the Issuer, the other issuer named therein, the Guarantor, Citibank N.A., as issuing agent, a transfer agent and a paying agent (the “Agent” which expression shall include any successor agent), the other paying agents named therein (together with the Agent, the “Paying Agents”, which expression shall include any additional or successor paying agents) and Citibank N.A., Hong Kong Branch as transfer agent (together with the Agent and any additional or other transfer agents in respect of the Notes from time to time appointed, the “Transfer Agents”), Citibank, N.A., as registrar (the “Registrar”), Citibank, N.A., Hong Kong Branch, as Hong Kong reference agent (the “HK Reference Agent”, which expression shall include any successors as HK Reference Agent), Citibank, N.A., Hong Kong Branch as Hong Kong lodging agent (the “HK Lodging Agent” which expression shall include any successor HK lodging agent) and the Trustee.

In connection with the Notes, the Issuer, the other issuer named therein and the Guarantor have executed an amended and restated deed of covenant dated 7th November 2013 (as amended, supplemented, restated or novated from time to time, the “Deed of Covenant”) in favour of certain accountholders of Euroclear Bank SA/NV, (“Euroclear”), Clearstream Banking, S.A. (“Clearstream”) and the Central Moneymarkets Unit Service operated by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (“CMU”).

Interest-bearing Definitive Bearer Notes will (unless otherwise indicated in the applicable Pricing Supplement) have interest coupons (“Coupons”) and, if indicated in the applicable Pricing Supplement, talons for further Coupons (“Talons”) attached on issue. Any reference herein to Coupons or coupons shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be deemed to include a reference to Talons or talons. Definitive Notes redeemable in instalments will have receipts (“Receipts”) for the payment of the instalments of principal (other than the final instalment) attached on issue. Registered Notes (as defined below) do not have Receipts, Coupons or Talons attached on issue.

As used herein, “Series” means a Tranche (as defined below) together with any further Tranche or Tranches which are (a) expressed to be consolidated and form a single series; and (b) identical in all respects (including as to listing) except for their respective Issue Dates, Interest Commencement Dates, Issue Prices and the date of the first payment of interest, and the expressions “Notes of the relevant Series” and “holders of Notes of the relevant Series” and related expressions shall be construed accordingly. As used herein, “Tranche” means Notes which are identical in all respects (including as to listing).

The Pricing Supplement applicable to any particular Note or Notes is attached hereto or endorsed hereon and supplements these Conditions. References herein to the “applicable Pricing Supplement” shall mean the Pricing Supplement attached hereto or endorsed hereon.

In these Conditions “Noteholder” means (a) the holder of any Definitive Bearer Note, (b) the holder of a co-ownership interest or other interest in Bearer Notes (in global or definitive form) held in collective custody, in proportion to such Notes deposited for such holder’s account, as provided below, or (c) the person in whose name a Registered Note is registered; “Couponholder” means (i) the holder of any Coupon or Talon, or (ii) the holder of a co-ownership interest or other interest in Coupons or Talons held in collective custody, in proportion to such Coupons or Talons deposited for such holder’s account, and “Receiptholder” means the holder of any Receipt. Any reference herein to Euroclear and/or Clearstream and/or CMU shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any additional or alternative clearance system approved by the Issuer, the Trustee and the Agent.

The Trustee acts for the benefit of the Noteholders, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders, all in accordance with the provisions of the Trust Deed.

Copies of the Trust Deed, the Deed of Covenant, the Agency Agreement (which contains the form of the Pricing Supplement) and the Pricing Supplement applicable to any particular Note or Notes (if listed) are available for inspection free of charge at the specified offices of the Trustee, the Agent and each of the other Paying Agents save that the applicable Pricing Supplement will only be available for



inspection by a Noteholder holding one or more unlisted Notes of that Series and such Noteholder must produce evidence satisfactory to the Trustee or, as the case may be, the relevant Agent as to its holding of such Notes and its identity.

The Noteholders, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders are deemed to have notice of, and are entitled to the benefit of, all the provisions of the Trust Deed, the Agency Agreement and the applicable Pricing Supplement, which are binding on them. The statements in these Conditions include summaries of, and are subject to, the detailed provisions of the Trust Deed and the Agency Agreement.

Words and expressions defined in the Trust Deed or Agency Agreement or used in the applicable Pricing Supplement shall have the same meanings where used in these Conditions unless the context otherwise requires or unless otherwise stated. In the event of inconsistency between the Agency Agreement and the Trust Deed, the Trust Deed will prevail and, in the event of inconsistency between the Agency Agreement or the Trust Deed and the applicable Pricing Supplement, the applicable Pricing Supplement will prevail.

## **1. Form, Denomination and Title**

The Notes in this Series are in bearer form (“Bearer Notes”, which expression includes Notes which are specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement to be Exchangeable Bearer Notes) or in registered form (“Registered Notes”) as specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement and, in the case of Definitive Notes, serially numbered in the Specified Currency and in the Specified Denominations(s) specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

This Note is a Fixed Rate Note, a Floating Rate Note, a Zero Coupon Note, a Dual Currency Note or an Index-Linked Note or any combination of the foregoing, depending upon the Interest/Payment Basis specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement. It is also a Partly Paid Note and/or an Index-Linked Note (where payment with respect to principal is linked to an Index and/or formula) and/or a Dual Currency Note (where payment with respect to principal may be made in an alternative currency) if, in each case, the applicable Pricing Supplement so indicates and the appropriate provisions of these Conditions will apply accordingly.

Bearer Notes in definitive form are issued with Coupons (and, where appropriate, a Talon) attached, unless they are Zero Coupon Notes in which case references to interest (other than interest due after the Maturity Date), Coupons and Couponholders in these Conditions are not applicable. Any Bearer Note the principal amount of which is redeemable in instalments is issued with one or more Receipts attached. References in these Conditions to Receipts, Coupons and Talons do not apply to any Notes represented by a Global Note or in definitive registered form.

Except as set out below, title to the Bearer Notes and the Receipts and Coupons appertaining thereto will pass by delivery. The Issuer, the Guarantor, the Trustee, the Agent and any other Paying Agent may deem and treat the bearer of any Bearer Note and any Receipt or Coupon appertaining thereto as the absolute owner thereof (whether or not overdue and notwithstanding any notice of ownership or writing thereon or notice of any previous loss or theft thereof) for all purposes but, in the case of any

Global Note, without prejudice to the provisions set out in the next succeeding paragraph. Title to the Registered Notes shall pass by transfer and registration in the register which the Issuer shall procure to be kept by the Registrar in accordance with the Agency Agreement as described in Condition 4(b).

For so long as any of the Notes are represented by a Global Note, each person other than Euroclear and/or Clearstream and/or CMU who is for the time being shown in the records of Euroclear or Clearstream or CMU as the holder of a particular principal amount of Notes (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by Euroclear or Clearstream or CMU as to the principal amount of such Notes standing to the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes except in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Trustee, the Registrar, the Transfer Agent, the Agent and any other Paying Agent as the holder of such principal amount of such Notes for all purposes other than with respect to the payment of principal or interest on the Notes, the right to which shall be vested, as against the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Trustee, the Agent and any other Paying Agent solely in the bearer of the relevant Global Note (or, in the case of a registered Global Note, in the registered holder thereof) in accordance with and subject to its terms (and the expressions “Noteholder” and “holder of Notes” and related expressions shall be construed accordingly). Notes which are represented by a Global Note will be transferable only in accordance with rules and procedures for the time being of Euroclear, Clearstream or CMU, as the case may be.

## **2. Status of Notes and Negative Pledge**

- (a) The obligations of the Issuer under the Notes, the Coupons and the Receipts are direct, unconditional, unsubordinated, general and (subject to Condition 2(b)) unsecured obligations of the Issuer ranking *pari passu* in all respects and rateably without preference or priority (except for any statutory preference or priority applicable in the winding-up of the Issuer or otherwise required to be preferred by law) with all other outstanding unsecured and unsubordinated obligations (contingent or otherwise, present and future) of the Issuer.
- (b) So long as any of the Notes remains outstanding (as defined in the Trust Deed), neither the Issuer nor the Guarantor will create or permit to be outstanding any mortgage, charge, pledge or other security interest (other than a security interest arising by operation of law) (each a “Charge”) other than a Permitted Charge upon the whole or any part of its undertaking or assets, present or future, in order to secure any existing or future Securities issued (or guarantees in respect thereof granted) by it unless in any such case at the same time the relevant Notes are (to the satisfaction of the Trustee) equally and rateably secured so as to rank *pari passu* with such Securities or guarantees or other security is granted in respect of the Notes as the Trustee shall in its absolute discretion deem not materially less beneficial to the Noteholders or as approved by an Extraordinary Resolution of the Noteholders.

For the purposes of this Condition 2(b), the term “Securities” means any indebtedness in the form of or represented by bonds, notes, debentures or other similar securities, or by bills of exchange drawn or accepted for the purpose of raising money, which are, or are at the time of issue or acceptance intended to

be, quoted, listed or ordinarily traded on any stock exchange or over-the-counter securities market or traded between financial institutions or institutional investors and the term “Permitted Charge” means:

- (i) any Charge over any assets (or related documents of title) purchased by the Issuer or the Guarantor as security for all or part of the purchase price of such assets and any substitute security created on those assets in connection with the refinancing (together with interest, fees and other charges attributable to such refinancing) of the indebtedness secured on those assets (but the principal amount secured by any such security may not be increased without the authority of the Trustee in writing);
- (ii) any Charge over any assets (or related documents of title) purchased by or vested in the Issuer or the Guarantor (whether by virtue of legislation, contract, consent or any other way whatsoever) subject to such Charge and any substitute security created on those assets in connection with the refinancing (together with interest, fees and other charges attributable to such refinancing) of the indebtedness secured on those assets;
- (iii) any Charge on any immovable property of the Issuer or the Guarantor effected for the purpose of the development by the Issuer or the Guarantor (for such purposes and in such manner as it may think fit) of all or any of its immovable property not for the time being required for use in connection with the Railway (which, for the purposes of this Condition, has the meaning ascribed to the word “railway” in the Mass Transit Railway Ordinance (Cap. 556 of the Laws of Hong Kong) but shall not include any property used as corporate headquarters or administrative offices of the Issuer or the Guarantor) provided that neither such Charge nor the enforcement of any rights or security arising out of such Charge would result in the Issuer or the Guarantor (as the case may be) ceasing to have the right to the unrestricted use of such part or parts of its property as are for the time being required for use in connection with the Railway;
- (iv) any liens (including any conditional sale or retention of title) arising in the ordinary course of business (including the operation of the Railway and/or the development of all or any of the immovable property of the Issuer and/or the Guarantor) and not in connection with the borrowing of money;
- (v) any Charge over any amounts which may be or become due or owing to the Issuer or the Guarantor under or in connection with any contract entered into by the Issuer or the Guarantor (as the case may be) where such Charge is security for all or part of any moneys (and for any interest on such moneys) raised by the Issuer or the Guarantor (as the case may be) or by the contractor with whom such contract is entered into or by any sub-contractor of such contractor in order to finance the whole or any part of the cost of the goods and/or services supplied by such contractor or sub-contractor where the provision of such finance is supported by an export credit finance authority or institution;

- (vi) any Charge pursuant to any order of attachment, distraint or similar legal process arising in connection with proceedings provided that the execution or other enforcement of such process is effectively stayed and the claims secured are being contested at the time in good faith by appropriate proceedings;
- (vii) any Charge which constitutes a right of any bank or financial institution to apply any credit balance maintained by the Issuer or the Guarantor with such bank or financial institution, or any amount due and payable, or to become due and payable, by such bank or financial institution to the Issuer or the Guarantor, against any amount due and payable, or to become due and payable, to such bank or financial institution (or any of its subsidiaries or its holding company or any subsidiaries of such holding company) by the Issuer or the Guarantor (as the case may be); and
- (viii) any other Charge authorised in writing by the Trustee or as approved by an Extraordinary Resolution of the Noteholders.

### **3. The Guarantee**

The payment of principal, premium (if any) and interest in respect of the Notes and all other moneys payable by the Issuer under or pursuant to the Trust Deed has been unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by the Guarantor in the Trust Deed (the “Guarantee”). The obligations of the Guarantor under the Guarantee are direct, unconditional, unsubordinated and (subject to the provisions of Condition 2(b)) unsecured obligations of the Guarantor and (except for any statutory preference or priority applicable in the winding-up of the Guarantor or otherwise required to be preferred by law) rank equally with all other outstanding unsecured and unsubordinated obligations (contingent or otherwise, present or future) of the Guarantor.

### **4. Exchange of Exchangeable Bearer Notes and Transfers of Registered Notes**

#### ***(a) Exchange of Exchangeable Bearer Notes***

Subject as provided in Condition 4(e), Exchangeable Bearer Notes may be exchanged for the same aggregate principal amount of Registered Notes of a Specified Denomination at the request in writing of the relevant Noteholder and upon surrender of each Exchangeable Bearer Note to be exchanged, together with all unmatured Receipts, Coupons and Talons relating to it, at the specified office of the Registrar or the Transfer Agent (or, in the case of Notes lodged in CMU, the HK Lodging Agent); provided, however, that where an Exchangeable Bearer Note is surrendered for exchange after the Record Date (as defined in Condition 7(b)(ii)(A)) for any payment of interest, the Coupon in respect of that payment of interest need not be surrendered with it. Registered Notes may not be exchanged for Bearer Notes. Bearer Notes of one Denomination may not be exchanged for Bearer Notes of another Denomination. Bearer Notes which are not Exchangeable Bearer Notes may not be exchanged for Registered Notes.

#### ***(b) Transfer of Registered Notes***

A Registered Note may be transferred in whole or in part in a Specified Denomination upon the surrender of the Registered Note to be transferred, together with the form of transfer endorsed on it

duly completed and executed (and, if applicable, stamped), at the specified office of the Registrar or any Transfer Agent. In the case of a transfer of part only of a Registered Note a new Registered Note in respect of the balance not transferred will be issued to the transferor. A Registered Note may be registered only in the name of, and transferred only to, a named person (or persons, not exceeding four in number).

***(c) Delivery of Registered Notes***

Each Registered Note to be issued upon exchange of Exchangeable Bearer Notes or transfer of Registered Notes will, within seven business days (being a day, other than a Saturday or Sunday, on which banks are open for business in the place of the specified office of the Transfer Agent or the Registrar to whom such request for exchange or form of transfer shall have been delivered) of receipt of such request for exchange or form of transfer, be available for delivery at the specified office of the Transfer Agent or of the Registrar (as the case may be) to whom such request shall have been made or, at the option of the holder making such request as aforesaid and as specified in the relevant request for exchange or form of transfer, be mailed by uninsured mail at the risk of the holder entitled to the new Registered Note to such address as may be specified in such request for exchange or form of transfer.

***(d) Formalities of Exchange or Transfer of Registered Notes***

Exchange or transfer of Notes as described in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) above will be effected without charge by or on behalf of the Issuer, the Registrar, the Transfer Agent or, in the case of Exchangeable Bearer Notes lodged in CMU, the HK Lodging Agent, subject to (i) payment (or the giving of such indemnity as the Registrar or the Transfer Agent may require in respect) of any tax, duties or other governmental charges which may be imposed in relation to it, (ii) the Registrar being satisfied with the documents of title and/or identity of the person making the request or application, and (iii) such reasonable regulations as the Issuer may from time to time agree with the Registrar, the Agent, the Transfer Agents, the Trustee and, in the case of Exchangeable Bearer Notes lodged in CMU, the HK Lodging Agent.

***(e) Closed Periods***

No Noteholder may require the transfer of a Registered Note to be registered or an Exchangeable Bearer Note to be exchanged for a Registered Note (i) during the period of 15 days ending on the due date for any payment of principal on that Note; (ii) during the period of 15 days prior to any date on which Notes may be drawn for redemption by the Issuer at its option pursuant to Condition 6(c); or (iii) after any such Note has been drawn for redemption in whole or in part. An Exchangeable Bearer Note called for redemption may, however, be exchanged for a Registered Note which is simultaneously surrendered not later than the relevant Record Date.

## **5. Interest**

***(a) Interest on Fixed Rate Notes***

Each Fixed Rate Note bears interest from (and including) the Interest Commencement Date which is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement at the rate(s) per annum equal to the Fixed Rate(s) of Interest specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement to (but excluding) the Fixed Interest Date(s) in

each year and to (but excluding) the Maturity Date so specified if it does not fall on a Fixed Interest Date, and such interest will be paid in arrear on the Fixed Interest Date(s) or the Maturity Date so specified (as the case may be). The first payment of interest shall be made on the Fixed Interest Date next following the Interest Commencement Date and, if the first anniversary of the Interest Commencement Date is not a Fixed Interest Date, will amount to the Initial Broken Amount specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement. If the Maturity Date is not a Fixed Interest Date, interest from (and including) the preceding Fixed Interest Date (or the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the Maturity Date will amount to the Final Broken Amount specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

Except in the case of Notes in definitive form where a Fixed Coupon Amount or Broken Amount is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, interest shall be calculated in respect of any period by applying the Rate of Interest to:

- (A) in the case of Fixed Rate Notes which are represented by a Global Note, the aggregate outstanding nominal amount of the Fixed Rate Notes represented by such Global Note (or, if they are Partly Paid Notes, the aggregate amount paid up); or
- (B) in the case of Fixed Rate Notes in definitive form, the Calculation Amount;

and, in each case, multiplying such sum by the applicable Day Count Fraction, and rounding the resultant figure to the nearest sub-unit of the relevant Specified Currency, half of any such sub-unit being rounded upwards or otherwise in accordance with applicable market convention. Where the Specified Denomination of a Fixed Rate Note in definitive form is a multiple of the Calculation Amount, the amount of interest payable in respect of such Fixed Rate Note shall be the product of the amount (determined in the manner provided above) for the Calculation Amount and the amount by which the Calculation Amount is multiplied to reach the Specified Denomination without any further rounding.

“Day Count Fraction” means, in respect of the calculation of an amount of interest in accordance with this Condition 5(a):

- (a) if “Actual/Actual (ICMA)” is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement:
  - (i) in the case of Notes where the number of days in the relevant period from (and including) the most recent Interest Payment Date (or, if none, the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the relevant payment date (the “Accrual Period”) is equal to or shorter than the Determination Period during which the Accrual Period ends, the number of days in such Accrual Period divided by the product of (I) the number of days in such Determination Period and (II) the number of Determination Dates (as specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement) that would occur in one calendar year; or

- (ii) in the case of Notes where the Accrual Period is longer than the Determination Period during which the Accrual Period ends, the sum of:
  - (A) the number of days in such Accrual Period falling in the Determination Period in which the Accrual Period begins divided by the product of (x) the number of days in such Determination Period and (y) the number of Determination Dates that would occur in one calendar year; and
  - (B) the number of days in such Accrual Period falling in the next Determination Period divided by the product of (x) the number of days in such Determination Period and (y) the number of Determination Dates that would occur in one calendar year; and
- (b) if “30/360” is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, the number of days in the period from (and including) the most recent Interest Payment Date (or, if none, the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the relevant payment date (such number of days being calculated on the basis of a year of 360 days with 12 30-day months) divided by 360.

***(b) Interest on Floating Rate Notes***

***(i) Interest Payment Dates***

Each Floating Rate Note bears interest from (and including) the Interest Commencement Date specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, to (but excluding) each interest payment date (each an “Interest Payment Date”) which (except as otherwise specified in these Conditions or the applicable Pricing Supplement) (i) is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement or (ii) falls the number of months or other period specified as the Interest Period in the applicable Pricing Supplement after the preceding Interest Payment Date or, in the case of the first Interest Payment Date, after the Interest Commencement Date, and such interest will be paid in arrear on each Interest Payment Date. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, if any Interest Payment Date would otherwise fall on a day which is not a Business Day (as defined below), it shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month in which event the Interest Payment Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day.

In this Condition 5, “Business Day” means (unless otherwise stated in the applicable Pricing Supplement) a day which is both:

- (A) a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday or other day on which banking institutions are required or authorised by law or executive order to close) on which commercial banks are open for business and foreign exchange markets settle payments in Hong Kong; and
- (B) (1) in relation to any sum payable in a Specified Currency other than euro or Renminbi, a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in the principal



financial centre of the country of the relevant Specified Currency (if other than Hong Kong) or (2) in relation to any sum payable in euro, a day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-Time Gross Settlement Express Transfer (known as TARGET2) System which was launched on 19th November 2007 or any successor thereto (the “TARGET System”) is operating (a “TARGET Business Day”) or (3) in relation to any sum payable in Renminbi, a day on which commercial banks in Hong Kong are open for business and settlement of Renminbi payments.

Unless otherwise provided in the applicable Pricing Supplement, the principal financial centre of any country for the purpose of these Conditions shall be the financial centre for the Specified Currency as provided in the 2006 ISDA Definitions, as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. and amended and updated or replaced as at the Issue Date of the first Tranche of a Series of the Notes (the “ISDA Definitions”).

*(ii) Rate of Interest*

The Rate of Interest payable from time to time in respect of each Series of Floating Rate Notes shall be determined in the manner specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement. The relevant Rate of Interest payable from time to time will be based on the Hong Kong inter-bank offered rate (“HIBOR”), the CNH Hong Kong inter-bank offered rate (“CNH HIBOR”), the Euro-zone inter-bank offered rate (“EURIBOR”) or determined in such manner as is otherwise specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

*(iii) ISDA Determination*

(A) Where ISDA Determination is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, the Rate of Interest shall (unless otherwise specified in the Pricing Supplement) be determined on such dates and at such rates as would have been determined by the Issuer if it had entered into an interest rate swap transaction governed by an agreement (regardless of any event of default or termination event thereunder) in the form of the Interest Rate and Currency Exchange Agreement incorporating the ISDA Definitions with the holder of the relevant Note under which:

- (1) the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined is the “Floating Rate Option”;
- (2) the Issuer is the “Floating Rate Payer”;
- (3) the person specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement is the “Calculation Agent”;
- (4) the Interest Commencement Date is the “Effective Date”;
- (5) the aggregate paid up principal amount of the Series is the “Notional Amount”;
- (6) the relevant Interest Period is the “Designated Maturity”;

- (7) the relevant Reset Date is either (i) if the applicable Floating Rate Option is based on HIBOR or CNH HIBOR or EURIBOR for a currency, the first day of that Interest Period or (ii) in any other case, as specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement; and
- (8) all other terms are as specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

For the purpose of this sub-paragraph (iii), (1) “Floating Rate”, “Calculation Agent”, “Floating Rate Option”, “Designated Maturity” and “Reset Date” have the meanings given to those terms in the ISDA Definitions; (2) the definition of “Banking Day” in the ISDA Definitions shall be amended to insert after the words “are open for” in the second line the word “general”; and (3) “Euro-zone” means the region comprised of member states of the European Union that adopt the single currency in accordance with the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, as amended (the “Treaty”).

(B) When Condition 5(b)(iii)(A) applies, with respect to each relevant Interest Payment Date:

- (1) the amount of interest determined for such Interest Payment Date shall be the Interest Amount (as defined in Condition 5(b)(vi) below) for the relevant Interest Period for the purposes of these Conditions as though calculated under Condition 5(b)(vi) below; and
- (2) (unless otherwise specified in the Pricing Supplement) the Rate of Interest of such Interest Period shall be the Floating Rate (as defined in the ISDA Definitions) determined by the Calculation Agent specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement (the “Calculation Agent”) in accordance with Condition 5(b)(iii)(A), plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Pricing Supplement), the applicable Margin (if any).

*(iv) Screen Determination*

Where Screen Rate Determination is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will be either:

- (x) where the quotation which appears on the appropriate page of the Screen is a composite quotation or is customarily supplied by one entity only, that quotation; or
- (y) where a number of quotations appear on the appropriate page of the Screen, the arithmetic mean (rounded, if necessary, to the fifth decimal place with 0.000005 being rounded upwards) of those quotations,

(expressed as a percentage rate per annum), for deposits in the Specified Currency for that Interest Period which appears or appear, as the case may be, on the appropriate page of the Screen as at 11:00 a.m. (Brussels time) in the case of EURIBOR or 11:00 a.m. (Hong Kong time) in the case of HIBOR or 11:15 a.m. (Hong Kong time) in the case of CNH HIBOR or 11:00 a.m. (London time) in all

other cases on the Interest Determination Date (as defined below) in question plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Pricing Supplement) the Margin (if any), all as determined by the Calculation Agent;

- (A) if, in the case of (x) above, no such rate appears or, in the case of (y) above, fewer than two of such offered rates appear at such time or if the offered rate or rates which appears or appear, as the case may be, as at such time do not apply to a period of a duration equal to the relevant Interest Period, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall, subject as provided below, be the arithmetic mean (rounded, if necessary, to the fifth decimal place with 0.000005 being rounded upwards) of the offered quotations of the Reference Banks for inter-bank deposits in the Specified Currency for that Interest Period (expressed as a percentage rate per annum), of which the Calculation Agent (or, in the case of Notes denominated in HK dollars, the HK Reference Agent, who shall forthwith advise the Calculation Agent) is advised by all Reference Banks (as defined below) as at 11:00 a.m. (Brussels time) in the case of EURIBOR or 11:00 a.m. (Hong Kong time) in the case of HIBOR or 11:15 a.m. (Hong Kong time) in the case of CNH HIBOR or 11:00 a.m. (London time) in all other cases on the Interest Determination Date plus or minus (as specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement) the Margin (if any), all as determined by the Calculation Agent;
- (B) if on any Interest Determination Date to which Condition 5(b)(iv)(A) applies two only of the Reference Banks advise the Calculation Agent (or, as aforesaid, the HK Reference Agent) of such offered quotations, the Rate of Interest for the next Interest Period shall be determined as in Condition 5(b)(iv)(A) on the basis of the rates of those Reference Banks advising such offered quotations;
- (C) if on any Interest Determination Date to which Condition 5(b)(iv)(A) applies one only or none of the Reference Banks advises the Calculation Agent (or, as aforesaid, the HK Reference Agent) of such rates, the Rate of Interest for the next Interest Period shall, subject as provided below, be:
- (1) the reserve interest rate (the "Reserve Interest Rate") which shall be the rate per annum which the Calculation Agent determines to be either (x) the arithmetic mean (rounded, if necessary, to the fifth decimal place with 0.000005 being rounded upwards) of the lending rate(s) for the Specified Currency which a bank (which in the case of Notes denominated in Hong Kong dollars shall be The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited or another bank nominated by the HK Reference Agent after consultation with the Issuer) or banks selected by the Calculation Agent in the principal financial centre of the country of the Specified Currency after consultation with the Issuer (which, if Australian dollars, shall be Sydney and, if euro, shall be such financial centre or centres in the Euro-zone as the Calculation Agent shall select) are quoting on the relevant Interest Determination Date for the next Interest Period to the Reference Banks or those of them (being at least two in number) to which such quotations are, in the opinion of the Calculation Agent, being so made plus or minus (as specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement) the Margin (if any), or (y) in the event that the Calculation Agent can determine no such arithmetic mean, the lowest lending rate for the Specified Currency which a bank (which in the case of Notes denominated in HK dollars shall

be The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited or another bank nominated by the HK Reference Agent after consultation with the Issuer) or banks selected by the Calculation Agent in the principal financial centre of the country of the Specified Currency after consultation with the Issuer (which, if Australian dollars, shall be Sydney and, if euro, shall be such financial centre or centres in the Euro-zone as the Calculation Agent shall select) are quoting on such Interest Determination Date to leading European banks for the next Interest Period plus or minus (as specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement) the Margin (if any); or if the banks selected as aforesaid by the Calculation Agent are not quoting as mentioned above;

- (2) the Rate of Interest in effect for the last preceding Interest Period to which Condition 5(b)(iv)(A) shall have applied (plus or minus, where a different Margin is to be applied to the next Interest Period than that which applied to the last preceding Interest Period, the Margin relating to the next Interest Period in place of the Margin relating to the last preceding Interest Period, all as specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement).
- (D) the expression “the appropriate page of the Screen” means (in the case of all Notes other than Notes determined in HK dollars) such page, whatever its designation, on which EURIBOR (or, if there is only one such rate, that rate for deposits in the Specified Currency of prime banks) are for the time being displayed on the Reuter Monitor Money Rates Service (“Reuters”) or the appropriate Moneyline Telerate Service (“Moneyline Telerate”), as specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, and in the case of Notes denominated in HK dollars means such page, whatever its designation, on which Hong Kong Interbank offered rates for HK dollar deposits of prime banks are for the time being displayed on Moneyline Telerate or Reuters as specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement;
- (E) unless otherwise specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, the Reference Banks for all Notes not denominated in HK dollars will be the principal London offices of Citibank N.A., Barclays Bank PLC and JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A. and for Notes denominated in HK dollars will be any three of the banks who usually quote rates on the appropriate page of the Screen as selected by the HK Reference Agent. The Issuer shall procure that, so long as any Floating Rate Note (not denominated in HK dollars) to which Condition 5(b)(iv)(A) is applicable remains outstanding, in the case of any bank being unable or unwilling to continue to act as a Reference Bank, the Issuer shall specify the London office of some other leading bank engaged in the Eurodollar market to act as such in its place;
- (F) the expression “Interest Determination Date” means unless otherwise specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, (w) other than in the case of Condition 5(b)(iv)(A), with respect to Notes denominated in any Specified Currency other than sterling, euro or Hong Kong dollars, the second Banking Day in London prior to the commencement of the relevant Interest Period and, in the case of Condition 5(b)(iv)(A), the second Banking Day in the principal financial centre of the country of the Specified Currency (which, if Australian dollars, shall be Sydney) prior to the commencement of the relevant Interest Period and (x) with respect to Notes denominated in sterling, the first Banking Day in London of the relevant Interest Period or (y) with respect to

Notes denominated in euro, the second TARGET Business Day prior to the commencement of the relevant Interest Period and (z) with respect to Notes denominated in Hong Kong dollars the first Banking Day in Hong Kong of the relevant Interest Period; and

- (G) the expression “Banking Day” means, in respect of any place, any day other than Saturday or Sunday on which commercial banks are open for business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in that place or, as the case may be, as indicated in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

*(v) Minimum and/or Maximum Rate of Interest*

If the applicable Pricing Supplement specifies a minimum Rate of Interest for any Interest Period, then in the event that the Rate of Interest for such period determined as aforesaid would be less than such minimum Rate of Interest, the Interest Rate for such period shall be such minimum Rate of Interest. If the applicable Pricing Supplement specifies a maximum Rate of Interest for any Interest Period, then in the event that the Rate of Interest for such period determined as aforesaid would be greater than such maximum Rate of Interest, the Interest Rate for such period shall be such maximum Rate of Interest.

*(vi) Determination of Rate of Interest and Calculation of Interest Amount*

The Calculation Agent will, at or as soon as practicable after each time at which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, determine the Rate of Interest (subject to any minimum or maximum Rate of Interest specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement) and calculate the amount of interest (the “Interest Amount”) payable on the Floating Rate Notes for the relevant Interest Period. The Calculation Agent will calculate the Interest Amount by applying the Rate of Interest to:

- (A) in the case of Floating Rate Notes which are represented by a Global Note, the aggregate outstanding nominal amount of the Notes represented by such Global Note (or, if they are Partly Paid Notes, the aggregate amount paid up); or
- (B) in the case of Floating Rate Notes in definitive form, the Calculation Amount, and, in each case, multiplying such sum by the applicable Day Count Fraction, and rounding the resultant figure to the nearest sub-unit of the relevant Specified Currency, half of any such sub-unit being rounded upwards or otherwise in accordance with applicable market convention. Where the Specified Denomination of a Floating Rate Note in definitive form is a multiple of the Calculation Amount, the Interest Amount payable in respect of such Note shall be the product of the amount (determined in the manner provided above) for the Calculation Amount and the amount by which the Calculation Amount is multiplied to reach the Specified Denomination, without any further rounding.

“Day Count Fraction” means, in respect of the calculation of an amount of interest in accordance with this Condition 5(b):

if “Actual/Actual (ISDA)” or “Actual/Actual” is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365 (or, if any portion of that Interest Period

falls in a leap year, the sum of (I) the actual number of days in that portion of the Interest Period falling in a leap year divided by 366 and (II) the actual number of days in that portion of the Interest Period falling in a non-leap year divided by 365);

if “Actual/365 (Fixed)” is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365;

if “Actual/365 (Sterling)” is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365 or, in the case of an Interest Payment Date falling in a leap year, 366;

if “Actual/360” is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360;

if “30/360”, “360/360” or “Bond Basis” is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, the number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

$$\text{Day Count Fraction} = \frac{[360 \times (Y_2 - Y_1)] + [30 \times (M_2 - M_1)] + (D_2 - D_1)}{360}$$

where:

“Y1” is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

“Y2” is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

“M1” is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

“M2” is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

“D1” is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Interest Period, unless such number is 31, in which case D1 will be 30; and

“D2” is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Interest Period, unless such number would be 31 and D1 is greater than 29, in which case D2 will be 30;

if “30E/360” or “Eurobond Basis” is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, the number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

$$\text{Day Count Fraction} = \frac{[360 \times (Y_2 - Y_1)] + [30 \times (M_2 - M_1)] + (D_2 - D_1)}{360}$$

where:

“Y1” is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

“Y2” is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

“M1” is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;  
“M2” is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

“D1” is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Interest Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case D1 will be 30; and

“D2” is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Interest Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case D2 will be 30;

if “30E/360 (ISDA)” is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, the number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

$$\text{Day Count Fraction} = \frac{[360 \times (Y_2 - Y_1)] + [30 \times (M_2 - M_1)] + (D_2 - D_1)}{360}$$

where:

“Y1” is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

“Y2” is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

“M1” is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

“M2” is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

“D1” is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Interest Period, unless (i) that day is the last day of February or (ii) such number would be 31, in which case D1 will be 30; and

“D2” is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Interest Period, unless (i) that day is the last day of February but not the Maturity Date or (ii) such number would be 31, in which case D2 will be 30.



*(vii) Notification of Rate of Interest and Interest Amount*

The Calculation Agent will as soon as possible after their determination but in no event later than the second London Business Day thereafter notify the Agent or cause the Agent to be notified of the Rate of Interest and each Interest Amount for each Interest Period and the relevant Interest Payment Date and the Agent will then promptly notify the Issuer and the Relevant Dealer of the same and will cause the same to be published in accordance with Condition 15. Each Interest Amount and Interest Payment Date so notified may subsequently be amended (or appropriate alternative arrangements made by way of adjustment) without publication as aforesaid in the event of an extension or shortening of the Interest Period in accordance with the provisions hereof. Each stock exchange on which the relevant Floating Rate Notes are for the time being listed will be promptly notified of any such amendment.

For the purposes of this subparagraph (vii), the expression “London Business Day” means a day (other than a Saturday or a Sunday) on which banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business in London.

*(viii) Determination or Calculation by Agent or by Trustee*

If for any reason the Calculation Agent does not at any time determine the Rate of Interest or calculate any Interest Amount in accordance with sub-paragraphs (ii), (iii) or (iv), as the case may be, and, in each case, sub-paragraph (vi) above, the Agent may (but shall not be obliged to) determine the Rate of Interest as if it had been named as Calculation Agent in the applicable Pricing Supplement. If for any reason the Agent does not choose to fulfil this role of substitute Calculation Agent, the Trustee shall determine the Rate of Interest to be such rate as, in its absolute discretion (having such regard as it shall think fit to the foregoing provisions of this Condition 5(b) but subject always to any minimum or maximum Rate of Interest specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement) it shall deem fair and reasonable in all the circumstances and/or as the case may be, the Trustee shall calculate the Interest Amount(s) in such manner as it shall deem fair and reasonable in all the circumstances and each such determination or calculation shall be deemed to have been made by the Calculation Agent specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

*(ix) Certificates to be final*

All certificates, communications, opinions, determinations, calculations, quotations and decisions given, expressed, made or obtained for the purposes of the provisions of this Condition 5, whether by the Calculation Agent, the Agent or the Trustee, shall (in the absence of manifest error) be binding on the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Calculation Agent, the Agent, the other Paying Agents, the Trustee and all Noteholders, Receiptholders and Couponholders and no liability to the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Noteholders, the Receiptholders or the Couponholders shall attach to the Calculation Agent, the Agent or, as the case may be, the Trustee in connection with the exercise or non-exercise by it of its powers, duties and discretions pursuant to such provisions.

***(c) Index-Linked Notes and Dual Currency Notes***

In the case on Index-Linked Notes or Dual Currency Notes, if the Rate of Interest or amount of interest falls to be determined by reference to an index and/or a formula or, as the case may be, an exchange rate, such Rate of Interest or amount of interest payable shall be determined in the manner specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

***(d) Zero Coupon Notes***

When a Zero Coupon Note becomes due and repayable prior to the Maturity Date and is not paid when due, the amount due and repayable shall be the Amortised Face Amount of such Note as determined in accordance with Condition 6(e)(iii). As from the Maturity Date, any overdue principal of such Note shall bear interest at a rate per annum equal to the Accrual Yield set forth in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

***(e) Partly Paid Notes***

In the case of Partly Paid Notes (other than Partly Paid Notes which are Zero Coupon Notes), interest will accrue as aforesaid on the paid up principal amount of such Notes and otherwise as specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

***(f) Accrual of Interest***

Each Note (or in the case of the redemption in part only of a Note, such part to be redeemed) will cease to bear interest (if any) from the due date for its redemption unless, upon due presentation thereof, payment of principal is improperly withheld or refused. In such event, interest will continue to accrue (as well after as before judgment) until whichever is the earlier of (i) the day on which all sums due in respect of such Note up to that day are received by or on behalf of the holder of such Note; and (ii) the day on which the Agent has notified the holder thereof (either in accordance with Condition 15 or individually) of receipt of all sums due in respect thereof up to that date.

## **6. Redemption and Purchase**

***(a) At Maturity***

Unless previously redeemed or purchased and cancelled as specified below, Notes will be redeemed by the Issuer at their Final Redemption Amount in the relevant Specified Currency on the Maturity Date specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement (in the case of a Note other than a Floating Rate Note) or on the Interest Payment Date falling in the Redemption Month specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement (in the case of a Floating Rate Note).

***(b) Redemption for Tax Reasons***

The Notes of this Series may be redeemed at a price or prices and on such terms as are indicated in the applicable Pricing Supplement at the option of the Issuer in whole, but not in part, at any time, on giving not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice to the Trustee and the Noteholders (which notice shall be irrevocable), if the Issuer satisfies the Trustee that the Issuer has or will become obliged to pay additional amounts as provided or referred to in Condition 11 or the Guarantor satisfies the Trustee that the Guarantor would be unable for reasons outside its control to procure payment by the Issuer and in making payment itself would be required to pay such additional amounts, in each case as a result of any change in, or amendment to, the laws or regulations of Hong Kong [or the Cayman Islands]<sup>1</sup> or any political subdivision thereof or therein or any authority having power to levy tax therein, or any change in the application or official interpretation of such laws or regulations, which change or amendment

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<sup>1</sup> Delete if MTR Corporation Limited is the Issuer.

becomes effective on or after the Issue Date, and that such obligation cannot be avoided by the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor taking reasonable measures available to it, provided that no such notice of redemption shall be given earlier than 90 days prior to the earliest date on which the Issuer or the Guarantor (as the case may be) would be obliged to pay such additional amounts were a payment in respect of the Series of Notes or the Guarantee (as the case may be) then due. On the expiry of such notice the Issuer shall be bound to redeem the Notes accordingly. Prior to the publication of any notice of redemption pursuant to this paragraph, the Issuer shall deliver to the Trustee a certificate signed by two directors of the Issuer (or the Guarantor, as the case may be) stating that the obligation to pay additional amounts as referred to above cannot be avoided by the Issuer (or the Guarantor, as the case may be) taking reasonable measures available to it and the Trustee shall be entitled to accept such certificate as sufficient evidence that such obligation cannot be avoided by the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor taking reasonable measures as required above in which event it shall be conclusive and binding on the Noteholders and the Couponholders.

***(c) Redemption at the Option of the Issuer***

If so specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, the Issuer may, having (unless otherwise specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement) given not more than 60 nor less than 30 days' notice to the Trustee and the holders of the Notes of this Series in accordance with Condition 15 (which notice shall be irrevocable), repay all or some only of the Notes of this Series then outstanding (as defined in the Trust Deed) on the Optional Redemption Date(s) and at the Optional Redemption Amount(s) indicated in the applicable Pricing Supplement together, if appropriate, with accrued interest. In the event of redemption of some only of such Notes of this Series, such redemption must be for an amount being the Minimum Redemption Amount or a Maximum Redemption Amount, as indicated in the applicable Pricing Supplement. In the case of a partial redemption of Definitive Notes of this Series, the Notes of this Series to be repaid will be selected individually by lot not more than 60 days prior to the date fixed for redemption and a list of the Notes of this Series called for redemption will be published in accordance with Condition 15 not less than 30 days prior to such date. In the case of a partial redemption of Notes which are represented by a Global Note, the relevant Notes will be redeemed in accordance with the rules of Euroclear and/or Clearstream and/or CMU, as the case may be.

***(d) Redemption at the Option of the Noteholders***

If and to the extent specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, upon the holder of any Note of this Series giving to the Issuer in accordance with Condition 15 not more than 60 nor less than 30 days' notice (or such lesser period if so specified in the Pricing Supplement) (which notice shall be irrevocable) the Issuer shall, upon the expiration of such notice, redeem subject to, and in accordance with, the terms specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement in whole (but not in part) such Note on the Optional Redemption Date and at the Optional Redemption Amount indicated in the applicable Pricing Supplement together, if appropriate, with accrued interest.

***(e) Early Redemption Amounts***

For the purposes of paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) above, Notes will be redeemed at an amount (the “Early Redemption Amount”) calculated as follows:

- (i) in the case of Notes with a Final Redemption Amount equal to their principal amount, at the Final Redemption Amount thereof; or
- (ii) in the case of Notes (other than Zero Coupon Notes) with a Final Redemption Amount which is or may be greater or less than their principal amount or which is payable in a Specified Currency other than that in which the Notes are denominated, at the amount set out in the applicable Pricing Supplement, or if no such amount or manner is set out in the applicable Pricing Supplement, at their principal amount; or
- (iii) in the case of Zero Coupon Notes, at an amount (the “Amortised Face Amount”) equal to:
  - (A) the sum of (x) the Reference Price specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement and (y) the product of the Accrual Yield specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement (compounded annually) being applied to the Reference Price from (and including) the Issue Date to (but excluding) the date fixed for redemption or (as the case may be) the date upon which such Note becomes due and repayable; or
  - (B) if the amount payable in respect of any Zero Coupon Note upon redemption of such Zero Coupon Note pursuant to paragraph (b), (c) or (d) above or upon its becoming due and repayable as provided in Condition 12 is not paid or available for payment when due, the amount due and repayable in respect of such Zero Coupon Note shall be the Amortized Face Amount of such Zero Coupon Note calculated as provided above as though the references in subparagraph (A) to the date fixed for redemption or the date upon which the Zero Coupon Note becomes due and repayable were replaced by references to the date (the “Reference Date”) which is the earlier of:
    - (1) the date on which all amounts due in respect of the Note have been paid; and
    - (2) the date on which the full amount of the moneys repayable has been received by the Agent and notice to that effect has been given in accordance with Condition 15.

The calculation of the Amortised Face Amount in accordance with this sub-paragraph (B) will continue to be made, after as well as before judgment, until the Reference Date unless the Reference Date falls on or after the Maturity Date, in which case the amount due and repayable shall be the principal amount of such Note together with interest from (and including) the Maturity Date to (but excluding) the Reference Date at a rate per annum equal to the Accrual Yield.

Where any such calculation is to be made for a period of less than a full year, it shall be made (x) in the case of Notes denominated in US dollars on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of 12 months of

30 days each and, in the case of an incomplete month, the number of days elapsed; (y) in the case of Notes denominated in all other currencies on the basis that “Actual/Actual ICMA” shall apply, as calculated in accordance with Condition 5(b)(vi); or (z) as otherwise specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

***(f) Instalments***

Any Note which is repayable in instalments will be redeemed in the Instalment Amounts and on the Instalment Dates specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

***(g) Partly Paid Notes***

If the Notes are Partly Paid Notes, they will be redeemed, whether at maturity, early redemption or otherwise in accordance with the provisions of this Condition 6 as amended or varied by the applicable Pricing Supplement.

***(h) Purchases***

The Issuer and the Guarantor and any Connected Company of the Issuer or the Guarantor may at any time purchase Notes of this Series (provided that, in the case of Definitive Bearer Notes, all unmatured Receipts and Coupons appertaining thereto are surrendered therewith) in the open market or by private treaty at any price. If purchases are made by tender, tenders must be available to all holders of Notes of this Series alike.

## **7. Payments**

***(a) Method of Payment***

Subject as provided below and unless otherwise provided in the Pricing Supplement, payments in a currency other than euro or Renminbi will be made by transfer to an account in the Specified Currency maintained by the payee with, or by a cheque in the Specified Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Specified Currency; provided that a cheque may not be delivered to an address in, and an amount may not be transferred to an account at a bank located in the United States of America (including the States and the District of Columbia) or its possessions (including Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, Wake Island and the Northern Mariana Islands) by any office or agency of the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Agent or any Paying Agent. Payments in euro will be made by credit or transfer to a euro account (or any other account to which euro may be credited or transferred) specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque. Payments in Renminbi will be made by transfer to an account denominated in Renminbi maintained by the payee with a bank in Hong Kong.

Payments will be subject in all cases to any fiscal or other laws and regulations applicable thereto in the place of payment, but without prejudice to the provisions of Condition 10.

***(b) Presentation of Notes, Receipts, Coupons and Talons***

***(i) Bearer Notes***

Payments of principal in respect of Definitive Bearer Notes not held in CMU will (subject as provided below) be made in the Specified Currency against surrender of Definitive Bearer Notes and payments of interest in respect of the Definitive Bearer Notes will (subject as provided below) be made in the Specified Currency against surrender of Coupons, in each case at the specified office of any Paying Agent outside the United States of America and its possessions.

In the case of Definitive Bearer Notes not held in CMU, payments of principal with respect to instalments (if any), other than the final instalment, will (subject as provided below) be made against presentation and surrender of the relevant Receipt. Each Receipt must be presented for payment of the relevant instalment together with the relevant Definitive Bearer Note against which the amount will be payable with respect to that instalment. If any Definitive Bearer Note is redeemed or becomes repayable prior to the stated Maturity Date (in the case of a Note other than a Floating Rate Note) or prior to the Interest Payment Date falling in the Redemption Month (in the case of a Floating Rate Note) in respect thereof, principal will be payable on surrender of such Definitive Bearer Note together with all unmatured Receipts appertaining thereto. Receipts presented without the Definitive Bearer Note to which they appertain and unmatured Receipts do not constitute valid obligations of the Issuer.

Upon the date on which any Definitive Bearer Note becomes due and repayable, unmatured Receipts (if any) relating thereto (whether or not attached) shall become void and no payment shall be made in respect thereof.

Fixed Rate Notes in Definitive Bearer form not held in CMU (other than Dual Currency Notes or Index-Linked Notes) should be presented for payment together with all unmatured Coupons appertaining thereto failing which the amount of any missing unmatured Coupon (or, in the case of payment not being made in full, the same proportion of the aggregate amount of such missing unmatured Coupon as the sum so paid bears to the sum due) will be deducted from the sum due for payment. Each amount of principal so deducted will be paid in the manner mentioned above against surrender of the relative missing Coupon at any time before the expiry of six years after the Relevant Date (as defined in Condition 14) in respect of such principal (whether or not such Coupon would otherwise have become void under Condition 14). Upon any Fixed Rate Bearer Note becoming due and repayable prior to its Maturity Date, all unmatured Talons (if any) appertaining thereto will become void and no further Coupons will be issued in respect thereof.

Upon the date on which any Floating Rate Bearer Note, Dual Currency Bearer Note or Indexed Bearer Note in definitive form not held in CMU becomes due and repayable, all unmatured Coupons and Talons (if any) relating thereto (whether or not attached) shall become void and no payment shall be made in respect thereof.

In the case of Definitive Bearer Notes held in CMU, payments will be made to the person(s) for whose account(s) interests in the relevant Definitive Bearer Note are credited as being held with CMU in

accordance with the arrangements, rules and regulations governing the operation of CMU (the “CMU Rules”) at the relevant time and payment made in accordance thereof shall discharge the obligations of the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor in respect of that payment.

If the due date for redemption of any Definitive Bearer Note is not a Fixed Interest Date or an Interest Payment Date, interest (if any) accrued with respect to such Note from (and including) the preceding Fixed Interest Date or Interest Payment Date or, as the case may be, the Interest Commencement Date shall be payable only against surrender of the relevant Definitive Bearer Note.

*(ii) Registered Notes*

(A) Payments of principal (which for the purposes of this Condition 7(b)(ii) shall include final Instalment Amounts but not other Instalment Amounts) in respect of Registered Notes will be made to the persons shown on the Register (i) where in global form, at the close of the business day (being for this purpose, in respect of Notes clearing through Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, a day on which Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg are open for business, and in respect of Notes clearing through CMU, a day on which CMU is open for business) before the relevant due date, and (ii) where in definitive form, at the close of business (x) in the case of a currency other than Renminbi, on the fifteenth day before the due date for payment thereof or (y) in the case of Renminbi, on the fifth business day before the due date for payment thereof (the “Record Date”) by mail to the holder (or to the first named of joint holders) of such Note at its address appearing in the Register maintained by the Registrar or, in the case of Renminbi, by transfer to the registered account of the holder (or to the first named of joint holders of such Note).

In this Condition 7(b)(ii), “registered account” means the Renminbi account maintained by or on behalf of the Noteholder with a bank in Hong Kong, details of which appear on the Register on the fifth business day before the due date for payment.

(B) Interest (which for the purpose of this Condition 7(b)(ii) shall include all Instalment Amounts other than final Instalment Amounts) on Registered Notes will be paid to the person shown on the Register at the close of business on the Record Date. Payments of interest on each Registered Note (other than Notes denominated in euro or Renminbi) will be made in the currency in which such payments are due by cheque drawn on a bank (being a town clearing branch of a bank in the City of London in the case of sterling) in the principal financial centre of the country of the currency concerned and (in the case of Notes denominated in euro) by euro cheque and mailed to the holder (or to the first named of joint holders) of such Note at its address appearing in the Register maintained by the Registrar. Payment of interest on Notes denominated in Renminbi will be made by transfer to the registered account of the holder (or to the first named of joint holders of such Note). Upon application by the holder of a Note other than a Note denominated in Renminbi to the specified office of the Registrar or the Transfer Agent before the Record Date and subject as provided in paragraph (i) above, such payment of interest may be made by transfer to (in the case of Notes denominated in a currency other than euro) an account in the Specified Currency



maintained by the payee with a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of that currency or (in the case of Notes denominated in euro) a euro account or any other account to which euro may be transferred.

Holders of Registered Notes will not be entitled to any interest or other payment for any delay in receiving any amount due in respect of any Registered Note as a result of a cheque posted in accordance with this Condition arriving after the due date for payment or being lost in the post. No commissions or expenses shall be charged to such holders by the Registrar in respect of any payments of principal or interest in respect of the Registered Notes.

None of the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Trustee or the Agents will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to, or payments made on account of, beneficial ownership interests in the Registered Global Notes or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests.

*(iii) Global Notes*

Payments of principal and interest (if any) in respect of Notes of this Series represented by any Global Note will (subject as provided below) be made in the manner specified above and otherwise in the manner specified in the relevant Global Note (i) in the case of a Global Note lodged with CMU to the person(s) for whose account(s) interests in the relevant Global Note are credited as being held by CMU in accordance with the CMU Rules, or (ii) in the case of a Global Note not lodged with CMU against presentation or surrender, as the case may be, of such Global Note at the specified office of the Agent. A record of each payment made against presentation or surrender of such Global Note, distinguishing between any payment of principal and any payment of interest, will be made in the case of a Global Note not held in CMU, by the Agent or, in the case of a Global Note lodged with CMU, on withdrawal of the Global Note by the HK Lodging Agent and such record shall be prima facie evidence that the payment in question has been made.

If the Global Note is not lodged with CMU, the holder of the relevant Global Note or, if the Global Note is lodged in CMU, the person(s) for whose account(s) interests in such Global Note are credited as being held in CMU in accordance with the CMU Rules (or, as provided in the Trust Deed, the Trustee) shall be the only person(s) entitled to receive payments in respect of Notes represented by such Global Note and the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the holder of such Global Note or, if the Global Note is lodged in CMU, such person(s) for whose account(s) interests in such Global Note are credited as being held in CMU (or the Trustee, as the case may be) with respect to each amount so paid. Each of the persons shown in the records of Euroclear, Clearstream or CMU as the holder of a particular principal amount of Notes must look solely to Euroclear, Clearstream or the HK Lodging Agent, as the case may be, for his share of each payment so made by the Issuer or, if the Guarantee is called, the Guarantor in respect of the relevant Global Note.

*(iv) US Dollar Notes*

Notwithstanding the foregoing, payments in respect of Bearer Notes denominated in US dollars will be made at the specified office of a Paying Agent in the United States (which expression, as used herein,

means the United States of America (including the States and the District of Columbia), its territories, its possessions and other areas subject to its jurisdiction) only if:

- (A) the Issuer and the Guarantor have appointed Paying Agents with specified offices outside the United States with the reasonable expectation that such Paying Agents would be able to make payment at such specified offices outside the United States of the full amount owing in respect of the Notes in the manner provided above when due;
- (B) payment of the full amount owing in respect of the Notes at such specified offices outside the United States is illegal or effectively precluded by exchange controls or other similar restrictions; and
- (C) such payment is then permitted under United States law without involving, in the opinion of the Issuer and the Guarantor, adverse tax consequences to the Issuer or the Guarantor.

***(c) Payment Business Day***

If the date for payment of any amount in respect of any Note, Receipt or Coupon is not a Payment Business Day in a place of presentation, the holder thereof shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Business Day in the relevant place and shall not be entitled to further interest or other payment in respect of such delay. For these purposes, unless otherwise specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, “Payment Business Day” means any day which is (i) a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks are open for business and foreign exchange markets settle payments in the relevant place of presentation, and (ii) a Business Day as defined in Condition 5(b)(i). For the purposes of the definition of “Payment Business Day” in this Condition 7(c), the relevant place of presentation shall be disregarded in respect of any payment in respect of any Global Note in Bearer form.

***(d) CNY Disruption Event***

This Condition 7(d) shall apply if CNY Disruption Event is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

If any amount in respect of the Notes is payable in Renminbi and the Issuer determines that by reason of any CNY Disruption Event, it is not reasonably practicable for either the Issuer or the Guarantor to pay such amount in CNY (an “Affected CNY Amount”), then notwithstanding any other provision in these Conditions or in the applicable Pricing Supplement, the Issuer may notify the Noteholders of such determination on or before the due date for payment (the “Original Due Date”). If such notification is given:

- (i) if the CNY Disruption Event does not continue to exist for 14 consecutive calendar days from the Original Due Date, the due date for the payment of that Affected CNY Amount shall be postponed to two Business Days (as defined in Condition 5(b)(i)) after the date on which the Issuer is aware that the CNY Disruption Event has ceased to exist and the Issuer shall notify the Noteholders of the postponed due date as soon as practicable;

(ii) if the CNY Disruption Event continues to exist for 14 consecutive calendar days from the Original Due Date:

- (1) the due date for the payment shall be postponed to such date as the Issuer shall notify the Noteholders. Such notification shall be given after the Relevant Spot Rate has been determined and shall also include the Relevant Spot Rate; and
- (2) the obligation to pay that Affected CNY Amount shall be replaced by an obligation to pay, in US dollars, an amount equal to the US dollar equivalent of that Affected CNY Amount on such postponed due date. Such US dollar equivalent shall be arrived at by converting that CNY Affected Amount at the Relevant Spot Rate.

If sub-paragraph (i) or (ii) above of this Condition 7(d) applies, interest on the principal amount of the Affected CNY Amount, if any, will continue to accrue up to but excluding such postponed due date. Any payment made pursuant to sub-paragraph (i) or (ii) above in respect of an Affected CNY Amount shall constitute a valid payment in full of such Affected CNY Amount, such that there shall be no Event of Default in respect of any failure to pay such Affected CNY Amount on the Original Due Date or otherwise.

In this Condition 7(d):

“Relevant Spot Rate” means the CNY/US dollar official fixing rate to be determined as follows.

- (1) Such rate shall be the rate reported by the Treasury Markets Association which appears on Reuters page <CNHFIX> at approximately 11:30 a.m. Hong Kong time (on such date as the Issuer may determine) for settlement in two business days. (For this purpose, a “business day” is a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks are open for general business (including dealings in foreign exchange) in Hong Kong and in New York City.)
- (2) If such rate is not so reported, the Issuer shall determine such rate by taking into consideration the information which is available to it and is considered by it to be relevant. Such information may include the settlement rates, and the method for determining such rates, used by foreign exchange dealers in Hong Kong at or around the time of such determination by the Issuer.

“CNY Disruption Event” means any of the following:

- (1) any event or circumstance in the general CNY exchange market in Hong Kong which makes it impossible, or commercially impracticable, for the Issuer or the Guarantor to obtain sufficient Renminbi in order to satisfy its obligation to pay any amount in respect of the Notes;
- (2) any event or circumstance that makes it impossible (where it had previously been possible) or commercially impracticable for the Issuer or the Guarantor to convert any amount to be paid in

respect of the Notes from or into US dollars in the general CNY exchange market in Hong Kong, except where such impossibility or impracticability is due solely to the failure of the Issuer or the Guarantor to comply with any law, rule or regulation enacted by any Governmental Authority (unless such law, rule or regulation is enacted after the relevant Issue Date and it is impossible or commercially impracticable for the Issuer or the Guarantor to comply with such law, rule or regulation); or

- (3) any event or circumstance that makes it impossible or commercially impracticable for the Issuer or the Guarantor to transfer CNY between accounts inside Hong Kong or from an account inside Hong Kong to an account outside Hong Kong or vice versa, except where such impossibility or impracticability is due solely to the failure of the Issuer or the Guarantor to comply with any law, rule or regulation enacted by any Governmental Authority (unless such law, rule or regulation is enacted after the relevant Issue Date and it is impossible or commercially impracticable for the Issuer or the Guarantor to comply with such law, rule or regulation).

For the purpose of this definition of “CNY Disruption Event”, “Governmental Authority” means any de facto or de jure government (or any agency or instrumentality thereof), court, tribunal, administrative or other governmental authority of Hong Kong or any other entity (private or public) charged with the regulation of the financial markets (including the central bank) of the People’s Republic of China or Hong Kong (including, in the case of Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Monetary Authority or any successor agency performing central bank functions).

All notifications, determinations, calculations, quotations and decisions given, made or obtained by the Issuer for the purposes of this Condition 7(d) (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any determination by the Issuer as to whether a CNY Disruption Event has occurred or arisen or whether it continues to exist or has ceased to exist) will, in the absence of wilful default, bad faith or manifest error, be binding on the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Agents and the Noteholders.

***(e) Interpretation of Principal and Interest***

Any reference in these Conditions to principal in respect of the Notes shall be deemed to include, as applicable:

- (i) any Additional Amounts which may be payable under Condition 11 in respect of principal or pursuant to any undertakings given in addition thereto or in substitution therefor pursuant to the Trust Deed;
- (ii) the Final Redemption Amount of the Notes;
- (iii) the Early Redemption Amount of the Notes;
- (iv) in relation to Notes redeemable in instalments, the Instalment Amounts;
- (v) any premium and any other amounts which may be payable under or in respect of the Notes;

(vi) in relation to Zero Coupon Notes, the Amortised Face Amount; and

(vii) the Optional Redemption Amount(s) (if any) of the Notes.

Any reference in these Conditions to interest in respect of the Notes shall be deemed to include, as applicable, any Additional Amounts which may be payable under Condition 11 or pursuant to any undertakings given in addition thereto or in substitution therefor pursuant to the Trust Deed.

## **8. Agent, Paying Agents and HK Reference Agent**

The names of the initial Agent and the other initial Paying Agents and of the HK Reference Agent, the HK Lodging Agents, the Transfer Agents and the Registrar and their initial offices are set out below. The Issuer and the Guarantor are entitled (with the prior approval of the Trustee) to vary or terminate the appointment of the HK Reference Agent, the HK Lodging Agents, the Registrar or any Paying Agent or Transfer Agent and/or appoint a substitute HK Reference Agent, HK Lodging Agent, Registrar or, as the case may be, additional or other paying agents, transfer agents, Hong Kong lodging agents and/or approve any change in the specified office through which any paying agent acts, provided that:

- (i) so long as the Notes of this Series are listed on any stock exchange, there will at all times be a Paying Agent and a Transfer Agent with a specified office in each location required by the rules and regulations of the relevant listing authority and/or stock exchange;
- (ii) there will at all times be a Paying Agent with a specified office in a city approved by the Trustee in continental Europe;
- (iii) there will at all times be an Agent; and
- (iv) there will at all times be an HK Reference Agent and, whilst any Notes are lodged in CMU, an HK Lodging Agent who will perform their respective obligations under these Conditions and the Agency Agreement.

In addition, with respect to Notes denominated in US dollars the Issuer and the Guarantor shall forthwith appoint a paying agent having a specified office in New York City in the circumstances described in the final paragraph of Condition 7(b).

Any variation, termination, appointment or change shall only take effect (other than in the case of insolvency, when it shall be of immediate effect) after not less than 30 nor more than 45 days' prior notice thereof shall have been given to the Trustee and the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 15.

In acting under the Agency Agreement, the Agent, the Paying Agents, the Transfer Agents, the Registrar, the HK Reference Agent and the HK Lodging Agent act solely as agents of the Issuer and the Guarantor and, in certain circumstances specified therein, of the Trustee and do not assume any obligation to, or relationship of trust with, any Noteholders.

## **9. Exchange of Talons**

On and after the Fixed Interest Date or the Interest Payment Date, as appropriate, on which the final Coupon comprised in any Coupon sheet matures, the Talon (if any) forming part of such Coupon sheet may be surrendered at the specified office of the Agent or any other Paying Agent or, in the case of Notes lodged in CMU, the HK Lodging Agent in exchange for a further Coupon sheet including (if such further Coupon sheet does not include Coupons to, and including, the final date for the payment of interest due in respect of the Note to which it appertains) a further Talon, subject to the provisions of Condition 14. Each Talon shall, for the purposes of these Conditions, be deemed to mature on the Fixed Interest Date or the Interest Payment Date (as the case may be) on which the final Coupon comprised in the relative Coupon sheet matures.

## **10. Redenomination**

### ***(a) Redenomination***

Where redenomination is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement as being applicable, the Issuer may, without the consent of the Noteholders, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders, on giving prior notice to the Trustee, the Agent, Euroclear, Clearstream and CMU and at least 30 days' prior notice to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 15, elect that, with effect from the Redenomination Date specified in the notice, the Notes shall be redenominated in euro. The election will have effect as follows:

- (i) the Notes and the Receipts shall be deemed to be redenominated in euro in the denomination of €0.01 with a principal amount for each Note and Receipt equal to the principal amount of that Note or Receipt in the Specified Currency, converted into euro at the Established Rate, provided that, if the Issuer determines, with the agreement of the Trustee, that the then market practice in respect of the redenomination into euro of internationally offered securities is different from the provisions specified above, such provisions shall be deemed to be amended so as to comply with such market practice and the Issuer shall promptly notify the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 15, the stock exchange (if any) on which the Notes may be listed and the Paying Agents of such deemed amendments;
- (ii) save to the extent that an Exchange Notice has been given in accordance with paragraph (iv) below, the amount of interest due in respect of the Notes will be calculated by reference to the aggregate principal amount of Notes presented (or, as the case may be, in respect of which Coupons are presented) for payment by the relevant holder and the amount of such payment shall be rounded down to the nearest €0.01;
- (iii) if definitive Notes are required to be issued after the Redenomination Date, they shall be issued at the expense of the Issuer in denominations of €1,000, €10,000, €100,000 and (but only to the extent of any remaining amounts less than €1,000 or such smaller denominations as the Trustee and the Agent may approve) €0.01 and such other denominations as the Trustee shall determine and notify to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 15;

- (iv) where definitive Notes have been issued prior to the Redenomination Date, all unmatured Coupons denominated in the Specified Currency (whether or not attached to the Notes) will become void with effect from the date on which the Issuer gives notice that replacement euro-denominated Notes, Receipts and Coupons (the “Exchange Notes”) are available for exchange (provided that such securities are so available) and no payments will be made in respect of them. The payment obligations contained in any Notes and Receipts so issued will also become void on that date although those Notes and Receipts will continue to constitute valid exchange obligations of the Issuer. New euro-denominated Notes, Receipts and Coupons will be issued in exchange for Notes, Receipts and Coupons denominated in the Specified Currency in such manner as the Trustee may specify and as shall be notified to the Noteholders in the Exchange Notice. No Exchange Notice may be given less than 15 days prior to any date for payment of principal or interest on the Notes;
- (v) after the Redenomination Date, all payments in respect of the Notes, the Receipts and the Coupons, other than payments of interest in respect of periods commencing before the Redenomination Date, will be made solely in euro as though references in the Notes to the Specified Currency were to euro. Payments will be made in euro in accordance with Condition 7;
- (vi) if the Notes are Fixed Rate Notes and interest for any period ending on or after the Redenomination Date is required to be calculated for a period ending other than on an Interest Payment Date, it will be calculated:
  - (i) in the case of the Notes represented by a Global Note, by applying the Rate of Interest to the aggregate outstanding nominal amount of the Notes represented by such Global Note; and
  - (ii) in the case of definitive Notes, by applying the Rate of Interest to the Calculation Amount;

and, in each case, multiplying such sum by the applicable Day Count Fraction, and rounding the resultant figure to the nearest sub-unit of the relevant Specified Currency, half of any such sub-unit being rounded upwards or otherwise in accordance with applicable market convention. Where the Specified Denomination of a Fixed Rate Note in definitive form is a multiple of the Calculation Amount, the amount of interest payable in respect of such Fixed Rate Note shall be the product of the amount (determined in the manner provided above) for the Calculation Amount and the amount by which the Calculation Amount is multiplied to reach the Specified Denomination, without any further rounding;
- (vii) if the Notes are Floating Rate Notes, the applicable Pricing Supplement will specify any relevant changes to the provisions relating to interest; and
- (viii) such other changes shall be made to these Conditions and/or the Trust Deed and/or the Agency Agreement as the Issuer may decide, after consultation with the Trustee, and as may be specified in the notice, to conform them to conventions then applicable to instruments denominated in euro. Any such other changes will not take effect until after they have been notified to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 15.



***(b) Definitions***

In these Conditions, the following expressions have the following meanings:

“Established Rate” means the rate for the conversion of the Specified Currency (including compliance with rules relating to roundings in accordance with applicable European Union regulations) into euro established by the Council of the European Union pursuant to Article 140 of the Treaty; and

“Redenomination Date” means (in the case of interest bearing Notes) any date for payment of interest under the Notes or (in the case of Zero Coupon Notes) any date, in each case specified by the Issuer in the notice given to the Trustee and the Noteholders pursuant to paragraph (a) above and which falls on or after the date on which the country of the Specified Currency starts to participate in the third stage of European economic and monetary union pursuant to the Treaty and which falls before the date on which the Specified Currency ceases to be a sub-division of the euro.

**11. Taxation and Withholding**

All payments of principal and/or interest made by the Issuer or, if the Guarantee is called, the Guarantor in respect of the Notes of this Series will be made without withholding or deduction for or on account of any present or future tax, duty or charge of whatsoever nature imposed or levied by or on behalf of Hong Kong [or the Cayman Islands]<sup>2</sup> or any authority having power to levy tax in Hong Kong [or the Cayman Islands]<sup>3</sup>, unless such withholding or deduction is required by law. In that event, the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor shall pay such additional amounts as will result (after such withholding or deduction) in the receipt by the holders of the Notes of this Series or the Coupons appertaining thereto of the sums which would have been receivable (in the absence of such withholding or deduction) from it in respect of the Notes of this Series or the Coupons appertaining thereto, except that no such additional amounts shall be payable with respect to any Note of this Series or any Coupon appertaining thereto:

- (a) presented for payment by or on behalf of a holder of such a Note who is liable to such tax, duty or charge in respect of such Note or Coupon by reason of having some connection with Hong Kong [or the Cayman Islands]<sup>4</sup> other than the mere holding of such Note or the receipt of principal or interest in respect thereof; or
- (b) presented for payment more than 30 days after the due date therefor except to the extent that the holder of such a Note would have been entitled to such additional amounts on presenting the same for payment on the expiry of such period of 30 days; or
- (c) presented for payment for or on behalf of a holder of such a Note who is able to avoid such withholding or deduction by making a declaration of non-residence or other similar claim for exemption and does not make such declaration or claim.

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<sup>2</sup> Delete if MTR Corporation Limited is the Issuer.

<sup>3</sup> Delete if MTR Corporation Limited is the Issuer.

<sup>4</sup> Delete if MTR Corporation Limited is the Issuer.

## 12. Events of Default

If any of the following events (“Events of Default”) shall occur and be continuing:

- (a) there is a default for more than seven days in the payment of any principal, interest or other amount due in respect of any Note of this Series; or
- (b) (i) the Issuer or the Guarantor shall default in the payment of any principal of or interest on any obligation for Borrowed Money, in each case in an aggregate principal amount of at least US\$50,000,000 or the equivalent thereof in another currency or currencies, beyond any period of grace provided in respect thereof, or (ii) the Issuer or the Guarantor shall fail to honour when due and called upon any guarantee of any indebtedness for Borrowed Money, in each case in an aggregate principal amount of at least US\$50,000,000 or the equivalent thereof in another currency or currencies, or (iii) indebtedness of the Issuer or the Guarantor for Borrowed Money shall become due and payable prior to its specified maturity by reason of any default or event of default (howsoever described), in each case in an aggregate principal amount of at least US\$50,000,000 or the equivalent thereof in another currency or currencies, or (iv) a general moratorium is declared on the payment of debts of the Issuer or the Guarantor, provided that in each case the aggregate principal amount of such debts amounts to at least US\$50,000,000 or the equivalent thereof in another currency or currencies; or
- (c) the Issuer or the Guarantor shall default in the performance or observance of any other obligation contained in any Note of this Series or the Trust Deed and (unless the same shall be certified by the Trustee to be, in its opinion, not capable of remedy) such default shall not have been remedied within 30 days after written notice shall have been given to the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor by the Trustee requiring the same to be remedied; or
- (d) the Guarantor shall dispose of or attempt to dispose of all or the majority of its assets or undertaking required for use in connection with the Railway (except pursuant to or as part of such an amalgamation or reconstruction as is mentioned in (e) below); or
- (e) any competent action shall be taken, any enactment shall be passed, any judgment or order of a court of competent jurisdiction shall be made or any effective resolution shall be passed for the winding up or dissolution of the Issuer or the Guarantor the effect of which would be to dissolve or liquidate the Issuer or the Guarantor or, in the case of the Guarantor, to transfer to a third party all or the majority of its assets or undertaking required for use in connection with the Railway (except where its corporate existence is to be terminated or otherwise affected, or any such transfer made, pursuant to or as part of an amalgamation or reconstruction, details of which have previously been notified to the Trustee, the effect of which is to vest in some other body corporate having, after such vesting, similar or better financial standing to the Guarantor (or the Trustee is satisfied, or advised by an independent merchant or investment bank in Hong Kong, or such other place as the Trustee may deem appropriate, that such vesting will not materially prejudice the interests of the Noteholders) all or the majority of the Guarantor’s undertaking, properties and assets, or such of them as are required for use in connection with the Railway, and to impose upon

such other body corporate all of the obligations and liabilities of the Guarantor or, as the case may be, such of them as relate to the Railway, including all the obligations and liabilities of the Guarantor under each Note, the Deed of Covenant, and the Trust Deed); or

- (f) any encumbrancer shall take possession or a receiver or other similar officer shall be appointed of the whole or the majority of the assets or undertaking of the Guarantor required for use in connection with the Railway or a distress or execution shall be levied or enforced upon or sued out against the majority of the assets or undertaking of the Guarantor required as aforesaid and shall not be stayed or discharged within 60 days of being levied or enforced; or
- (g) any encumbrancer shall take possession or a receiver or other similar officer shall be appointed of the whole or the majority of the assets or undertaking of the Issuer or a distress or execution shall be levied or enforced upon or sued out against the majority of the assets or undertaking of the Issuer and shall not be stayed or discharged within 60 days of being levied or enforced; or
- (h) a decision is taken by the board of the Guarantor or by any other competent authority of or within Hong Kong to close the Railway for a period exceeding one year; or
- (i) MTR Cayman ceases to be a subsidiary (as that term is defined in the Trust Deed) of the Guarantor; or
- (j) the Guarantee is not (or is claimed by the Guarantor not to be) in full force and effect, then:
- (I) the Trustee at its discretion may declare the Notes of this Series immediately due and repayable, provided that in the case of any event described in paragraph (b) or paragraph (c) above it shall first certify that in its opinion such event is materially prejudicial to the interests of the holders of Notes of this Series;
- (II) the Trustee shall, if so directed in writing by the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the Notes of this Series, declare all of the Notes of this Series which are held by the holders giving such directions immediately due and repayable, provided that the Trustee shall only be so obliged if, taking into account all directions duly received by the Trustee within any period of 30 consecutive days, the Trustee has received directions to declare any Notes of this Series immediately due and repayable from the holders of the Notes of this Series with an aggregate principal amount in excess of HK\$200,000,000, and for the purpose of this computation the following holders (and no others) shall be deemed to be giving such directions: the holders giving such directions if, and only if, the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the Notes in the Series of which such Notes form part have given such directions within such period.

For this purpose Notes not denominated in HK dollars shall be converted into HK dollars at the rate which is the mean of the HK Reference Agent's buying and selling rates for the Specified Currency against the HK

dollars at or about 11:00 a.m. (Hong Kong time) on the date of the first direction (or equivalent direction) within such period of 30 days), whereupon the relevant Notes shall become so due and repayable at their Early Redemption Amount (as defined in Condition 6(e)) together with accrued interest (if any). If any Notes of this Series become due and repayable pursuant to this Condition 12, they shall continue to bear interest in accordance with the provisions of these Conditions, which will continue to apply.

For the purposes of this Condition, “Borrowed Money” means indebtedness for borrowed money, acceptances and the principal amount of any notes including, for the avoidance of doubt, Notes of any other Series, debentures, bonds, bills of exchange, promissory notes or similar instruments drawn, made, accepted, issued, endorsed or guaranteed by the Issuer and/or the Guarantor for the purpose of raising money but shall exclude bills of exchange drawn under or in respect of letters of credit or contracts for the provision of goods or services for the purpose of effecting payment and not in connection with the raising of money and “Railway” means the Hong Kong mass transit railway operated by the Guarantor pursuant to the Mass Transit Railway Ordinance (Cap. 556 of the Laws of Hong Kong) at the date hereof and any extensions thereto.

At any time after any Notes of this Series shall have become immediately due and repayable pursuant to this Condition 12 or otherwise, the Trustee may, at its discretion and without further notice, institute such proceedings as it may think fit against the Issuer and/or the Guarantor, to enforce repayment of the principal of such Notes, together with accrued interest, and to enforce the provisions of the Trust Deed, but it shall not be bound to take any such proceedings unless (1) it shall have been so requested in writing by persons holding at least 25% in principal amount of this Series of Notes then outstanding (as defined in the Trust Deed) and (2) it shall have been indemnified to its satisfaction.

No holder of a Note shall be entitled to proceed directly against the Issuer or the Guarantor unless the Trustee, having become bound in accordance with the Trust Deed so to proceed, fails to do so within a reasonable period and such failure is continuing.

### **13. Meetings, Modification of Conditions, Waiver and Substitution**

#### ***(a) Generally***

The Trust Deed contains provisions for convening meetings of the holders of Notes issued under the Programme for the time being outstanding (as defined in the Trust Deed) (or the holders of Notes of any one or more Series) to consider any matter affecting their interests, including a modification of, or an arrangement in respect of, the Conditions of such Notes, and the provisions of the Trust Deed. A resolution duly passed at any such meeting shall be binding on all the holders of Notes (or, as the case may be, the holders of Notes of the relevant Series) whether present or not. The quorum at any such meeting for passing an Extraordinary Resolution of the holders of Notes (or the holders of Notes of any one or more Series) is two or more persons holding or representing a clear majority in principal amount of the Notes (or, as the case may be, Notes of the relevant Series) for the time being outstanding (as defined in the Trust Deed), or, at any adjourned meeting, two or more persons being or representing holders of Notes (or, as the case may be, Notes of the relevant Series), whatever the principal amount

of the Notes so held or represented, except that, at any meeting the business of which includes the modification of certain material conditions of the Notes or of certain provisions of the Trust Deed (as set out therein), the necessary quorum for passing an Extraordinary Resolution is two or more persons holding or representing not less than three-quarters, or at any such adjourned meeting, not less than one-quarter, of the principal amount of the Notes (or, as the case may be, Notes of the relevant Series) for the time being outstanding (as defined in the Trust Deed).

***(b) Trustee's Discretions***

The Trustee may without the consent of the holders of Notes (or of the holders of any one or more Series of Notes or the relative Receipts, Coupons or Talons appertaining thereto) at any time and from time to time:

- (i) agree to any modification of the provisions of the Agency Agreement, the Trust Deed or the Notes or the relative Receipts or Coupons or Talons, either generally or in relation to any one or more Series of Notes or all Series of Notes or the relative Receipts or Coupons or Talons (except for the modification of certain material conditions of the Notes or of certain provisions of the Trust Deed as set out therein), which, in the opinion of the Trustee, is of a formal, minor or technical nature, is made to correct a manifest error, or is not materially prejudicial to the interests of the holders of Notes or, as the case may be, the holders of Notes of the relevant Series or the relative Receipts or Coupons or Talons; or
- (ii) waive or authorise any breach or proposed breach by the Issuer or the Guarantor of the provisions of the Agency Agreement, Trust Deed or the Notes (either generally or in relation to any one or more Series of Notes or all Series of Notes) or any other act or omission which is or would or might otherwise on its own or together with any other act or omission constitute an Event of Default which, in the opinion of the Trustee, is not materially prejudicial to the interests of the holders of Notes or, as the case may be, the holders of Notes of the relevant Series, or the relative Receipts, Coupons or Talons, or determine that such first mentioned act or omission shall, notwithstanding Condition 12, not be an Event of Default.

Any such modification, waiver, authorisation or determination shall be binding on all the holders of Notes or, as the case may be, the holders of Notes of the relevant Series and, unless the Trustee agrees otherwise, any such modification shall be notified by the Issuer to the holders of Notes or, as the case may be, the holders of Notes of the relevant Series as soon as possible thereafter.

***(c) Substitution***

Subject as provided in the Trust Deed, the Trustee may agree, without the consent of the holders of the Notes or the Notes of any one or more Series, or the holders of any Receipts, Coupons or Talons appertaining thereto, to the substitution of (i) a subsidiary (as defined in the Trust Deed) of the Issuer or the Guarantor in place of the Issuer or any previous substitute as principal debtor under the Notes, Receipts and Coupons or the Notes, Receipts and Coupons of any one or more Series and the Trust Deed in respect of such Notes, Receipts and Coupons, or (ii) a successor in business to the Issuer or Guarantor in place of the Issuer or Guarantor (as the case may be) or any previous substitute provided

that in the case of both (i) and (ii) such substituted Company (the “New Company”) executes a trust deed or some other form of undertaking in form and manner satisfactory to the Trustee, agreeing to be bound by the provisions of the Trust Deed with any consequential amendments which the Trustee may deem appropriate as fully as if the New Company had been named in the Trust Deed in place of the Issuer or the Guarantor (or of the previous substitute), as the case may be.

Any substitution pursuant to this Condition 13 shall be binding on the Noteholders, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders and, unless the Trustee agrees otherwise, shall be notified to the Noteholders as soon as practicable thereafter in accordance with Condition 15.

***(d) Liability***

Notwithstanding anything else herein contained, the Agents may refrain without liability from doing anything that would or might in its reasonable opinion be contrary to any law of any state or jurisdiction (including but not limited to the United States of America or any jurisdiction forming a part of it and England & Wales), or any directive or regulation of any agency of any such state or jurisdiction and may without liability do anything which is, in its reasonable opinion, necessary to comply with any such law, directive or regulation.

**14. Prescription**

The right of the holder to receive any payment under this Note shall become void six years (in the case of interest) or twelve years (in the case of principal) after the Relevant Date for such payment.

For the purposes of this Condition 14, the “Relevant Date” in relation to any payment due on a Note means the date on which such payment first becomes due, except that if the full amount of the moneys payable on such date in respect of such Note has not been received by the Agent on or prior to such date, the “Relevant Date” means the date 14 days after the date on which notice is duly given to the holder of this Note in accordance with Condition 15 that such moneys have been so received.

**15. Notices**

- (a) Notices to holders of Registered Notes will be posted to them at their respective addresses in the Register and such notices will be deemed to have been given on the fourth weekday (being a day other than a Saturday or a Sunday) after the date of posting.
- (b) Any notice to the holder of any Bearer Note shall be validly given if published in the Financial Times in London and the South China Morning Post in Hong Kong or, if either or both of such newspapers shall cease to be published or timely publication therein shall not be practicable, in another English language newspaper with general circulation in Europe or, as the case may be, Hong Kong or in such other manner as the Issuer, with the approval of the Trustee and subject to the requirements of any relevant stock exchange, shall determine. Any such notice shall be deemed to have been given on the date of such publication or, if published more than once or on different dates, on the date of the first such publication in both newspapers. Couponholders will be deemed for all purposes to have notice of the contents of any notice to the holders of Bearer Notes in accordance with this Condition 15.

- (c) Until such time as any Definitive Notes are issued, there may, so long as the Global Notes for this Series are held in their entirety on behalf of Euroclear and Clearstream, be substituted for such publication in such newspaper the delivery of the relevant notice to the Trustee, and in the case of a Global Note not held in CMU, Euroclear and Clearstream for communication by them to the holders of the Notes of this Series and in the case of a Global Note held in CMU, to the person(s) for whose account(s) interests in the relevant Global Note are credited as being held by CMU in accordance with the CMU Rules. In the case of a Global Note not held in CMU, any such notice shall be deemed to have been given to the holders of the Notes of this Series on the seventh day after the day on which the said notice was given to the Trustee, Euroclear and Clearstream. In the case of Global Notes held in CMU, any such notice shall be deemed to have been given to the holders of the Notes of this Series on the day on which such notice is delivered to CMU.
- (d) Notices to be given by any holder of the Notes of this Series shall be in writing and given by lodging the same, together with the relevant Note or Notes, with the Trustee and the Agent. While any of the Notes of this Series are represented by a Global Note, such notice may be given by any holder of a Note of this Series to the Agent via Euroclear and/or Clearstream, as the case may be, in such manner as the Trustee, the Agent and Euroclear and/or Clearstream, as the case may be, may approve for this purpose.

## **16. Further Issues**

The Issuer may from time to time without the consent of the Noteholders or Couponholders create and issue further notes which are (a) expressed to be consolidated and form a single series with the Notes; and (b) are identical to the Notes in all respects (including as to listing) except for their respective Issue Prices and Issue Dates and the date of first payment of interest on them, and so that the same shall be consolidated and form a single series with the Notes, and references in these Conditions to Notes include (unless the context requires otherwise) any other notes issued pursuant to this Condition and forming a single series with the Notes.

## **17. Replacement of Notes**

Any Note (including for the purposes of this Condition, Coupons and Receipts) which is lost, stolen, mutilated, defaced or destroyed may be replaced (if it is in definitive form) at the specified office of Citibank N.A., London Branch as Agent in London or (if it is in global form) at the office of the Agent in London upon payment by the claimant of the expenses incurred in connection therewith and on such terms as to evidence, indemnity, security or otherwise as the Issuer may require. Mutilated or defaced Notes must be surrendered before replacements will be issued.

## **18. Indemnification of Trustee**

The Trust Deed contains provisions for the indemnification of the Trustee and for its relief from responsibility. The Trustee is entitled to enter into business transactions with the Issuer or the Guarantor without accounting for any profit resulting therefrom.



## **19. Governing Law**

The Notes, the Receipts and the Coupons are governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, the laws of England. Any matter, claim or dispute arising out of or in connection with the Notes, the Receipts and the Coupons, whether contractual or non-contractual, is to be governed by and construed in accordance with English law.

## **20. Jurisdiction**

- (a) For the exclusive benefit of the holder of this Note, the Issuer and the Guarantor irrevocably agree that the courts of England are to have jurisdiction to settle any disputes which may arise out of or in connection with this Note (including a dispute relating to any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with this Note) and that accordingly any suit, action or proceeding (together in this Condition 20 referred to as “Proceedings”) arising out of or in connection with this Note (including a dispute relating to any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with this Note) may be brought in such courts.
- (b) Nothing contained in this Condition 20 shall limit the right of the holder of this Note to take Proceedings in any other court of competent jurisdiction, nor shall the taking of Proceedings in one or more jurisdictions preclude the taking of Proceedings in any other jurisdiction, whether concurrently or not.
- (c) The Issuer and the Guarantor further irrevocably agree that no immunity (to the extent that it may exist, whether on the grounds of sovereignty or otherwise) from any Proceedings in relation to this Note or from execution of judgment shall be claimed by or on behalf of them or with respect to their respective assets, any such immunity being irrevocably waived by the Issuer and the Guarantor, and the Issuer and the Guarantor irrevocably consent generally in respect of any such Proceedings to the giving of any relief or the issue of any process in connection with any such Proceedings including, without limitation, the making, enforcement or execution against any property whatsoever of any order or judgment which may be made or given in such Proceedings.
- (d) The Issuer and the Guarantor agree that process in connection with Proceedings in the courts of England will be validly served on them if served upon Law Debenture Corporate Services Limited at Fifth Floor, 100 Wood Street, London EC2V 7EX (or otherwise at its registered office for the time being, as notified in writing to the Trustee). The Issuer and the Guarantor further agree that, in the event that such process agent ceases to be able to act or no longer has an address in England, they shall appoint a replacement agent for service of process in England in respect of any Proceedings.

## **21. Third Party Rights**

No person shall have any right to enforce any term or condition of this Note or the Trust Deed under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999.

## **Use of Proceeds**

The net proceeds from each issue of Notes by MTR Cayman will be applied by it for on-lending to MTRCL. The net proceeds from each issue of Notes by MTRCL and the net proceeds on-lent to it by MTR Cayman under the Programme will be used by MTRCL for general corporate purposes, which may include working capital, refinancing and the repayment of existing debt. MTRCL may temporarily invest funds which are not needed immediately for these purposes in short-term marketable securities. If in respect of any particular issue there is a particular identified use of proceeds, this will be stated in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

## **Summary of Provisions relating to the Notes while in Global Form**

Each Tranche of Notes with a maturity of more than 365 days will initially be represented by a Temporary Global Note, unless the applicable Pricing Supplement specifies otherwise, and each Tranche with a maturity of 365 days or less will initially be represented by a Permanent Global Note, unless the applicable Pricing Supplement specifies otherwise. Each Global Note will be deposited (a) in the case of a Tranche intended to be cleared through Euroclear or Clearstream, on its issue date with a common depositary on behalf of Euroclear and Clearstream or (b) in the case of a Tranche intended to be cleared through CMU or another clearing system other than Euroclear or Clearstream or delivered outside a clearing system, as stipulated in the applicable Pricing Supplement. Upon deposit of a Global Note with (i) the common depositary, Euroclear or Clearstream will credit, and (ii) a sub-custodian for the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (“HKMA”) as operator of CMU, CMU will credit each subscriber with a principal amount of Notes equal to the principal amount thereof for which it has subscribed and paid.

MTRCL (in its capacity as an Issuer and the Guarantor) and MTR Cayman have executed an amended and restated deed (the “Deed of Covenant”) in favour of certain account holders with Euroclear, Clearstream and CMU in order to facilitate enforcement by individual Noteholders following any default in payment by the relevant Issuer or the Guarantor.

The Temporary Global Notes and the Permanent Global Notes contain provisions which apply to the Notes while they are in global form, some of which modify the effect of the terms and conditions of the Notes set out in this Offering Circular. Provisions which will apply to Global Notes in registered form will be set out in the applicable Pricing Supplement. The following is a summary of certain of those provisions as they relate to Global Notes in bearer form:

### **1. Exchange**

Interests in a Temporary Global Note will be exchangeable in whole or in part for interests in a Permanent Global Note (or, if specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, Definitive Notes with, where applicable, Receipts, Coupons and Talons attached, subject at all times to the interest being exchanged being a principal amount that is an integral multiple of the minimum Specified Denomination of the Notes) not earlier than the date (the “Exchange Date”) which is 40 days after the date on which the Temporary Global Note is issued, provided that in the case of Notes in bearer form, certification of non-US beneficial ownership has been received.

A Permanent Global Note will be exchangeable, in whole or, in certain circumstances, in part, subject at all times to the interest being exchanged being a principal amount that is an integral multiple of the minimum Specified Denomination of the Notes, for Definitive Notes with, where applicable, Receipts, Coupons and Talons attached, upon 60 days’ written notice expiring at least 30 days after the Exchange Date from Euroclear, Clearstream or CMU (as the case may be) acting on instructions of the holders of interests in the Permanent Global Note.

## **2. Payments**

No payment falling due on or after the Exchange Date will be made on a Temporary Global Note.

Payments on any Temporary Global Note during the period up to the Exchange Date will only be made against presentation of certification as to non-US beneficial ownership. All payments in respect of Notes represented by a Global Note not held in CMU will be made against presentation for endorsement, and, if no further payment falls to be made in respect of the Notes, surrender, of that Global Note to or to the order of the Agent or such other Paying Agent as shall have been notified to the Noteholders for such purpose. A record of each payment so made will be endorsed in the appropriate schedule to each Global Note, which endorsement will be prima facie evidence that such payment has been made in respect of the relevant Notes. Payments on Global Notes held in CMU shall be made in accordance with the CMU Rules and, on withdrawal of such Global Note from CMU, a record of all payments made in respect of such Note until the date of withdrawal shall be endorsed in the appropriate schedule to such Global Note, which endorsement shall be prima facie evidence that such payments have been made.

All payments in respect of a Global Note in registered form will be made to the person shown on the Register at the close of the business day (being for this purpose, in respect of Notes clearing through Euroclear and Clearstream, a day on which Euroclear and Clearstream are open for business, and in respect of Notes clearing through CMU, a day on which CMU is open for business) before the relevant due date. For the purposes of the definition of “Payment Business Day” in Condition 7(c) of the Terms and Conditions of the Notes, the relevant place of presentation shall be disregarded in respect of any payment in respect of any Global Note in Bearer form.

## **3. Notices**

So long as any Notes are represented by a Global Note and such Global Note is held on behalf of a clearing system, notices to Noteholders of that Series may be given by delivery of the relevant notice to that clearing system for communication by it to entitled accountholders in substitution for publication as required by the Conditions, and in the case of Global Notes held in CMU, any such notice shall be deemed to have been given to the Noteholders on the day on which such notice is delivered to CMU.

## **4. Purchase and Cancellation**

Cancellation of any Note surrendered for cancellation following its purchase will be effected by reduction in the principal amount of the relevant Global Note.

## **5. Transfer**

Any interest in a Global Note will be transferable only in accordance with the rules and procedures for the time being of Euroclear, Clearstream, CMU or other relevant clearing system, as appropriate.

# **MTR Corporation Limited**

MTRCL was incorporated in Hong Kong on 26th April 2000 under the predecessor Companies Ordinance (Cap. 32 of the Laws of Hong Kong).

By virtue of the Mass Transit Railway Ordinance (which came into effect on 30th June 2000 (the “Appointed Day”)), with effect from the Appointed Day, the Company replaced MTRC as the Issuer under the Programme, assuming all the legal rights and obligations of the Issuer.

The Company was partially privatised on 5th October 2000 by way of an offer for sale of 1,000,000,000 ordinary shares of HK\$1 each in the capital of the Company by The Financial Secretary Incorporated (“FSI”) on behalf of the Government. The shares are listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange and dealings in the shares on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange commenced on 5th October 2000. On 1st November 2000 the FSI completed the sale of an additional 150,000,000 shares pursuant to an over-allotment option granted to the underwriters of the original share offer.

As at 30th June 2024, the Government’s shareholding in the Company was approximately 74.54%.

For as long as the Government is the beneficial owner of the majority of the voting power of the Company, it will be able to appoint persons to the Board of Directors of the Company. In addition, no other shareholder or shareholders together will be able to appoint persons to the Board of Directors unless the Government fails to vote its shares against the appointment of such persons.

In February 2004, the Government invited the Company and KCRC to commence discussions relating to a possible merger of the MTR railway and the KCR railway and related businesses. On 11th April 2006, the Company and the Government entered into a memorandum of understanding (the “Memorandum of Understanding”) with respect to the Rail Merger. The Legislative Council of Hong Kong approved the Rail Merger Ordinance on 8th June 2007 and on 9th August 2007, the principal Rail Merger transaction agreements (the “Merger Agreements”) for the implementation of the Rail Merger were executed.

The Company obtained approval for the Rail Merger from its independent shareholders at an extraordinary general meeting of the Company held on 9th October 2007 and the Rail Merger became effective on the Merger Date. Further details of the Rail Merger are contained in the section headed “The Integrated MTR System” below.

## **The Integrated MTR System**

With effect from the Merger Date, the MTR System and the previous KCR System (as at the Merger Date) have operated as a single combined system (the “Integrated MTR System”, as described below).

### ***The MTR System***

The Company has a 50-year exclusive franchise which commenced on 30th June 2000 (and which may be extended in accordance with the Mass Transit Railway Ordinance and an Operating Agreement

entered into by the Company and the Government on 30th June 2000 in respect of the operations of the MTR railway (the “Operating Agreement”)) to operate the MTR railway system (the “MTR System”). Under the terms of the Rail Merger, the Company’s 50-year franchise was re-granted with effect from 2nd December 2007.

The MTR System comprises eight inter-connecting lines: the Kwun Tong Line, the Tsuen Wan Line, the Island Line, the Tseung Kwan O Line, the Tung Chung Line, the Disneyland Resort Line and the South Island Line (which seven lines together comprise the “MTR Lines”) and the Airport Express.

The Kwun Tong Line, which commenced operations in 1979, currently runs from Whampoa in mid-Kowloon to east Kowloon at Tiu Keng Leng. The Kwun Tong Line is 18.3 route kilometres in length, of which 15 route kilometres are tunnel section. It has 17 stations, including the interchange stations, and a depot at Kowloon Bay.

The Tsuen Wan Line, which commenced operations in 1982, runs from Central on Hong Kong Island to Tsim Sha Tsui in Kowloon and along the major commercial and residential Nathan Road corridor to Tsuen Wan in the New Territories. It is 16.9 route kilometres in length, of which 13.6 route kilometres are tunnel section. It has 16 stations, including the interchange stations, and a depot at Tsuen Wan.

The Island Line, which commenced operations in 1985, currently runs from Kennedy Town in western Hong Kong Island through Central to the commercial and residential areas of eastern Hong Kong Island ending at Chai Wan. The Island Line is currently 16.0 route kilometres in length, of which 13.9 route kilometres are tunnel section. It currently has 17 stations, including the interchange stations, and a depot at Chai Wan.

The Tung Chung Line, which commenced operations in 1998, runs from Central to Tung Chung on Lantau Island. The Tung Chung Line is 31.1 route kilometres in length, of which 9.0 route kilometres are tunnel section. It has eight stations, including the interchange stations, and a depot at Siu Ho Wan (which is shared with the Airport Express and the Disneyland Resort Line). It was constructed in conjunction with the infrastructure projects associated with the new Hong Kong International Airport and, for most of its length, it either shares its track with, or runs parallel to, the Airport Express.

The Airport Express commenced operations in 1998 as a purpose-built railway serving the new Hong Kong International Airport. It connects the Airport with the Hong Kong, Kowloon, Tsing Yi and AsiaWorld-Expo Stations and is 35.2 route kilometres in length. The Airport Express has five stations, including the interchange stations, and a depot at Siu Ho Wan (which is shared with the Tung Chung Line and the Disneyland Resort Line).

The Tseung Kwan O Line commenced operations in 2002 and runs from North Point on Hong Kong Island through the Eastern Harbour Crossing to Po Lam in Tseung Kwan O new town with a branch to the Tseung Kwan O depot and the adjacent LOHAS Park Station, which was opened to the public on 26th July 2009. This line is 13.8 kilometers in route length and supports the development of the Tseung Kwan O new town and of the Yau Tong area in Kowloon and provides railway access to the commercial and residential districts on Hong Kong Island and in Kowloon.

The Disneyland Resort Line commenced operations on 1st August 2005 to provide a rail-shuttle service between the Tung Chung Line at Sunny Bay and the Hong Kong Disneyland Theme Park which opened in September 2005. The Disneyland Resort Line is 3.5 route kilometres in length.

The South Island Line, which commenced operations on 28th December 2016, is about 7 kilometres in length running between Admiralty and South Horizons with three intermediate stations at Ocean Park, Wong Chuk Hang and Lei Tung. The South Island Line runs from Admiralty in tunnel to Nam Fung Road, then on viaduct to Ocean Park and Wong Chuk Hang, crossing the Aberdeen Channel to Ap Lei Chau.

### ***The KCR System***

The KCR System comprises the KCR railway and its bus services. The first section of the KCR railway opened in 1910. KCRC was established as a statutory corporation pursuant to the Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation Ordinance (Cap. 372 of the Laws of Hong Kong) on 24th December 1982 for an unlimited duration to operate the Hong Kong section of the KCR railway. KCRC owns three domestic passenger rail lines: East Rail (including the Lok Ma Chau Spur Line (the “LMCSL”)), the Tuen Ma Line and Light Rail.

The East Rail Line is approximately 45.8 route kilometres in length with 16 stations, including the LMCSL. The LMCSL opened for passenger operations on 15th August 2007 and is about 7.3 kilometres in length. It branches off the East Rail alignment north of Sheung Shui Station, runs at grade into tunnels from Sheung Shui to Chau Tau, and then rises gradually onto viaducts until it reaches Lok Ma Chau Station. In addition, the LMCSL Terminus is linked to Futian Checkpoint station of the Shenzhen Metro Longhua Line by a double-deck passenger bridge. The East Rail Line is connected to Tuen Ma Line at Hung Hom and Tai Wai Stations. Moreover, the cross-harbour extension of the East Rail Line commenced service on 15th May 2022, connecting the old terminal at Hung Hom Station to the new terminal at Admiralty Station, via the new Exhibition Centre Station. The full East Rail Line is Hong Kong’s fourth cross-harbour railway line, offering interchange connections to five existing railway lines.

Local and cross-boundary passenger services from Admiralty to Lo Wu and Lok Ma Chau are also operated on the East Rail Line.

The West Rail Line was a mass transit commuter rail line linking suburban areas along the Kowloon urban area to the north-western corridor of the New Territories, including the Kowloon Southern Link. It was designed to resolve the long-standing transport problems for residents in the north-western New Territories by linking West Kowloon with Tuen Mun in the western New Territories. The West Rail Line had 12 stations and was 35.4 route kilometres in length. The West Rail Line, which was officially inaugurated on 20th December 2003, previously ran from Hung Hom to Tuen Mun. The Tuen Ma Line Phase 1, which commenced operations on 14th February 2020, was 17.4 route kilometres in length running from Wu Kai Sha to Kai Tak. On 21st June 2021, the Company, the Government and KCRC entered into agreements and arrangements which integrated the Tuen Ma Line Phase 1 with West Rail into a single railway line that will be known as the Tuen Ma Line. The Tuen Ma Line commenced



passenger service on 27th June 2021, marking the opening of the longest railway line in Hong Kong. The Tuen Ma Line is 56.5 route kilometres in length and serves 27 stations throughout the eastern and western New Territories and east Kowloon, connecting passengers with the East Rail Line, Kwun Tong Line, Tung Chung Line and Tsuen Wan Line via six interchange stations. It also extends the Company's railway network to areas of To Kwa Wan, Kowloon City and the new Kai Tak Development Site.

The Light Rail system (which is also known as the North-west Railway) commenced operations in September 1988, comprising 36.2 route kilometres of double track with 68 stops. The Light Rail system operates within the areas of Yuen Long, Tin Shui Wai and Tuen Mun in the north-western New Territories. It is a regional mass-transit system utilising vehicles, which are similar to trams on tracks that run parallel to public roads.

KCRC established bus operations in 1986 to provide efficient feeder bus services to the Light Rail system and East Rail. As of 30th June 2024, there were 17 MTR Bus (Transit Service Area Bus) routes and four MTR Feeder Bus (East Rail feeder bus) routes in operation. KCRC entered into a commercial agreement with The Kowloon Motor Bus (1933) Limited in May 1999 to run East Rail feeder bus routes in Tai Po areas.

***The “Guangzhou – Shenzhen – Hong Kong” High Speed Rail (Hong Kong Section) (“HSR”)***

The “Guangzhou – Shenzhen – Hong Kong” High Speed Rail (Hong Kong Section) (“HSR”), which commenced operations on 23rd September 2018, is a 25.7-km rail that connects Hong Kong to Shenzhen, Guangzhou and the 42,000-km high speed rail network in Mainland China. HSR connects Hong Kong West Kowloon Station with 68 Mainland China stations directly without interchanging. The Company is the operator of the HSR for an initial concession period of 10 years. In June 2024, the number of Mainland destinations served by the HSR was expanded to 78 to meet rising demand from cross-boundary travellers. Sleeper train services connecting Hong Kong with Beijing and Shanghai were also launched on 15th June 2024 to provide an upgraded cross-boundary overnight railway service.

**(a) Entrustment Agreements**

The Government and the Company entered into an entrustment agreement for the design of and site investigation and procurement activities in relation to the HSR in 2008 (the “HSR Preliminary Entrustment Agreement”) and another entrustment agreement for the construction, and commissioning of the HSR in 2010 (the “HSR Entrustment Agreement”) (together, the “Entrustment Agreements”).

Pursuant to the HSR Preliminary Entrustment Agreement, the Government is obligated to pay the Company the Company's in-house design costs and certain on-costs, preliminary costs and staff costs.

Pursuant to the HSR Entrustment Agreement, the Company is responsible for carrying out or procuring the carrying out of the agreed activities for the planning, design, construction, testing and commissioning of the HSR and the Government, as owner of HSR, is responsible for bearing and

financing the full amount of the total cost of such activities (the “Entrustment Cost”) and for paying to the Company a fee in accordance with an agreed payment schedule (the “HSR Project Management Fee”) (subsequent amendments to these arrangements are described below).

The Government has the right to claim against the Company if the Company breaches the HSR Entrustment Agreement (including, if the Company breaches the warranties it gave in respect of its project management services) and, under the HSR Entrustment Agreement, to be indemnified by the Company in relation to losses suffered by the Government as a result of any negligence of the Company in performing its obligations under the HSR Entrustment Agreement or any breach of the HSR Entrustment Agreement by the Company. Under the HSR Entrustment Agreement, the Company’s total aggregate liability to the Government arising out of or in connection with the Entrustment Agreements (other than for death or personal injury) is subject to a cap equal to the total of HSR Project Management Fee and any other fees that the Company receives under the HSR Entrustment Agreement and certain fees received by the Company under the HSR Preliminary Entrustment Agreement (the “Liability Cap”). In accordance with general principles of law, such Liability Cap could not be relied upon if the Company were found to be liable for the fraudulent or other dishonest conduct of its employees or agents, to the extent that the relevant loss had been caused by such fraudulent or other dishonest conduct. Although the Government has reserved the right to refer to arbitration the question of the Company’s liability for the Current Cost Overrun (as defined hereunder) (if any) under the Entrustment Agreements (as more particularly described in paragraph (b)(v) below), up to the date of the interim financial report, no formal claim has been received from the Government. The Government has informed the Company of a number of areas of interest to it arising out of the Company’s performance under the Entrustment Agreements (“Areas of Interest”) for which the Government is seeking further information and explanations from the Company. The Company is in the process of reviewing such Areas of Interest and will, following such review, enter into a dialogue with the Government with a view to addressing such Government Areas of Interest.

(b) HSR Agreement

In 2015, as a result of the HSR programme being extended to the third quarter of 2018 and the Company and the Government reaching agreement for revising the estimate project cost to HK\$84.42 billion (the “Revised Cost Estimate”), the Government and the Company entered into an agreement (the “HSR Agreement”) relating to the further funding and completion of the HSR (and which made certain changes to the HSR Entrustment Agreement) which was subsequently approved by the Company’s independent shareholders at an extraordinary general meeting, and the Legislative Council approved the Government’s additional funding obligations, during 2016. Pursuant to the HSR Agreement:

- (i) The Government will bear and finance the project cost up to HK\$84.42 billion, which includes an increase in the project cost by the amount of HK\$19.42 billion being the “Current Cost Overrun”;
- (ii) The Company will, if the project cost exceeds HK\$84.42 billion, bear and finance the portion of the project cost which exceeds that sum (if any) (the “Further Cost Overrun”) except for certain

agreed excluded costs (namely, additional costs arising from changes in law, force majeure events or any suspension of construction contracts specified in the HSR Agreement);

- (iii) The Company would pay a special dividend in cash of HK\$4.40 in aggregate per share in two tranches in 2016 and 2017;
- (iv) The HSR Project Management Fee increases from HK\$4.59 billion to HK\$6.34 billion. Consequently, the Liability Cap increases from up to HK\$4.94 billion to up to HK\$6.69 billion; and
- (v) The Government reserves the right to refer to arbitration the question of the Company's liability for the Current Cost Overrun (if any) under the Entrustment Agreements (including any question the Government may have regarding the validity of the Liability Cap). The Entrustment Agreements contain dispute resolution mechanisms which include the right to refer a dispute to arbitration. If the arbitrator does not determine that the Liability Cap is invalid and determines that, but for the Liability Cap, the Company's liability under the Entrustment Agreements for the Current Cost Overrun would exceed the Liability Cap, the Company shall:
- bear such amount as is awarded to the Government up to the Liability Cap;
  - seek the approval of its independent shareholders, at another General Meeting (at which the FSI, the Government and their Close Associates and Associates and the Exchange Fund will be required to abstain from voting), for the Company to bear the excess liability; and
  - if the approval of the independent shareholders (referred to immediately above) is obtained, pay the excess liability to the Government. If such approval is not obtained, the Company will not make such payment to the Government;

As at 30th June 2024, the Company has not made any provision in its interim financial report in respect of:

- (i) any possible liability of the Company for any Further Cost Overrun (if any), given the Company does not currently believe based on information available to date there is any need to revise further the Revised Cost Estimate;
- (ii) any possible liability of the Company that may be determined in accordance with any arbitration that may take place (as more particularly described in paragraph (b)(v) above), given that (a) the Company has not received any notification from the Government of any formal claim by the Government against the Company or of any referral by the Government to arbitration as of 30th June 2024 and up to the date of the interim financial report and the eventual outcome of any dialogue between the Company and the Government on the Areas of Interest remains highly uncertain at the current stage; (b) the Company has the benefit of the

Liability Cap; and (c) as a result of the HSR Agreement, the Company will not make any payment to the Government in excess of the Liability Cap pursuant to a determination of the arbitrator without the approval of its independent shareholders; and where applicable, because the Company is not able to measure with sufficient reliability the amount of the Company's obligation or liability (if any).

### ***Shatin to Central Link Project***

The ten-station 17-km SCL connects existing railway lines to form an East West Corridor ("Tai Wai to Hung Hom Section") and a North South Corridor ("Hung Hom to Admiralty Section") with five interchange stations, creating vital new links across Hong Kong. The operating period with respect to the SCL is for an initial period of 10 years from 15th May 2022, being the date of commissioning and commercial operation of the Hung Hom to Admiralty Section, which forms the second part of the SCL.

#### **(a) SCL Agreements**

The Company and the Government entered into the SCL Preliminary Entrustment Agreement ("SCL EA1") in 2008, the SCL Advance Works Entrustment Agreement ("SCL EA2") in 2011, and the SCL Entrustment Agreement ("SCL EA3") in 2012 (together, the "SCL Agreements"), in relation to the SCL.

Pursuant to the SCL EA1, the Company is responsible for carrying out or procuring the carrying out of the design, site investigation and procurement activities while the Government is responsible for funding directly the total cost of such activities.

Pursuant to the SCL EA2, the Company is responsible for carrying out or procuring the carrying out of the agreed works while the Government is responsible for bearing and paying to the Company all the work costs ("EA2 Advance Works Costs"). The EA2 Advance Works Costs and the Interface Works Costs (as described below) are reimbursable by the Government to the Company. During the six months ended 30th June 2024, HK\$31 million of such costs were incurred by the Company, which are payable by the Government. As at 30th June 2024, the amount of such costs which remained outstanding from the Government was HK\$163 million.

The SCL EA3 was entered into in 2012 for the construction and commissioning of the SCL. The Government is responsible for bearing all the work costs specified in the SCL EA3 including costs to contractors and costs to the Company ("Interface Works Costs") (which the Company would pay upfront and recover from the Government) except for certain costs of modification, upgrade or expansions of certain assets (including rolling stock, signalling, radio and main control systems) for which the Company is responsible under the existing service concession agreement with KCRC. The Company will contribute an amount in respect of the costs relating to such modifications, upgrades or expansions. This will predominantly be covered by the reduction in future maintenance capital expenditure which the Company would have otherwise incurred. The total sum entrusted to the Company by the Government for the main construction works under the SCL EA3, including project management fee, was HK\$70,827 million ("Original Entrusted Amount").

The Company is responsible for carrying out or procuring the carrying out of the works specified in the SCL Agreements for a project management fee of HK\$7,893 million (the “Original PMC”) which has been fully received by the Company and recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss in previous years.

(b) SCL EA3 Cost Overrun

(i) Cost to Complete

The Company has previously announced that, due to the continuing challenges posed by external factors, including issues such as delays due to the discovery of archaeological relics, the Government’s requests for additional scope and late or incomplete handover of construction sites, the Original Entrusted Amount under SCL EA3 would not be sufficient to cover the total estimated cost to complete (“CTC”) and would need to be revised upwards significantly. After carrying out detailed reviews of the estimated CTC for the main construction works, on 10th February 2020, the Company submitted a revised estimated total CTC of HK\$82,999 million (“2020 CTC Estimate”), including additional project management fee payable to the Company of HK\$1,371 million (“Additional PMC”), being the additional cost to the Company of carrying out its remaining project management responsibilities under the SCL EA3, as detailed in paragraph (b)(ii) below but excluding the Hung Hom Incidents Related Costs in respect of which the Company had already recognised a provision of HK\$2 billion in its consolidated statement of profit or loss for the year ended 31st December 2019 (as detailed in paragraph (c)(ii) below). The 2020 CTC Estimate represents an increase of HK\$12,172 million from the Original Entrusted Amount of HK\$70,827 million.

The Government obtained the approval from the Legislative Council on 12th June 2020 for additional funding required for the SCL project amounting to HK\$10,801 million (“Additional Funding”) so that the SCL can be completed.

(ii) Provision for Additional PMC

As detailed in paragraph (b)(i) above and as previously disclosed by the Company, the programme for the delivery of the SCL project has been significantly impacted by certain key external events. Not only do these matters increase the cost of works, they also increase the cost to the Company of carrying out its project management responsibilities under the relevant SCL entrustment agreement, which is estimated to be around HK\$1,371 million.

The Additional Funding approved by the Legislative Council did not include any Additional PMC for the Company which the Company had previously sought from the Government. Therefore, the cost to the Company of continuing to comply with its project management obligations under the SCL EA3 (which the Company has continued and will continue to comply with) is currently being met by the Company on an interim and without prejudice basis (to allow the SCL project to progress in accordance with the latest programme) and the Company reserves its position as to the ultimate liability for such costs and as to its right to pursue the courses of action and remedies available under the SCL EA3.

After taking into account the matters described above, and in particular, the Company meeting, on an interim and without prejudice basis (on the basis outlined above), the cost to the Company of continuing to comply with its project management obligations, the Group recognised a provision of HK\$1,371 million in its consolidated statement of profit or loss for the year ended 31st December 2020, for the estimated additional cost to the Company of continuing to comply with its project management responsibilities. During the six months ended 30th June 2024, the provision utilised amounted to HK\$59 million and no provision was written back. As at 30th June 2024, the provision of HK\$248 million, net of amount utilised, is included in “Creditors, other payables and provisions” in the consolidated statement of financial position.

This amount does not take into account any potential payment to the Company of any Additional PMC (whether as a result of an award, settlement or otherwise). Accordingly, if any such potential payment becomes virtually certain, the amount of any such payment will be recognised and credited to the Company’s consolidated statement of profit or loss in that financial period.

(c) Hung Hom Incidents

As stated in the Company’s announcement dated 18th July 2019, there were allegations in 2018 concerning workmanship in relation to the Hung Hom Station extension (“First Hung Hom Incident”). The Company took immediate steps to investigate the issues, report the Company’s findings to the Government and reserve the Company’s position against relevant contractors.

In late 2018 and early 2019, the Company advised the Government of an insufficiency of construction records and certain construction issues at the Hung Hom North Approach Tunnel (“NAT”), the South Approach Tunnel (“SAT”) and the Hung Hom Stabling Sidings (“HHS”), forming an addition to the First Hung Hom Incident (“Second Hung Hom Incident”).

(i) Commission of Inquiry (“COI”)

On 10th July 2018, the COI was set up by the Chief Executive in Council pursuant to the Commissions of Inquiry Ordinance (Cap. 86 of the Laws of Hong Kong). On 29th January 2019, the Government made its closing submission to the first phase of the COI in which it stated its view that the Company ought to have provided the required skills and care reasonably expected of a professional and competent project manager but that the Company had failed to do so.

On 26th March 2019, the Government published the redacted interim report of the COI in which the COI found that although the Hung Hom Station extension diaphragm wall and platform slab construction works are safe, they were not executed in accordance with the relevant contract in material aspects.

On 18th July 2019, the Company submitted to the Government two separate final reports, one in respect of the First Hung Hom Incident and one in respect of the Second Hung Hom Incident, containing, inter alia, proposals for suitable measures required at certain locations to achieve code compliance. These suitable measures have been implemented.

On 22nd January 2020, the Government reiterated, in its closing submissions to the COI, that there was failure on the part of both the Company and the contractor Leighton Contractors Asia Limited to perform the obligations which the two parties undertook for the SCL project and that the Company, which was entrusted by the Government as the project manager of the SCL project, ought to have provided the requisite degree of skill and care reasonably expected of a professional and competent project manager.

On 12th May 2020, the Government published the final report of the COI in which the COI determined that it is fully satisfied that, with the suitable measures in place, the station box, NAT, SAT and HHS structures will be safe and also fit for purpose. The suitable measures for these structures were completed in 2020. The COI also made a number of comments on the construction process (including regarding failures in respect thereof such as unacceptable incidents of poor workmanship compounded by lax supervision and that in a number of respects also, management of the construction endeavour fell below the standards of reasonable competence) and made recommendations to the Company for the future.

(ii) Provision for the Hung Hom Incidents Related Costs

In order to progress the SCL project and to facilitate the phased opening of the Tuen Ma Line in the first quarter of 2020, the Company announced in July 2019 that it would fund, on an interim and without prejudice basis, certain costs arising from the Hung Hom Incidents and certain costs associated with the phased opening (being costs for alteration works, trial operations and other costs associated with the preparation activities for the phased opening) (“Hung Hom Incidents Related Costs”), whilst reserving the Company’s position as to the ultimate liability for such costs.

The Company and the Government will continue discussions with a view to reaching an overall settlement in relation to the Hung Hom Incidents and their respective funding obligations relating to the CTC and the Hung Hom Incidents Related Costs. If no overall settlement is reached between the Company and the Government within a reasonable period, the provisions of the SCL EA3 shall continue to apply (as they currently do) including in relation to such costs, and the responsibility for the funding of such costs shall be determined in accordance with the SCL EA3.

After taking into account the above, and in particular, the Company’s decision to fund, on an interim and without prejudice basis, the Hung Hom Incidents Related Costs, the Company recognised a provision of HK\$2,000 million in its consolidated statement of profit or loss for the year ended 31st December 2019. During the six months ended 30th June 2024, the provision utilised amounted to HK\$1 million and no provision was written back. As at 30th June 2024, the provision of HK\$761 million, net of amount utilised, is included in “Creditors, other payables and provisions” in the consolidated statement of financial position.

This amount does not take into account any potential recovery from any other party (whether in the circumstances that no overall settlement is reached and / or as a result of an award, settlement or otherwise). Accordingly, if any such potential recovery becomes virtually certain, the amount of any such recovery will be recognised and credited to the Company’s consolidated statement of profit or loss in that financial period.



(d) Potential Claims from and Indemnification to the Government

The Government has the right to claim against the Company if the Company breaches the SCL Agreements (including, if the Company breaches the warranties it gave in respect of its project management services) and, under each SCL Agreement, to be indemnified by the Company in relation to losses incurred by the Government as a result of the negligence of the Company in performing its obligations under the relevant SCL Agreement or breach thereof by the Company. Under the SCL EA3, the Company's total aggregate liability to the Government arising out of or in connection with the SCL Agreements (other than for death or personal injury) is subject to a cap equal to the fees that the Company receives under the SCL Agreements.

In accordance with general principles of law, such cap could not be relied upon if the Company were found to be liable for the fraudulent or other dishonest conduct of its employees or agents, to the extent that the relevant loss had been caused by such fraudulent or other dishonest conduct. Although the Government has stated that it reserves all rights to pursue further actions against the Company and related contractors and has made the statements in its closing submission to the COI (as stated in paragraph (c)(i) above), up to the date of the interim financial report, no claim has been received from the Government in relation to any SCL Agreement. It is uncertain as to whether such claim will be made against the Company in the future and, if made, the nature and amount of such claim.

The eventual outcome of the discussions between the Company and the Government on various matters remain highly uncertain at the current stage. As a result, no additional provision other than as stated above has been made as the Company is currently not able to measure with sufficient reliability the ultimate amount of the Company's obligation or liability arising from the SCL project as a whole in light of the significant uncertainties involved. While no provision in respect of the SCL project related matters was recognised at 30th June 2024 other than as stated above, the Company will reassess on an ongoing basis the need to recognise any further provision in the future in light of any further development.

***The Integrated MTR System***

The MTR railway and the KCR railway (the "Integrated Railway"), Light Rail and HSR are subject to a single regulatory regime and its operations are regulated by the Mass Transit Railway Ordinance, the Mass Transit Railway Regulations (Cap. 556A of the Laws of Hong Kong), the New Operating Agreement and the Amendment Agreement. Passengers travelling on the Integrated Railway (other than on Light Rail) are subject to the Mass Transit Railway By-Laws (Cap. 556B of the Laws of Hong Kong). Passengers travelling on Light Rail are subject to the terms of the Mass Transit Railway (North-West Railway) By-Law (Cap. 556H of the Laws of Hong Kong). The total route length of the Integrated Railway, HSR and Light Rail is approximately 271 kilometres.

There are 99 stations in the Integrated MTR System (excluding Light Rail).

***The Rail Merger***

The Merger Agreements (as defined on page 75), together with the Rail Merger Ordinance, provide the legal framework and specific terms and conditions for the implementation of the Rail Merger and the continued operation of the MTR and KCR railways.

The Rail Merger was principally structured as a service concession (the “Service Concession”). The Service Concession, which was granted by KCRC to the Company under the Service Concession Agreement dated 9th August 2007 (“Existing Service Concession Agreement”), provides the necessary legal framework to enable the Company to access, use and operate the assets required to run the KCR railway. The assets which are the subject of the Service Concession include assets such as railway infrastructure, rolling stock, railway systems, station equipment, office facilities and other railway and non-railway related assets.

Together with the grant of the Service Concession, the Company purchased certain other assets from KCRC which were needed to operate KCRC’s business after the Rail Merger. These assets included certain properties, shares, business plant and machinery, tools and equipment, business stocks, stores and spares and intellectual property rights. The Company also acquired the economic benefit of the majority of KCRC’s property-related interests.

The payments made, or to be made by the Company to KCRC in relation to the Rail Merger were, or are as follows:

- *Initial payments:* (i) HK\$4.25 billion being the upfront fee for the right to operate the Service Concession and the consideration for the purchase of certain assets; and (ii) HK\$7.79 billion payable in consideration for the execution of the Property Package Agreements and the sale of the shares in certain of KCRC’s subsidiaries under the Sale and Purchase Agreement, in each case, paid on the Merger Date;
- *Fixed annual payments:* HK\$750 million for the Service Concession, payable in arrear on the day immediately preceding each anniversary of the Merger Date; and
- *Variable annual payments:* for the Service Concession on a tiered basis by reference to the amount of revenue from the KCR railway (as determined in accordance with the service concession agreement) for each financial year of the Company. The applicable percentage will vary according to the amount of revenue from the KCR railway for the relevant financial year of the Company.

These variable annual payments will be payable in arrear within 60 days after the end of the relevant financial year of the Company. No variable annual payment was payable in respect of the first 36 months following the Merger Date.

### ***Patronage***

The number of passengers carried for each of the years 2019 to 2023 and for the first six months of 2024 is set out in the following table. For the first half of 2024, total patronage for all of the Company’s rail and bus passenger services (that is, the Integrated MTR System) increased to 957.4 million or by 4.1% as compared to total patronage on the Integrated MTR System during the same period in the previous year.

The Company’s domestic service, which includes the MTR Lines and the KCR Lines (comprising the East Rail (excluding the cross-boundary service) and Tuen Ma Line) recorded total patronage of 787.5 million for the first half of 2024. This represents an increase of 1.3% when compared to the same period in 2023.

For the cross-boundary service at Lo Wu and Lok Ma Chau, patronage was 46.5 million for the first half of 2024, compared with 28.1 million during the same period in 2023.

For the first six months of 2024, patronage on the Airport Express increased by 37.1% as compared to the same period last year.

Total patronage on the HSR in the first half of 2024 was 12.7 million.

Building on the post-pandemic recovery of the Company's domestic service, cross-boundary service and HSR in 2023, patronage continued to recover over the first six months of 2024.

#### *Passengers per year*

	<b>Integrated MTR System<sup>(2)</sup></b>
	<i>(in millions)</i>
2024 (first six months) <sup>(1)</sup> .....	957.4
2023 .....	1,896.8
2022 .....	1,518.1
2021 .....	1,616.3
2020 .....	1,310.8
2019 .....	1,914.3

Notes:

(1) The total number of passengers for the first six months ended 30th June 2024.

(2) Total patronage from all rail and bus passenger services (including Intercity Service).

#### ***Fares and the Fare Adjustment Mechanism***

One of the parameters set by the Government in February 2004 in relation to the Rail Merger was the adoption of an objective and transparent fare adjustment mechanism. The Government set this parameter to address (a) the public concern that the process for adjustment of transport fares should be more objective and transparent, and should allow for reductions as well as increases in fares; (b) the concern of public transport operators that once fares are reduced, public pressure will render fare increases difficult, if not impossible, to implement (even when the economy is improving); and (c) the common concern of public transport operators and the Government that fare adjustments should not be politicised as they are not conducive to efficiency and social harmony.

The Company and the Government agreed upon the FAM for determining future fare adjustments to replace fare autonomy after the Rail Merger. The FAM was incorporated into the new operating agreement dated 9th August 2007 ("New Operating Agreement"), which replaced the previous Operating Agreement on the Merger Date. The FAM became effective on the Merger Date and was applied for the first time in 2009.

The FAM provides that any adjustment to specified fares should be linked to changes in the Composite Consumer Price Index and changes in the Nominal Wage Index (Transportation Section), both published by the Census & Statistics Department of the Government, and takes into account a productivity factor.

The FAM is subject to review every five years. The Company and the Government began the first review exercise in 2012 and this was completed in April 2013. In April 2016, the Company agreed to an early joint review of the FAM as requested by the Government, thereby advancing the next scheduled review by one year. Following completion of the review exercise in March 2017, the Company and the Government agreed to maintain the FAM formula and the direct-drive nature of the FAM formula, save for (a) certain consequential changes as a result of the Early Review having been advanced by one year and (b) certain fare concessions and promotions. The Company and the Government agreed that the scheduled review of the FAM originally due in 2017/18 will not be undertaken. On 21st March 2023, the Company announced that the joint review of the FAM by the Company and Government in accordance with the New Operating Agreement, scheduled to be undertaken in 2022/23, has been completed and the outcome of the review is set out below.

The FAM, prior to the 2022/23 joint review of the FAM, requires the Company to adjust fares according to a pre-determined formula based on changes in the composite consumer price index and wage index, and a productivity factor. The FAM formula, as amended pursuant to the review of the FAM in 2013 and 2017, works as follows:

“Overall weighted fare adjustment rate =  $0.5 * \Delta \text{CCPI} + 0.5 * \Delta \text{wage index} - t$ ”

where:

“Overall weighted fare adjustment rate” is calculated based on the basket of specified “fares” on the Integrated Railway;

“ $\Delta \text{CCPI}$ ” means the yearly percentage change in the Government Composite Consumer Prices Index;

“ $\Delta \text{wage index}$ ” means the yearly percentage change in the Nominal Wage Index (Transportation Section) (the “Transport Wage Index”); and

“ $t$ ” shall have the value:

(a) zero up to the implementation of the FAM in 2012; and

(b) thereafter, the greater of:

(1)  $0.5 \times \text{CAGR in Productivity in the Reference Period}$  expressed as a percentage and rounded to the nearest one tenth of a percentage; and

(2) zero,

where:

“CAGR” means compound annual growth rate;

“Productivity” is revenue from the Company’s Hong Kong transport operations divided by the Company’s expenses relating to Hong Kong transport operations, as set out in the Company’s audited financial statements for the first and last financial years of the Reference Period (but subject to adjustments due to changes in accounting standards and segmental reporting between the two relevant financial years); and

“Reference Period” (a) in respect of each of the calendar years 2013 to 2017, is the financial years 2008 to 2012; and (b) in respect of each of the calendar years 2018 to 2022, is the financial years 2012 to 2017. Thereafter, for each successive five calendar years, in respect of each calendar year in such five-year period, the Reference Period is the six financial years immediately preceding that five-year period.

As a consequence of the Early Review having been advanced by one year, the Company and the Government have agreed to amend the FAM such that the “Reference Period” in respect of each of the calendar years 2013 to 2016, is the financial years 2008 to 2012, in respect of each of the calendar years 2017 to 2022, is the financial years 2012 to 2016 and, in respect of each of the calendar years 2023 to 2027, is the financial years 2016 to 2022.

For reference, the value of “t” (the productivity factor) in respect of each of the calendar years 2017 to 2022 with reference to the Reference Period, as amended, will be zero.

As a result of the 2022/23 joint review of the FAM, the Company and Government have agreed to amend an element of the FAM such that, going forward and unless further amended, the value of “t” (the productivity factor) shall be calculated by reference to the Company’s post-tax property development profit in Hong Kong rather than by reference to the financial performance of the Company’s Hong Kong transport operations. Accordingly, the value of “t” (the productivity factor) shall be calculated in each calendar year by reference to the profit for the preceding calendar year attributable to the shareholders of the Company arising from property development in Hong Kong (or as maybe renamed to such other equivalent item from time to time and subject to adjustments due to changes in accounting standards and segmental reporting), as set out in the consolidated statement of profit or loss in the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company (“Property Development Profit”) for that preceding calendar year (or such number calculated on the same basis as the Property Development Profit was calculated for the preceding calendar year provided that, where there is discrepancy between the number so calculated and the audited figure which subsequently becomes available, Government and the Company shall discuss in good faith and agree on a method of handling the discrepancy), as follows:

<b>Profit for preceding year attributable to shareholders of the Company arising from property development in Hong Kong (or such other equivalent item from time to time)</b>	<b><u>Value of “t” (of a percentage point)</u></b>
Less than HK\$5,000,000,000 .....	0.6
Equal to or greater than HK\$5,000,000,000 up to but less than HK\$10,000,000,000 .....	0.7
Equal to or greater than HK\$10,000,000,000 .....	0.8

The FAM, prior to the 2022/23 joint review of the FAM, limits the Company from adjusting any individual specified fares within the fare basket by a percentage greater than the FAM rate plus or minus 5 percentage points (inclusive). As a result of the 2022/23 joint review, the Company and Government have agreed to extend this permitted range to plus or minus 8 percentage points (inclusive) in limited circumstances where the Board reasonably believes such greater percentage adjustment is necessary to prevent the occurrence, or minimise the extent, of certain fare anomalies whereby some fares applicable to a journey on the same railway line may be higher for a shorter journey than for a longer journey.

All other aspects of the FAM as disclosed in the Company's announcements dated 16th April 2013 and 21st March 2017 (in relation to the review of the FAM in 2013 and 2017) remain unchanged (subject to the fare concessions and promotions and special applications described below).

If, in a given year, the overall fare adjustment rate under the FAM is within the range of +/-1.5%, there shall be no fare adjustment and the unadjusted percentage shall be rolled over to the next annual fare review.

The FAM applies to specified fares on all existing and new railway lines on the Integrated Railway, on the Light Rail and on Transit Service Area Buses (other than the Airport Express Line (unless the fare is an Airport workers' fare), Ngong Ping 360, the intercity trains and certain other new lines which are not intended for use by daily commuters for domestic travel). The weighted average adjustment of these specified fares should be equal to the calculated "overall fare adjustment rate" from the above formula. For adjustments to fares of the Airport Express, the Company shall be subject to consultation requirements which are substantially the same as those set out in the New Operating Agreement.

The Company will introduce, or continue to make available, a number of fare concessions, in the form of promotions. These include:

(a) An affordability discount, which was introduced by the Company in 2013, will continue to be available in an updated form. The purpose of the "Affordability-Linked Arrangement" is to reflect the "affordability" of fares in the fare arrangements. The affordability discount ensures that, subject to certain conditions, where the FAM rate is positive, the rate of increase in the average price of fares for the corresponding period will either be nil (where the change in Median Monthly Household Income for the fourth quarter of the prior year compared with the fourth quarter of the calendar year before the most recent calendar year in which fares were adjusted by the Company ("MMHI Rate") is negative) or capped at the MMHI Rate (where the MMHI Rate is positive). The shortfall between the rate of increase in the average price of fares and the FAM rate will be carried forward from year to year to be recouped, subject to certain conditions, in years in which the MMHI Rate is greater than the FAM rate and the FAM rate is positive (to the extent such affordability headroom allows). This promotion is expected to be implemented on the date on which the average rate of fares is adjusted in accordance with the FAM in the relevant calendar year (or, if fares are not required to be adjusted in accordance with the FAM in a relevant calendar year, a date in June of that calendar year to be agreed between the

Company and Government in writing at least seven days in advance) and will be terminated with effect from 1st July 2028 unless renewed by the Company prior to that date; and

(b) The Company would implement a promotional arrangement whereby 0.2 percentage points of the rate of adjustment to the fares in 2023 will be deferred to 2024. This promotion was expected to be implemented in the 2023 calendar year and 2024 calendar year.

The Company and the Government have agreed to the following special applications of the “Affordability-Linked Arrangement” in 2023/24 and 2024/25:

Pursuant to the “Affordability-Linked Arrangement”, the Company adjusted fares by 0.3 percentage points and 2.55 percentage points less than the relevant FAM rate in fare years 2019/20 and 2020/21 respectively. Under an arrangement previously agreed between the Company and Government, such shortfalls were to be recouped over two fare years in 2021/22 and 2022/23. However, because the FAM rate in fare year 2021/22 was negative and the FAM rate in fare year 2022/23 was rolled over in accordance with the FAM, the Company has not yet recouped the total of 2.85 percentage points.

It was anticipated that the rate of increase in the MMHI for fare year 2023/24 would likely be greater than the relevant FAM rate for 2023/24 plus 2.85 percentage points and, therefore, the Company would be entitled to recoup 2.85 percentage points in the upcoming fare year. Notwithstanding this entitlement, after taking into account the unique economic challenges faced by Hong Kong as it recovers from the approximately three-year long COVID pandemic and in recognition of the impact therefrom on the Hong Kong public, the Company and Government have agreed that the recoupment of the 2.85 percentage points would be addressed as follows:

(a) in the fare year 2023/24, the Company would recoup 1.2 percentage points. However, the Company would implement an arrangement whereby such recoupment will be offset by a one-off special reduction of 1.2 percentage points in the fare year 2023/24 only; and

(b) in the fare year 2024/25, the Company will recoup the remaining 1.65 percentage points.

For the fare year 2024/25, the fare adjustment rate comes to +3.2% including the latest calculation of the Productivity Factor. At the same time, the “Affordability Cap” relevant figure was +3.09%. Hence, according to the “Affordability Cap” arrangement, the overall fare adjustment rate for MTR fares for the fare year 2024/25 will be capped at +3.09%. The remaining +0.11% adjustment rate will be recouped in the subsequent two years, of which +0.06% will be recouped in fare year 2025/26 and +0.05% will be recouped in fare year 2026/27. The rate of +1.85% from fare year 2023/24 (being the total deferred adjustment rate of +1.85%, as describe above) will also be carried forward to fare year 2025/26 for recoupment.

In accordance with the provisions of the New Operating Agreement, the next scheduled review of the FAM is expected to take place in 2027/28.



## Future Extensions/Projects

### *Potential Future Extensions*

On 17th September 2014, the Government issued its RDS 2014 (as defined on page 14). The RDS 2014 proposed the following seven new railway projects in Hong Kong:

- The Tung Chung Line Extension will extend the existing Tung Chung Line by 1.5 kilometres to a new station in Tung Chung West. This new station will provide railway access to existing residents in the Yat Tung Estate and other potential developments nearby. Another new station at Tung Chung East will also be added to serve the new developments on the Tung Chung New Town Extension (East) reclamation. On 28th February 2023, the Company entered into a project agreement with Government for the financing, design, construction, operation, and maintenance of the Tung Chung Line Extension. Please see “Projects in Progress” below for further details.
- The Tuen Mun South Extension will extend the (former) West Rail Line by 2.4 kilometres to connect Tuen Mun Station to the new Tuen Mun South Station, with an intermediate station at Area 16 to further enhance rail catchment. This will improve connectivity for residents in Tuen Mun South who presently have to travel to Tuen Mun Station in order to access the railway system. On 5th September 2023, the Company entered into a project agreement with Government for the financing, design, construction, completion, pre-operation, operation and maintenance of the Tuen Mun South Extension. Please see “Projects in Progress” below for further details.
- The Northern Link and Kwu Tung Station will be a new 10.7 kilometre railway line formed by linking the Kam Sheung Road Station on the (former) West Rail Line to a new station at Kwu Tung on the Lok Ma Chau Spur Line. The Northern Link will improve the east-west connectivity in the northern New Territories, divert passenger flow from the East Rail Line, help connect new development areas in the northern New Territories and enhance cross-boundary movements. On 5th September 2023, the Company entered into a project agreement with Government for the financing, design, construction, completion, pre-operation, operation and maintenance of the Kwu Tung Station. Please see “Projects in Progress” below for further details.
- The Hung Shui Kiu Station will be a new station on the (former) West Rail Line located between Tin Shui Wai Station and Siu Hong Station. It will provide railway service for the Hung Shui Kiu New Development Area. On 19th September 2024, the Company entered into a project agreement with Government for the financing, design, construction, completion, pre-operation, operation and maintenance of the Hung Shui Kiu Station. Please see “Projects in Progress” below for further details.
- A new East Kowloon Line will aim to connect Diamond Hill Station on the existing Kwun Tong Line (and the SCL) and Po Lam Station on the existing Tseung Kwan O Line. This 7.8 kilometre line will run along the north Kwun Tong area and will help serve the densely populated areas in Choi Wan, Shun Tin, Sau Mau Ping and Po Tat.

- The South Island Line (West) will be a 7.4 kilometre line that connects the South Island Line with the Island Line, serving the western and southern parts of the Hong Kong Island. It will extend railway coverage to new catchment areas in Aberdeen, Wah Fu, Cyberport and Pok Fu Lam. This new railway line will address the growing transport demand in the western part of the Southern District, improving the overall accessibility and transport capacity as well as relieving pressure on the road network in the Pok Fu Lam area.
- The North Island Line will span approximately 5 kilometres along the northern shore of Hong Kong Island. It will be an extension of the Tung Chung Line and the Tseung Kwan O Line, with stations at Tamar, Exhibition Centre and Causeway Bay North. This new railway line will alleviate the passenger flow on the Island Line and improve east-west rail connectivity, and will help serve the harbourfront areas from Central to Causeway Bay.

The Company was invited by the Government in December 2020 to proceed with the detailed planning and design of the Northern Link. For the Northern Link project, the Company awarded the preliminary design consultancy for the main line and associated stations in July 2021. The Northern Link Main Line railway scheme was gazetted under the Railways Ordinance (Cap. 519 of the Laws of Hong Kong) in October 2023, and the Company is now working on pre-construction statutory procedures. Construction of the Northern Link main line and associated stations is targeted to commence in 2025, for completion in 2034.

The Company is still in various stages of discussion with the Government, and has yet to enter into a project agreement for the Northern Link project. The Government has announced its intention to proceed with certain projects using the ownership approach. Different funding models, including the Rail plus Property model, may be deployed to ensure commercial returns on the Company's investments.

Project proposals for the East Kowloon Line, North Island Line and South Island Line (West) were also submitted. The Company also continues to closely monitor the progress of the South Island Line (West), which was featured in the Blueprint, and to provide full support accordingly. As mentioned in the Blueprint, the Government anticipates that, up to 2046, there is no imminent need to take forward the North Island Line. The Company continues to work with the Government on challenges pertaining to this line.

During the Policy Address in October 2021, the Chief Executive announced plans for the Northern Metropolis Development Strategy, an initiative designed to foster the city's future urban and economic development through enhanced railway networks and more extensive connectivity with the Greater Bay Area. Railway projects include:

- Constructing the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Rail Link to connect the Hung Shui Kiu/Ha Tsuen New Development Area and Qianhai in Shenzhen;

- Extending the Northern Link northwards to connect to the new Huanggang Port in Shenzhen via the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Innovation and Technology Park in the Lok Ma Chau Loop, a project that will be known as the Northern Link Spur Line;
- Extending the East Rail Line to Luohu in Shenzhen;
- Extending the Northern Link eastwards from Kwu Tung Station to connect with Lo Wu, Man Kam To and Heung Yuen Wai as well as further southwards to Fanling; and
- Examining the feasibility of constructing an automated people-mover system from Tsim Bei Tsui to Pak Nai.

Among these five projects, the Company has already commenced a study on the Northern Link Spur Line after receiving an invitation from the Government in early 2021. A technical proposal has been submitted to the Government and the Company is working with the Government to bring forward the Northern Link Spur Line project to the detailed planning and design stage. The Government has also invited the Company to study the construction of a new Science Park/Pak Shek Kok Station on the East Rail Line at the current site of The Hong Kong Education University Sports Centre at Pak Shek Kok, as well as the use of the station site and its adjoining land to provide more residential units and auxiliary facilities. A consultant has been appointed to carry out the technical study. Existing MTR works related to the Northern Link main line and Hung Shui Kiu Station projects are progressing to help facilitate these developments.

During the Policy Address in October 2022, the Chief Executive proposed further extension of Hong Kong's railway network as well as plans for long-term land development. In particular, Government intends to take forward the three strategic railway projects recommended in the Strategic Studies on Railways and Major Roads Beyond 2030 ("RMR2030+") Study:

- the Tseung Kwan O Line Southern Extension;
- the Central Rail Link connecting Kam Tin in Yuen Long with Kowloon Tong via Kwai Chung; and
- the Hong Kong – Shenzhen Western Rail Link project linking Hung Shui Kiu and Qianhai in Shenzhen.

During the Policy Address in October 2023 by the Chief Executive and the publication of the Blueprint, the Government proposed an enhanced "Three Railways" proposal which includes:

- the Central Rail Link with provision of three intermediate stations located in Northeast Tsuen Wan, Northeast Kwai Chung and the Tsuen King Circuit to enable transit to the Tsuen Wan Line;

- the Tseung Kwan O Line Southern Extension; and
- the Hong Kong – Shenzhen Western Rail Link linking Hung Shui Kiu with Qianhai in Shenzhen.

There are also two new railways mentioned in the Blueprint, namely the “Northern Link Eastern Extension” and “Northeast New Territories Line” connecting Heung Yuen Wai to Fanling Station on the East Rail Line.

The Company is also conducting research on construction works for the proposed new Pak Shek Kok Station on the East Rail Line while closely monitoring the progress of the proposed implementation of smart and green mass transit in areas such as East Kowloon, Kai Tak, Hung Shui Kiu and Ha Tsuen as mentioned in the Policy Address in October 2023.

In relation to Luohu Port, the Government commented on 26th June 2024 that it understands from the Shenzhen side that their relevant authorities will soon carry out modification works for the Luohu Port on the Shenzhen side. The scope of works is limited to the Shenzhen side only and does not include the extension of the East Rail Line into Luohu district of Shenzhen side. The works will not bring about changes in the overall facilities layout and passenger clearance route (i.e. Hong Kong and Shenzhen to have their own passenger terminal buildings within their respective boundary along the Shenzhen River and the two buildings to be connected by a pedestrian bridge). Therefore, after the modification of the Luohu Port in Shenzhen, the current clearance mode will continue.

As at 30th June 2024, included in deferred expenditure in the consolidated statement of financial position are costs incurred of HK\$0.5 billion in relation to certain projects with the Government which the project agreements are yet to be reached. The future development of the respective projects is expected to bring future economic benefits to the Group. In the event that in a future period it is no longer considered probable that the corresponding project agreements can be reached, and the costs concerned are no longer considered as recoverable, the costs concerned will be charged to the consolidated statement of profit or loss in that reporting period.

As at 30th June 2024, capital commitments of Hong Kong railway extension project included costs of HK\$52.5 billion in respect of which the project agreements have been signed, remaining costs of HK\$0.4 billion in relation to certain projects with the Government in respect of which the project agreements are yet to be reached. These costs are approved by the Board of Directors but yet to be incurred as at 30th June 2024.

### ***Projects in Progress***

The 2020 Policy Address announced the development of the site of the Company’s existing depot at Siu Ho Wan which is expected to provide a total of about 20,000 public and private residential units in the medium to long term. In order to proceed with the proposed development of the site of the Company’s existing depot at Siu Ho Wan, the Company applied for a land exchange for the depot conversion and, on 23rd September 2022, the Company accepted the Government’s land exchange offer in the Government’s offer letter dated 24th August 2022. To cater for the transportation needs of the

new community, the Company will construct a new railway station (Oyster Bay Station) at Siu Ho Wan along the existing Tung Chung Line. The scheme for Oyster Bay Station was gazetted under the Railways Ordinance in June 2021 and authorised under the Railways Ordinance in August 2021. On 23rd September 2022, the Company entered into a project agreement with the Government for the financing, design, construction, pre-operation, operation and maintenance of the Oyster Bay Station which will be owned, operated and maintained by the Company. Construction of Oyster Bay Station commenced in December 2023, with a targeted completion date of 2030.

The Company was invited by the Government in April 2020 to proceed with the detailed planning and design of the Tung Chung Line Extension. The Company awarded the design consultancies for the Tung Chung Line Extension in June 2020, and proceeded with the detailed planning and design, ground investigation and environmental impact assessment work for the Tung Chung Line Extension. The scheme for the Tung Chung Line Extension was gazetted under the Railways Ordinance in December 2021, following which the Company appointed the preliminary design consultant for the Airport Railway Extended Overrun Tunnel in March 2022 and invited tenders for the first of the major civil contracts, the tunnel and station west of the existing Tung Chung Station in May 2022. The scheme for the Tung Chung Line Extension was authorised under the Railways Ordinance in January 2023. On 28th February 2023, the Company entered into a project agreement with Government for the financing, design, construction, operation, and maintenance of the Tung Chung Line Extension. This agreement also covers the construction of the Airport Railway Extended Overrun Tunnel. The Tung Chung Line Extension and Airport Railway Extended Overrun Tunnel will be progressed using the ownership model. A ground-breaking ceremony was held on 25th May 2023, making the Tung Chung Line Extension the first RDS 2014 project to commence construction. Two major civil works contracts have also been awarded. The Tung Chung Line Extension is targeted for completion in 2029. Construction of the Airport Railway Extended Overrun Tunnel is targeted to commence in 2025 for completion in 2032.

The Company was invited by the Government in May 2020 to proceed with the detailed planning and design of the Tuen Mun South Extension. The Company awarded the design consultancies for the Tuen Mun South Extension in October 2020, and proceeded with the detailed planning and design, ground investigation and environmental impact assessment work for the Tuen Mun South Extension. The scheme for the Tuen Mun South Extension was gazetted in January 2022 and authorised under the Railways Ordinance in June 2022. On 5th September 2023, the Company entered into a project agreement with Government for the financing, design, construction, completion, pre-operation, operation and maintenance of the Tuen Mun South Extension. The Tuen Mun South Extension will be progressed using the ownership model. A kick-off event was held in October 2023, and construction is targeted for completion in 2030.

The Company was invited by the Government in December 2020 to proceed with the detailed planning and design of the Kwu Tung Station. The Company awarded the detailed planning and design consultancy for Kwu Tung Station in April 2021. The scheme of the Kwu Tung Station was gazetted in April 2022 and authorised under the Railways Ordinance in November 2022. On 5th September 2023, the Company entered into a project agreement with Government for the financing, design, construction, completion, pre-operation, operation and maintenance of the Kwu Tung Station. The Kwu Tung Station

will be progressed using the ownership model. A ground-breaking ceremony was held in September 2023, and construction is expected to be completed in 2027.

The Company was invited by the Government to proceed with the detailed planning and design for Hung Shui Kiu Station project in May 2021. The Company awarded the preliminary design consultancy for the project in October 2021. The scheme for the Hung Shui Kiu Station was gazetted under the Railways Ordinance in February 2023. In March 2024, the Chief Executive in Council authorised the construction of Hung Shui Kiu Station under the Railways Ordinance. On 19th September 2024, the Company entered into a project agreement with Government for the financing, design, construction, completion, pre-operation, operation and maintenance of the Hung Shui Kiu Station. Construction is targeted to commence in December 2024 for expected completion in December 2030. This new station, located between Tin Shui Wai and Siu Hong stations on the Tuen Ma Line, will become a significant transport facility serving the new population of the Hung Shui Kiu/Ha Tsuen New Development Area.

### **Summary Financial Information**

The summary financial information for the six months ended and as at 30th June 2023 and 2024 presented below is prepared based on the unaudited consolidated interim financial statements of the Group for the six months ended 30th June 2024, which is incorporated by reference in this Offering Circular.

The summary financial information for the years ended and as at 31st December 2022 and 2023 presented below is prepared based on the audited consolidated financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31st December 2023, which is incorporated by reference in this Offering Circular.

The information set out below should be read in conjunction with, and is subject to in its entirety by reference to, the relevant consolidated financial statements of the Group, including the notes thereto.

	<b>Six months ended 30th June</b>		<b>Year ended 31st December</b>	
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<i>(in HK\$ million)</i>		<i>(in HK\$ million)</i>	
Revenue				
- Hong Kong transport operations . . . . .	11,138	9,342	20,131	13,404
- Hong Kong station commercial businesses . . . .	2,638	2,415	5,117	3,077
- Hong Kong property rental and management businesses . . . . .	2,688	2,456	5,079	4,779
- Mainland China and international railway, property rental and management subsidiaries . . . . .	12,429	13,079	25,955	26,016
- Mainland China property development . . . . .	-	-	-	173
- Other businesses . . . . .	378	282	700	363
Total revenue . . . . .	<u>29,271</u>	<u>27,574</u>	<u>56,982</u>	<u>47,812</u>
Operating profit before Hong Kong property development, fair value measurement of investment properties, depreciation, amortisation and variable annual payment . . .	9,112	7,247	15,310	7,911
Hong Kong property development profit from share of surplus, income and interest in unsold properties . . . . .	2,024	783	2,329	11,589
Gain/(loss) from fair value measurement of investment properties <sup>(1)</sup> . . . . .	<u>280</u>	<u>1,005</u>	<u>1,386</u>	<u>(810)</u>
Operating profit before depreciation, amortisation and variable annual payment <sup>(2)</sup> . . . . .	<u>11,416</u>	<u>9,035</u>	<u>19,025</u>	<u>18,690</u>
Profit before interest, finance charges and taxation <sup>(3)</sup> . . . . .	7,749	5,569	10,802	12,731
Profit before taxation . . . . .	7,255	4,980	9,663	11,749
Profit for the period/year . . . . .	<u>6,144</u>	<u>4,353</u>	<u>8,088</u>	<u>10,141</u>
Profit/(loss) attributable to shareholders of MTRCL:				
- Arising from recurrent businesses				
- in Hong Kong . . . . .	3,482	2,227	4,940	384
- outside Hong Kong . . . . .	<u>542</u>	<u>193</u>	<u>(659)</u>	<u>(227)</u>
	4,024	2,420	4,281	157
- Arising from property development				
- in Hong Kong . . . . .	1,722	712	2,035	10,413
- outside Hong Kong . . . . .	<u>18</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>67</u>
	<u>1,740</u>	<u>732</u>	<u>2,083</u>	<u>10,480</u>
- Arising from underlying businesses . . . . .	5,764	3,152	6,364	10,637
- Arising from fair value measurement of investment properties . . . . .	<u>280</u>	<u>1,026</u>	<u>1,420</u>	<u>(810)</u>
	<u>6,044</u>	<u>4,178</u>	<u>7,784</u>	<u>9,827</u>

Notes:

(1) During the year ended 31st December 2023, investment property with a carrying value of HK\$5.2 billion was initially recognised upon the receipt of a shopping mall from a property development project.



As at 31st December 2023, taking into account the outstanding risks and obligations of HK\$3.6 billion retained by the Group and HK\$0.2 billion cost incurred/to be incurred by the Group in connection with this property development, in accordance with the Group's accounting policies, HK\$1.4 billion was recognised as gain from fair value measurement of investment properties on initial recognition from property development in profit or loss for the year ended 31st December 2023. Deferred income of HK\$3.6 billion retained was recognised in the Group's consolidated statement of financial position and included in "Creditors, other payables and provisions".

The outstanding risks and obligations retained by the Group will be reassessed at the end of each reporting period. Any reduction in the amount of outstanding risks and obligations will be accounted for as a decrease in deferred income and a corresponding "Gain from fair value measurement of investment properties on initial recognition from property development" in profit or loss of that reporting period.

During the six months ended 30th June 2024, after reassessing the outstanding risks and obligations retained by the Group at the end of reporting period, HK\$1,090 million was recognised as gain from fair value measurement of investment properties on initial recognition from property development in profit or loss.

- (2) Operating profit before depreciation, amortisation, provision for onerous contract and impairment loss, variable annual payment, share of profit of associates and joint ventures, interests, finance charges and taxation.
- (3) Profit before interest, finance charges and taxation and after depreciation, amortisation, provision for onerous contract and impairment loss, variable annual payment and share of profit of associates and joint ventures.

## Financing

As at 30th June 2024, 62% of the Group's outstanding debt bore interest at fixed rates with the remaining 38% at floating rates. As at 30th June 2024, 100% of the Group's outstanding debt was denominated in or hedged into HK dollars, or naturally hedged by assets or cash flows from overseas businesses.

As at 30th June 2024, the Group had available undrawn committed banking facilities of HK\$19,410 million (US\$2,486 million equivalent<sup>(1)</sup>) and uncommitted debt issuance and short-term banking facilities of HK\$23,785 million (US\$3,046 million equivalent<sup>(1)</sup>). Outstanding borrowings as at 30th June 2024 were HK\$70,791 million (US\$9,066 million equivalent <sup>(1)</sup>).

Notes:

- (1) US\$ equivalent was translated at a rate of HK\$7.8085 = US\$1, being the prevailing spot rate at 30th June 2024. (Source: Bloomberg)

The projections for repayment of loans outstanding as at 30th June 2024 are shown in the following table in millions of HK\$ and the US\$ equivalent.

	As at 30th June 2024	
	(HK\$ million)	(US\$ million equivalent)
<b>Borrowings</b>		
Repayable within one year . . . . .	15,894	2,036
Repayable between one and two years . . . . .	8,648	1,107
Repayable between two and five years . . . . .	19,432	2,489
Repayable beyond five years . . . . .	26,817	3,434
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>70,791</b>	<b>9,066</b>

Notes:

- (1) The ageing schedule analysis is based on the outstanding principal amounts.
- (2) The HK\$ amounts were translated into US\$ amounts at a rate of HK\$7.8085= US\$1, being the prevailing spot rates at 30th June 2024. (Source: Bloomberg)

## Property Development and Management

### *General*

Property development and management is a significant part of the Company's business, providing an important source of income that has supported the cost of construction of railway projects as well as contributing to future rail patronage from the immediate catchment areas created by property developments. The Company has become one of the largest property management companies in Hong Kong, with more than 122,000 residential units and about 920,000 square metres of office and commercial space under its management as at 30th June 2024.

In conjunction with its railway construction activities, the Company has been involved in the development of residential and commercial properties above and adjacent to MTR stations and depots under agreements with various property developers. Profits that the Company has received from these development ventures have been used by the Company to supplement associated railway returns, thereby contributing to an improved rate of return on the investment of constructing new railway lines.

The Company has an established track record for the planning, designing and project management of railway property developments. The Company's formula for property development is based on minimising direct risk in the development of the properties, thereby reducing the Company's exposure to the property market and its related risks.

The Government had previously granted the Company the development right over the land used for property developments based on a land premium assessed at full market value without regard to the presence of the railway on the sites being valued. Pursuant to the updated New Operating Agreement entered into in 2023, for property development rights in relation to a new project to be undertaken by the Company, the Government agrees that, for so long as its current land policy is maintained, land premium payable by the Company for such new project will be assessed on a "full market value" basis taking full account of the presence of the railway, subject to an amount being deducted either: (i) as deductible costs in order to arrive at the land premium; or (ii) after the assessment of the aforesaid land premium has been completed in order to arrive at the amount actually payable by the Company, having regard to the acknowledgements in the New Operating Agreement that the Company will require an appropriate commercial rate of return when undertaking new projects and/or operating new railways, unless both parties agree to adopt another method to arrive at the land premium payable by the Company. The Company's practice in property development has been to arrange for various third-party developers to carry out the actual development works according to the Company's specifications and as agreed with the developers. Typically, the developers are responsible for all development costs (including Government land premium, construction and enabling work costs, marketing and sales expenses, professional fees, finance charges and other expenses), and have to bear all development risks. The Company derives benefit from property developments through the sharing of profits with developers in agreed proportions from the sale or lease of the properties after deducting the development costs, the sharing of assets in kind, or through lump sum payments from the developers.

### ***Property developments in Mainland China***

In August 2011, the Company's wholly-owned subsidiaries, MTR Corporation (Shenzhen) Limited and MTR Property (Shenzhen) Company Limited, secured the land use right of the Shenzhen Metro Longhua Line Depot Site Lot 1 in Shenzhen. The project company, MTR Property Development (Shenzhen) Company Limited, completed the property development of the site in 2017. As at 30th June 2024, 1,696 out of a total of 1,698 residential units have been sold. TIA Mall which is the retail portion of the development held its official opening in August 2019.

On 23rd March 2017, MTR Property (Tianjin) No.1 Company Limited ("MTR TJ No.1") entered into a Framework Agreement comprising, inter alia, a Share Transfer Agreement, with Tianjin Xingtai Jihong Real Estate Co., Ltd. ("TJXJRE"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Beijing Capital Land Ltd., for the disposal of MTR TJ No.1's 49% equity interest in Tianjin TJ – Metro MTR Construction Company Limited at a consideration of RMB1.3 billion; and MTR TJ No.1's future acquisition of a shopping mall to be developed on the same site at a consideration of RMB1.3 billion. The disposal of equity interest was completed on 10th July 2017 and consequently a prepayment is recognised on the Group's consolidated statement of financial position. The construction of this shopping mall is targeted for completion in 2024. As previously reported, the Group is studying possible strategic options of this mall in light of the challenging retail property market conditions. The Group will continue to evaluate the appropriate options for this mall. A performance bond in the amount of RMB1.6 billion (HK\$1.7 billion) issued by a Hong Kong licensed bank has been provided by TJXJRE to MTR TJ No.1 to guarantee its obligations under the Framework Agreement.

In March 2021, the Company and its partners secured the land use right for a site south of the Hangzhou West Station for property development. This project is a mixed-use property development comprising serviced apartment, office, retail and hotel, with a total developable GFA of approximately 688,210 square metres. Construction of this project is in progress.

The Company is also providing TOD consultancy services for the Xili Comprehensive Transportation Hub in Shenzhen as well as the Beijing Sub-Centre Station in the Tongzhou area of Beijing.

For investment properties in Mainland China, the average occupancy rate was 61.5% for the TIA Mall in Shenzhen during the first half of 2024.

The Company is studying possible strategic options for all its malls in Mainland China in light of challenging retail property market conditions. In consequence of this process, in May 2024 the Company exited its Ginza Mall business in Beijing. The Company will continue to evaluate appropriate options for TIA Mall in Shenzhen, as well as for the shopping mall at Tianjin Beiyunhe Station as mentioned above.

The Company exited the property management business in Shenzhen and Beijing in the second half of 2023.

## **Other Activities in Hong Kong**

### ***Octopus Holdings Limited***

Octopus Holdings Limited is a non-controlled subsidiary of the Company and is the holding company of various Octopus group companies. On 24th January 2022, the Company has acquired a total of approximately 6.6% additional shares of Octopus Holdings Limited from Citybus Limited and New World First Bus Services Limited (subsidiaries of Bravo Transport Services Limited). After the acquisition, the Company's shareholding in Octopus Holdings Limited increased from 57.4% to 64.02%. The Company currently owns 64.02% of the issued share capital of Octopus Holdings Limited, which in turn owns 100% of the issued share capital of Octopus Cards Limited, with the remaining 35.98% of the issued share capital of Octopus Holdings Limited owned by KCRC, KMB Public Bus Services Holdings Limited and Sun Ferry Services Company Limited. Although the Company holds about 64% of the issued shares of Octopus Holdings Limited, it cannot control Octopus Holdings Limited's activity unilaterally with its voting rights at board meetings of Octopus Holdings Limited, and none of the shareholders of Octopus Holdings Limited is able to control the board of directors of Octopus Holdings Limited unilaterally.

### ***Octopus Cards Limited***

Octopus Cards Limited is a non-controlled, indirect subsidiary of the Company. On 20th April 2000, Octopus Cards Limited was authorised by the HKMA as a deposit-taking company to issue contactless multi-purpose stored value cards called "Octopus cards".

On 21st October 2005, the Company and the other shareholders of Octopus Cards Limited entered into a number of agreements to adjust the arrangements relating to Octopus Cards Limited (the "Adjustments"), in order to spin off the non-payment businesses of Octopus Cards Limited into new, separate subsidiaries independent of the payment business of Octopus Cards Limited that is regulated by the HKMA.

To effect the Adjustments, a new holding company, Octopus Holdings Limited, was interposed between Octopus Cards Limited and its former shareholders to hold the entire issued share capital of each of the new companies set up in connection with the non-payment businesses of Octopus Cards Limited as well as Octopus Cards Limited. The economic substance of the relationship between the former shareholders of Octopus Cards Limited has not changed as a result of the Adjustments, other than the fact that their interests in Octopus Cards Limited have become indirect instead of direct.

Since 13th November 2016, Octopus Cards Limited is a Stored Value Facility ("SVF") Licensee under the Payment Systems and Stored Value Facilities Ordinance ("PSSVFO") (Cap. 584 of the Laws of Hong Kong) and regulated by the HKMA. The regime aims to foster the development of SVF in Hong Kong and maintain the status of Hong Kong as an international financial centre and FinTech hub by providing a level playing field for market participants.

### ***Other Activities***

The Company derives revenue from advertising space in its stations and trains, from the provision of tunnel and station space to support the telecommunication network of fixed and mobile operators, from

the leasing of retail space in its stations and car parking facilities at certain MTR stations and from the wholesaling of managed fibre, bandwidth, data center and related services.

### ***MTR Lab***

MTR Lab was launched as an integral part of the Company's strategic "New Growth Engine" business pillar. This new venture seeks to invest in innovative technologies that support MTR's long-term growth as well as the communities the Company serves. As at 30th June 2024, MTR Lab had committed a total of over HK\$250 million to investments in various innovation and technology funds and start-up companies, both in and outside of Hong Kong. Following the investment in Ampd Energy, a provider of energy storage systems for the electrification of construction industry, MTR Lab continued to generate strategic value through investments and collaborations with like-minded partners. In October 2023, MTR Lab and Gobi Partners GBA announced a HK\$46.8 million joint investment in isBIM, a leading building information modelling ("BIM") consultant and solutions provider in Asia-Pacific. In December 2023, MTR Lab announced an investment in WeMaintain, a French proptech company providing smart lift and escalator maintenance and building operations solutions across Europe and Asia.

In 2023, MTR Lab's wholly-owned subsidiary Urban Access Solutions Company Limited ("UAS") launched Jove, a new electric vehicle ("EV") charging, smart parking, and e-payment platform. Jove's EV charging app for customers was rolled out in December 2023, alongside the installation of EV charging points at THE SOUTHSIDE shopping mall. In July 2024, UAS collaborated with business partners to develop and implement new electric vehicle charging services.

In February 2024, Carbon Wallet, MTR Lab's green rewards platform, became the first point conversion partner of the Environmental Protection Department's GREEN\$ Electronic Participation Incentive Scheme. As at 30th June 2024, Carbon Wallet had garnered over 160,000 app downloads and had collaborated with more than 70 partners to build a green ecosystem.

## **Mainland China & International Business**

### ***Mainland China Projects***

#### ***Shenzhen***

On 18th March 2009, MTR Corporation (Shenzhen) Limited ("MTR Shenzhen"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, signed a Concession Agreement with the Shenzhen Municipal People's Government ("Shenzhen Government") under which MTR Shenzhen has the right to construct Phase 2 of Line 4 of the Shenzhen metro system, as well as to lease the facilities of Phase 1 of Line 4 so as to operate the whole of Line 4 for a term of 30 years. Line 4 (Phases 1 and 2) is a 19.9 kilometre double-track urban railway with 15 stations, and connects Futian Checkpoint, at the boundary between Hong Kong and Shenzhen, with Longhua New Town in Shenzhen. MTR Shenzhen took over the operation of Phase 1 on 1st July 2010 and Phase 2 of Line 4 commenced service on 16th June 2011. The entire Line 4 of the Shenzhen metro system is currently operated by MTR Shenzhen for a term of 30 years from 16th June 2011, after which the lease of Phase 1 of Line 4 will terminate and ownership of Phase 2 of

Line 4 will revert to the Shenzhen Government. In July 2020, the Shenzhen Government announced that a fare adjustment framework for the Shenzhen metro network would come into effect on 1st January 2021. The framework was expected to enable the establishment of a mechanism for fare-setting and the implementation procedures for fare adjustments. As it is anticipated that the mechanism and procedures for fare adjustments will take longer time to implement and patronage will remain at a lower level for longer than expected, an impairment provision of HK\$962 million was recognised for the Shenzhen Metro Line 4 service concession assets in the first half of 2022. Up to 30th June 2024, there has been no increase in Line 4's fares whilst the operating costs continue to rise. If a suitable fare increase and adjustment mechanism are not implemented soon, the long-term financial viability of this line will be impacted.

In January 2014, the Company signed a Strategic Cooperation Framework Agreement with the Longhua New District Administration Commission for the North Extension of Shenzhen Metro Longhua Line. Under the framework agreement, MTR will offer advice and technical support for the construction of the North Extension. The project feasibility study report was completed in the first half of 2015. Later on 26th August 2016, MTR Consulting (Shenzhen) Limited was entrusted by Shenzhen Railway Development Office as project manager for Line 4 North Extension. The Company signed the operations and maintenance ("O&M") agreement for the Line 4 North Extension in 2020, and the extension formally opened on 28th October 2020.

The Company announced on 3rd August 2020 that the consortium led by the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary was awarded the tender for Shenzhen Metro Line 13 ("SZL13") Phase 1 Public-Private-Partnership ("PPP") project. The project includes the investment in, construction of, and operations and maintenance of SZL13 Phase 1 for 30 years after completion. The contract was formally signed in October 2020.

The PPP project will be undertaken by a joint venture company in which the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary will have an effective interest of 83%. The PPP project covers track laying, rolling stock and electrical and mechanical systems, including the signalling system and the automated fare collection system, with a total capital cost of approximately RMB4.91 billion to be financed by both debt and equity. The 22.4-km SZL13 Phase 1 includes 16 stations. Construction on SZL13 Phase 1 continued to progress, and all the key contracts have been awarded. The initial section of SZL 13 Phase 1 is planned to commence passenger service within 2024.

### *Beijing*

On 16th January 2006, MTR Beijing Line 4 Investment Company Limited ("MTR Beijing"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, along with two partners, Beijing Infrastructure Investment Co. Ltd. ("BIIC"), an entity wholly-owned by the Beijing Municipal People's Government ("Beijing Government"), and Beijing Capital Group ("BCG"), an entity controlled by the Beijing Government, formed a co-operative joint venture for a Public-Private Partnership for the construction and operation of the Beijing Metro Line 4, a 28-kilometre underground metro line which is the main north-south traffic line of Beijing City. On 12th April 2006, the joint venture company, Beijing MTR Corporation Limited ("BJMTR"), signed the Concession Agreement for the Beijing Metro Line 4 with the Beijing Government. The Beijing Metro Line 4 commenced its services to the public on 28th September 2009.



The Concession Agreement has a term of 30 years, after which ownership of the Beijing Metro Line 4 will revert to the Beijing Government. The Company, through MTR Beijing, and BCG each owns 49% of BJMTR, with BIIC holding the remaining 2%.

On 30th December 2009, BJMTR signed the O&M Concession Agreement with Beijing Metro Daxing Line Investment Company Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Beijing Government for the operation and maintenance of the Daxing Line of the Beijing Metro Network. The concession covers a period of 10 years and is renewable for further terms of 10 years each until the expiry of the concession period for the Beijing Metro Line 4. Before the expiry of the first O&M agreement, the Beijing Government inclined to turn the current O&M mode into PPP mode. To facilitate the commercial negotiation, the O&M agreement was extended for another 2 years to end of 2022. In June 2022, the Beijing Government decided that the Daxing Line should keep on with O&M mode and proposed to align the expiry date of the second O&M agreement with the Concession Agreement for the Beijing Metro Line 4, being 27th September 2039. The O&M extension agreement has been signed on 8th September 2022. The 22-kilometre, 11-station Daxing Line is an extension of the Beijing Metro Line 4 from Gongyixiqiao Station, extending southward to Tiangongyuan Station. The line commenced service on 30th December 2010.

The civil construction of the Beijing Metro Line 14 (“BJL14”), which started in 2010, is being undertaken by the Beijing Infrastructure Investment Corporation Limited. Under a PPP arrangement, BJMTR is responsible for the electrical and mechanical systems as well as the rolling stock, etc. This part takes up about 30% of the project’s capital cost and amounts to about RMB15 billion. As part of the Concession Agreement, BJMTR will operate the line for a term of 30 years.

In May 2013, the 12.4-kilometre Phase 1 of BJL14 opened. The 14.8-kilometre Phase 2 of BJL14 opened in December 2014. The 16.6-kilometre Phase 3 of BJL14 opened in December 2015. The final section of BJL14 opened on 31st December 2021. The full line of BJL14 is now in service.

On 28th November 2015, Beijing MTR Line 16 Corporation Limited (“BJMTR Line 16”), which is an entity wholly-owned by BJMTR, entered into a Concession Agreement for the construction and operation of Beijing Metro Line 16 (“BJL16”). The line runs 48.9 kilometres from Beianhe Station to Wapingcheng Station, encompassing 30 stations. Under the PPP project arrangement, BJMTR Line 16 would be responsible for the provision of electrical and mechanical (“E&M”) systems as well as rolling stock, which takes up about 30% or approximately RMB14.5 billion of the project’s capital cost. BJMTR Line 16 would also undertake the operations and maintenance of BJL16 for a term of 30 years. Operation of the first phase, the 19.6-kilometre-Northern Section, began on 31st December 2016. The Middle Section of BJL16 opened on 31st December 2020 and the Southern Section of BJL16 opened on 31st December 2022. BJL16 Erligou Station opened in March 2023, and the remaining section opened on 30th December 2023. Together, these openings marked the commencement of the full-line service of the BJL16.

In December 2019, the Company’s associate (Beijing MTR or BJMTR) was awarded the 49.7-kilometre Beijing Metro Line 17 (“BJL17”) O&M concession. BJL17 will have 21 stations and



serve the east of Beijing. BJL17 will be opened in phases. After the opening of the southern section of BJL17 in December 2021, the 24.9-km, nine-station new northern section of BJL17 opened on 30th December 2023, connecting Beijing Future Science and Technology City with several large residential areas and commercial districts. The remaining sections remain under construction. BJMTR will lease the rolling stock over a 20-year period, with lease payments to be made in instalments after the opening of each phase.

### *Hangzhou*

On 4th March 2010, MTR Hangzhou Line 1 Investment Company Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, together with a subsidiary of Hangzhou Metro Group Company Limited, entered into a Concession Agreement with the Hangzhou Municipal Government for a PPP for the investment, construction and operations of the HZL1 for a term of 25 years. The Concession Agreement was approved by the relevant authorities in Mainland China in August 2012.

The original 48-kilometre HZL1 consisted of a 41-kilometre underground section and 7 kilometres of at-grade and elevated sections, with a total of 31 stations running from the south to the north of Hangzhou city and to Xiasha, Linping and Jiangnan. HZL1 is the first metro line of Hangzhou city. The line commenced service in November 2012. In November 2015, a 5.6-kilometre 3 station extension of HZL1 commenced passenger service. The HZL1 Phase 3 (Airport Extension) formally opened at the end of December 2020. Both the extension and Phase 3 are under an O&M agreement ending with HZL1 Concession. In order for Hangzhou Metro Line 9 (north section, south section and Linping Section) to operate as a whole line under Hangzhou Metro Group (HZMG), the O&M of Linping Section is entrusted to HZMG by Hangzhou MTR Corporation Limited (HZMTR). Since 10th July 2021, Linping Section of HZL1 (Coach Center Station – Linping Station) has been detached from HZL1 and become a part of the Hangzhou Metro Line 9. The transfer of the facilities in Linping Section has been completed by HZMG and HZMTR according to the O&M agreement. The Memorandum for the Linping Section transfer was signed on 9th July 2021 with HZMG. The HZL1 full line is 52.4 kilometres long with 33 stations.

The Concession Agreement for Hangzhou Metro Line 5 (“HZL5”), another PPP project, was signed by the Company with the Hangzhou Municipal Government and Hangzhou Metro Group on 26th June 2017. The Company’s 60% joint venture company’s responsibilities under the PPP contract relate to the provision of trains and E&M systems (including signalling and other systems), architectural finishes, as well as subsequent operations, assets maintenance and renewals. The civil works, such as construction of stations and tunnels, were undertaken by Hangzhou Metro Group. The HZL5 is an underground metro line running from Gunianqiao Station in Xiaoshan District to Lvting Road Station in Yuhang District, with a total of 38 stations. The HZL5 West Extension, which is out of the PPP scope and is under an O&M agreement with HZMG, includes Jinxing Station and LaoYuhang station. The Company will operate HZL5 for a term of 25 years. Currently, the HZL5 and HZL5 West Extension are 56.2 kilometres long with 39 stations in operation.

In June 2019, the initial section of the line went into service and received a positive response from passengers. The HZL5 achieved full line opening in April 2020. The latter section of HZL5 added 27

new stations to the 12 stations in the initial section of HZL5 that opened in June 2019. HZL5's Baoshanqiao Station opened on 1st April 2022, and Lao Yuhang Station is under construction and is targeted to open in the last quarter of 2024.

### ***Mainland China Station Commercial Business***

#### ***Chengdu***

A joint-venture company with Chengdu Rail Transit Group was set up on 28th June 2020 for exploring and developing station commercial and related businesses in Chengdu.

#### ***Zhengzhou***

Shareholders agreement was signed with Zhengzhou Metro Group on 10th July 2024 to set up a joint venture for exploring and developing station commercial and related businesses in Zhengzhou.

#### ***Others***

In Shaanxi, a Letter of Intent ("LOI") was signed with Shaanxi Rail Transit Group on the cooperation of railway, station commercial, TOD and talent training in Xi'an on 31st March 2023.

In Guangzhou, a LOI was signed with Guangzhou METRO on the cooperation station commercial, railway, TOD, logistics, talent training and technology innovation in Guangzhou on 18th June 2024.

#### ***Macao***

On 11th April 2018, MTR Railway Operations (Macau) Company Limited ("MTR (Macau)"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, was awarded a MOP 5.88 billion (HK\$5.71 billion) cost-plus contract for the operations and maintenance of Macao Light Rapid Transit Taipa Line (the "Taipa Line"). The contract covered the line's testing and commissioning activities, operation of train services, as well as the maintenance of trains, the signalling system and other infrastructure. Commencing service on 10th December 2019, the 9.3-km line now connects 11 stations from the Taipa Ferry Terminal Station to Ocean Station. Notably, the original contract underwent adjustments, resulting in a revised contract amount of MOP 4.99 billion (HK\$4.85 billion), following a mutual agreement reached on 31st January 2023. On 13th April 2023, MTR (Macau) was also awarded an MOP 130 million (HK\$126 million) cost-plus contract for the operations readiness and the operations of the Taipa Line Extension to Barra, and the operations readiness of Hengqin Line and Seac Pai Van Line. The Taipa Line was officially extended to Barra Station on 8th December 2023. This service contract for operations and maintenance will end in December 2024. The majority of operations, maintenance works and associated staff were transferred to Macao Light Rapid Transit Corporation, Limited in the first half of 2024.

The Company is also providing project management and technical support services for the Taipa Line Extension to Barra, Seac Pai Van Line and Hengqin Line.

## *International Projects*

### *London*

In July 2014, MTR Corporation (Crossrail) Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, signed a concession agreement with Transport for London (“TfL”) to operate the London Crossrail train service for an eight-year period with a two-year extension option. The cost based operating concession, which is overseen by TfL, will receive an amount of £1.4 billion over the eight-year lifetime of the concession agreement (excluding the two-year extension option). Crossrail is a new 118-km railway that will serve 41 stations, which will link the suburban elements of the Great Eastern and Great Western mainlines with a new tunnel section through central London. The concession agreement has now been extended by two years to May 2025.

MTR Corporation (Crossrail) Limited (“MTR Elizabeth line”) operates the Crossrail operating concession initially under the “TfL Rail” brand name. The TfL Rail service, later renamed as Elizabeth line after Central Operating Section opened for service, serves 41 stations (of which 28 stations are managed by MTR Elizabeth line) in total with 118 kilometres of route length. The Crossrail concession comprises of stages of openings before it reaches its full operations. The service between Liverpool Street Station and Shenfield has been in operation since May 2015, while the service from Paddington Station to Heathrow Airport commenced operation in May 2018. In December 2019, service commenced between Paddington Station and Reading. The Central Operating Section of the Elizabeth line opened on 24th May 2022. In November 2022, the Elizabeth line integrated services from the east and west into new central tunnels and stations, enabling direct services from Reading and Heathrow to Abbey Wood and from Shenfield to Paddington. Although the MTR Elizabeth line’s operations were affected by infrastructural performance during 2023, the Company’s financial interest is reasonably protected as this concession carries no fare revenue risk. The existing concession of the Elizabeth line will run until May 2025 and the Company is engaged in the competition for the next operating concession.

The Company has also, as a minority 30% shareholder of First MTR South Western Trains Limited (“SWR”), partnered with FirstGroup plc on the South Western Railway franchise, a 998-kilometre rail network serving 210 stations which provides commuter, inter-urban, regional and long-distance services to passengers in London and South western England. The franchise commenced in August 2017 for seven years, with an option for an eleven-month extension at the discretion of the DfT. In the early years of operation, the financial performance of this franchise suffered for a number of reasons, and in 2019 a provision of HK\$436 million representing the Company’s share of the maximum potential loss under the franchise agreement was made. South Western Railway was temporarily transitioned into an Emergency Measures Agreement and subsequently the Emergency Recovery Measures Agreement (“ERMA”) since March 2020 due to impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. As required under the ERMA, SWR has agreed with DfT the termination sum required to terminate the pre-existing franchise agreement. Such termination sum has fallen due at the end of the ERMA term (in place up to 29th May 2021), at which point the pre-existing franchise contract was terminated by agreement. In 2021, the Company signed a National Rail Contract for a two-year term that lasted till May 2023 which has been extended for another full two-year period until May 2025 on the existing

terms. Under this agreement, the DfT retains all revenue risk and substantially all cost risk. The existing National Rail Contract for the SWR will end in May 2025. The new UK Government has announced its intention to bring rail services back into public ownership. The SWR operations could therefore be returned to the government upon expiry of the current contract.

#### *Stockholm*

On 20th January 2009, the Group was awarded the concession to operate Sweden's Stockholm Metro for eight years beginning 2nd November 2009. On 8th September 2015, the concession was extended by the Swedish authority for another six years from November 2017 to November 2023. In December 2021, MTR Tunnelbanan AB was awarded an extension of the contract for another 18-24 months from November 2023. The Group submitted a bid for the new Stockholm Metro service contract in July 2023, which was unsuccessful.

On 15th February 2016, the Group acquired the remaining 50% interest in Tunnelbanan Teknik Stockholm AB ("TBT"), a 50:50 joint venture established initially between the Group and Mantena AS, being the seller of the 50% interest in TBT, at a consideration of SEK195 million. The consideration is paid in annual instalments from 2016 to 2024. TBT became a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Group subsequent to the completion of the acquisition and was renamed MTR Tech AB. This acquisition has not only brought rolling stock maintenance for the metro network in Stockholm fully under the management of the Group but also enable other future business opportunities related to rolling stock maintenance.

In December 2015, the Stockholm County Council awarded the Group the concession rights to operate and maintain the Stockholm Commuter Rail Systems (Stockholms pendeltåg) for ten years, with an option to extend for four more years. Stockholms pendeltåg serves the greater Stockholm area, with 54 stations served and a total route length of 247 kilometres. Operational challenges persisted in 2023 due to driver shortages and various maintenance issues. In November 2023, MTR Pendeltågen AB entered into a supplemental agreement with AB Storstockholms Lokaltrafik (the Stockholm Public Transport Authority) for early termination of the concession for Stockholms pendeltåg effective 2nd March 2024. A loss provision of HK\$702 million from the early termination was recognised in 2023. In March 2024, the Company completed the handover of operations for Stockholms pendeltåg, the commuter rail service serving the greater Stockholm area, to the new operator.

In December 2020, the Company's subsidiary was awarded the O&M concession for Mälartåg train service for eight years, with the possibility of a one-year extension. The Mälartåg connects Stockholm with major towns and cities including Linköping in the south, Uppsala in the north and Örebro in the west. The Company took over the Upptåget lines as part of Mälartåg regional traffic from 12th June 2022. In 2023, this service continued to face operational challenges due to driver shortages and maintenance issues and a loss provision of HK\$320 million was recognised. In February 2024, the Company entered into a supplemental agreement with its client, Mälardalstrafik, for early termination of the concession effective 16th June 2024. In June 2024, the Company handed over the operations for Mälartåg, the regional traffic service connecting Stockholm with all major towns in the Mälardalen region, to the new operator.

#### *Sweden MTRX (formerly known as “MTR Express”)*

MTRX intercity service operates between Stockholm and Gothenburg. MTRX intercity service is operated by MTR Express (Sweden) AB, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. Full services started in August 2015 and service was expanded to 110 trains per week in March 2018. The service is based on an open-access model of the track between Stockholm and Gothenburg that MTR Express (Sweden) AB applies for path access and pays for the usage of the tracks on equal terms as other operators. MTR Express (Sweden) AB has full commercial freedom in fare setting and at the same time bears full revenue and cost responsibility. On 8th February 2024, the Company entered into an agreement to divest of MTRX. In May 2024, the Company completed its divestment of MTRX, the intercity service between Stockholm and Gothenburg.

#### *Melbourne*

On 31st August 2009, Metro Trains Melbourne Pty Ltd (“MTM”) was awarded the franchise to operate and maintain the Melbourne train system for an initial period of eight years starting on 30th November 2009. From 9th December 2016 onwards, MTM is wholly-owned by Metro Trains Australia Pty Ltd (“MTA”), a joint venture company which is 60% owned by MTR Australia Investment Holdings (Hong Kong) Limited, 20% owned by UGL Rail Services and 20% owned by John Holland. The Government of the State of Victoria renewed the franchise for another seven years from November 2017 (with options to extend for a maximum of three years), which has been subsequently extended by 18 months to mid-2026. The concession for this service has been further extended to November 2027. The Melbourne metropolitan train network spans 15 lines with a total of 222 stations and covers 432 kilometres. MTM continues its role as the Melbourne Metro franchise operator while supporting the State Government in its infrastructure projects. The Group is currently supporting the delivery of the 9-km-long Metro Tunnel, which will provide a new railway connection through Melbourne’s CBD and boost capacity by more than half a million passengers a week. The tunnel is scheduled to open in 2025.

#### *Sydney*

On 16th September 2014, the New South Wales Government in Australia formally awarded to the Northwest Rapid Transit (“NRT”) consortium the Operations, Trains and Systems contract for the Sydney Metro Northwest (“SMNW”). The SMNW project is a PPP contract that includes design, construction, financing, operation and maintenance of a new 36-kilometre high capacity rapid transit rail line between Chatswood and Tallawong. MTRCL’s equity contribution to the SMNW project is approximately AU\$90.5 million. The Company’s partners in the consortium include CDPQ, Marubeni Corporation, CIMIC Group and Plenary Group. Operated under Metro Trains Sydney Pty Ltd (“MTS”), a 60% owned subsidiary of the Company, the 36-km SMNW line includes eight new metro stations and five existing stations upgraded to metro standards. SMNW opened to public for passenger service on 26th May 2019, marking a new era in passenger rail travel in Australia.

In November 2019, the NRT consortium reached an agreement with the New South Wales Government to conclude the contract for the extension to the existing NRT PPP with Sydney Metro. The NRT PPP contract package includes new metro trains and core rail systems as well as the operations and maintenance component for NRT to operate the combined Metro North West and City and Southwest lines until 2034. The Company will invest in the project and take the lead in the NRT PPP project works and railway operations and maintenance of both the City and Southwest Line and the Metro

North West Line as a combined single line from 2024. An AU\$2.7 billion financing package was closed in November 2019 for the SMNW project and Sydney Metro City and Southwest (“SMCSW”) project. The 15.5-km Sydney Metro extension line across Sydney Harbour commenced service in August 2024. Combined with the Metro North West Line, the total length of the network has increased to 51.5-km. Simultaneously, the full line has been renamed as the “M1 Metro Northwest & Bankstown Line”. Works are ongoing to further extend the M1 Metro Northwest & Bankstown Line from Sydenham to Bankstown by upgrading the existing T3 Bankstown Line to metro standards. Upon completion, the entire line will reach a total length of 66-km with 31 stations.

#### *Malaysia*

In July 2023, the Company signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn. Bhd. (“MRT Corp”) to collaborate on the setting out of a framework for a TOD project adjacent to the new terminal station of a new rapid transit line in Malaysia. The project would see MTRCL providing expert advice to MRT Corp in planning a new community integrating railway, residential and commercial elements.

#### *Consultancy*

Since 1998, the Company has been involved in consultancy contracts in Hong Kong as well as in various overseas cities. For example, in Hong Kong, the Airport Authority has contracted the Company to maintain the automated people mover at the Hong Kong International Airport since 2002. The maintenance service was extended for a further seven-year period ending in 2028. In Macao, the Company has been providing technical support services for the Macao Light Rapid Transit project to the Government of the Macao Special Administrative Region since October 2015 and such service will end in December 2024.

### **Board and Management**

The management of the Company’s business is vested in the Board. The Board has delegated the day-to-day management of the Company’s business to the Executive Committee but the Board has reserved certain powers to itself. The members of the Executive Committee are senior full-time employees of the Company.

The present members of the Board and the present members of the Executive Committee are as follows:

#### *Members of the Board*

Dr Rex Auyeung Pak-kuen (non-executive Chairman)

Dr Jacob Kam Chak-pui (executive Director and Chief Executive Officer)

Andrew Clifford Winawer Brandler (independent non-executive Director)

Dr Bunny Chan Chung-bun (independent non-executive Director)

Walter Chan Kar-lok (independent non-executive Director)

Cheng Yan-kee (independent non-executive Director)

Hui Siu-wai (independent non-executive Director)

Ayesha Macpherson Lau (independent non-executive Director)

Sunny Lee Wai-kwong (independent non-executive Director)

Jimmy Ng Wing-ka (independent non-executive Director)

Dr Carlson Tong (independent non-executive Director)

Sandy Wong Hang-yee (independent non-executive Director)

Adrian Wong Koon-man (independent non-executive Director)

Professor Anna Wong Wai-kwan (independent non-executive Director)

Christopher Hui Ching-yu, Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Government (non-executive Director)

Secretary for Transport and Logistics, Government (being Lam Sai-hung) (non-executive Director)

Permanent Secretary for Development (Works), Government (being Ricky Lau Chun-kit) (non-executive Director)

Commissioner for Transport, Government (being Angela Lee Chung-yan) (non-executive Director)

Pursuant to Section 8 of the Mass Transit Railway Ordinance, the Chief Executive of Hong Kong has the power to appoint up to three persons as “additional directors” of the Company. The offices of the Secretary for Transport and Logistics (currently held by Lam Sai-hung), the Permanent Secretary for Development (Works) (currently held by Ricky Lau Chun-kit) and the Commissioner for Transport (currently held by Angela Lee Chung-yan) have been appointed as “additional directors”.

***Members of the Executive Committee***

The Executive Committee comprises all members of the Executive Directorate:

Dr Jacob Kam Chak-pui, Chief Executive Officer



Jeny Yeung Mei-chun, Managing Director – Hong Kong Transport Services

Margaret Cheng Wai-ching, Human Resources Director

Linda Choy Siu-min, Corporate Affairs and Branding Director

Carl Michael Devlin, Capital Works Director

Michael George Fitzgerald, Finance Director

Dr Tony Lee Kar-yun, Operations and Innovation Director

Gillian Elizabeth Meller, Legal and Governance Director

David Tang Chi-fai, Property and International Business Director

Sammy Wong Kwan-wai, Mainland China Business Director

# **MTR Corporation (C.I.) Limited**

## **General Information**

MTR Cayman is an exempted company with limited liability organised under the laws of the Cayman Islands and incorporated pursuant to the Companies Act of the Cayman Islands on 30th October 2000 for an unlimited period and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of MTRCL. MTR Cayman is a special purpose financing vehicle whose sole purpose and activity is the issuing of debt securities, the net proceeds of which are on-lent to MTRCL. MTR Cayman does not sell any products or provide any services.

## **Board and Management**

The management of MTR Cayman is vested in its Board of Directors (“MTR Cayman Board”), which comprises:

Michael George Fitzgerald, Director, Joint Chief Executive Officer, Finance Director and Chief Financial Officer

Gillian Elizabeth Meller, Director, Joint Chief Executive Officer and Secretary

Pang Hoi-hing, Director, Financial Controller and Treasurer

None of the members of the MTR Cayman Board has any shares, options or other beneficial interests in the shares of MTR Cayman.

Both Ms Gillian Elizabeth Meller and Mr Michael George Fitzgerald are members of the Executive Committee of MTRCL. Mr Pang Hoi-hing is Treasurer of MTRCL. The business address of each of the members of the MTR Cayman Board and the Secretary of MTR Cayman is MTR Headquarters Building, Telford Plaza, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

## **Capitalisation and Indebtedness**

MTR Cayman has an authorised share capital of US\$50,000, comprising 50,000 shares of US\$1 par value each. Its issued share capital as at 31st December 2023 was US\$1,000, consisting of 1,000 shares of US\$1 each. MTR Cayman had outstanding borrowings of HK\$15,154 million as at 31st December 2023. All the borrowings were the subject of an unconditional and irrevocable guarantee by MTRCL and were unsecured. As at 31st December 2023 there were no contingent liabilities and guarantees. MTR Cayman has not issued or made repayment of any notes for the period between 1st January 2024 and 30th September 2024.

Save as mentioned above, MTR Cayman has undertaken no business activities since the date of its incorporation, other than those incidental to its incorporation and establishment as a subsidiary of MTRCL. Save as mentioned above, there has been no material change to the capitalisation and indebtedness or contingent liabilities and guarantees of MTR Cayman since 31st December 2023.

## **Cayman Islands Data Protection**

The Issuer has certain duties under the Data Protection Act (As Revised) of the Cayman Islands (the “DPA”) based on internationally accepted principles of data privacy.

Prospective investors should note that, by virtue of making investments in the Notes and the associated interactions with the Issuer and its affiliates and/or delegates, or by virtue of providing the Issuer with personal information on individuals connected with the investor (for example directors, trustees, employees, representatives, shareholders, investors, clients, beneficial owners or agents) such individuals will be providing the Issuer and its affiliates and/or delegates with certain personal information which constitutes personal data within the meaning of the DPA. The Issuer shall act as a data controller in respect of this personal data and its affiliates and/or delegates may act as data processors (or data controllers in their own right in some circumstances).

By investing in the Notes, the Noteholders shall be deemed to acknowledge that they have read in detail and understood the Privacy Notice set out below and that such Privacy Notice provides an outline of their data protection rights and obligations as they relate to the investment in the Notes. The Notes in most cases will be held in global form in the clearing system and the Noteholders in such cases would be the nominee of the common depository.

Oversight of the DPA is the responsibility of the Ombudsman’s office of the Cayman Islands. Breach of the DPA by the Issuer could lead to enforcement action by the Ombudsman, including the imposition of remediation orders, monetary penalties or referral for criminal prosecution.

### ***Privacy Notice***

#### ***Introduction***

The purpose of this notice is to provide Noteholders with information on the Issuer’s use of their personal data in accordance with the DPA.

In the following discussion, “Issuer” refers to MTR Cayman and its affiliates and/or delegates, except where the context requires otherwise.

### *Investor Data*

By virtue of making an investment in the Issuer and a Noteholder's associated interactions with the Issuer (including any subscription (whether past, present or future), including the recording of electronic communications or phone calls where applicable) or by virtue of a Noteholder otherwise providing the Issuer with personal information on individuals connected with the Noteholder as an investor (for example directors, trustees, employees, representatives, shareholders, investors, clients, beneficial owners or agents), the Noteholder will provide the Issuer with certain personal information which constitutes personal data within the meaning of the DPA ("Investor Data"). The Issuer may also obtain Investor Data from other public sources. Investor Data includes, without limitation, the following information relating to a Noteholder and/or any individuals connected with a Noteholder as an investor: name, residential address, email address, contact details, corporate contact information, signature, nationality, place of birth, date of birth, tax identification, credit history, correspondence records, passport number, bank account details, source of funds details and details relating to the Noteholder's investment activity.

In the Issuer's use of Investor Data, the Issuer will be characterised as a "data controller" for the purposes of the DPA. The Issuer's affiliates and delegates may act as "data processors" for the purposes of the DPA.

### *Who this Affects*

If a Noteholder is a natural person, this will affect such Noteholder directly. If a Noteholder is a corporate investor (including, for these purposes, legal arrangements such as trusts or exempted limited partnerships) that provides the Issuer with Investor Data on individuals connected to such Noteholder for any reason in relation to such Noteholder's investment with the Issuer, this will be relevant for those individuals and such Noteholder should transmit the content of this Privacy Notice to such individuals or otherwise advise them of its content.

### *How the Issuer May Use a Noteholder's Personal Data*

The Issuer, as the data controller, may collect, store and use Investor Data for lawful purposes, including, in particular:

- (i) where this is necessary for the performance of the Issuer's rights and obligations under any subscription agreements or purchase agreements;
- (ii) where this is necessary for compliance with a legal and regulatory obligation to which the Issuer is subject (such as compliance with anti-money laundering and FATCA/CRS requirements); and/or
- (iii) where this is necessary for the purposes of the Issuer's legitimate interests and such interests are not overridden by the Noteholder's interests, fundamental rights or freedoms.

Should the Issuer wish to use Investor Data for other specific purposes (including, if applicable, any purpose that requires a Noteholder's consent), the Issuer will contact the applicable Noteholders.

*Why the Issuer May Transfer a Noteholder's Personal Data*

In certain circumstances the Issuer and/or its authorised affiliates or delegates may be legally obliged to share Investor Data and other information with respect to a Noteholder's interest in the Issuer with the relevant regulatory authorities such as the Cayman Islands Monetary Authority or the Tax Information Authority. They, in turn, may exchange this information with foreign authorities, including tax authorities.

The Issuer anticipates disclosing Investor Data to others who provide services to the Issuer and their respective affiliates (which may include certain entities located outside the Cayman Islands or the European Economic Area), who will process a Noteholder's personal data on the Issuer's behalf.

*The Data Protection Measures the Issuer Takes*

Any transfer of Investor Data by the Issuer or its duly authorised affiliates and/or delegates outside of the Cayman Islands shall be in accordance with the requirements of the DPA.

The Issuer and its duly authorised affiliates and/or delegates shall apply appropriate technical and organisational information security measures designed to protect against unauthorised or unlawful processing of Investor Data, and against accidental loss or destruction of, or damage to, Investor Data.

The Issuer shall notify a Noteholder of any Investor Data breach that is reasonably likely to result in a risk to the interests, fundamental rights or freedoms of either such Noteholder or those data subjects to whom the relevant Investor Data relates.

# Capitalisation and Indebtedness

## MTR Corporation Limited

The following table shows the consolidated capitalisation and indebtedness of the “Group” derived from the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements as at 30th June 2024:

	As at 30th June 2024 (HK\$ million)
<b>Short-Term Debt, including current portion of long-term debt</b>	
Loans in Hong Kong dollars, current portion	1,000
Loans in other currencies, current portion <sup>(1)</sup>	370
Debt Issuance Programme Notes due in 12 months	14,524
<b>Total short-term debt<sup>(2)(5)</sup></b>	<b>15,894</b>
<b>Long-Term Debt, less current portion</b>	
Loans in Hong Kong dollars	-
Loans in other currencies <sup>(1)</sup>	2,193
Debt Issuance Programme Notes due over 12 months	52,704
<b>Total long-term debt<sup>(2)(5)</sup></b>	<b>54,897</b>
Sub-total	70,791
Unamortised discount/premium/finance charges outstanding	(224)
Adjustment due to fair value change of financial instruments <sup>(6)</sup>	(1,075)
<b>Total carrying amount of debt</b>	<b>69,492</b>
Lease obligations <sup>(7)</sup>	927
<b>Total debt and other obligations</b>	<b>70,419</b>
<b>Equity</b>	
Share Capital 6,217,197,282 ordinary shares issued and fully paid <sup>(8)(9)</sup>	61,084
Shares Held for Executive Share Incentive Scheme	(302)
Fixed Assets Revaluation Reserve	3,789
Hedging Reserve	(356)
Employee Share-based Capital Reserve	81
Exchange Reserve	(2,140)
Retained Profits <sup>(9)</sup>	116,194
Total equity attributable to shareholders of MTRCL	178,350
Non-controlling interests	603
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>178,953</b>
<b>Total Capitalisation and Indebtedness<sup>(10)</sup></b>	<b>249,372</b>

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Notes:

- (1) Major foreign currency debts were translated at the corresponding exchange rates for the foreign exchange contracts or currency swaps entered into by MTRCL, or the spot rates prevailing on 30th June 2024. The weighted averages of the foreign exchange contracts and currency swaps and the spot rates prevailing on 30th June 2024 were: HK\$7.7744= US\$1; HK\$6.1290 = AU\$1; HK\$1.1004 = RMB1; and HK\$0.079148 = JPY1.
- (2) All short-term and long-term debts of MTRCL are unsecured. All borrowings by MTR Cayman are subject to an unconditional and irrevocable guarantee by MTRCL.
- (3) The consolidated capitalisation and indebtedness table of the Group does not include the capital of an associate, Octopus Holdings Limited and its subsidiaries ("OHL Group"), as MTRCL does not have effective control over the boards of the OHL Group.
- (4) There has been no material change to contingent liabilities or guarantees outstanding as at 30th June 2024 compared with 31st December 2023.
- (5) During the period between 1st July 2024 and 30th September 2024, the Group made a net loan drawdown of approximately HK\$6,023 million.
- (6) Being the change in fair value of derivative financial instruments recognised in accordance with the Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standard 9, "Financial Instruments".
- (7) Lease obligations translate at spot rates prevailing on 30th June 2024 were: HK\$7.8085 = US\$1.
- (8) The 2023 final ordinary dividend of HK\$0.89 per share proposed and approved before 30th June 2024 has been recognised as liabilities as at 30th June 2024 and was paid on 16th July 2024. The new shares allotted in respect of scrip dividend amounted to HK\$202 million.
- (9) The 2024 interim ordinary dividend of HK\$0.42 per share declared after 30th June 2024 has not been recognised as liabilities as at 30th June 2024 and was paid on 17th September 2024.
- (10) Save as disclosed in paragraphs (5), (8) and (9) above, there has been no material change to the capitalisation and indebtedness of the Group since 30th June 2024.



## Form of Pricing Supplement

*Set out below is the Form of Pricing Supplement which will be completed for each Tranche of Notes issued under the Programme.*

[This document is for distribution to professional investors (as defined in Chapter 37 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “SEHK”)) (“Professional Investors”) only.

**Notice to Hong Kong investors:** The Issuer [and the Guarantor] confirm(s) that the Notes are intended for purchase by Professional Investors only and will be listed on the SEHK on that basis. Accordingly, the Issuer [and the Guarantor] confirm(s) that the Notes are not appropriate as an investment for retail investors in Hong Kong. Investors should carefully consider the risks involved.

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**PROHIBITION OF SALES TO EEA RETAIL INVESTORS** – The Notes are not intended to be offered, sold or otherwise made available to and should not be offered, sold or otherwise made available to any retail investor in the European Economic Area (“EEA”). For these purposes, a retail investor means a person who is one (or more) of: (i) a retail client as defined in point (11) of Article 4(1) of Directive 2014/65/EU (as amended, “MiFID II”); (ii) a customer within the meaning of Directive (EU) 2016/97 (as amended, the “Insurance Distribution Directive”), where that customer would not qualify as a professional client as defined in point (10) of Article 4(1) of MiFID II; or (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 (as amended, the “Prospectus Regulation”).

Consequently no key information document required by Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014 (as amended, the “PRIIPs Regulation”) for offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to retail investors in the EEA has been prepared and therefore offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to any retail investor in the EEA may be unlawful under the PRIIPs Regulation.

**PROHIBITION OF SALES TO UK RETAIL INVESTORS** – The Notes are not intended to be offered, sold or otherwise made available to and should not be offered, sold or otherwise made available to any retail investor in the United Kingdom (“UK”). For these purposes, a retail investor means a person who is one (or more) of: (i) a retail client as defined in point (8) of Article 2 of Regulation (EU) No 2017/565 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (“EUWA”); (ii) a customer within the meaning of the provisions of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (the “FSMA”) and any rules or regulations made under the FSMA to implement the Insurance Distribution Directive, where that customer would not qualify as a professional client as defined in point (8) of Article 2(1) of Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA; or (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in Article 2 of the Prospectus Regulation as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA. Consequently no key information document required by the PRIIPs Regulation as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA (as amended, the “UK PRIIPs Regulation”) for offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to retail investors in the UK has been prepared and therefore offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to any retail investor in the UK may be unlawful under the UK PRIIPs Regulation.

**[MiFID II PRODUCT GOVERNANCE / PROFESSIONAL INVESTORS AND ECPs ONLY TARGET MARKET** – Solely for the purposes of [the/each] manufacturer’s product approval process, the target market assessment in respect of the Notes has led to the conclusion that: (i) the target market for the Notes is eligible counterparties and professional clients only, each as defined in MiFID II; and (ii) all channels for distribution of the Notes to eligible counterparties and professional clients are appropriate. Any person subsequently offering, selling or recommending the Notes (a “distributor”) should take into consideration the manufacturer[‘s/s’] target market assessment; however, a distributor subject to MiFID II is responsible for undertaking its own target market assessment in respect of the Notes (by either adopting or refining the manufacturer[‘s/s’] target market assessment) and determining appropriate distribution channels.]\*\*

**[UK MiFIR PRODUCT GOVERNANCE/PROFESSIONAL INVESTORS AND ECPs ONLY TARGET MARKET** – Solely for the purposes of [the/each] manufacturer’s product approval process, the target market assessment in respect of the Notes has led to the conclusion that: (i) the target market for the Notes is only eligible counterparties, as defined in the FCA Handbook Conduct of Business Sourcebook, and professional clients, as defined in Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (“UK MiFIR”); and (ii) all channels for distribution of the Notes to eligible counterparties and professional clients are appropriate. Any person subsequently offering, selling or recommending the Notes (a “distributor”) should take into consideration the manufacturer[‘s/s’] target market assessment; however, a distributor subject to the FCA Handbook Product Intervention and Product Governance Sourcebook (the “UK MiFIR Product Governance Rules”) is responsible for undertaking its own target market assessment in respect of the Notes (by either adopting or refining the manufacturer[‘s/s’] target market assessment) and determining appropriate distribution channels.]\*\*\*

**[Notification under Section 309B(1)(c) of the Securities and Futures Act 2001 of Singapore (the “SFA”) – [To insert notice if classification of the Notes is not “prescribed capital markets products”, pursuant to Section 309B of the SFA or Excluded Investment Products]].]\*\*\*\***

[Investors should be aware that as CNY Disruption Event (as defined in Condition 7(d) of the Terms and Conditions of the Notes) is specified in this Pricing Supplement and, if by reason of any CNY Disruption Event, the Issuer determines that it is not reasonably practicable to make such payment in Renminbi, the Issuer has the right to postpone the due date of such payment and, if the CNY Disruption Event continues to exist for 14 consecutive calendar days from the original due date, to make the payment in US dollars instead of Renminbi. (Please refer to Condition 7(d) of the Terms and Conditions of the Notes.) There is therefore no assurance that Noteholders will receive each amount payable in Renminbi on the original due date or in Renminbi and that there are various other risks relating to the Notes, the Issuer and its subsidiaries, their business and their jurisdictions of operations which investors should familiarise themselves with before making an investment in the Notes. See “Risk Factors” beginning on page [●] of the Offering Circular.]\*\*\*\*\*

**[MTR CORPORATION LIMITED/MTR CORPORATION (C.I.) LIMITED (as Issuer)]**

*[(a company with limited liability organised under the laws of the Cayman Islands on 30th October 2000)]\*\*\*\*\**

**[unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by MTR Corporation Limited (as Guarantor)]**

**US\$15,000,000,000 Debt Issuance Programme (the “Programme”)**

SERIES NO: [     ]

TRANCHE NO: [     ]

[Brief Description and Principal Amount of Notes] (the “Notes”)

Issue Price: [     ] per cent.

[Dealer(s)]

The date of the Pricing Supplement is [     ]

\*        Applicable for Notes to be listed on the SEHK only.

\*\*       Legend for issuances involving one or more MiFID manufacturers.

\*\*\*     Legend for issuances involving one or more UK MiFIR manufacturers.

\*\*\*\*\* Relevant Dealer(s) to consider whether it/they have received the necessary product classification from the Issuer prior to the launch of the offer, pursuant to Section 309B of the SFA. If there is a change as to product classification for the relevant drawdown, from the upfront classification embedded in the programme documentation, then the legend is to be completed and used (if no change as to product classification, then the legend may be deleted in its entirety).

\*\*\*\*\* Legend for issuances of Notes for which the terms about CNY Disruption Event are indicated as applicable in the relevant Pricing Supplement.

\*\*\*\*\* Applicable only if MTR Corporation (C.I.) Limited is the Issuer.

This document constitutes the Pricing Supplement relating to the issue of Notes described herein.

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Conditions set forth in the Offering Circular [and the Supplemental Offering Circular]. This Pricing Supplement contains the final terms of the Notes and must be read in conjunction with the Offering Circular [as so supplemented].

*[The following alternative language applies if the first tranche of an issue which is being increased was issued under an Offering Circular with an earlier date.]*

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Conditions (the “Conditions”) set forth in the offering circular dated [original date [●]] in relation to the Programme [and the Supplemental Offering Circular] which are incorporated by reference in the Offering Circular. This Pricing Supplement constitutes the final terms of the Notes described herein and must be read in conjunction with the Offering Circular, save in respect of the Conditions which are extracted from the offering circular dated [original date] in relation to the Programme and are attached hereto. ]

*[Include whichever of the following apply or specify as “Not Applicable” (N/A). Note that the numbering should remain as set out below, even if “Not Applicable” is indicated for individual paragraphs or subparagraphs. Italics denote guidance for completing the Pricing Supplement.]*

1. Issuer: [MTR Corporation Limited/MTR Corporation (C.I.) Limited]  
(Legal Entity Identifier:  
[254900IH4U9NHH9AQM97/254900SEVE6JAZLGDW04])
2. [Guarantor: MTR Corporation Limited (Legal Entity Identifier:  
[254900IH4U9NHH9AQM97])]
3. (i) Series Number: [●]  
(ii) Tranche Number: [●]  
(If fungible with an existing Series, details of that Series, including the date on which the Notes become fungible).
4. (i) Specified Currency or Currencies: [●]  
(ii) CNY Disruption Event [Applicable/Not Applicable]
5. Aggregate Nominal Amount: [●]  
(i) Series: [●]  
[(ii) Tranche: [●]]
6. Issue Price: [●] per cent. of the Aggregate Nominal Amount [plus accrued interest from [insert date] (in the case of fungible issues only, if applicable)]
7. (a) Specified Denominations: [●]  
(in the case of Registered Notes, this means the minimum integral amount in which transfers can be made) (N.B. For Bearer Notes with a Specified Denomination and higher integral multiples above the minimum denomination, consider including language substantially to the following effect (however, appropriate amendments shall be made for different currencies):

“[US\$200,000] and integral multiples of [US\$1,000] in excess thereof, up to and including [US\$399,000]. No definitive notes will be issued with a denomination above [US\$399,000].”

(N.B. If an issue of Notes is (i) NOT admitted to trading on an European Economic Area regulated market; and (ii) only offered in the European Economic Area in circumstances where a prospectus is not required to be published under the Prospectus Regulation the [US\$200,000] minimum denomination is not required.)

- (b) Calculation Amount:<sup>1</sup> [●]  
*(If only one Specified Denomination, insert the Specified Denomination. If more than one Specified Denomination, insert the highest common factor. Note: These must be a common factor in the case of two or more Specified Denominations.)*
8. (i) Issue Date: [●]  
(ii) Interest Commencement Date: [Specify/Issue Date/Not Applicable]
9. Maturity Date: [Specify date or (for Floating Rate Notes) Interest Payment Date falling in or nearest to the relevant month and year]<sup>2</sup>
10. Interest Basis: [[●]per cent. Fixed Rate]  
[Specify reference rate] +/- [●] per cent. Floating Rate]  
[Zero Coupon]  
[Index-Linked Interest]  
[Other (specify)]  
(further particulars specified below)
11. Redemption/Payment Basis: [Redemption at par]  
[Index-Linked Redemption]  
[Dual Currency]  
[Partly Paid]  
[Instalment]  
[Other (specify)]
12. Change of Interest or Redemption/Payment Basis: [Specify details of any provision for convertibility of Notes into another interest or redemption/payment basis]
13. Put/Call Options: [Investor Put]  
[Issuer Call]  
[(further particulars specified below)]
14. (i) Status of the Notes: Senior  
(ii) [Status of the Guarantee: Senior]  
[(iii)] [Date of Board approval for issuance of Notes obtained: [●] [and [●], respectively]]  
(N.B. Only relevant where Board (or similar) authorisation is required for the particular tranche of Notes)
15. Method of distribution: [Syndicated/Non-syndicated]

<sup>1</sup> Note that for Notes which are lodged in CMU, the Calculation Amount will be based on the Specified Denomination. For Notes which are not lodged in CMU, the Calculation Amount will be based on the Aggregate Nominal Amount.

<sup>2</sup> Note that for Hong Kong dollar and Renminbi denominated Fixed Rate Notes where the Fixed Interest Dates are subject to modification it will be necessary to use the second option here.

## PROVISIONS RELATING TO INTEREST (IF ANY) PAYABLE

### 16. Fixed Rate Note Provisions

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|  | [Applicable/Not Applicable]<br><i>(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)</i>   |
| (i) Fixed Rate[(s)] of Interest:   | [●] per cent. per annum [payable<br>[annually/semi-annually/quarterly/monthly] in arrear]  |
| (ii) Fixed Interest Date(s):   | [●] in each year [adjusted in accordance with <i>[specify Business Day Convention and any applicable relevant Financial Centre(s) for the definition of "BusinessDay"]</i> /not adjusted] <sup>3</sup>                                   |
| (iii) Fixed Coupon Amount [(s)]:<br>(Applicable to Notes in Definitive Form)           | [●] per Calculation Amount <sup>4</sup>  |
| (iv) Broken Amount(s):<br>(Applicable to Notes in Definitive Form)                     | <i>[Insert particulars of any initial or final broken interest amounts which do not correspond with the Fixed Coupon Amount(s)]</i> per Calculation Amount, payable on the Interest Payment Date falling [in/on] [●]<br>[Not Applicable] |
| (v) Day Count Fraction<br><i>(if different from that specified in Condition 5(a)):</i> | [●]<br><i>(Day count fraction should be Actual/Actual-ICMA for all fixed rate issues other than those denominated in US dollars or Hong Kong dollars, unless otherwise requested)</i>  |
| (vi) Determination Dates:  | [●] in each year   |
| (vii) Other terms relating to the method of calculating interest for Fixed Rate Notes: | [Not Applicable/give details]  |

### 17. Floating Rate Note Provisions

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|   | [Applicable/Not Applicable]<br><i>(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)</i>   |
| (i) Interest Period(s):                                     | [●]  |
| (ii) Interest Payment Dates:                                | [●]  |
| (iii) First Interest Payment Date:                          | [●]  |
| (iv) Business Day Convention:                               | [Floating Rate Convention/Following Business Day Convention/Modified Following Business Day Convention/Preceding Business Day Convention/other (give details)] |
| (v) Relevant Financial Centre(s)<br>(Condition 5(b)(i)(B)): | [●]  |

<sup>3</sup> (i) Note that for certain Hong Kong dollar and Renminbi denominated Fixed Rate Notes the Fixed Interest Dates are subject to modification and the following words should be added: "provided that if any Fixed Interest Date falls on a day which is not a Business Day, the Fixed Interest Date will be the next succeeding Business Day unless it would thereby fall in the next calendar month in which event the Fixed Interest Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day. For these purposes, "Business Day" means a day on which commercial banks are open for business and foreign exchange markets settle payments in Hong Kong and [●][on which commercial banks in Hong Kong are open for business and settlement of Renminbi payments]."

(ii) Note that for US dollar denominated Fixed Rate Notes, the Modified Following Business Day Convention is not applicable and Condition 7(c) of the Terms and Conditions will apply.

<sup>4</sup> For Hong Kong dollar and Renminbi denominated Fixed Rate Notes where the Fixed Interest Dates are subject to modification the following alternative wording is appropriate: "Each Fixed Coupon Amount shall be calculated by multiplying the product of the Rate of Interest and the Specified Denomination by the Day Count Fraction and rounding the resultant figure to the nearest [[HK\$0.01, HK\$0.005 being rounded upwards]/[RMB0.01, RMB0.005 being rounded upwards]]. For the purposes of this paragraph and the Day Count Fraction referred to herein, "Calculation Date" means the period beginning on (and including) the Interest Commencement Date and ending on (but excluding) the first Fixed Interest Date and each successive period beginning on (and including) a Fixed Interest Date and ending on (but excluding) the next succeeding Fixed Interest Date."



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| (vi) Manner in which the Rate(s) of Interest is/are to be determined:   | [Page/other ( <i>give details</i> )]   |
| (vii) Party responsible for calculating the Rate(s) of Interest and Interest Amount(s) (if not the Calculation Agent):  | [●]  |
| (viii) Screen Determination (Condition 5(b)(iv)):   |  |
| – Relevant Time:  | [●]  |
| – Interest Determination Date:  | [●]  |
| – Primary Source for Floating Rate:   | [●]  |
| – Reference Banks (if Primary Source is “Reference Banks”):   | [●]  |
| – Relevant Financial Centre:  | [The financial centre most closely connected to the Benchmark – <i>specify if not London</i> ]                             |
| – Benchmark:  | [EURIBOR, HIBOR, CNH HIBOR or other benchmark]   |
| – Representative Amount:  | [Specify if screen or Reference Bank quotations are to be given in respect of a transaction of a specified nominal amount] |
| – Effective Date:   | [Specify if quotations are not to be obtained with effect from the commencement of the Interest Accrual Period]            |
| – Specified Duration:   | [Specify period for quotation if not duration of Interest Accrual Period]  |
| (ix) ISDA Determination:  |  |
| – Floating Rate Option:   | [●]  |
| – Designated Maturity:  | [●]  |
| – Reset Date:   | [●]  |
| (x) Margin(s):  | [+/-][●] per cent. per annum   |
| (xi) Minimum Rate of Interest:  | [●] per cent. per annum  |
| (xii) Maximum Rate of Interest:   | [●] per cent. per annum  |
| (xiii) Day Count Fraction (if different from that specified in Condition 5(b)(vi)):   | [●]  |
| (xiv) Rate Multiplier:  | [●]  |
| (xv) Fall back provisions, rounding provisions, denominator and any other terms relating to the method of calculating interest on Floating Rate Notes, if different from those set out in the Conditions: | [●]  |

## 18. Zero Coupon Note Provisions

[Applicable/Not Applicable]

*(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)*

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| (i) Accrual Yield (Condition 6(e)(iii)):                    | [●] per cent. per annum |
| (ii) Reference Price (Condition 6(e)(iii)):                 | [●]                     |
| (iii) Day Count Fraction:                                   | [●]                     |
| (iv) Any other formula/basis of determining amount payable: | [●]                     |

- 19. Index-Linked Interest Note Provisions** [Applicable/Not Applicable]  
*(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)*
- (i) Index/Formula/other variable: [give or annex details]
  - (ii) Calculation Agent responsible for calculating the interest due: [●]
  - (iii) Provisions for determining Coupon where calculated by reference to Index and/or Formula and/or other variable: [●]
  - (iv) Determination Date(s): [●]
  - (v) Provisions for determining Coupon where calculation by reference to Index and/or Formula and/or other variable is impossible or impracticable or otherwise disrupted: [●]
  - (vi) Interest Period(s): [●]
  - (vii) Interest Payment Dates: [●]
  - (viii) Business Day Convention: [Floating Rate Convention/Following Business Day Convention/Modified Following Business Day Convention/Preceding Business Day Convention/other *(give details)*]
  - (ix) Relevant Financial Centre(s): [●]
  - (x) Minimum Rate of Interest: [●] per cent. per annum
  - (xi) Maximum Rate of Interest: [●] per cent. per annum
  - (xii) Day Count Fraction: [●]
- 20. Dual Currency Note Provisions** [Applicable/Not Applicable]  
*(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)*
- (i) Rate of Exchange/Method of calculating Rate of Exchange: [give details]
  - (ii) Calculation Agent, if any, responsible for calculating the principal and/or interest due: [●]
  - (iii) Provisions applicable where calculation by reference to Rate of Exchange impossible or impracticable: [●]
  - (iv) Person at whose option Currency(ies) is/are payable: [●]
  - (v) Day Count Fraction: [●]

## PROVISIONS RELATING TO REDEMPTION

- 21. Call Option** [Applicable/Not Applicable]  
*(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)*
- (i) Optional Redemption Date(s): [●]
  - (ii) Optional Redemption Amount(s) of each Note and method, if any, of calculation of such amount(s): [●] per Calculation Amount

- (iii) If redeemable in part:
  - (a) Minimum Redemption Amount: [●]
  - (b) Maximum Redemption Amount: [●]
- (iv) Notice period (If other than as set out in the Conditions): <sup>5</sup> [●]

## 22. Put Option

[Applicable/Not Applicable]

*(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)*

- (i) Optional Redemption Date(s): [●]
- (ii) Optional Redemption Amount(s) of each Note and method, if any, of calculation of such amount(s): [●] per Calculation Amount
- (iii) Option Exercise Date(s): [●]
- (iv) Description of any other Noteholders' option: [●]
- (v) Notice period:<sup>5</sup> [●]

## 23. Final Redemption Amount of each Note

[●] per Calculation Amount/[●]

In cases where the Final Redemption Amount is Index-Linked or other variable-linked:

- (i) Index/Formula/variable: *[give or annex details]*
- (ii) Calculation Agent responsible for calculating the Final Redemption Amount: [●]
- (iii) Provisions for determining Final Redemption Amount where calculated by reference to Index and/or Formula and/or other variable: [●]
- (iv) Determination Date(s): [●]
- (v) Provisions for determining Final Redemption Amount where calculation by reference to Index and/or Formula and/or other variable is impossible or impracticable or otherwise disrupted: [●]
- (vi) Minimum Final Redemption Amount: [●]
- (vii) Maximum Final Redemption Amount: [●]

## 24. Early Redemption Amount

- (i) Early Redemption Amount(s) of each Note payable on redemption for taxation reasons or on event of default or other early redemption and/or the method of calculating the same (if required or if different from that set out in the Conditions): [●] per Calculation Amount/[●]

<sup>5</sup> (N.B. If setting notice periods which are different to those provided in the Conditions, the Issuer is advised to consider the practicalities of distribution of information through intermediaries, for example, clearing systems and custodians, as well as any other notice requirements which may apply, for example, as between the Issuer and the Agent or the Trustee.)

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| (ii)  | Redemption for taxation reasons permitted on days other than Interest Payment Dates (Condition 6(b)): | [Yes/No]                |
| (iii) | Unmatured Coupons to become void upon early redemption (Bearer Notes only) (Condition 7(b)):          | [Yes/No/Not Applicable] |

## GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTES

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| 25. Form of Notes:   | <p>[Bearer Notes/Exchangeable Bearer Notes/Registered Notes]<br/> <i>[Delete as appropriate]</i><br/>         [Temporary Global Note exchangeable for a permanent Global Note which is exchangeable for Definitive Notes on [●] days' notice/in the limited circumstances specified in the permanent Global Note]<br/>         [Temporary Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes on [●] days' notice]<br/>         [Permanent Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes on [●] days' notice/in the limited circumstances specified in the permanent Global Note]<br/>         [Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes in the limited circumstances specified in the Global Note]<br/>         N.B. If the Specified Denomination of the Notes in paragraph 7 includes language substantially to the following effect:<br/>         "[US\$200,000] and integral multiples of [US\$1,000] in excess thereof up to and including [US\$399,000]", the exchange upon notice option should not be expressed to be applicable.</p> |
| 26. Business Day Jurisdiction(s) (Condition 7(c) or other special provisions relating to Payment Dates):   | <p>[Not Applicable/give details. Note that this item relates to the date and place of payment, and not interest period end dates, to which items 16(ii), 17(v) and 19(ix) relate]</p>   |
| 27. Talons for future Coupons or Receipts to be attached to Definitive Notes (and dates on which such Talons mature):  | <p>[Yes/No. If yes, give details]</p>   |
| 28. Details relating to Partly Paid<br>Notes: amount of each payment comprising the Issue Price and date on which each payment is to be made and consequences (if any) of failure to pay, including any right of the Issuer to forfeit the Notes and interest due on late payment: | <p>[Not Applicable/give details]</p>  |
| 29. Details relating to Instalment<br>Notes: amount of each instalment, date on which each payment is to be made:  | <p>[Not Applicable/give details]</p>  |
| (i) Instalment Amount(s):  | <p>[●]</p>  |
| (ii) Instalment Date(s):   | <p>[●]</p>  |

- (iii) Minimum Instalment Amount: [●]  
 (iv) Maximum Instalment Amount: [●]
- 30.Redenomination, renominatisation and reconventioning provisions: [Not Applicable/The provisions [in Condition [●]] apply]
- 31.Consolidation provisions: [Not Applicable/The provisions [in Condition [●]] apply]
- 32.Use of proceeds: [As per Offering Circular/[●]]
- 33.Other terms and conditions:<sup>6</sup> [Not Applicable/*give details*]

## DISTRIBUTION

34. (i) If syndicated, names and addresses of Managers and underwriting commitments: [Not Applicable/*give names, addresses and underwriting commitments*]  
 (Include names and addresses of entities agreeing to underwrite the issue on a firm commitment basis and names and addresses of the entities agreeing to place the issue without a firm commitment or on a “best efforts” basis if such entities are not the same as the Managers.)  
 (ii) Date of Subscription Agreement: [●]  
 (iii) Stabilisation Manager(s) (if any): [Not Applicable/give name]
35. If non-syndicated, name and address of Dealer: [Not Applicable/*give name and address*]
36. Total commission and concession: [●] per cent. of the Aggregate Nominal Amount
37. US Selling Restrictions: [Reg S. Category 2/TEFRA C/TEFRA D/TEFRA not applicable]
38. Additional selling restrictions: [●]
39. Singapore Sales to Institutional Investors and Accredited Investors only: [Applicable/Not Applicable]

## GENERAL AND OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

40. Listing: [The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited/*specify other/None*]

<sup>6</sup> If full terms and conditions are to be used, please add the following here: The full text of the Conditions which apply to the Notes [and which will be endorsed on the Notes in definitive form] are set out in [the Annex hereto], which Conditions replace in their entirety those appearing in the Offering Circular for the purposes of these Notes and such Conditions will prevail over any other provision to the contrary. The first set of bracketed words is to be deleted where there is a permanent global Note instead of Notes in definitive form. The full Conditions should be attached to and form part of the final terms of the Notes.

41. Rating: [●]
42. ISIN Code: [●]
43. Common Code: [●]
44. CMU Instrument No.: [●]

[If using CMU insert the following: CMU acts as a central custodian and clearing agent for Hong Kong dollar denominated debt instruments. The Global Notes will be lodged with CMU and deposited with The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited as sub-custodian for CMU (or any other sub-custodian for CMU) upon settlement. Thereafter transfers of interests in the Notes are made by computer book entry without the need for physical delivery of definitive notes. Euroclear and Clearstream both maintain accounts with CMU, and members of these clearing systems can hold interests in instruments lodged with CMU through this mechanism. Transfers of interests in the Global Notes will be made in accordance with CMU Rules. Investors should be aware that transfers of interests between members of Euroclear or Clearstream on the one hand, and CMU on the other hand, may be subject to a one day delay for clearance.] [Specify whether CMU DvP facility will be utilised.]

45. Any clearing system(s) other than Euroclear Bank SA/NV, Clearstream Banking, S.A. and the Central Moneymarkets Unit Service and the relevant identification number(s): [Not Applicable/*give name(s) and number(s) and address(es)*]
46. Delivery: Delivery [against/free of] payment
47. Names and addresses of additional Paying Agent(s) (if any): [●]
48. Other Terms: [●]
49. Net Proceeds: [●]

50. Hong Kong SFC Code of Conduct:

(i) Rebates

[Not Applicable/A rebate of [●] basis points is being offered by the Issuer to all private banks for orders they place (other than in relation to Notes subscribed by such private banks as principal whereby it is deploying its own balance sheet for onward selling to investors), payable upon closing of this offering based on the principal amount of the Notes distributed by such private banks to investors. Private banks are deemed to be placing an order on a principal basis unless they inform the capital market intermediaries otherwise. As a result, private banks placing an order on a principal basis (including those deemed as placing an order as principal) will not be entitled to, and will not be paid, the rebate.]

(ii) Contact email addresses of the Overall Coordinators where underlying investor information in relation to omnibus orders should be sent:

[Not Applicable/*include relevant contact email addresses of the Overall Coordinators where the underlying investor information should be sent — Overall Coordinators to provide*]

(iii) Marketing and Investor Targeting Strategy:

[As set out in the Offering Circular/*describe if different from the Offering Circular*]

**LISTING APPLICATION** *[Only include for listed notes]*

This Pricing Supplement comprises the final terms required to list the issue of Notes described herein pursuant to the US\$15,000,000,000 Debt Issuance Programme of MTR Corporation Limited and MTR Corporation (C.I.) Limited.

**RESPONSIBILITY**

The Issuer [and the Guarantor] accept[s] responsibility for the information contained in this Pricing Supplement.

Signed on behalf of the Issuer:

By:

Duly authorised

[Signed on behalf of the Guarantor:

By:

Duly authorised]



## RMB Currency Controls

*The following is a general description of certain currency controls in Mainland China and is based on the law and relevant interpretations thereof in effect as at the date of this Offering Circular, all of which are subject to change, and does not constitute legal advice. It does not purport to be a complete analysis of all applicable currency controls in Mainland China relating to the Notes. Prospective holders of Notes who are in any doubt as to RMB currency controls are advised to consult their own professional advisers.*

The Renminbi is not a freely convertible currency. The remittance of Renminbi into and outside Mainland China is subject to controls imposed under laws in Mainland China.

### Current Account Items

Under foreign exchange control regulations in Mainland China, current account item payments include payments for imports and exports of goods and services, payments of income and current transfers into and outside Mainland China.

Since July 2009, the Central People's Government has commenced a scheme pursuant to which Renminbi may be used for settlement of imports and exports of goods between approved pilot enterprises in five designated cities in Mainland China including Shanghai, Guangzhou, Dongguan, Shenzhen and Zhuhai and enterprises in designated offshore jurisdictions including Hong Kong and Macao. On 17th June 2010, the Central People's Government promulgated the Circular on Issues concerning the Expansion of the Scope of the Pilot Program of Renminbi Settlement of Cross-Border Trades (Yin Fa (2010) No. 186) (關於擴大跨境貿易人民幣結算試點有關問題的通知), pursuant to which (i) Renminbi settlement of imports and exports of goods and of services and other current account items became permissible, (ii) the list of designated pilot districts was expanded to cover 20 provinces including Beijing and Tianjin, (iii) the restriction on designated offshore districts was lifted, and (iv) any enterprise qualified for the export and import business is permitted to use Renminbi as settlement currency for exports of goods, provided that the relevant provincial government has submitted to PBOC and five other authorities (the "Six Authorities") a list of key enterprises subject to supervision and the Six Authorities have verified and signed off such list (the "Supervision List"). On 12th June 2012, the PBOC issued a notice stating that the Six Authorities had jointly verified and announced a Supervision List and as a result any enterprise qualified for the export and import business is permitted to use Renminbi as settlement currency for exports.

On 5th July 2013, the PBOC promulgated the "Circular on Policies related to Simplifying and Improving Cross-border Renminbi Business Procedures" (關於簡化跨境人民幣業務流程和完善有關政策的通知) (the "2013 PBOC Circular") to improve the efficiency of cross-border Renminbi settlement and facilitate the use of RMB for the settlement of cross-border transactions under current accounts or capital accounts. In particular, the 2013 PBOC Circular simplifies the procedures for cross-border Renminbi trade settlement under current account items. For example, banks in Mainland China may conduct settlement for enterprises in Mainland China upon such enterprises presenting the payment

instruction, with certain exceptions. Banks in Mainland China may also allow enterprises in Mainland China to make/receive payments under current account items prior to the relevant verification of underlying transactions by the banks in Mainland China (noting that verification of underlying transactions is usually a precondition for cross-border remittance).

On 1st November 2014, the PBOC promulgated the “Circular on Matters concerning Centralized Cross-Border Renminbi Fund Operation Conducted by Multinational Enterprise Groups” (關於跨國企業集團開展跨境人民幣資金集中運營業務有關事宜的通知) (the “2014 PBOC Circular”). The 2014 PBOC Circular introduces a cash pooling arrangement for qualified multinational enterprise group companies, under which a multinational enterprise group can process cross-border Renminbi payments and receipts for current account items on a collective basis for eligible member companies in the group.

On 5th September 2015, the PBOC promulgated the “Circular on Further Facilitating the Cross-Border Bi-directional Renminbi Cash Pooling Business by Multinational Enterprise Groups” (關於進一步便利跨國企業集團開展跨境雙向人民幣資金池業務的通知) (the “2015 PBOC Circular”) which, among others, lowers the eligibility requirements for multinational enterprise groups and increases the cap for net cash inflow. The 2015 PBOC Circular also provides that enterprises in the Free Trade Pilot Zone (“FTZ”) may establish an additional cash pool in the local scheme in the FTZ, but each onshore company within the group may only elect to participate in one cash pool.

The regulations referred to above will be subject to interpretation and application by the relevant Authorities in Mainland China. Local authorities may adopt different practices in applying these regulations and impose conditions for settlement of current account items.

Further, if any new regulations are promulgated in the future which have the effect of permitting or restricting (as the case may be) the use of Renminbi for payment of transactions categorised as current account items, then such settlement will need to be made subject to the specific requirements or restrictions set out in such rules.

### **Capital Account Items**

Under foreign exchange control regulations in Mainland China, capital account items include cross-border transfers of capital, direct investments, securities investments, derivative products and loans. Capital account payments are generally only permitted upon obtaining specific approvals from, or completing specific registrations or filings with, the relevant authorities in Mainland China on a case-by-case basis and are subject to a strict monitoring system.

Prior to October 2011, capital account items of foreign invested entities were generally required to be made in foreign currencies. For instance, foreign investors (including any Hong Kong investors) were generally required to make any capital contribution to foreign invested enterprises in a foreign currency in accordance with the terms set out in the relevant joint venture contracts and/or articles of association as approved by the relevant authorities. Foreign invested enterprises or any other relevant parties in Mainland China were also generally required to make capital item payments, including

proceeds from liquidation, transfer of shares, and reduction of capital in a foreign currency. That said, the relevant authorities in Mainland China might approve a foreign entity to make a capital contribution or a shareholder's loan to a foreign invested enterprise with Renminbi lawfully obtained by it outside Mainland China and for the foreign invested enterprise to service interest and principal repayment to its foreign investor outside Mainland China in Renminbi on a trial basis. The foreign invested enterprise might also be required to complete registration and verification processes with the relevant authorities in Mainland China before such Renminbi remittances.

On 25th February 2011, the Ministry of Commerce of the PRC ("MOFCOM") promulgated the Notice of MOFCOM in relation to administration on foreign investment (商務部關於外商投資管理工作有關問題的通知) (the "MOFCOM Notice"). The MOFCOM Notice states that if a foreign investor intends to make investments in Mainland China with Renminbi that it has generated from cross-border trade settlement or that it has lawfully obtained outside Mainland China, MOFCOM's prior written consent is required.

On 7th April 2011, State Administration of Foreign Exchange of the PRC ("SAFE") promulgated the Circular on Issues Concerning the Capital Account Items in connection with Cross-Border Renminbi (國家外匯管理局綜合司關於規範跨境人民幣資本項目業務操作有關問題的通知) (the "SAFE Circular") which became effective on 1st May 2011. According to the SAFE Circular, in the event that foreign investors intend to use cross-border Renminbi (including offshore Renminbi and onshore Renminbi held in the capital accounts of the non-residents of Mainland China) to make equity and debt contribution to an onshore enterprise or make payment for the transfer of equity interest of an onshore enterprise by a resident of Mainland China, such onshore enterprise shall be required to submit the prior written consent from MOFCOM to the relevant local branches of SAFE of such onshore enterprise and register for foreign invested enterprise status. Further, foreign debts in cross-border Renminbi sustained by onshore institutions (including financial institutions) shall still be subject to the current laws and regulation in Mainland China on foreign debts supervision.

On 3rd June 2011, PBOC issued the Notice on Clarifying Issues Relating to Cross-border RMB Transactions (中國人民銀行關於明確跨境人民幣業務相關問題的通知) ("PBOC Notice") which provides that the pilot programme of foreign direct investment in RMB will be launched on a case by case basis, and approval by the PBOC is required for foreign direct investment in RMB. For industries under restrictions or strictly regulated by the governments in Mainland China, foreign direct investment in RMB is prohibited.

On 13th October 2011, PBOC issued the Measures on Administration of the RMB Settlement in relation to Foreign Direct Investment (外商直接投資人民幣結算業務管理辦法) (the "PBOC RMB FDI Measures"), pursuant to which, PBOC special approval for RMB foreign direct investment ("RMB FDI") and shareholder loans, which is required by the PBOC Notice, is no longer necessary. The PBOC RMB FDI Measures provide that, among others, foreign invested enterprises are required to conduct registrations with the local branch of PBOC within ten working days after obtaining the business licences for the purpose of RMB settlement, a foreign investor is allowed to open a RMB expense account to reimburse some expenses before the establishment of a foreign invested enterprise

and the balance in such an account can be transferred to the RMB capital account of such foreign invested enterprise when it is established, commercial banks can remit a foreign investor's RMB proceeds from distribution by its subsidiaries in Mainland China out of Mainland China after reviewing certain documents, if a foreign investor intends to use its RMB proceeds from distribution by its subsidiaries in Mainland China, the foreign investor may open a RMB re-investment account to pool the RMB proceeds, and the parties in Mainland China selling stake in domestic enterprises to foreign investors can open RMB accounts and receive the purchase price in RMB paid by foreign investors. The PBOC RMB FDI Measures also state that the foreign debt quota of a foreign invested enterprise constitutes its RMB debt and foreign currency debt from its offshore shareholders, offshore affiliates and offshore financial institutions, and a foreign invested enterprise may open a RMB account to receive its RMB proceeds borrowed offshore by submitting the RMB loan contract to the commercial bank and make repayments of principal of and interest on such debt in RMB by submitting certain documents as required to the commercial bank.

On 14th June 2012, the PBOC promulgated the “Notice on Implementation Rules of Renminbi settlement in Relation to Foreign Direct Investment” (中國人民銀行關於明確外商直接投資人民幣結算業務操作細則的通知) which stipulated detailed provisions on the PBOC FDI Measures.

On 19th November 2012, the SAFE promulgated the Circular on Further Improving and Adjusting the Foreign Exchange Administration Policies on Direct Investment (國家外匯管理局關於進一步改進和調整直接投資外匯管理政策的通知) (the “SAFE Circular on DI”), which became effective on 17th December 2012. According to the SAFE Circular on DI, the SAFE removes or adjusts certain administrative licensing items with regard to foreign exchange administration over direct investments to promote investment, including the abrogation of SAFE approval for opening of and payment into foreign exchange accounts under direct investment accounts, the abrogation of SAFE approval for reinvestment with legal income generated within Mainland China of foreign investors, the simplification of the administration of foreign exchange reinvestments by foreign investment companies, and the abrogation of SAFE approval for purchase and external payment of foreign exchange under direct investment accounts.

On 3rd December 2013, MOFCOM issued the Circular on Relevant Issues with regard to Cross-border, RMB Direct Investment (商務部關於跨境人民幣直接投資有關問題的公告) (the “MOFCOM RMB FDI Circular”), which became effective on 1st January 2014, which replaced the Notice on Issues in relation to Cross-border Renminbi Foreign Direct Investment (商務部關於跨境人民幣直接投資有關問題的通知) promulgated by MOFCOM on 12th October 2011 (the “2011 MOFCOM Circular”). Pursuant to the MOFCOM RMB FDI Circular, the preliminary approval by the provincial counterpart of MOFCOM and the consent of MOFCOM for exceptional cases of foreign direct investments made in RMB under the 2011 MOFCOM Circular are no longer required. The MOFCOM RMB FDI Circular also removed the approval requirement for foreign investors who intend to change the currency of their existing capital contribution from a foreign currency to RMB. The MOFCOM RMB FDI Circular also prohibits the investment, either direct or indirect, of the proceeds of RMB FDI cannot in securities or financial derivatives (except for the strategic investment in Mainland China domestic listed companies) and entrusted loans in Mainland China.

According to the 2015 PBOC Circular, qualified multinational enterprise groups can extend Renminbi-denominated loans to, or borrow Renminbi-denominated loans from, eligible offshore member entities within the same group by leveraging the cash pooling arrangements. The Renminbi funds will be placed in a special deposit account and may not be used to invest in stocks, financial derivatives or non-self-use real estates, or to purchase wealth management products or extend loans to enterprises outside the group. Enterprises within the Shanghai FTZ may establish another cash pool under the Shanghai FTZ rules to extend inter-company loans, although Renminbi funds obtained from financing activities may not be pooled under this arrangement. Enterprises within the Shanghai FTZ can borrow Renminbi from offshore lenders under a pilot account-based settlement scheme within the prescribed macro prudential management limit. In addition, non-financial enterprises in the Shanghai FTZ are allowed to convert the foreign debt proceeds into Renminbi on a voluntary basis, provided that the proceeds should not be used beyond their business scope or in violation of relevant laws and regulations. Pilot schemes relating to cross-border Renminbi loans, bonds or equity investments have also been launched for, among others, enterprises in Shenzhen Qianhai, Jiangsu Kunshan and Jiangsu Suzhou Industrial Park.

On 26th January 2017, SAFE issued the Notice on Further Promoting the Reform of Foreign Exchange Administration and Improving the Examination of Authenticity and Compliance (國家外匯管理局關於進一步推進外匯管理改革完善真實合規性審核的通知 ) to further advance the reform of foreign exchange administration, such as:

- settlement of domestic foreign exchange loans is allowed for export trade in goods. A domestic institution shall repay loans with the foreign exchange funds received from export trade in goods, rather than, in principle, purchased foreign exchange;
- a debtor may directly or indirectly repatriate the funds under guarantee and use them domestically by, among others, granting loans and making equity investment domestically. Where a bank performs its guarantee obligation under overseas loans with a domestic guarantee, the relevant foreign exchange settlement and sale shall be managed as the bank's own foreign exchange settlement and sale;
- the deposits absorbed by a domestic bank through its principal international foreign exchange account and allowed to be used domestically shall be no more than 100% of the average daily deposit balance in the previous six months as opposed to the former 50%; and the funds used domestically shall not be included in the bank's outstanding short-term external debt quota;
- allowing foreign exchange settlement in the domestic foreign exchange accounts of overseas institutions within pilot free trade zones: where funds are repatriated and used domestically after settlement, a domestic bank shall, under the relevant provisions on cross-border transactions, handle such funds by examining the valid commercial documents and vouchers of domestic institutions and domestic individuals; and

- where a domestic institution grants overseas loans, the total of the balance of overseas loans granted in domestic currency and the balance of overseas loans granted in foreign currency shall not exceed 30% of owner's equity in the audited financial statements of the previous year.

The measures and circulars referred to above will be subject to interpretation and application by the relevant authorities in Mainland China. Further, if any new regulations are promulgated in the future which have the effect of permitting or restricting (as the case may be) the remittance of Renminbi for payment of transactions categorised as capital account items, then such remittances will need to be made subject to the specific requirements or restrictions set out in such rules.

# Taxation

*The following is a general description of certain tax considerations relating to the Notes and is based on law and relevant interpretations thereof in effect as at the date of this Offering Circular, all of which are subject to change, and does not constitute legal or taxation advice. It does not purport to be a complete analysis of all tax considerations relating to the Notes. Prospective holders of Notes who are in any doubt as to their tax position or who may be subject to tax in a jurisdiction are advised to consult their own professional advisers.*

## Hong Kong Taxation

### *Withholding Tax*

No withholding tax is payable in Hong Kong in respect of payments of principal or interest on the Notes or in respect of any capital gains arising from the sale of the Notes.

### *Profits Tax*

Hong Kong profits tax is chargeable on every person carrying on a trade, profession or business in Hong Kong in respect of profits arising in or derived from Hong Kong from such trade, profession or business (excluding profits arising from the sale of capital assets).

Interest on the Notes may be deemed to be profits arising in or derived from Hong Kong from a trade, profession or business carried on in Hong Kong in the following circumstances:

- (i) interest on the Notes is derived from Hong Kong and is received by or accrues to a corporation carrying on a trade, profession or business in Hong Kong;
- (ii) interest on the Notes is derived from Hong Kong and is received by or accrues to a person, other than a corporation, carrying on a trade, profession or business in Hong Kong and is in respect of the funds of that trade, profession or business;
- (iii) interest on the Notes is received by or accrues to a financial institution (as defined in the Inland Revenue Ordinance (Cap. 112 of the Laws of Hong Kong) (the “IRO”)) and arises through or from the carrying on by the financial institution of its business in Hong Kong, notwithstanding that the moneys in respect of which the interest is received or accrues are made available outside Hong Kong; or
- (iv) interest on the Notes is received by or accrues to a corporation, other than a financial institution, and arises through or from the carrying on in Hong Kong by the corporation of its intra-group financing business (within the meaning of section 16(3) of the IRO).

Sums received by or accrued to a financial institution by way of gains or profits arising through or from the carrying on by the financial institution of its business in Hong Kong from the sale, disposal or redemption of Bearer Notes will be subject to profits tax.



Sums derived from the sale, disposal or redemption of Bearer Notes will be subject to Hong Kong profits tax where received by or accrued to a person, other than a corporation, who carries on a trade, profession or business in Hong Kong and the sum has a Hong Kong source unless otherwise exempted.

Sums received by or accrued to a corporation carrying on a trade, profession or business in Hong Kong by way of gains or profits arising in or derived from Hong Kong from the sale, disposal or redemption of Bearer Notes may be deemed to be profits arising in or derived from Hong Kong from a trade, profession or business carried on in Hong Kong.

Sums received by or accrued to a corporation (other than a financial institution) by way of gains or profits arising through or from the carrying on in Hong Kong by the corporation of its intra-group financing business (within the meaning of section 16(3) of the IRO) from the sale, disposal or redemption of Bearer Notes will be subject to Hong Kong profits tax. Similarly, such sums in respect of Registered Notes received by or accrued to either the aforementioned person and/or a corporation will be subject to Hong Kong profits tax if such sums have a Hong Kong source. The source of such sums will generally be determined by having regard to the manner in which the Notes are acquired and disposed.

In addition, with effect from 1st January 2024, pursuant to various foreign-sourced income exemption legislation in Hong Kong (the “FSIE Amendments”), certain specified foreign-sourced income (including interest, dividend, disposal gain and intellectual property income, in each case, arising in or derived from a territory outside Hong Kong) accrued to an MNE entity (as defined in the FSIE Amendments) carrying on a trade, profession or business in Hong Kong is regarded as arising in or derived from Hong Kong and subject to Hong Kong profits tax when it is received in Hong Kong. The FSIE Amendments also provide for relief against double taxation in respect of certain foreign-sourced income and transitional matters.

In certain circumstances, Hong Kong profits tax exemptions (such as concessionary tax rates) may be available. Investors are advised to consult their own tax advisors to ascertain the applicability of any exemptions to their individual position.

#### *Stamp Duty*

Stamp duty may be payable on the issue of Bearer Notes if they are issued in Hong Kong. Stamp duty will not be payable on the issue of Bearer Notes provided either:

- (i) such Bearer Notes are denominated in a currency other than the currency of Hong Kong and are not repayable in any circumstances in the currency of Hong Kong; or
- (ii) such Bearer Notes constitute loan capital (as defined in the Stamp Duty Ordinance (Cap. 117 of the Laws of Hong Kong) (the “SDO”)).

If stamp duty is payable it is payable by the relevant Issuer on issue of Bearer Notes at a rate of 3 per cent. of the market value of the Bearer Notes at the time of issue.

No stamp duty will be payable on any subsequent transfer of Bearer Notes.

No stamp duty is payable on the issue of Registered Notes. Stamp duty may be payable on any transfer of Registered Notes if the relevant transfer is required to be registered in Hong Kong. Stamp duty will, however, not be payable on any transfers of Registered Notes provided either:

- (i) the Registered Notes are denominated in a currency other than the currency of Hong Kong and are not repayable in any circumstances in the currency of Hong Kong; or
- (ii) the Registered Notes constitute loan capital (as defined in the SDO).

If stamp duty is payable in respect of the transfer of Registered Notes it will be payable at the rate of 0.2 per cent. (of which 0.1 per cent. is payable by the seller and 0.1 per cent. is payable by the purchaser) normally by reference to the value of the consideration. If, in the case of either the sale or purchase of such Registered Notes, stamp duty is not paid, both the seller and the purchaser may be liable jointly and severally to pay any unpaid stamp duty and also any penalties for late payment. If stamp duty is not paid on or before the due date (two days after the sale or purchase if effected in Hong Kong or 30 days if effected elsewhere) a penalty of up to 10 times the duty payable may be imposed. In addition, stamp duty is payable at the fixed rate of HK\$5 on each instrument of transfer executed in relation to any transfer of the Registered Notes if the relevant transfer is required to be registered in Hong Kong.

### **Cayman Islands Taxation**

The Cayman Islands currently have no exchange control restrictions and no income, corporate or capital gains tax, estate duty, inheritance tax, gift tax or withholding tax applicable to the relevant Issuer, (where MTR Cayman is the relevant Issuer) the Guarantor or any holder of Notes. Accordingly, payment of principal of (including any premium) and interest on, and any transfer or conversion of the securities will not be subject to taxation in the Cayman Islands, no Cayman Islands withholding tax will be required on such payments to any holder of a security and gains derived from the sale of securities will not be subject to Cayman Islands capital gains tax. The Cayman Islands are not party to a double taxation treaty with any country that is applicable to any payments made to or by MTR Cayman.

MTR Cayman has received an undertaking dated 28th September 2020 from the Cabinet Office of the Cayman Islands pursuant to the Tax Concessions Act (As Revised) of the Cayman Islands, that for a period of 20 years from the date of the undertaking, no law which is thereafter enacted in the Cayman Islands imposing any tax to be levied on profits, income, gains or appreciations shall apply to MTR Cayman or its operations and, in addition, that no tax to be levied on profits, income, gains or appreciations or which is in the nature of estate duty or inheritance tax shall be payable (i) on or in respect of the shares, debentures or other obligations of MTR Cayman or (ii) by way of the withholding in whole or in part of any relevant payment as defined in the Tax Concessions Act (As Revised) of the Cayman Islands.

No stamp duties or similar taxes or charges are payable under the laws of the Cayman Islands in respect of the execution and issue of the Notes unless they are executed in or brought (for example, for

the purposes of enforcement) into the jurisdiction of the Cayman Islands, in which case stamp duty of 0.25% of the face amount thereof is payable on each Note (up to a maximum of C.I.\$250 (approximately US\$305)) unless stamp duty of C.I.\$500 (approximately US\$610) has been paid in respect of the entire issue of each Tranche. An instrument of transfer in respect of a Note if executed in or brought within the jurisdiction of the Cayman Islands will attract a Cayman Islands stamp duty of C.I.\$100 (approximately US\$122).

## Subscription and Sale

Subject to the terms and conditions contained in the Programme Agreement dated 28th October 2016 (as supplemented by a First Supplemental Programme Agreement dated 30th October 2017, a Second Supplemental Programme Agreement dated 30th October 2018, a Third Supplemental Programme Agreement dated 31st October 2019, a Fourth Supplemental Programme Agreement dated 30th October 2020, a Fifth Supplemental Programme Agreement dated 29th October 2021, a Sixth Supplemental Programme Agreement dated 31st October 2022, a Seventh Supplemental Programme Agreement dated 31st October 2023 and an Eighth Supplemental Programme Agreement dated 31st October 2024 and as further amended, supplemented, novated or restated from time to time) (the “Programme Agreement”) between MTRCL, MTR Cayman and Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited, Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited, Barclays Bank PLC, BNP Paribas, Citigroup Global Markets Limited, Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank, Deutsche Bank AG, Hong Kong Branch, Goldman Sachs (Asia) L.L.C., The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, J.P. Morgan Securities (Asia Pacific) Limited, Merrill Lynch (Asia Pacific) Limited, Mizuho Securities Asia Limited, Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc, MUFG Securities EMEA plc, SMBC Nikko Securities (Hong Kong) Limited, Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited, UBS AG Hong Kong Branch and United Overseas Bank Limited (together with any further financial institution appointed as a dealer under the Programme Agreement, the “Dealers”), the Issuers may agree to issue and the Dealers may agree to purchase or procure purchasers for Notes. The Programme Agreement also provides for Notes to be issued in Tranches which are jointly and severally underwritten by two or more Dealers or such purchasers.

The relevant Issuer failing whom the Guarantor (if applicable) will pay a Dealer a commission in respect of Notes subscribed by it. The Issuers and the Guarantor have agreed, pursuant to the Programme Agreement, to reimburse the Dealers for certain expenses.

Each of the Issuers and the Guarantor has agreed to indemnify the Dealers against certain liabilities in connection with the offer and sale of the Notes. The Programme Agreement may be terminated in relation to all the Dealers or any of them by the Issuers or, in relation to itself and the Issuers only, by any Dealer, at any time on giving not less than ten business days’ notice.

The Dealers and certain of their affiliates may have performed certain investment banking and advisory services for the Company and/or its respective affiliates from time to time for which they have received customary fees and expenses and may, from time to time, engage in transactions with and perform services for the Company and/or its respective affiliates in the ordinary course of their business. In the ordinary course of their various business activities, the Arranger, Dealers and their affiliates may make or hold (on their own account, on behalf of clients or in their capacity of investment advisers) a broad array of investments and actively trade debt and equity securities (or related derivative securities) and financial instruments (including bank loans) for their own account and for the accounts of their customers and may at any time hold long and short positions in such securities and instruments and enter into other transactions, including credit derivatives (such as asset swaps, repackaging and credit default swaps) in relation thereto. Such transactions, investments and

securities activities may involve securities and instruments of the Issuer or its subsidiaries, jointly controlled entities or associated companies, including Notes issued under the Programme, may be entered into at the same time or proximate to offers and sales of Notes or at other times in the secondary market and be carried out with counterparties that are also purchasers, holders or sellers of Notes.

The Dealers and certain of their respective affiliates may purchase the Notes and be allocated Notes for asset management and/or proprietary purposes and not with a view to distribution. Such persons do not intend to disclose the extent of any such investment or transactions otherwise than in accordance with any legal or regulatory obligation to do so.

**Notice to capital market intermediaries and prospective investors pursuant to paragraph 21 of the Hong Kong SFC Code of Conduct – Important Notice to CMIs (including private banks):** This notice to CMIs (including private banks) is a summary of certain obligations the Code imposes on CMIs, which require the attention and cooperation of other CMIs (including private banks). Certain CMIs may also be acting as OCs for the relevant CMI Offering and are subject to additional requirements under the Code. The application of these obligations will depend on the role(s) undertaken by the relevant Dealer(s) in respect of each CMI Offering.

Prospective investors who are the directors, employees or major shareholders of the relevant Issuer, the Guarantor, a CMI or its group companies would be considered under the Code as having an Association with the relevant Issuer, the Guarantor, the CMI or the relevant group company. CMIs should specifically disclose whether their investor clients have any Association when submitting orders for the relevant Notes. In addition, private banks should take all reasonable steps to identify whether their investor clients may have any Associations with the relevant Issuer, the Guarantor or any CMI (including its group companies) and inform the Dealers participating in the relevant CMI Offering (“Relevant Dealers”) accordingly.

CMIs are informed that, unless otherwise notified, the marketing and investor targeting strategy for each relevant CMI Offering includes institutional investors, sovereign wealth funds, pension funds, hedge funds, family offices and high net worth individuals, in each case, subject to the selling restrictions and any MiFID II product governance language or any UK MiFIR product governance language set out elsewhere in this Offering Circular and/or the applicable Pricing Supplement.

CMIs should ensure that orders placed are bona fide, are not inflated and do not constitute duplicated orders (i.e. two or more corresponding or identical orders placed via two or more CMIs). CMIs should enquire with their investor clients regarding any orders which appear unusual or irregular. CMIs should disclose the identities of all investors when submitting orders for the relevant Notes (except for omnibus orders where underlying investor information may need to be provided to any OCs when submitting orders). Failure to provide underlying investor information for omnibus orders, where required to do so, may result in that order being rejected. CMIs should not place “X-orders” into the order book.

CMIs should segregate and clearly identify their own proprietary orders (and those of their group companies, including private banks as the case may be) in the order book and book messages.

CMIs (including private banks) should not offer any rebates to prospective investors or pass on any rebates provided by the relevant Issuer and the Guarantor. In addition, CMIs (including private banks) should not enter into arrangements which may result in prospective investors paying different prices for the relevant Notes. CMIs are informed that a private bank rebate may be payable as stated in this Offering Circular and in the applicable Pricing Supplement, or otherwise notified to prospective investors.

The Code requires that a CMI disclose complete and accurate information in a timely manner on the status of the order book and other relevant information it receives to targeted investors for them to make an informed decision. In order to do this, those Relevant Dealers in control of the order book should consider disclosing order book updates to all CMIs.

When placing an order for the relevant Notes, private banks should disclose, at the same time, if such order is placed other than on a “principal” basis (whereby it is deploying its own balance sheet for onward selling to investors). Private banks who do not provide such disclosure are hereby deemed to be placing their order on such a “principal” basis. Otherwise, such order may be considered to be an omnibus order pursuant to the Code. Private banks should be aware that placing an order on a “principal” basis may require the relevant affiliated Dealer(s) (if any) to categorise it as a proprietary order and apply the “proprietary orders” requirements of the Code to such order and will result in that private bank not being entitled to, and not being paid, any rebate.

In relation to omnibus orders, when submitting such orders, CMIs (including private banks) that are subject to the Code should disclose the relevant underlying investor information in respect of each order constituting the relevant omnibus order (failure to provide such information may result in that order being rejected). Underlying investor information in relation to omnibus orders should consist of:

- The name of each underlying investor;
- A unique identification number for each investor;
- Whether an underlying investor has any “Associations” (as used in the Code);
- Whether any underlying investor order is a “Proprietary Order” (as used in the Code); and
- Whether any underlying investor order is a duplicate order.

Underlying investor information in relation to omnibus order should be sent to the Managers named in the relevant Pricing Supplement.

To the extent information being disclosed by CMIs and investors is personal and/or confidential in nature, CMIs (including private banks) agree and warrant: (A) to take appropriate steps to safeguard the transmission of such information to any OCs; and (B) that they have obtained the necessary consents from the underlying investors to disclose such information to any OCs. By submitting an order and providing such information to any OCs, each CMI (including private banks) further warrants that they and the underlying investors have understood and consented to the collection, disclosure, use and transfer of such information by any OCs and/or any other third parties as may be required by the Code, including to the relevant Issuer, the Guarantor, relevant regulators and/or any other third parties as may be required by the Code, for the purpose of complying with the Code, during the bookbuilding process for the relevant CMI Offering. CMIs that receive such underlying investor information are reminded that such information should be used only for submitting orders in the relevant CMI Offering. The Relevant Dealers may be asked to demonstrate compliance with their obligations under the Code, and may request other CMIs (including private banks) to provide evidence showing compliance with the obligations above (in particular, that the necessary consents have been obtained). In such event, other CMIs (including private banks) are required to provide the Relevant Dealers with such evidence within the timeline requested.

## **United States**

The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act and may not be offered or sold within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, US persons except in accordance with Regulation S under the Securities Act, or in certain transactions exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act. Terms used in this paragraph and the following two paragraphs have the meanings given to them by Regulation S under the Securities Act.

The Notes are being offered and sold outside the United States to non-US persons in reliance on Regulation S.

In addition, the Programme Agreement provides that the Dealers may directly or through their respective affiliates arrange for a placing of Notes in registered form in the United States to qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act ("Rule 144A"). Prospective investors are hereby notified that the Dealers may be relying on the exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act provided by Rule 144A.

Each Dealer has represented and agreed that, except as permitted by the Programme Agreement, it has not offered, sold or delivered and will not offer, sell or deliver Notes of any Tranche, (i) as part of their distribution at any time or (ii) otherwise until 40 days after completion of the distribution of such Tranche as determined, and certified to the relevant Dealer, by the Agent or, in the case of a syndicated issue, the lead manager of such issue, within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, US persons, and at or prior to confirmation of sale of the Notes it will have sent to each distributor, dealer or person receiving a selling concession, fee or other remuneration to which it sells Notes during the distribution compliance period (other than pursuant to Rule 144A) a confirmation or other notice setting forth the restrictions on offers and sales of the Notes within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, US persons.



In addition, until 40 days after the commencement of the offering, an offer or sale of Notes within the United States by a dealer (whether or not participating in the offering) may violate the registration requirements of the Securities Act if such offer or sale is made otherwise than in accordance with Rule 144A under the Securities Act.

In addition to and independent of the above described Securities Act restrictions, Notes in bearer form are subject to US tax law restrictions and may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States or its possessions or to a US person, except in certain transactions permitted by US tax regulations.

Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by the US Internal Revenue Code and regulations thereunder.

Each issuance of Index-Linked Notes shall be subject to such additional US selling restrictions as the relevant Dealer(s) shall agree with the relevant Issuer as a term of the issuance and purchase or, as the case may be, subscription of such Notes. Each Dealer agrees that it shall offer, sell and deliver such Notes only in compliance with such additional US selling restrictions.

The relevant Issuer may agree with one or more Dealers for such Dealer(s) to arrange for the sale of Notes under procedures and restrictions designed to allow such sales to be exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act.

### **Prohibition of Sales to EEA Retail Investors**

Each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that it has not offered, sold or otherwise made available and will not offer, sell or otherwise make available any Notes which are the subject of the offering contemplated by the Offering Circular as completed by the Pricing Supplement in relation thereto to any retail investor in the European Economic Area. For the purposes of this provision:

- (a) the expression “retail investor” means a person who is one (or more) of the following:
  - (i) a retail client as defined in point (11) of Article 4(1) of Directive 2014/65/EU (as amended, “MiFID II”); or
  - (ii) a customer within the meaning of Directive (EU) 2016/97 (as amended, the “Insurance Distribution Directive”), where that customer would not qualify as a professional client as defined in point (10) of Article 4(1) of MiFID II; or
  - (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 (as amended, the “Prospectus Regulation”); and
- (b) the expression “offer” includes the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the Notes to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe for the Notes.

## United Kingdom

### *Prohibition of Sales to UK Retail Investors*

Each Dealer represents and agrees, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that it has not offered, sold or otherwise made available and will not offer, sell or otherwise make available any Notes which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this Offering Circular as completed by the applicable Pricing Supplement in relation thereto to any retail investor in the United Kingdom. For the purposes of this provision:

- (a) the expression “retail investor” means a person who is one (or more) of the following:
  - (i) a retail client as defined in point (8) of Article 2 of Regulation (EU) No 2017/565 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (“EUWA”); or
  - (ii) a customer within the meaning of the provisions of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (“FSMA”) and any rules or regulations made under the FSMA to implement the Insurance Distribution Directive, where that customer would not qualify as a professional client, as defined in point (8) of Article 2(1) of Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA; or
  - (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in Article 2 of the Prospectus Regulation as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA; and
- (b) the expression an “offer” includes the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the Notes to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe for the Notes.

### *Other Regulatory Restrictions*

Each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that:

- (i) with respect to any Notes which have a maturity of less than one year, (a) it is a person whose ordinary activities involve it in acquiring, holding, managing or disposing of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of its business, and (b) it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell any such Notes other than to persons whose ordinary activities involve them in acquiring, holding, managing or disposing of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of their businesses or who it is reasonable to expect will acquire, hold, manage or dispose of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of their businesses where the issue of the Notes would otherwise constitute a contravention of section 19 of the FSMA by the relevant Issuer;
- (ii) it has only communicated or caused to be communicated and will only communicate or cause to be communicated any invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the

meaning of section 21 of the FSMA) received by it in connection with the issue or sale of such Notes in circumstances in which section 21(1) of the FSMA does not apply to the relevant Issuer or the Guarantor; and

- (iii) it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to such Notes in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

## **Hong Kong**

In relation to each Tranche of Notes to be issued by an Issuer under the Programme, each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that:

- (i) it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell in Hong Kong, by means of any document, any Notes except for Notes which are a “structured product” as defined in the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong) (the “Securities and Futures Ordinance”) other than (a) to “professional investors” as defined in the Securities and Futures Ordinance and any rules made under that Ordinance; or (b) in other circumstances which do not result in the document being a “prospectus” as defined in the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance (Cap. 32 of the Laws of Hong Kong) or which do not constitute an offer to the public within the meaning of that Ordinance; and
- (ii) it has not issued or had in its possession for the purposes of issue, and will not issue or have in its possession for the purposes of issue, whether in Hong Kong or elsewhere, any advertisement, invitation or document relating to the Notes, which is directed at, or the contents of which are likely to be accessed or read by, the public of Hong Kong (except if permitted to do so under the securities laws of Hong Kong) other than with respect to Notes which are or are intended to be disposed of only to persons outside Hong Kong or only to “professional investors” as defined in the Securities and Futures Ordinance and any rules made under that Ordinance.

For the purposes of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Listing Rules”), the Notes to be listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange will only be offered to Professional Investors. The Dealers reserve the right to withdraw, cancel or modify such offer without notice and to reject any order in whole or in part.

## **Cayman Islands**

Each Dealer has represented and agreed that no invitation may be made by or on behalf of MTR Cayman to the public in the Cayman Islands to subscribe any Notes.

## **Japan**

The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act of Japan (Act No. 25 of 1948, as amended) (the “FIEA”). Each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that it has not, directly or indirectly, offered or sold and will not, directly or indirectly, offer or sell any Notes in

Japan or to, or for the benefit of, any person resident in Japan (as defined under Item 5, Paragraph 1, Article 6 of the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act (Act No. 228 of 1949, as amended)), including any corporation or other entity organised under the laws of Japan, or to others for re-offering or re-sale, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, any person resident in Japan, except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of, and otherwise in compliance with, the FIEA and any applicable laws, regulations and governmental guidelines of Japan.

## **Singapore**

Each of the Dealers has acknowledged, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to acknowledge, that this Offering Circular has not been registered as a prospectus with the Monetary Authority of Singapore.

Unless the Pricing Supplement in respect of any Notes specifies “Singapore Sales to Institutional Investors and Accredited Investors only” as “Not Applicable”, each of the Dealers has represented and agreed and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that it has not offered or sold any Notes or caused the Notes to be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase and will not offer or sell any Notes or cause the Notes to be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase, and has not circulated or distributed, nor will it circulate or distribute, this Offering Circular or any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale, or invitation for subscription or purchase, of the Notes, whether directly or indirectly, to any person in Singapore other than (i) to an institutional investor (as defined under Section 4A of the Securities and Futures Act 2001 of Singapore, as modified or amended from time to time including by any subsidiary legislation as may be applicable at the relevant time (together, the “SFA”)) pursuant to Section 274 of the SFA or (ii) to an accredited investor (as defined in Section 4A of the SFA) pursuant to, and in accordance with the conditions specified in, Section 275 of the SFA.

If the Pricing Supplement in respect of any Notes specifies “Singapore Sales to Institutional Investors and Accredited Investors only” as “Not Applicable”, each of the Dealers has represented and agreed and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that it has not offered or sold any Notes or caused the Notes to be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase and will not offer or sell any Notes or cause the Notes to be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase, and has not circulated or distributed, nor will it circulate or distribute, this Offering Circular or any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale, or invitation for subscription or purchase, of the Notes, whether directly or indirectly, to any person in Singapore other than (i) to an institutional investor (as defined under Section 4A of the SFA) pursuant to Section 274 of the SFA, (ii) to a relevant person (as defined in Section 275(2) of the SFA) pursuant to Section 275(1) of the SFA, or any person pursuant to Section 275(1A) of the SFA, and in accordance with the conditions specified in Section 275 of the SFA or (iii) otherwise pursuant to, and in accordance with the conditions of, any other applicable provision of the SFA.

## **General**

Each Dealer has acknowledged that no representation is made by the Issuers or any Dealer that any action has been or will be taken in any country or jurisdiction by the Issuers or any Dealer that would

permit a public offering of the Notes, or possession or distribution of this Offering Circular or any other offering material or any Pricing Supplement, in any country or jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required. Each Dealer has agreed that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations in each country or jurisdiction in which it subscribes, purchases, offers, sells or delivers Notes or has in its possession or distributes this Offering Circular or any other offering material or any Pricing Supplement, in all cases at its own expense.

These selling restrictions may be modified by the agreement of the Issuers and the Dealers following a change in a relevant law, regulation or directive. Any such modification will be set out in the Pricing Supplement issued in respect of the issue of Notes to which it relates or in a supplement to this Offering Circular.

If a jurisdiction requires that the offering be made by a licensed broker or dealer and a Dealer or any affiliate of such Dealer is a licensed broker or dealer in that jurisdiction, the offering shall be deemed to be made by that Dealer or such affiliate on behalf of the Issuers in such jurisdiction.

Save as specified in “General Information”, no action has been taken in any jurisdiction that would permit a public offering of any of the Notes, or possession or distribution of this Offering Circular or any other offering material or any Pricing Supplement, in any country or jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required.

## **General Information**

### **Listing**

Application has been made to the Hong Kong Stock Exchange for the listing of the Programme under which Notes may be issued by way of debt issues to Professional Investors only during the 12-month period after the date of this Offering Circular on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. Separate application will be made for the listing of, and permission to deal in, the Notes to be issued under the Programme on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

The issue price of Notes listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange will be expressed as a percentage of their principal amount. Transactions will normally be effected for settlement in the relevant currency and for delivery by the end of the second trading day after the date of the transaction. It is expected that Notes which are to be listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange will be listed separately as and when issued and that dealings in a particular issue of Notes will commence on or about the date one business day after the date of publication of the formal notice in relation to such issue. Notes may also be listed on other stock exchanges.

### **Authorisations**

The establishment of the Programme and the issue of Notes under the Programme were duly authorised by a resolution of the Board of Directors of MTRC on 2nd July 1993.

The accession of MTR Cayman as an issuer under the Programme was duly authorised by a resolution of the Board of Directors of MTR Cayman on 2nd April 2001. The accession of MTR Cayman as an issuer under, and the irrevocable and unconditional guarantee by MTRCL of any Notes issued by MTR Cayman pursuant to, the Programme was duly authorised by resolutions of the Board of Directors of MTRCL on 2nd November 2000.

The annual update of the Programme was authorised by a resolution of the Board of Directors of MTRCL on 8th October 2024 and by a resolution of the Board of Directors of MTR Cayman on 8th October 2024.

### **Auditors and Financial Statements**

KPMG, Certified Public Accountants registered in Hong Kong and independent auditors of MTRCL, have audited the consolidated annual financial statements of MTRCL and its subsidiaries for the years ended 31st December 2023 and 31st December 2022 without qualification in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in Hong Kong. KPMG have audited the annual financial statements of MTR Cayman for the years ended 31st December 2023 and 31st December 2022 without qualification in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in Hong Kong.

## **Euroclear, Clearstream and CMU**

The Notes have been accepted for clearance through the Euroclear and Clearstream systems (which are the entities in charge of keeping the records). The common code and ISIN for each Note allocated by Euroclear and Clearstream will be contained in the applicable Pricing Supplement. Transactions will normally be effected for settlement not earlier than three days after the date of the transaction. The Issuers may also apply to have Notes accepted for clearance through the CMU. Where Notes are to be lodged in CMU, the relevant CMU instrument number allocated by CMU will be contained in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

## **Legal Entity Identifier**

The legal entity identifier code of MTR Corporation Limited is 254900IH4U9NHH9AQM97 and the legal entity identifier code of MTR Corporation (C.I.) Limited is 254900SEVE6JAZLGDW04.

## **Legend on Notes in Bearer Form**

Notes in bearer form, including the Global Notes and Definitive Bearer Notes, having a maturity of more than one year, and any Receipt, Coupon and Talon related thereto, will bear the following legend:

“Any United States person who holds this obligation will be subject to limitations under the United States income tax laws, including the limitations provided in Sections 165(j) and 1287(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.”

## **Litigation and Governmental Proceedings**

- (i) MTRCL has lodged objections and appeals relating to the Rates and Government rent assessments made by the Commissioner of Rating and Valuation in respect of the operational system and advertising, commercial telecommunications tenements and various development sites, which are pending.
- (ii) Since the Rail Merger in 2007, MTRCL has claimed annual Hong Kong profits tax deductions in respect of the amortisation of upfront payment and cut-over liabilities, and fixed annual payments and variable annual payments relating to the Rail Merger (collectively “the Sums”) The total tax amount in respect of the Sums for the years of tax assessment from 2007/2008 to the first six months of 2024/2025 amounted to HK\$5.4 billion. As disclosed in previous years:
  - (a) The Inland Revenue Department of Hong Kong (the “IRD”) issued notices of profits tax assessments/additional profits tax assessments for the years of assessment from 2009/2010 to 2017/2018 disallowing deduction of the Sums in the computation of MTRCL’s assessable profits. Based on the strength of advice from the external legal counsels and tax advisor, MTRCL has lodged objections against these tax assessments (regarding the deductibility of the Sums) and has applied to hold over the additional tax demanded. The IRD has agreed to the holdover of the additional tax demanded subject to the purchases of tax reserve certificates (“TRCs”) amounting to HK\$2.3 billion. MTRCL has purchased the required TRCs and the additional tax demanded has been held over by IRD. The purchases of TRCs do not prejudice the Company’s tax position and the purchased TRCs were included in “Debtors and other receivables” in the Group’s consolidated statement of financial position.



- (b) On 20th May 2022, the Commissioner of Inland Revenue issued a determination to MTRCL disagreeing with the objections lodged by MTRCL and confirming profits tax assessment/additional profits tax assessments in respect of the Sums in dispute for the years of assessment from 2011/2012 to 2017/2018 (i.e. holding that the Sums are not deductible in the computation of MTRCL's assessable profits for those years of assessment). MTRCL re-affirmed the case with the external legal counsel who advised MTRCL previously and the tax advisor, and obtained further advice from another external legal counsel. Based on the advice from the external legal counsel and its tax advisor, the directors of MTRCL believe that MTRCL has strong legal grounds and have determined to contest and appeal against the assessments for the years of assessment from 2011/2012 to 2017/2018. Accordingly, MTRCL lodged a notice of appeal to the Inland Revenue Board of Review on 16th June 2022.
- (c) After discussing with the external legal counsel and its tax advisor on the approach to the appeal, the Company decided not to pursue its deduction claims in respect of the amortisation of upfront payment and cut-over liabilities during the opening submission before Board of Review. As the Company had already made the related tax provision for the amortisation of upfront payment and cut-over liabilities in the past years taking into account the uncertainty in their tax deductibility, no additional tax provision is required.

The total tax amount in respect of the Sums for the years of tax assessment from 2007/2008 to the first six months of 2024/2025 amounted to HK\$5.4 billion. As of 30th June 2024, the related tax provision made for the amortisation of upfront payment and cut-over liabilities amounted to HK\$0.2 billion. The hearing of appeal was held before the Board of Review in early 2024. On 6th August 2024, the Board of Review has issued the Board of Review Decision and has disagreed with the deduction claims of the fixed annual payments and variable annual payments for the years of assessment from 2011/2012 to 2017/2018. It confirmed the relevant profits tax assessment/additional profits tax assessments in respect of the fixed annual payments and variable annual payments being non-tax deductible. The Company conferred with external legal counsel and its tax advisor and the initial advice obtained was that the Company continued to have strong legal grounds to support its position. As such, as of the date of the interim financial report, no additional tax provision has been made. The Company, external legal counsel and its tax advisor have completed their review of the Board of Review Decision and the advice obtained continues to be that the Company has strong legal grounds to support its position. Based on the strength of advice from external legal counsel and its tax advisor, on 4th September 2024, the Company lodged an application to the Court of First Instance of the High Court of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region for leave to appeal against the Board of Review Decision.

- (iii) A collective action has been launched against several train operators in the United Kingdom, including SWR, an associate of the Group. The action alleges that the train operators breached the competition law by abusing their dominant positions. Specifically, the plaintiff claims that the operators failed to make sufficiently available a specific type of tickets offering "boundary fares" to Travelcard holders, resulting in double-charging the affected passengers for part of their journeys. Court trials for the action will be split into three separate stages, with the first trial

completed in July 2024, with the judgement expected in the second half of 2024. Whilst the Company is not separately named in the action, it is a 30% shareholder in the SWR. It is not possible at this time to predict with certainty what liability, if any, the Company might have in respect of this collective action.

- (iv) Other than as disclosed in (i), (ii) and (iii) above and in the sub-sections headed The “Guangzhou – Shenzhen – Hong Kong” High Speed Rail (Hong Kong Section)” and “Shatin to Central Link Project” in the section headed “MTR Corporation Limited” of this Offering Circular, there are no governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings (including any such proceedings which are pending or threatened of which MTRCL or any of its subsidiaries (including MTR Cayman) is aware), during a period covering at least the previous 12 months which may have, or have had in the recent past, significant effects on MTRCL’s or its subsidiaries’ (including MTR Cayman’s) financial position or profitability.

### **Significant or Material Adverse Change**

Save as disclosed in this Offering Circular, there has been no significant or material adverse change in the financial or trading position of MTRCL and its subsidiaries as a whole, or in the financial or trading position of MTR Cayman, since 31st December 2023.

### **Documents available for Collection and Inspection**

From the date hereof and for the length of the Programme, copies of the following documents will be available for collection and inspection during normal business hours from the principal office of the Agent in London, England, and the principal office of each of MTRCL and the Paying Agent in Hong Kong (as set out below):

- (1) this Offering Circular and any future prospectus, supplements and any supplementary prospectuses;
- (2) each Pricing Supplement (save that the Pricing Supplement relating to an unlisted Note will only be available for inspection by a holder of such Note and such holder must produce evidence satisfactory to the Issuer and the Agent as to its holding of Notes and identity);
- (3) the consolidated annual report and audited financial statements of MTRCL and its subsidiaries for the years ended 31st December 2022 and 31st December 2023 and the most recent unaudited consolidated interim report;
- (4) the audited financial statements of MTR Cayman for the years ended 31st December 2022 and 31st December 2023;
- (5) the latest sustainability report of MTRCL; and
- (6) the latest Sustainable Finance Framework and Sustainable Finance Report of MTRCL.

From the date hereof and for the length of the Programme, copies of the following documents will be available for inspection at the principal office of the Agent in London, England, and the principal office of each of MTRCL and the Paying Agent in Hong Kong (as set out below):

- (1) the articles of association of MTRCL;
- (2) the memorandum and articles of association of MTR Cayman;
- (3) the Mass Transit Railway Ordinance (Cap. 556 of the Laws of Hong Kong);
- (4) the Amended and Restated Trust Deed dated 7th November 2013;
- (5) the First Supplemental Trust Deed dated 30th October 2020;
- (6) the Second Supplemental Trust Deed dated 31st October 2022;
- (7) the Amended and Restated Programme Agreement dated 28th October 2016;
- (8) the First Supplemental Programme Agreement dated 30th October 2017;
- (9) the Second Supplemental Programme Agreement dated 30th October 2018;
- (10) the Third Supplemental Programme Agreement dated 31st October 2019;
- (11) the Fourth Supplemental Programme Agreement dated 30th October 2020;
- (12) the Fifth Supplemental Programme Agreement dated 29th October 2021;
- (13) the Sixth Supplemental Programme Agreement dated 31st October 2022;
- (14) the Seventh Supplemental Programme Agreement dated 31st October 2023;
- (15) the Eighth Supplemental Programme Agreement dated 31st October 2024;
- (16) the Amended and Restated Agency Agreement dated 28th October 2016 and incorporating the forms of the Global and Definitive Notes;
- (17) the First Supplemental Agency Agreement dated 30th October 2017;
- (18) the Second Supplemental Agency Agreement dated 30th October 2018;

- (19) the Third Supplemental Agency Agreement dated 31st October 2019;
- (20) the Fourth Supplemental Agency Agreement dated 30th October 2020;
- (21) the Fifth Supplemental Agency Agreement dated 29th October 2021;
- (22) the Sixth Supplemental Agency Agreement dated 31st October 2022;
- (23) the Seventh Supplemental Agency Agreement dated 31st October 2023;
- (24) the Eighth Supplemental Agency Agreement dated 31st October 2024; and
- (25) the Amended and Restated Deed of Covenant made by MTRCL (in its capacity as an Issuer and the Guarantor) and MTR Cayman on 30th October 2020.

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This document, together with the offering circular dated 31st October 2024 in relation to the Programme (the “Offering Circular”), includes particulars given in compliance with the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited for the purpose of giving information with regard to the Issuer, the Guarantor, and the Guarantor and its subsidiaries (the “Group”). The Issuer and the Guarantor accept full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in this document and confirm, having made all reasonable enquiries, that to the best of their knowledge and belief there are no other facts the omission of which would make any statement herein misleading.

**PROHIBITION OF SALES TO EEA RETAIL INVESTORS** – The Securities are not intended to be offered, sold or otherwise made available to and should not be offered, sold or otherwise made available to any retail investor in the European Economic Area (“EEA”). For these purposes, a retail investor means a person who is one (or more) of: (i) a retail client as defined in point (11) of Article 4(1) of Directive 2014/65/EU (as amended, “MiFID II”); (ii) a customer within the meaning of Directive (EU) 2016/97 (as amended, the “Insurance Distribution Directive”), where that customer would not qualify as a professional client as defined in point (10) of Article 4(1) of MiFID II; or (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 (as amended, the “Prospectus Regulation”). Consequently no key information document required by Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014 (as amended, the “PRIIPs Regulation”) for offering or selling the Securities or otherwise making them available to retail investors in the EEA has been prepared and therefore offering or selling the Securities or otherwise making them available to any retail investor in the EEA may be unlawful under the PRIIPs Regulation.

**PROHIBITION OF SALES TO UK RETAIL INVESTORS** – The Securities are not intended to be offered, sold or otherwise made available to and should not be offered, sold or otherwise made available to any retail investor in the United Kingdom (“UK”). For these purposes, a retail investor means a person who is one (or more) of: (i) a retail client as defined in point (8) of Article 2 of Regulation (EU) No 2017/565 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (“EUWA”); (ii) a customer within the meaning of the provisions of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (the “FSMA”) and any rules or regulations made under the FSMA to implement the Insurance Distribution Directive, where that customer would not qualify as a professional client as defined in point (8) of Article 2(1) of Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA; or (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in Article 2 of the Prospectus Regulation as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA. Consequently no key information document required by the PRIIPs Regulation as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA (as amended, the “UK PRIIPs Regulation”) for offering or selling the Securities or otherwise making them available to retail investors in the UK has been prepared and therefore offering or selling the Securities or otherwise making them available to any retail investor in the UK may be unlawful under the UK PRIIPs Regulation.

**MiFID II PRODUCT GOVERNANCE / PROFESSIONAL INVESTORS AND ECPs ONLY TARGET MARKET** – Solely for the purposes of the manufacturer’s product approval process, the target market assessment in respect of the Securities has led to the conclusion that: (i) the target market for the Securities is eligible counterparties and professional clients only, each as defined in MiFID II; and (ii) all channels for distribution of the Securities to eligible counterparties and professional clients are appropriate. Any person subsequently offering, selling or recommending the Securities (a “distributor”) should take into consideration the manufacturer’s target market assessment; however, a distributor subject to MiFID II is responsible for undertaking its own target market assessment in respect of the Securities (by either adopting or refining the manufacturer’s target market assessment) and determining appropriate distribution channels.

**MTR CORPORATION (C.I.) LIMITED (as Issuer)**

(a company with limited liability organised under the laws of the Cayman Islands on 30th October 2000)

**unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by MTR CORPORATION LIMITED (as Guarantor)**

**US\$15,000,000,000 Debt Issuance Programme (the “Programme”)**

SERIES NO: 222

TRANCHE NO: 1

Issue of US\$1,500,000,000 Subordinated Perpetual Guaranteed Capital Securities (the “**Securities**”)

Issue Price: 100.0 per cent.

**Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank  
The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited  
J.P. Morgan Securities (Asia Pacific) Limited  
Société Générale  
UBS AG Hong Kong Branch**

as Joint Global Coordinators, Joint Lead Managers and Joint Bookrunners

**Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited  
Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited  
Barclays Bank PLC  
DBS Bank Ltd.  
Deutsche Bank AG, Hong Kong Branch  
Mizuho Securities Asia Limited  
Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited**

as Joint Lead Managers and Joint Bookrunners

The date of this Pricing Supplement is 16 June 2025.

This document (including, for the avoidance of doubt, the Annexes hereto) constitutes the Pricing Supplement relating to the issue of Securities described herein. Terms defined in or for the purposes of the Terms and Conditions of the Securities which are attached hereto as Annex 1 have the same meanings in this Pricing Supplement. Terms used in the main body of this Pricing Supplement shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Terms and Conditions of the Securities which are attached hereto as Annex 1. This Pricing Supplement contains the final terms of the Securities and must be read in conjunction with the Offering Circular, save in respect of the Terms and Conditions of the Securities which are attached hereto as Annex 1. Unless otherwise specified, a reference in this Pricing Supplement to “Condition” is to a Condition in the Terms and Conditions of the Securities which are attached hereto as Annex 1. For the avoidance of doubt, any reference in the Offering Circular to “Notes” shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be deemed to include a reference to the Securities.

1. Issuer: MTR Corporation (C.I.) Limited (Legal Entity Identifier: 254900SEVE6JAZLGDW04)
2. Guarantor: MTR Corporation Limited (Legal Entity Identifier: 254900IH4U9NHH9AQM97)
3. (i) Series Number: 222  
(ii) Tranche Number: 1
4. Currency: United States dollars (“US\$”)
5. Aggregate Nominal Amount: US\$1,500,000,000  
(i) Series: US\$1,500,000,000  
(ii) Tranche: US\$1,500,000,000
6. Issue Price: 100.0 per cent. of the Aggregate Nominal Amount
7. (i) Specified Denominations: US\$200,000 and integral multiples of US\$1,000 in excess thereof  
(ii) Calculation Amount: US\$1,000
8. (i) Issue Date: 24 June 2025  
(ii) Distribution Commencement Date: Issue Date
9. Maturity Date: Not Applicable
10. Distribution Basis: As set out in Condition 5. Issuer has the right to elect to defer Distributions under Condition 5(d). Any Distribution deferred pursuant to Condition 5(d) shall bear interest as if it constituted the principal of the Securities at the prevailing Distribution Rate in accordance with Condition 5(d).
11. Redemption/Payment Basis: As set out in Condition 6
12. Change of Distribution or Redemption/Payment Basis: As set out in Conditions 5 and 6
13. Redemption events: Issuer’s call option as set out in Condition 6(b)  
Redemption for Gross-up Event as set out in Condition 6(c)  
Redemption for Tax Deduction Event as set out in Condition 6(d)  
Redemption upon an Equity Credit Classification Event as set out in Condition 6(e)  
Redemption for Accounting Reasons as set out in Condition 6(f)  
Redemption in the case of Minimal Outstanding Amount as set out in Condition 6(g)  
Make-whole redemption by the Issuer as set out in Condition 6(h)

14. (i) Status of the Securities: Subordinated and unsecured
- (ii) Status of the Guarantee: Subordinated and unsecured
15. Method of distribution: Syndicated

#### **PROVISIONS RELATING TO DISTRIBUTION (IF ANY) PAYABLE**

16. Distribution Provisions As set out in Condition 5

- (i) Rate of Distribution: The Distribution Rate applicable to the Securities shall be:
- (a) in respect of the period from, and including, the Issue Date to, but excluding, the First Reset Date (24 December, 2030), 4.875 per cent. per annum;
  - (b) in respect of the period from, and including, the First Reset Date to, but excluding, the First Step-up Date (24 December, 2035), a fixed rate per annum equal to the sum of (A) the then-prevailing U.S. Treasury Rate and (B) the Initial Spread;
  - (c) in respect of the period from, and including, the First Step-up Date to, but excluding, the Second Step-up Date (24 December, 2050), reset on each Reset Date to a fixed rate per annum equal to the sum of (A) the then-prevailing U.S. Treasury Rate, (B) the Initial Spread and (C) 0.25 per cent.; and
  - (d) in respect of the period from, and including, each Reset Date falling on or after the Second Step-up Date to, but excluding, the immediately following Reset Date, reset on each Reset Date to a fixed rate per annum equal to the sum of (A) the then-prevailing U.S. Treasury Rate, (B) the Initial Spread and (C) 1.00 per cent.

where:

“Initial Spread” means 0.86 per cent. per annum;

“Reset Date” means the First Reset Date (24 December, 2030) and each day falling five calendar years after the First Reset Date; and

“U.S. Treasury Rate” means the rate in percentage per annum as notified by the Calculation Agent to the Issuer, the Trustee and the Agents in writing and to the Holders (in accordance with Condition 15) equal to:

- (1) the yield on U.S. Treasury securities having a maturity of five years as set forth in the H.15 Page at the Specified Time on the Calculation Date;
- (2) if paragraph (1) above applies but the H.15 Page does not display the relevant yield at the Specified Time on the Calculation Date, the semi-annual equivalent yield to maturity of the Comparable Treasury Issue, calculated using a price for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed as a percentage of its principal amount) equal to the Comparable Treasury Price on the relevant Calculation Date; and

- (3) if paragraph (2) above applies but there is no Comparable Treasury Price on the relevant Calculation Date for whatever reason, the yield on U.S. Treasury securities having a maturity of five years as displayed on the H.15 Page at the Specified Time on the first date preceding the Calculation Date that such rate was available.
- (ii) Distribution Payment Date(s): 24 June and 24 December in each year, with the first Distribution Payment Date falling on 24 December, 2025, subject to adjustment in accordance with Condition 7(f) where any such date is not a business day.
- (iii) Day Count Fraction: In respect of any period, the number of days in the relevant period divided by 360 (the number of days to be calculated on the basis of a year of 360 days with 12 30-day months)
- (iv) Other terms relating to the method of calculating distribution: As set out in Conditions 5 and 8

## PROVISIONS RELATING TO REDEMPTION

### 17. Redemption Provisions

As set out in Condition 6

- (i) Optional redemption date(s):
  - (a) Issuer's call option under Condition 6(b): from (and including) 24 September, 2030
  - (b) Redemption for Gross-up Event, Tax Deduction Event, Equity Credit Classification Event or Accounting Reasons or in the case of Minimal Outstanding Amount under Condition 6(c), 6(d), 6(e), 6(f) or, as the case may be, 6(g): as and when such Condition applies
  - (c) Make-whole redemption under Condition 6(h): any time prior to the Par Call Date
- (ii) Optional redemption amount(s) of each Security and method, if any, of calculation of such amount(s):
 

Any redemption of the Securities under Condition 6 (except any make-whole redemption under Condition 6(h)) will be at their principal amount together with any unpaid Distribution accrued to but excluding the date fixed for redemption (including any Arrears of Distribution and any Additional Distribution Amount).

Any make-whole redemption of a Security under Condition 6(h) will be at the Make Whole Redemption Price (which is equal to the greater of (i) 100 per cent. of the principal amount of such Security and (ii) the amount equal to the (a) sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and Distribution on such Security, discounted to the Par Call Date at the Treasury Rate plus 1 per cent. less (b) Distribution accrued to the Optional Redemption Date) as of the Par Call Date together with any unpaid Distribution accrued to but excluding the Optional Redemption Date.
- (iii) If redeemable in part:
  - (a) Minimum redemption amount:
  - (b) Maximum redemption amount:

Not redeemable in part
- (iv) Notice period:
 

Not more than 60 nor less than 10 days' notice as set out in Condition 6.

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| 18. Final redemption amount of each Security   | There is no fixed final redemption date. See paragraph 17(ii) above. |
| 19. Early redemption amount  |  |
| (i) Early redemption amount(s) of each Security payable on redemption for taxation reasons or on other early redemption and/or the method of calculating the same (if required or if different from that set out in the Conditions): | See paragraph 17(ii) above.  |
| (ii) Redemption for taxation reasons permitted on days other than Distribution Payment Dates (Condition 6(c)):   | Yes. See paragraph 17(ii) above.                                     |

## GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE SECURITIES

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| 20. Form of Securities: | Registered Securities<br><br>Global Certificate in registered form which is exchangeable for Definitive Certificates in the limited circumstances specified in the Global Certificate  |
| 21. Business Day:       | <p>(a) In respect of Condition 2(b), a day, other than a Saturday or Sunday, on which banks are open for business in the place of the specified office of the relevant Transfer Agent or the Registrar (as the case may be)</p> <p>(b) In respect of Condition 5 and a Calculation Date, any day, excluding a Saturday and a Sunday, on which banks are open for general business (including dealings in foreign currencies) in Hong Kong, London and New York City</p> <p>(c) In respect of the definition of “Treasury Rate” in Condition 6(h) (<i>Make-whole redemption by the Issuer</i>), a day (other than a Saturday or a Sunday or a public holiday) on which banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business and on which foreign exchange transactions may be carried on in U.S. dollars in New York City</p> <p>(d) In respect of Condition 7 and Condition 8, a day (other than a Saturday or a Sunday) on which banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business in Hong Kong, London and the place in which the specified office of the relevant Paying Agent is located and, in the case of presentation of a Certificate, in the place in which the Certificate is presented and where payment is to be made by transfer to an account, on which foreign exchange transactions may be carried on in U.S. dollars in New York City</p> |
| 22. Use of proceeds:    | As per the Offering Circular   |
| 23. Other terms:        | The full text of the Conditions which apply to the Securities is set out in Annex 1 hereto, which Conditions (i) replace in their entirety those in the Offering Circular for the purposes of the Securities and (ii) prevail over any other provision to the contrary. The above paragraphs of this Pricing Supplement shall be read in conjunction with the Conditions in Annex 1 hereto.  |



## DISTRIBUTION

24. (i) If syndicated, names and addresses of Managers:
- Joint Global Coordinators, Joint Lead Managers and Joint Bookrunners:**
- Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank** of 30th Floor, Two Pacific Place, 88 Queensway, Hong Kong
- The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited** of 17/F, HSBC Main Building, 1 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong
- J.P. Morgan Securities (Asia Pacific) Limited** of 28/F, Chater House, 8 Connaught Road Central, Hong Kong
- Société Générale** of 34/F Three Pacific Place, 1 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong
- UBS AG Hong Kong Branch** of 52/F, Two International Finance Centre, 8 Finance Street, Central, Hong Kong
- Joint Lead Managers and Joint Bookrunners:**
- Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited** of 22/F Three Exchange Square, 8 Connaught Place, Central, Hong Kong
- Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited** of 34/F, Bank of China Tower, 1 Garden Road, Central, Hong Kong
- Barclays Bank PLC** of 1 Churchill Place, London E14 5HP, United Kingdom
- DBS Bank Ltd.** of 10/F, The Center, 99 Queen's Road Central, Central, Hong Kong
- Deutsche Bank AG, Hong Kong Branch** of 60/F, International Commerce Centre, 1 Austin Road West, Kowloon, Hong Kong
- Mizuho Securities Asia Limited** of 14-15/F., K11 Atelier, 18 Salisbury Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon, Hong Kong
- Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited** of 15/F, Two International Finance Centre, 8 Finance Street, Central, Hong Kong
- (ii) Date of Subscription Agreement: 16 June 2025
- (iii) Stabilisation Manager(s) (if any): Any of the Managers appointed and acting in its capacity as stabilisation manager
25. If non-syndicated, name and address of Dealer: Not Applicable
26. US Selling Restrictions: Reg S. Category 2, TEFRA not applicable
27. Additional selling restrictions: Not Applicable
28. Singapore Sales to Institutional Investors and Accredited Investors only: Applicable

## GENERAL AND OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

29.	Listing:	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (The expected effective listing date of the Securities is 25 June 2025)
30.	Rating:	The Securities are expected to be rated A2 by Moody's and A by Standard & Poor's
31.	ISIN Code:	XS3094282269
32.	Common Code:	309428226
33.	CMU Instrument No.:	Not Applicable
34.	Any clearing system(s) other than Euroclear Bank SA/NV, Clearstream Banking, S.A. and the Central Moneymarkets Unit Service and the relevant identification number(s):	Not Applicable
35.	Delivery:	Delivery against payment
36.	Names and addresses of additional Paying Agent(s) (if any):	Not Applicable
37.	Other Terms:	Annex 2 hereto contains additional disclosures which, for the purposes of the Securities only, supplement and should be read and construed in conjunction with the Offering Circular.
38.	Gross Proceeds:	US\$1,500,000,000
39.	Hong Kong SFC Code of Conduct:	
	(i) Rebates	Not Applicable
	(ii) Contact email addresses of the Overall Coordinators where underlying investor information in relation to omnibus orders should be sent:	Project.e4e6@ca-cib.com hk_syndicate_omnibus@hsbc.com.hk investor.info.hk.oc.bond.deals@jpmorgan.com list.asiapac-glfi-syn-cap@sgcib.com sh-asia-ccs-dcm-filing@ubs.com
	(iii) Marketing and Investor Targeting Strategy:	As set out in the Offering Circular

## STABILISATION

In connection with this issue, any of the Managers (each a “**Stabilisation Manager**”) (or persons acting on behalf of any Stabilisation Manager) may over-allot the Securities or effect transactions with a view to supporting the market price of the Securities at a level higher than that which might otherwise prevail. However, there is no assurance that the Stabilisation Manager(s) (or persons acting on behalf of any Stabilisation Manager) will undertake stabilisation action. Any stabilisation action may begin on or after the date on which adequate public disclosure of the terms of the offer of the Securities is made and, if begun, may be ended at any time, but it must end no later than the earlier of 30 days after the issue date of the Securities and 60 days after the date of the allotment of the Securities. Any stabilisation action or over-allotment must be conducted by the relevant Stabilisation Manager(s) (or persons acting on behalf of such Stabilisation Manager(s)) in accordance with all applicable laws and rules.

## **LISTING APPLICATION**

This Pricing Supplement comprises the final terms required to list the issue of the Securities described herein pursuant to the US\$15,000,000,000 Debt Issuance Programme of MTR Corporation Limited and MTR Corporation (C.I.) Limited.

## RESPONSIBILITY

The Issuer and the Guarantor accept responsibility for the information contained in this Pricing Supplement.

Signed on behalf of the Issuer:

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By: Lee Guo Chun  
Director

Duly authorised

Signed on behalf of the Guarantor:

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By: Lee Guo Chun  
Treasurer

Duly authorised

## ANNEX 1

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SECURITIES

*The following, subject to amendment and other than the words in italics, is the text of the Terms and Conditions of the Securities which will be attached to or incorporated by reference into each of the global certificates evidencing the Securities and which will be incorporated by reference or endorsed upon each of the definitive certificates evidencing the Securities:*

The issue of the Securities was approved by a resolution of the Board of Directors of MTR Corporation (C.I.) Limited (the “**Issuer**”) on 8 October, 2024 and the guarantee of the Securities was approved by a resolution of the Board of Directors of MTR Corporation Limited (the “**Guarantor**”) on 13 May, 2025. The Securities are a Series (as defined below) of securities constituted by a trust deed dated 16 June, 2025 (as further amended or supplemented from time to time, the “**Trust Deed**”) between the Issuer, the Guarantor and The Law Debenture Trust Corporation p.l.c. (the “**Trustee**” which expression shall include all persons for the time being the trustee or trustees under the Trust Deed) as trustee for itself and for the holders of the Securities. These terms and conditions include summaries of, and are subject to, the detailed provisions of the Trust Deed. Copies of the Trust Deed and the agency agreement dated 16 June, 2025 relating to the Securities (as further amended or supplemented from time to time, the “**Agency Agreement**”) between the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Trustee, Citibank, N.A., London Branch as agent, transfer agent and paying agent (the “**Principal Paying Agent**”), Citibank, N.A., Hong Kong Branch as paying agent, HK reference agent, HK lodging agent and transfer agent (together with Citibank, N.A., London Branch and any additional or other transfer agents in respect of the Securities from time to time appointed, the “**Transfer Agents**”) and Citibank, N.A., London Branch as the registrar (the “**Registrar**”), are available for inspection by any holder of the Securities at all reasonable times during usual business hours (being between 9.00 a.m. (Hong Kong time) and 3.00 p.m. (Hong Kong time)) at the specified offices of the Trustee and the Principal Paying Agent following prior written request and proof of holding and identity to the satisfaction of the Trustee or, as the case may be, the Principal Paying Agent. “**Agents**” means the Principal Paying Agent, the Registrar, the Calculation Agent, the Transfer Agents and any other agent or agents appointed from time to time with respect to the Securities and “**Paying Agent**” means each paying agent appointed under the Agency Agreement and includes the Principal Paying Agent.

The pricing supplement applicable to the Securities is attached to or endorsed on the certificate evidencing the Securities and supplements these Conditions. References herein to the “Pricing Supplement” shall mean the pricing supplement so attached or endorsed.

The Holders are entitled to the benefit of, are bound by, and are deemed to have notice of, all the provisions of the Trust Deed, those provisions of the Agency Agreement applicable to them and the Pricing Supplement.

As used herein, “**Series**” means a Tranche (as defined below) together with any further Tranche or Tranches which are (a) expressed to be consolidated and form a single series; and (b) identical in all respects (including as to listing) except for their respective Issue Dates, Distribution Commencement Dates, Issue Prices and the dates of the first payment of distribution. As used herein, “**Tranche**” means notes or securities which are constituted by the Trust Deed or any supplemental deed and are identical in all respects (including as to listing).

All capitalised terms that are not defined in these Conditions will have the meanings given to them in the Trust Deed, the Agency Agreement or the Pricing Supplement. In the event of inconsistency between the Agency Agreement and the Trust Deed, the Trust Deed will prevail and, in the event of inconsistency between the Agency Agreement or the Trust Deed and the Pricing Supplement, the Pricing Supplement will prevail.

## 1 FORM, SPECIFIED DENOMINATION AND TITLE

The Securities are issued in the specified denomination of U.S.\$200,000 and higher integral multiples of U.S.\$1,000 in excess thereof.

The Securities are represented by registered certificates (“**Certificates**”) and, save as provided in Condition 2(a), each Certificate shall represent the entire holding of Securities by the same holder.

Title to the Securities shall pass by registration in the register that the Issuer shall procure to be kept by the Registrar in accordance with the provisions of the Agency Agreement (the “**Register**”). Except as ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction or as required by law, the holder (as defined below) of any Security shall be deemed to be and may be treated as its absolute owner for all purposes whether or not it is overdue and regardless of any notice of ownership, trust or an interest in it, any writing on the Certificate representing it or the theft or loss of such Certificate and no person shall be liable for so treating the holder.

In these Conditions, “**Holder**” and, in relation to a Security, “**holder**” means the person in whose name a Security is registered.

*Upon issue, the Securities will be represented by a global certificate (the “**Global Certificate**”) representing Securities registered in the name of a nominee of, and deposited with, a common depositary for Euroclear Bank SA/NV (“**Euroclear**”) and Clearstream Banking, S.A. (“**Clearstream**”).*

The Conditions are modified by certain provisions contained in the Global Certificate.

*Except in the limited circumstances described in the Global Certificate, owners of interests in Securities represented by the Global Certificate will not be entitled to receive definitive Certificates in respect of their individual holdings of Securities. The Securities are not issuable in bearer form.*

## 2 TRANSFERS OF SECURITIES AND ISSUE OF CERTIFICATES

- (a) *Transfer:* A holding of Securities may, subject to Condition 2(d), be transferred in whole or in part in a specified denomination upon the surrender (at the specified office of the Registrar or any Transfer Agent) of the Certificate(s) representing such Securities to be transferred, together with the form of transfer endorsed on such Certificate(s) (or another form of transfer substantially in the same form and containing the same representations and certifications (if any), unless otherwise agreed by the Issuer), duly completed and executed and any other evidence as the Registrar or such Transfer Agent may require. In the case of a transfer of part only of a holding of Securities represented by one Certificate, a new Certificate shall be issued to the transferee in respect of the part transferred and a further new Certificate in respect of the balance of the holding not transferred shall be issued to the transferor. In the case of a transfer of Securities to a person who is already a holder of Securities, a new Certificate representing the enlarged holding shall only be issued against surrender of the Certificate representing the existing holding. All transfers of Securities and entries on the Register will be made in accordance with the detailed regulations concerning transfers of Securities scheduled to the Agency Agreement. The regulations may be changed by the Issuer or the Registrar, with the prior written approval of the Trustee and, in the case of any change proposed by the Issuer, the Registrar. A copy of the current regulations will be made available by the Registrar to any Holder following prior written request and proof of holding and identity to the satisfaction of the Registrar. A Certificate may be registered only in the name of, and transferred only to, a named person (or persons, not exceeding four in number).

*Transfers of interests in the Securities represented by the Global Certificate will be effected in accordance with the rules of the relevant clearing systems.*

- (b) *Delivery of New Certificates*: Each new Certificate to be issued pursuant to Condition 2(a) shall be available for delivery within seven business days of receipt of a duly completed form of transfer and surrender of the existing Certificate(s). Delivery of the new Certificate(s) shall be made at the specified office of the relevant Transfer Agent or of the Registrar (as the case may be) to whom delivery or surrender of such form of transfer or Certificate shall have been made or, at the option of the holder making such delivery or surrender as aforesaid and as specified in the relevant form of transfer or otherwise in writing, be mailed by uninsured post at the risk of the holder entitled to the new Certificate to such address as may be so specified, unless such holder requests otherwise and pays in advance to the relevant Transfer Agent or the Registrar (as the case may be) the costs of such other method of delivery and/or such insurance as it may specify. In this Condition 2(b), “**business day**” means a day, other than a Saturday or Sunday, on which banks are open for business in the place of the specified office of the relevant Transfer Agent or the Registrar (as the case may be).
- (c) *Transfer or Exercise Free of Charge*: Certificates, on transfer, or exercise of an option, shall be issued and registered without charge by or on behalf of the Issuer, the Registrar or any Transfer Agent, but upon payment of any tax, duty or other governmental charges that may be imposed in relation to it (or the giving of such indemnity and/or security and/or pre-funding as the Registrar or the relevant Transfer Agent may require).
- (d) *Closed Periods*: No Holder may require the transfer of a Security to be registered:
  - (i) during the period of 15 days ending on (and including) the due date for redemption of that Security; or
  - (ii) during the period of seven days ending on (and including) any Record Date.

### 3 STATUS AND RANKING OF CLAIMS

- (a) *Status*: The Securities constitute direct, unconditional, unsecured and subordinated obligations of the Issuer and shall at all times rank *pari passu* without any preference among themselves. The payment obligations of the Issuer under the Securities shall, save for such exceptions as may be provided for under applicable laws, at all times rank equally with all Parity Obligations of the Issuer. The rights and claims of the Holders in respect of the Securities are subordinated as provided in this Condition 3.
- (b) *Ranking of claims on Winding-Up*: Subject to the insolvency laws of the Cayman Islands and other applicable laws, in the event of the Winding-Up of the Issuer, the rights and claims of the Holders in respect of the Securities shall rank ahead of those persons whose claims are in respect of any Junior Obligations of the Issuer, but shall be subordinated in right of payment to the claims of all other present and future creditors of the Issuer, other than the claims of holders of Parity Obligations of the Issuer.
- (c) *Set-off*: Subject to applicable laws, no Holder may exercise, claim or plead any right of set-off, deduction, withholding or retention in respect of any amount owed to it by the Issuer in respect of, or arising under or in connection with, the Securities, and each Holder is, by virtue of his holding of any Securities, deemed to have waived all such rights of set-off, deduction, withholding or retention against the Issuer. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, if any of the amounts owing to any Holder by the Issuer in respect of, or arising under or in connection with, the Securities is discharged by set-off, such Holder shall, subject to applicable laws, immediately pay an amount equal to the amount of such discharge to the Issuer (or, in the event of its Winding-Up or administration, the liquidator or, as appropriate, administrator of the Issuer) and, until such time as payment is made, shall hold such amount in trust for the Issuer (or the liquidator or, as appropriate, administrator of the Issuer) and accordingly any such discharge shall be deemed not to have taken place.



## 4 GUARANTEE

- (a) *Guarantee:* The Guarantor has irrevocably and unconditionally guaranteed on a subordinated basis the due payment of all sums expressed to be payable by the Issuer under the Securities and the Trust Deed. The obligations of the Guarantor in that respect (the “**Guarantee**”) are contained in Clause 8 of the Trust Deed.
- (b) *Status of the Guarantee:* The obligations of the Guarantor under the Guarantee constitute direct, unconditional, unsecured and subordinated obligations of the Guarantor. The payment obligations of the Guarantor under the Guarantee shall, save for such exceptions as may be provided for under applicable laws, at all times rank equally with all Parity Obligations of the Guarantor. The rights and claims of the Holders in respect of the Guarantee are subordinated as provided in this Condition 4.
- (c) *Ranking of claims on Winding-Up:* Subject to the insolvency laws of the Hong Kong and other applicable laws, in the event of the Winding-Up of the Guarantor, the rights and claims of the Holders in respect of the Guarantee shall rank ahead of those persons whose claims are in respect of any Junior Obligations of the Guarantor, but shall be subordinated in right of payment to the claims of all other present and future creditors of the Guarantor, other than the claims of holders of Parity Obligations of the Guarantor.
- (d) *Set-off:* Subject to applicable laws, no Holder may exercise, claim or plead any right of set-off, deduction, withholding or retention in respect of any amount owed to it by the Guarantor in respect of, or arising under or in connection with, the Guarantee, and each Holder is, by virtue of his holding of any Securities, deemed to have waived all such rights of set-off, deduction, withholding or retention against the Guarantor. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, if any of the amounts owing to any Holder by the Guarantor in respect of, or arising under or in connection with, the Guarantee is discharged by set-off, such Holder shall, subject to applicable laws, immediately pay an amount equal to the amount of such discharge to the Guarantor (or, in the event of its Winding-Up or administration, the liquidator or, as appropriate, administrator of the Guarantor) and, until such time as payment is made, shall hold such amount in trust for the Guarantor (or the liquidator or, as appropriate, administrator of the Guarantor) and, accordingly, any such discharge shall be deemed not to have taken place.

## 5 DISTRIBUTIONS

- (a) *Distributions:*
  - (i) Subject to Condition 5(d), each Security shall entitle the Holder thereof to receive distributions (“**Distributions**” and each a “**Distribution**”) from and including the Issue Date at the applicable rate of distribution (“**Distribution Rate**”) in accordance with the provisions of this Condition 5.
  - (ii) Subject to Condition 5(d), Distributions shall be payable on the Securities semi-annually in arrear on 24 June and 24 December in each year (each, a “**Distribution Payment Date**”), with the first Distribution Payment Date falling on 24 December, 2025.
  - (iii) If a Distribution is required to be paid in respect of a Security on any date other than a Distribution Payment Date, it shall be calculated by applying the applicable Distribution Rate to the Calculation Amount, multiplying the product by the Day Count Fraction (as defined below), rounding the resulting figure to the nearest cent (half a cent being rounded upwards) and multiplying such rounded figure by a fraction equal to the principal amount of such Security divided by the Calculation Amount, where “**Calculation Amount**” means U.S.\$1,000 and “**Day Count Fraction**” means, in respect of any period, the number of days in the relevant period divided by 360 (the number of days to be calculated on the basis of a year of 360 days with 12 30-day months).

- (iv) Distributions payable under this Condition 5 will be paid in accordance with Condition 7.
  - (v) All notifications, opinions, determinations, certificates, calculations, quotations and decisions given, expressed, made or obtained for the purposes of this Condition 5 by the Calculation Agent will (in the absence of manifest error) be binding on the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Paying Agents, the Trustee and the Holders and (subject as aforesaid) no liability to any such person will attach to the Calculation Agent or the Trustee in connection with the exercise or non-exercise by it of its powers, duties and discretions for such purposes.
- (b) *Rate of Distribution:* The Distribution Rate applicable to the Securities shall be:
- (i) in respect of the period from, and including, the Issue Date to, but excluding, 24 December, 2030 (the “**First Reset Date**”), a fixed rate of 4.875 per cent. per annum;
  - (ii) in respect of the period from, and including, the First Reset Date to, but excluding, 24 December, 2035 (the “**First Step-up Date**”), a fixed rate per annum (expressed as a percentage) equal to the sum of:
    - (A) the then-prevailing U.S. Treasury Rate; and
    - (B) the Initial Spread;
  - (iii) in respect of the period from, and including, the First Step-up Date to, but excluding, 24 December, 2050 (the “**Second Step-up Date**”), reset on each Reset Date to a fixed rate per annum (expressed as a percentage) equal to the sum of:
    - (A) the then-prevailing U.S. Treasury Rate;
    - (B) the Initial Spread; and
    - (C) 0.25 per cent; and
  - (iv) in respect of the period from, and including, each Reset Date falling on or after the Second Step-up Date to, but excluding, the immediately following Reset Date, reset on each Reset Date to a fixed rate per annum (expressed as a percentage) equal to the sum of:
    - (A) the then-prevailing U.S. Treasury Rate;
    - (B) the Initial Spread; and
    - (C) 1.00 per cent.
- (c) *Distribution Accrual:* Unless otherwise provided for in these Conditions, each Security will cease to confer the right to receive any Distributions from the due date for redemption (which, for the avoidance of doubt, includes any Optional Redemption Date (as defined in Condition 6(h) below)) unless, upon due presentation, payment of the full amount due is improperly withheld or refused. In such latter event, the right to a Distribution will continue to accrue at the applicable Distribution Rate (after as well as before any judgment) up to but excluding whichever is the earlier of:
- (i) the date on which all sums due in respect of the Securities are received by or on behalf of the relevant Holder; and
  - (ii) the day which is seven days after the Principal Paying Agent or the Trustee has notified the Holders that it has received all sums due in respect of the Securities up to such seventh day (except to the extent that there is a failure in the subsequent payment to the relevant Holders under these Conditions).

(d) *Distribution Deferral:*

- (i) *Deferral Election:* The Issuer may, at its sole discretion, elect to defer (in whole or in part) any Distribution which is otherwise scheduled to be paid on a Distribution Payment Date to the next Distribution Payment Date by giving notice (a “**Deferral Election Notice**”) to the Holders (in accordance with Condition 15) and to the Trustee and the Principal Paying Agent in writing not more than ten business days nor less than five business days prior to a scheduled Distribution Payment Date (a “**Deferral Election Event**”). Any partial payment of outstanding Distributions (including any Arrears of Distribution and any Additional Distribution Amount) by the Issuer shall be shared by the Holders of all outstanding Securities on a *pro rata* basis.
- (ii) *No obligation to pay:* The Issuer shall have no obligation to pay any Distribution (including any Arrears of Distribution and any Additional Distribution Amount) on any Distribution Payment Date if it elects not to do so in accordance with Condition 5(d)(i).
- (iii) *Requirements as to Notice:* Each Deferral Election Notice shall be accompanied, in the case of the notice to the Trustee and the Principal Paying Agent, by a certificate in the form scheduled to the Trust Deed signed by an Authorised Signatory of the Issuer. The Trustee shall be entitled to accept such Deferral Election Notice and such certificate (if applicable) without investigation as sufficient evidence of the occurrence of a Deferral Election Event, in which event it shall be conclusive and binding on the Holders.
- (iv) *Cumulative Deferral:* Any Distribution deferred pursuant to this Condition 5(d) shall constitute “**Arrears of Distribution**”. The Issuer may, at its sole discretion, elect (in the circumstances set out in Condition 5(d)(i)) to defer further any Arrears of Distribution by complying with the foregoing notice requirement applicable to any deferral of an accrued Distribution. The Issuer is not subject to any limit as to the number of times Distributions and Arrears of Distribution can or shall be deferred pursuant to this Condition 5(d) except that Condition 5(d)(v) shall be complied with until all outstanding Arrears of Distribution have been paid in full.

Each amount of Arrears of Distribution shall bear interest as if it constituted the principal of the Securities at the prevailing Distribution Rate and the amount of such interest (the “**Additional Distribution Amount**”) with respect to Arrears of Distribution shall be due and payable pursuant to this Condition 5 and shall be calculated by applying the applicable Distribution Rate to the amount of the Arrears of Distribution and otherwise *mutatis mutandis* as provided in the foregoing provisions of this Condition 5. The Additional Distribution Amount accrued up to any Distribution Payment Date shall be added (for the purpose of calculating the Additional Distribution Amount accruing thereafter) to the amount of Arrears of Distribution remaining unpaid on such Distribution Payment Date so that it will itself become Arrears of Distribution.

- (v) *Restrictions in the case of Deferral:* If, on any Distribution Payment Date, payment of all Distribution payments scheduled to be made on such date is not made in full, each of the Issuer and the Guarantor shall not:
  - (A) declare or pay any dividends or distributions or make any other payment, and will procure that no dividend, distribution or other payment is made, on any of the Junior Obligations or Parity Obligations of the Issuer or the Guarantor save that such restriction shall not apply to payments in respect of:
    - (1) any employee benefit plan or similar arrangements with or for the benefit of employees, officers, directors or consultants; or

- (2) any of the Parity Obligations of the Issuer or the Guarantor made on a *pro rata* basis; or
- (B) redeem, reduce, cancel, buy-back or acquire for any consideration any of the Junior Obligations or Parity Obligations of the Issuer or the Guarantor other than:
  - (1) a repurchase or other acquisition of securities in respect of an employment benefit plan or similar arrangement with or for the benefit of employees, officers, directors or consultants; or
  - (2) as a result of the exchange or conversion of the Parity Obligations of the Issuer or the Guarantor for the Junior Obligations of the Issuer or the Guarantor, as the case may be,

in each case, unless and until:

- (X) the Issuer or the Guarantor, as the case may be, has satisfied in full all outstanding Arrears of Distribution and Additional Distribution Amounts; or
  - (Y) the Issuer or the Guarantor is permitted to do so by an Extraordinary Resolution of the Holders.
- (vi) *Satisfaction of Arrears of Distribution by payment:* The Issuer:
- (A) may satisfy any Arrears of Distribution (in whole or in part) at any time by giving notice of such election to the Holders (in accordance with Condition 15) and to the Trustee and the Principal Paying Agent in writing not more than 20 business days nor less than five business days prior to the relevant payment date specified in such notice (which notice is irrevocable and shall oblige the Issuer to pay the relevant Arrears of Distribution and all Additional Distribution Amounts on the payment date specified in such notice); and
  - (B) in any event shall satisfy any outstanding Arrears of Distribution and any Additional Distribution Amount (in whole but not in part) on the earliest of:
    - (1) the date of redemption of the Securities in accordance with the redemption events set out in Condition 6;
    - (2) the next Distribution Payment Date if the Issuer is in violation of the provisions described under Condition 5(d)(v);
    - (3) the date on which an order is made or an effective resolution is passed for a Winding-Up of the Issuer or the Guarantor; and
    - (4) the date of any substitution or variation in accordance with Condition 12(c).

Any partial payment of outstanding Arrears of Distribution and any Additional Distribution Amount by the Issuer shall be shared by the Holders of all outstanding Securities on a *pro rata* basis.

- (vii) *No default:* Notwithstanding any other provision in these Conditions, in the Trust Deed or in the Agency Agreement, the deferral of any Distribution payment in accordance with this Condition 5(d) shall not constitute a default for any purpose (including, without limitation, pursuant to Condition 9) on the part of the Issuer under the Securities or the Guarantor under the Guarantee or for any other purpose.

## 6 REDEMPTION AND PURCHASE

- (a) *No Fixed Redemption Date*: The Securities are perpetual securities in respect of which there is no fixed redemption date, and the Issuer shall (subject to the provisions of Condition 3 and Condition 4 and without prejudice to Condition 9) only have the right to redeem or purchase them in accordance with the following provisions of this Condition 6.
- (b) *Redemption at the option of the Issuer*: The Issuer may, on giving not more than 60 nor less than 10 days' irrevocable notice to the Trustee and the Principal Paying Agent in writing and to the Holders (in accordance with Condition 15), redeem all but not some only of the Securities on any date from (and including) 24 September, 2030 (each such date being a "**Call Date**"). On expiry of such notice, the Issuer shall be bound to redeem the Securities on the relevant Call Date at their principal amount together with any unpaid Distribution accrued to but excluding the date fixed for redemption (including any Arrears of Distribution and any Additional Distribution Amount).
- (c) *Redemption for Gross-up Event*: The Securities may be redeemed at the option of the Issuer in whole, but not in part, at any time, on giving not more than 60 nor less than 10 days' irrevocable notice to the Trustee and the Principal Paying Agent in writing and to the Holders (in accordance with Condition 15) at their principal amount (together with any unpaid Distribution accrued to but excluding the date fixed for redemption (including any Arrears of Distribution and any Additional Distribution Amount)) if the Issuer or the Guarantor, as the case may be, satisfies the Trustee prior to the giving of such notice and in accordance with the Trust Deed that:
  - (i) the Issuer or, if the Guarantee were called, the Guarantor has or will become obliged to pay Additional Tax Amounts as provided or referred to in Condition 8 as a result of any change in, or amendment to, the laws or regulations of any Relevant Jurisdiction (as defined in Condition 18), or any change in the application or official interpretation of such laws or regulations, which change or amendment becomes effective on or after 16 June, 2025; and
  - (ii) such obligation cannot be avoided by the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor taking reasonable measures available to it (a "**Gross-Up Event**").

Prior to the publication of any notice of redemption pursuant to this Condition 6(c), the Issuer or the Guarantor, as the case may be, shall deliver to the Trustee:

- (A) a certificate signed by two Authorised Signatories of the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor, stating that the obligation referred to in Condition 6(c)(i) cannot be avoided by the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor, taking reasonable measures available to it; and
- (B) an opinion, in form and substance satisfactory to the Trustee, of independent tax or legal advisers of recognised standing to the effect that the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor, has or will become obliged to pay such Additional Tax Amounts as a result of such change or amendment,

and the Trustee shall be entitled to accept such certificate and opinion without investigation as sufficient evidence of the satisfaction of the conditions precedent set out in Conditions 6(c)(i) and 6(c)(ii), in which event the same shall be conclusive and binding on the Holders.

Upon the expiry of any such notice as is referred to in this Condition 6(c), the Issuer shall be bound to redeem the Securities in accordance with this Condition 6(c). No such notice of redemption shall be given earlier than 90 days prior to the earliest date on which the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor would be obliged to pay such Additional Tax Amounts were a payment in respect of the Securities then payable.

- (d) *Redemption for Tax Deduction Event*: The Securities may be redeemed at the option of the Issuer in whole, but not in part, at any time, on giving not more than 60 nor less than 10 days' irrevocable notice to the Trustee and the Principal Paying Agent in writing and to the Holders (in accordance with Condition 15) at their principal amount (together with any unpaid Distribution accrued to but excluding the date fixed for redemption (including any Arrears of Distribution and any Additional Distribution Amount)) if the Issuer or the Guarantor, as the case may be, satisfies the Trustee prior to the giving of such notice and in accordance with the Trust Deed that any distribution in respect of the Securities were but are no longer tax-deductible by the Issuer or the Guarantor, as the case may be, for corporate income tax purposes to the same extent as unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer would be, by reason of any change in the law or regulations of the Relevant Jurisdiction, any change in the application or official interpretation of such laws or regulations in the Relevant Jurisdiction (including a judgment by a court of competent jurisdiction), or any other change in the tax treatment of the Securities, becoming effective on or after 16 June, 2025 (a "**Tax Deduction Event**").

Prior to the publication of any notice of redemption pursuant to this Condition 6(d), the Issuer or the Guarantor, as the case may be, shall deliver or procure that there is delivered to the Trustee a certificate signed by two Authorised Signatories of the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor, stating that the circumstances referred to in this Condition 6(d) prevail and setting out the details of such circumstances.

The Trustee shall be entitled to accept such certificate without investigation as sufficient evidence of the satisfaction of the circumstances set out above in this Condition 6(d), in which event it shall be conclusive and binding on the Holders.

Upon the expiry of any such notice as is referred to in this Condition 6(d), the Issuer shall be bound to redeem the Securities in accordance with this Condition 6(d).

- (e) *Redemption upon an Equity Credit Classification Event*: The Issuer may, at any time, on giving not more than 60 nor less than 10 days' irrevocable notice to the Trustee and the Principal Paying Agent in writing and to the Holders (in accordance with Condition 15), redeem all but not some only of the Securities at their principal amount (together with any unpaid Distribution accrued to but excluding the date fixed for redemption (including any Arrears of Distribution and any Additional Distribution Amount)) if, immediately before giving such notice, an amendment, clarification or change has occurred or will occur in the equity credit for the Securities granted by S&P, Moody's, Fitch or any other rating agency of equivalent international standing requested from time to time by the Guarantor to grant an equity classification to the Securities and/or, in each case, any of their respective successors to the rating business thereof (each a "**Rating Agency**" and, together, "**Rating Agencies**"), which amendment, clarification or change results or will result in:

- (A) an equity credit for all or any of the Securities being lower than the equity credit assigned by such Rating Agency immediately prior to that relevant amendment, clarification or change (or if the Securities have been partially or fully refinanced since the Issue Date and are no longer eligible for "equity credit" from such Rating Agency in part or in full as a result, all or any of the Securities that would no longer have been eligible as a result of such amendment, clarification, change in hybrid capital methodology or change in the interpretation had they not been refinanced); or
- (B) the period of time during which such Rating Agency assigns a particular category of equity credit to the Securities being shortened as compared to the period of time for which such Rating Agency did assign to the Securities such category of equity credit for the first time (whether on the Issue Date or otherwise)

(each an "**Equity Credit Classification Event**").

Prior to the publication of any notice of redemption pursuant to this Condition 6(e), the Guarantor shall deliver or procure that there is delivered to the Trustee a certificate signed by two Authorised Signatories of the Guarantor stating that the circumstances referred to in this Condition 6(e) prevail and setting out the details of such circumstances.

The Trustee shall be entitled to accept such certificate without investigation as sufficient evidence of the satisfaction of the circumstances set out above in this Condition 6(e), in which event it shall be conclusive and binding on the Holders.

Upon the expiry of any such notice as is referred to in this Condition 6(e), the Issuer shall be bound to redeem the Securities in accordance with this Condition 6(e).

- (f) *Redemption for Accounting Reasons:* The Issuer may, at any time, on giving not more than 60 nor less than 10 days' irrevocable notice to the Trustee and the Principal Paying Agent in writing and to the Holders (in accordance with Condition 15), redeem all but not some only of the Securities at their principal amount (together with any unpaid Distribution accrued to but excluding the date fixed for redemption (including any Arrears of Distribution and any Additional Distribution Amount)) if, immediately before giving such notice, a change or amendment to, or a change or amendment to any interpretation of, Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards or any other internationally generally accepted accounting standards that the Guarantor has adopted for the purposes of the Guarantor's consolidated financial statements (the "**Relevant Accounting Standards**") has occurred or will occur, which change or amendment results or will result in the Securities, in whole or in part, not being permitted to be recorded as "equity" of the Guarantor in the consolidated financial statements of the Guarantor pursuant to the Relevant Accounting Standards (an "**Accounting Event**"). An Accounting Event occurs when the Relevant Accounting Standards are officially adopted and may be prior to the date on which the Relevant Accounting Standards come into effect.

Prior to the publication of any notice of redemption pursuant to this Condition 6(f), the Guarantor shall deliver or procure that there is delivered to the Trustee:

- (A) a certificate, signed by two Authorised Signatories of the Guarantor, stating that the circumstances referred to above in this Condition 6(f) prevail and setting out the details of such circumstances; and
- (B) an opinion, in form and substance satisfactory to the Trustee, of the Guarantor's independent auditors or of a recognised accountancy firm of international standing stating that the circumstances referred to above in this Condition 6(f) prevail and the date on which the relevant change or amendment to the Relevant Accounting Standards is due to take effect.

The Trustee shall be entitled to accept such certificate and opinion without investigation as sufficient evidence of the satisfaction of the circumstances set out above, in which event they shall be conclusive and binding on the Holders.

Upon the expiry of any such notice as is referred to in this Condition 6(f), the Issuer shall be bound to redeem the Securities in accordance with this Condition 6(f).

- (g) *Redemption in the case of Minimal Outstanding Amount:* The Issuer may, at any time, on giving not more than 60 nor less than 10 days' irrevocable notice to the Trustee and the Principal Paying Agent in writing and to the Holders (in accordance with Condition 15), redeem all but not some only of the Securities at their principal amount, together with any unpaid Distribution accrued to but excluding the date fixed for redemption (including any Arrears of Distribution and any Additional Distribution Amount) if, immediately before giving such notice, the aggregate principal amount of the Securities outstanding is less than 25 per cent. of the aggregate principal amount of the Securities originally issued

(and including any additional Securities issued in accordance with Condition 14, if any). Upon expiry of any such notice as is referred to in this Condition 6(g), the Issuer shall be bound to redeem the Securities in accordance with this Condition 6(g).

- (h) *Make-whole redemption by the Issuer:* The Securities may be redeemed at the option of the Issuer in whole, but not in part, at any time prior to the Par Call Date on giving not more than 60 nor less than 10 days' irrevocable notice (a "**Make Whole Redemption Notice**") to the Trustee and the Principal Paying Agent in writing and to the Holders (in accordance with Condition 15), at a redemption price equal to the Make Whole Redemption Price as of the Par Call Date, and unpaid Distribution, if any, accrued to but excluding such Optional Redemption Date.

For the purposes of this Condition 6(h):

**"business day"** means a day (other than a Saturday or a Sunday or a public holiday) on which banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business and on which foreign exchange transactions may be carried on in U.S. dollars in New York City;

**"Make Whole Redemption Price"** means, with respect to each Security at any redemption date, the greater of (i) 100 per cent. of the principal amount of such Security and (ii) the amount equal to the (a) sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and Distribution on such Security, discounted to the Par Call Date at the Treasury Rate plus 1 per cent. less (b) Distribution accrued to the Optional Redemption Date;

**"Optional Redemption Date"** means the date on which the Securities shall be redeemed at the option of the Issuer as specified in the Make Whole Redemption Notice;

**"Par Call Date"** means 24 September 2030;

**"Treasury Rate"** means, with respect to any redemption date, the yield determined by the Issuer in accordance with the following two paragraphs:

- a. The Treasury Rate shall be determined by the Issuer at the Specified Time on the third business day preceding the Optional Redemption Date based upon the yield or yields for the most recent day that appear after such time on such day on the H.15 Page. In determining the Treasury Rate, the Issuer shall select, as applicable: (i) the yield as displayed on the H.15 Page exactly equal to the period from the Optional Redemption Date to the Par Call Date (the "**Remaining Life**"); or (ii) if there is no yield displayed on the H.15 Page exactly equal to the Remaining Life, the two yields — one yield as displayed on the H.15 immediately shorter than and one yield as displayed on the H.15 Page having a maturity immediately longer than the Remaining Life — and shall interpolate to the Par Call Date on a straight-line basis (using the actual number of days) using such yields and rounding the result to three decimal places; or (iii) if there is no yield displayed on the H.15 Page shorter than or longer than the Remaining Life, the yield as displayed on the H.15 Page closest to the Remaining Life. For the purposes of this paragraph, the applicable yield displayed on the H.15 Page shall be deemed to have a maturity date equal to the relevant number of months or years, as applicable, of such yield from the Optional Redemption Date.
- b. If on the third business day preceding the Optional Redemption Date H.15 or any successor designation or publication is no longer published, the Issuer shall calculate the Treasury Rate based on the rate per annum equal to the semi-annual equivalent yield to maturity at 11:00a.m., New York City time, on the second business day preceding such Optional Redemption Date of the United States Treasury security maturing on, or with a maturity that is closest to, the Par Call Date, as applicable. If there is no United States Treasury security maturing on the Par Call Date but there are two or more United States Treasury securities with a maturity date equally distant from the Par



Call Date, one with a maturity date preceding the Par Call Date and one with a maturity date following the Par Call Date, the Issuer shall select the United States Treasury security with a maturity date preceding the Par Call Date. If there are two or more United States Treasury securities maturing on the Par Call Date or two or more United States Treasury securities meeting the criteria of the preceding sentence, the Issuer shall select from among these two or more United States Treasury securities the United States Treasury security that is trading closest to par based upon the average of the bid and asked prices for such United States Treasury securities at 11:00 a.m., New York City time. In determining the Treasury Rate in accordance with the terms of this paragraph, the semi-annual yield to maturity of the applicable United States Treasury security shall be based upon the average of the bid and asked prices (expressed as a percentage of principal amount) at 11:00 a.m., New York City time, of such United States Treasury security, and rounded to three decimal places.

The Issuer's actions and determinations in determining the Make Whole Redemption Price shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes, absent manifest error.

- (i) *No other redemption:* The Issuer shall not be entitled to redeem the Securities and neither the Issuer nor the Guarantor shall have any obligation to make any payment of principal in respect of the Securities otherwise than as provided in Conditions 6(b) to 6(h) (both inclusive) or Condition 9.
- (j) *Purchase:* The Issuer, the Guarantor, any other Subsidiary of the Guarantor, any holding company of the Guarantor or any other Subsidiary of such holding company may at any time purchase Securities in the open market or otherwise at any price.

The Securities so purchased, while held by or on behalf of the Issuer, the Guarantor, any other Subsidiary of the Guarantor, any holding company of the Guarantor or any other Subsidiary of such holding company, shall not entitle the Holder thereof to vote at any meetings of the Holders and shall not be deemed to be outstanding for the purposes of calculating quorums at meetings of the Holders or for the purposes of Condition 12(a) or for any other purpose described in the proviso to the definition of "outstanding" set out in the Trust Deed.

- (k) *Cancellation:* All Certificates representing Securities purchased by or on behalf of the Issuer, the Guarantor or any other Subsidiary of the Guarantor shall be surrendered for cancellation to the Registrar and, upon surrender thereof, all such Securities shall be cancelled forthwith. Any Certificates so surrendered for cancellation may not be reissued or resold and the obligations of the Issuer in respect of any such Securities shall be discharged immediately upon cancellation of the relevant Certificates.

## 7 PAYMENTS

- (a) *Method of Payment:*
  - (i) Payments of principal and Distributions shall be made (subject to surrender of the relevant Certificates at the specified office of any Paying Agent or of the Registrar if no further payment falls to be made in respect of the Securities represented by such Certificates) in the manner provided in Condition 7(a)(ii).
  - (ii) Distributions on each Security shall be paid to the person shown as the Holder on the Register at the close of business on the 5<sup>th</sup> business day before the due date for payment thereof (the "**Record Date**"). Payments of Distributions on each Security shall be made in U.S. dollars by transfer to the registered account of the Holder.

*So long as the Global Certificate is held on behalf of Euroclear and Clearstream or any other clearing system, each payment in respect of the Global Certificate will be made to the person shown as the holder in the Register at the close of business of the relevant clearing system on the Clearing System Business Day before the due date for such payments, where “**Clearing System Business Day**” means a weekday (Monday to Friday, inclusive) except 25 December and 1 January.*

- (iii) For the purposes of this Condition 7, a Holder’s “**registered account**” means the U.S. dollar account maintained by or on behalf of it with a bank that processes payments in U.S. dollars, details of which appear on the Register at the close of business on the 5<sup>th</sup> business day before the due date for payment.
- (iv) If the amount of principal being paid upon surrender of the relevant Certificate is less than the outstanding principal amount of such Certificate, the Registrar will annotate the Register with the amount of principal so paid and will (if so requested by the Issuer or a Holder) issue a new Certificate with a principal amount equal to the remaining unpaid outstanding principal amount. If the amount of a Distribution being paid is less than the amount then due, the Registrar will annotate the Register with the amount of the Distribution so paid.
- (b) *Payments subject to Fiscal Laws:* All payments are subject in all cases to any applicable fiscal or other laws, regulations and directives in the place of payment. No commission or expenses shall be charged to the Holders in respect of such payments.
- (c) *Payment Initiation:* Payment instructions (for value the due date, or if that is not a business day, for value the first following day which is a business day) will be initiated on the last day on which the Principal Paying Agent is open for business preceding the due date for payment or, in the case of payments of principal where the relevant Certificate has not been surrendered at the specified office of any Paying Agent or of the Registrar, on a day on which the Principal Paying Agent is open for business and on which the relevant Certificate is surrendered.
- (d) *Appointment of Agents:* The Agents initially appointed by the Issuer and the Guarantor and their respective specified offices are listed in the Offering Circular. The Agents act solely as agents of the Issuer and the Guarantor and do not assume any obligation or relationship of agency or trust for or with any Holder. The Issuer and the Guarantor reserve the right at any time with the approval of the Trustee to vary or terminate the appointment of any Agent and to appoint additional or other Agents, provided that:
  - (i) there will at all times be a Principal Paying Agent and a Calculation Agent;
  - (ii) there will at all times be a Registrar which will maintain the Register outside Hong Kong and the United Kingdom; and
  - (iii) so long as the Securities are listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited so requires, there will be a Paying Agent with a specified office in Hong Kong.

Notice of any such change or any change of any specified office shall promptly be given to the Holders in accordance with Condition 15.

- (e) *Delay in Payment:* Holders will not be entitled to any Distribution or other payment for any delay after the due date in receiving the amount due on a Security if the due date is not a business day or if the Holder is late in surrendering or cannot surrender its Certificate (if required to do so) or if a transfer made in accordance with Condition 7(a)(ii) reaches the registered account of the Holder after the due date for payment.

- (f) *Non-Business Days*: If any date for payment in respect of any Security is not a business day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following business day nor to any Distribution or other sum in respect of such postponed payment.

## 8 TAXATION

- (a) *Payment without Withholding*: All payments of principal and Distributions (including any Arrears of Distribution or any Additional Distribution Amount) by or on behalf of the Issuer in respect of the Securities and the Guarantor in respect of the Guarantee shall be made free and clear of, and without withholding or deduction for, or on account of, any present or future taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature (“**Taxes**”) imposed or levied by or on behalf of any of the Relevant Jurisdictions, unless the withholding or deduction of the Taxes is required by law in any of the Relevant Jurisdictions. In that event, the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor will pay such additional amounts (“**Additional Tax Amounts**”) as may be necessary in order that the net amounts received by the Holders after the withholding or deduction shall equal the respective amounts which would have been receivable in respect of the Securities in the absence of the withholding or deduction, except that no Additional Tax Amounts shall be payable in relation to any payment in respect of any Securities:
- (i) *Other connection*: to a Holder (or a third party on behalf of a Holder) who is liable to Taxes in respect of the Securities by reason of his having some connection with any Relevant Jurisdiction other than the mere holding of the Securities; or
  - (ii) *Presentation more than 30 days after the due date*: if the Certificate in respect of such Security is presented for payment more than 30 days after the due date for such payment except to the extent that a Holder would have been entitled to Additional Tax Amounts on presenting the same for payment on the last day of such period of 30 days assuming (whether or not such is in fact the case) that day to have been a business day); or
  - (iii) *Lawful avoidance of withholding*: if the Certificate in respect of such Security is presented for payment by or on behalf of a Holder who, at the time of such presentation, is able to avoid such withholding or deduction by making a declaration of non-residence or other similar claim for exemption and who does not make such declaration or claim.
- (b) *Additional Tax Amounts*: Any reference in these Conditions to principal, Distribution, Arrears of Distribution or Additional Distribution Amount shall be deemed to include any Additional Tax Amounts in respect of such principal, Distribution, Arrears of Distribution or Additional Distribution Amount (as the case may be) which may be payable under this Condition 8 or any undertaking given in addition to or in substitution of this Condition 8 pursuant to the Trust Deed.

## 9 NON-PAYMENT

- (a) *Non-payment when due*: Notwithstanding any of the provisions below in this Condition 9, the right to institute proceedings for Winding-Up is limited to circumstances where payment in respect of the Securities has become due but has not been paid. In the case of any Distribution, such Distribution will not be due if the Issuer has elected to defer that Distribution in accordance with Condition 5(d). Nothing in this Condition 9, including any restriction on commencing proceedings, shall in any way restrict or limit any rights of the Trustee or any of its directors, officers, employees or Appointees (as defined in the Trust Deed) to claim from or to otherwise take any action against the Issuer and/or the Guarantor in respect of any costs, charges, fees, expenses or liabilities incurred by such party pursuant to or in connection with the Trust Deed or the Securities.

(b) *Proceedings for Winding-Up:* If:

- (i) an order is made or an effective resolution is passed for the Winding-Up of the Issuer or the Guarantor; or
- (ii) the Issuer has not made payment in respect of the Securities or the Guarantor has not made payment in respect of the Guarantee for a period (in either case) of ten days or more after the date on which such payment is due,

the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor shall be deemed to be in default under the Trust Deed, the Securities and, in the case of the Guarantor, the Guarantee, and the Trustee may, subject to the provisions of Condition 9(d), institute proceedings for the Winding-Up of the Issuer and/or the Guarantor and/or prove in the Winding-Up of the Issuer and/or the Guarantor and/or claim in the liquidation of the Issuer and/or the Guarantor for such payment.

(c) *Enforcement:* Without prejudice to Condition 9(b) but subject to the provisions of Condition 9(d), the Trustee may at its sole discretion and without notice to the Issuer or the Guarantor take and/or institute such steps and/or actions and/or proceedings, as the case may be, against the Issuer and/or the Guarantor as it may think fit to enforce any term or condition binding on the Issuer and/or the Guarantor under the Trust Deed or the Securities (other than any payment obligation of the Issuer or the Guarantor under or arising from the Securities or the Trust Deed, including, without limitation, payment of any principal or Distributions (including any Arrears of Distribution and any Additional Distribution Amount) in respect of the Securities or the Guarantee, including any damages awarded for breach of any obligations) and in no event shall the Issuer or the Guarantor, by virtue of the institution of any such proceedings, be obliged to pay any sum or sums, in cash or otherwise, sooner than the same would otherwise have been payable by it.

(d) *Entitlement of Trustee:* The Trustee shall not and shall not be obliged to take any of the actions referred to in Condition 9(b) or Condition 9(c) above against the Issuer and/or the Guarantor to enforce the terms of the Trust Deed or the Securities unless:

- (i) it shall have been so requested by an Extraordinary Resolution of the Holders or in writing by the Holders of at least 25 per cent. in aggregate principal amount of the Securities then outstanding; and
- (ii) it shall have been indemnified and/or secured and/or pre-funded to its satisfaction.

(e) *Right of Holders:* No Holder shall be entitled to proceed directly against the Issuer or the Guarantor or to institute proceedings for the Winding-Up of the Issuer and/or the Guarantor or claim in the liquidation of the Issuer and/or the Guarantor or to prove in such Winding-Up unless the Trustee, having become so bound to proceed or to prove in such Winding-Up or claim in such liquidation, fails to do so within a reasonable period and such failure shall be continuing, in which case the Holder shall have only such rights against the Issuer and/or the Guarantor as those which the Trustee is entitled to exercise as set out in this Condition 9.

(f) *Extent of Holders' remedy:* No remedy against the Issuer or the Guarantor, other than as referred to in this Condition 9, shall be available to the Trustee or the Holders, whether for the recovery of amounts owing in respect of the Securities or the Guarantee or under the Trust Deed or in respect of any breach by the Issuer or the Guarantor of any of its other obligations under or in respect of the Securities or the Guarantee or under the Trust Deed.

## **10 PRESCRIPTION**

Claims against the Issuer and the Guarantor for any payment in respect of the Securities shall be prescribed and become void unless made within ten years (in the case of principal) or five years (in the case of Distributions) from the Relevant Date for such payment.

## **11 REPLACEMENT OF CERTIFICATES**

If any Certificate is lost, stolen, mutilated, defaced or destroyed, it may be replaced, subject to applicable laws, regulations or other relevant regulatory authority regulations, at the specified office of the Registrar, in each case on payment by the claimant of the fees and costs incurred in connection therewith and on such terms as to evidence, security, indemnity and otherwise as the Issuer and the Guarantor may require. Mutilated or defaced Certificates must be surrendered before replacements will be issued.

## **12 MEETINGS OF HOLDERS, MODIFICATION, SUBSTITUTION OR VARIATION AND ENTITLEMENT OF TRUSTEE**

- (a) *Meetings of Holders:* The Trust Deed contains provisions for convening meetings of the Holders to consider any matter affecting their interests, including the modification or abrogation by Extraordinary Resolution of any of these Conditions or any of the provisions of the Trust Deed. A resolution duly passed at any such meeting shall be binding on all the holders of the Securities whether present or not. The quorum at any such meeting for passing an Extraordinary Resolution of the holders of Securities is two or more persons holding or representing a clear majority in principal amount of the Securities for the time being outstanding (as defined in the Trust Deed) or, at any adjourned meeting, two or more persons being or representing holders of the Securities, whatever the principal amount of the Securities so held or represented, except that, at any meeting the business of which includes the modification of certain material condition of the Securities or of certain provisions of the Trust Deed (as set out therein), the necessary quorum for passing an Extraordinary Resolution is two or more persons holding or representing not less than three-quarters, or at any such adjourned meeting, not less than one-quarter, of the principal amount of the Securities for the time being outstanding.
- (b) *Modification, Waiver, Authorisation and Determination:* The Trustee may agree (but is not obliged to agree), without the consent of the Holders, to:
  - (i) any modification of the provisions of the Agency Agreement, the Trust Deed or the Securities that in the opinion of the Trustee is of a formal, minor or technical nature, is made to correct a manifest error or is not materially prejudicial to the interests of the Holders, and
  - (ii) any other modification (except in respect of a Reserved Matter), and any waiver or authorisation of any breach or proposed breach, of any of these Conditions or any of the provisions of the Trust Deed or the Agency Agreement that is in the opinion of the Trustee not materially prejudicial to the interests of the Holders.

Any such modification, authorisation or waiver shall be binding on the Holders and, unless the Trustee otherwise permits, such modification, authorisation or waiver shall be notified by the Issuer to the Holders as soon as practicable.

- (c) *Substitution or Variation:* If a Special Event has occurred and is continuing, then the Issuer may, subject to Condition 5 (without any requirement for the consent or approval of the Holders) and subject to it having satisfied the Trustee immediately prior to the giving of any notice referred to herein that the provisions of this Condition 12(c) have been complied with, and having given not less than 30 nor more

than 60 days' irrevocable notice in writing to the Trustee and the Principal Paying Agent in writing and to the Holders (in accordance with Condition 15), at any time either:

- (i) substitute all, but not some only, of the Securities for; or
- (ii) vary the terms of the Securities with the effect that they remain or become (as the case may be), Qualifying Securities, and the Trustee shall (subject to the following provisions of this Condition 12(c) and the provisions in Clause 19 of the Trust Deed) agree to such substitution or variation. Upon expiry of such notice, the Issuer shall either vary the terms of or, as the case may be, substitute the Securities in accordance with this Condition 12(c).

In connection therewith, any outstanding Arrears of Distribution (including any Additional Distribution Amount) shall be satisfied in full in accordance with the provisions of Condition 5(d)(vi).

In connection with any substitution or variation in accordance with this Condition 12(c), the Issuer shall comply with the rules of any stock exchange on which the Securities are for the time being listed or admitted to trading.

Any such substitution or variation in accordance with the foregoing provisions shall not be permitted if any such substitution or variation would itself give rise to a Special Event with respect to the Securities or the Qualifying Securities.

- (d) *Entitlement of the Trustee:* In connection with the exercise of its functions, rights, powers and discretions (including but not limited to those referred to in this Condition 12), the Trustee shall have regard to the interests of the Holders as a class and shall not have regard to the consequences of such exercise for individual Holders and the Trustee shall not be entitled to require on behalf of any Holder, nor shall any Holder be entitled to claim, from the Issuer or the Guarantor or the Trustee any indemnification or payment in respect of any tax or other consequence of any such exercise upon individual Holders.

### **13 INDEMNIFICATION OF THE TRUSTEE**

The Trust Deed contains provisions for the indemnification of the Trustee and for its relief from responsibility. The Trustee is entitled to enter into business transactions with the Issuer or the Guarantor without accounting for any profit resulting therefrom.

### **14 FURTHER ISSUES**

The Issuer may from time to time without the consent of the Holders create and issue further securities either:

- (a) being identical to the Securities in all respects (including as to listing) except for their respective Issue Dates, Distribution Commencement Dates, Issue Prices and the dates of the first payment of distribution and so that the same shall be consolidated and form a single series with the Securities constituted by the Trust Deed or any supplemental deed; or
- (b) upon such terms as the Issuer may determine at the time of the issue.

References in these Conditions to the Securities include (unless the context requires otherwise) any other securities issued pursuant to this Condition 14 and consolidated and forming a single series with the Securities.

Any further securities which are to be consolidated and form a single series with the outstanding Securities constituted by the Trust Deed or any supplemental deed shall be constituted by a deed supplemental to the Trust Deed.

## 15 NOTICES

Notices to the Holders will be valid if mailed to them at their respective addresses in the Register or published in a leading newspaper having general circulation in Hong Kong or, if such publication shall not be practicable, in a daily newspaper with general circulation in Asia approved in writing by the Trustee. It is expected that such publication will normally be made in the *Asian Wall Street Journal*. The Issuer shall also ensure that notices are duly given or published in a manner which complies with the rules and regulations of any stock exchange or other relevant authority on which the Securities are for the time being listed. Any notice shall be deemed to have been given on the fourth day after being so mailed or on the date of publication or, if so published more than once or on different dates, on the date of the first publication.

*So long as the Securities are represented by the Global Certificate and the Global Certificate is held on behalf of Euroclear or Clearstream, notices to Holders shall be given by delivery of the relevant notice to Euroclear or Clearstream for communication by it to the entitled accountholders in substitution for notification as required by these Conditions and shall be deemed to have been given on the date of delivery to such clearing system.*

## 16 CONTRACTS (RIGHTS OF THIRD PARTIES) ACT 1999

No person shall have any right to enforce any term or condition of the Securities or the Trust Deed under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999.

## 17 GOVERNING LAW AND SUBMISSION TO JURISDICTION

- (a) *Governing Law:* The Trust Deed, the Securities and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with them are governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, English law, except that:
  - (i) Clause 8(J) of the Trust Deed and Condition 4(c) are governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, Hong Kong law; and
  - (ii) Clause 2(C) of the Trust Deed and Condition 3(b) are governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, the laws of the Cayman Islands.
- (b) *Submission to Jurisdiction:*
  - (i) Each of the Issuer and the Guarantor has, in the Trust Deed, agreed for the benefit of the Trustee and the Holders that the courts of England are to have jurisdiction to settle any disputes, which may arise out of or in connection with the Trust Deed and/or the Securities, including any dispute relating to any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with the Trust Deed and/or the Securities, and that accordingly any suit, action or proceedings (together referred to as “**Proceedings**”) arising out of or in connection with the Trust Deed and/or the Securities may be brought in such courts.
  - (ii) Each of the Issuer and the Guarantor has, in the Trust Deed, irrevocably waived any objection which it may have now or hereafter to the laying of the venue of any such Proceedings in any such court and any claim that any such Proceedings have been brought in an inconvenient forum and has further irrevocably agreed that a judgment in any such Proceedings brought in the English courts shall be conclusive and binding upon it and may be enforced in the courts of any other jurisdiction.
  - (iii) Nothing contained in this Condition shall limit any right to take Proceedings against the Issuer or the Guarantor in any other court of competent jurisdiction, nor shall the taking of Proceedings in

one or more jurisdictions preclude the taking of Proceedings in any other jurisdiction, whether concurrently or not.

- (c) *Appointment of Process Agent*: Each of the Issuer and the Guarantor has appointed Law Debenture Corporate Services Limited at its registered office currently at 8th Floor, 100 Bishopsgate, London EC2N 4AG, United Kingdom as its agent for service of process in any proceedings before the English courts in relation to any Proceedings, and has agreed that, in the event that such agent ceases to be able or to be willing for any reason so to act, it will immediately appoint another person as its agent for service of process in England and deliver to the Trustee a copy of the agent's acceptance of that appointment within 30 days of such cessation. Each of the Issuer and the Guarantor agrees that failure by a process agent to notify it of any process will not invalidate service and that nothing in the Trust Deed or these Conditions shall affect the right to serve process in any other manner permitted by law.

## 18 DEFINITIONS

In these Conditions:

**"Accounting Event"** has the meaning set out in Condition 6(f);

**"Additional Distribution Amount"** has the meaning set out in Condition 5(d)(iv);

**"Additional Tax Amounts"** has the meaning set out in Condition 8(a);

**"Arrears of Distribution"** has the meaning set out in Condition 5(d)(iv);

**"Authorised Signatory"** has the meaning set out in the Trust Deed;

**"business day"** means:

- (a) in respect of Condition 2(b), a day, other than a Saturday or Sunday, on which banks are open for business in the place of the specified office of the relevant Transfer Agent or the Registrar (as the case may be);
- (b) in respect of Condition 5 and a Calculation Date, any day, excluding a Saturday and a Sunday, on which banks are open for general business (including dealings in foreign currencies) in Hong Kong, London and New York City; and
- (c) in respect of Condition 7 and Condition 8, a day (other than a Saturday or a Sunday) on which banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business in Hong Kong, London and the place in which the specified office of the relevant Paying Agent is located and, in the case of presentation of a Certificate, in the place in which the Certificate is presented and where payment is to be made by transfer to an account, on which foreign exchange transactions may be carried on in U.S. dollars in New York City;

**"Call Date"** has the meaning set out in Condition 6(b);

**"Calculation Agent"** means Citibank, N.A., London Branch;

**"Calculation Amount"** has the meaning set out in Condition 5(a)(iii);

**"Calculation Date"** means the second business day prior to the relevant Reset Date;

**"Certificates"** has the meaning set out in Condition 1;

**"Comparable Treasury Issue"** means the U.S. Treasury security selected by the Issuer as having a maturity of five years that would be utilised, at the time of selection and in accordance with customary financial practice, in pricing new issues of corporate debt securities with a maturity of five years;



**“Comparable Treasury Price”** means, with respect to the second business day immediately preceding the Reset Date, the average of three Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations for the relevant Calculation Date;

**“Day Count Fraction”** has the meaning set out in Condition 5(a)(iii);

**“Deferral Election Event”** has the meaning set out in Condition 5(d)(i);

**“Deferral Election Notice”** has the meaning set out in Condition 5(d)(i);

**“Distribution”** has the meaning set out in Condition 5(a);

**“Distribution Payment Date”** has the meaning set out in Condition 5(a)(ii);

**“Distribution Rate”** has the meaning set out in Condition 5(a);

**“Equity Credit Classification Event”** has the meaning set out in Condition 6(e);

**“Extraordinary Resolution”** has the meaning given to it in the Trust Deed;

**“First Reset Date”** has the meaning set out in Condition 5(b)(i);

**“First Step-up Date”** has the meaning set out in Condition 5(b)(ii);

**“Fitch”** means Fitch Ratings Ltd., or any of its subsidiaries and their successors;

**“Gross-Up Event”** has the meaning set out in Condition 6(c)(ii);

**“Guarantee”** has the meaning set out in Condition 4(a);

**“Holder”** or **“holder”** has the meaning set out in Condition 1;

**“H.15 Page”** means the relevant page or webpage (or any successor page or webpage displaying yields on U.S. Treasury securities as agreed between the Issuer and the Calculation Agent) displaying the statistical release published by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System designated as “Selected Interest Rates (Daily) - H.15” (**“H.15”**), which as of the Issue Date is <https://www.federalreserve.gov/releases/h15/> under the caption “U.S. government securities–Treasury constant maturities–Nominal”;

**“Initial Spread”** means 0.86 per cent. per annum;

**“Issue Date”** means 24 June 2025;

**“Junior Obligations”** means, in relation to the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor, (i) any class of share capital (including preference shares), and (b) any instrument or security issued, entered into or guaranteed by the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor, which ranks or is expressed to rank, by its terms or by operation of law, junior to the Securities or the Guarantee, as the case may be;

**“Moody’s”** means Moody’s Investors Service, Inc., or any of its subsidiaries and their successors;

**“Parity Obligations”** means any instrument or security issued, entered into or guaranteed by the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor:

- (a) which ranks or is expressed to rank, by its terms or by operation of law, *pari passu* with the Securities or the Guarantee; and
- (b) the terms of which provide that the making of payments thereon or distributions in respect thereof are fully at the discretion of the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor, and/or, in the case of an instrument or security guaranteed by the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor, the issuer thereof;

**“Qualifying Securities”** means securities that:

- (a) have terms not materially less favourable to an investor than the terms of the Securities (as reasonably determined by the Guarantor and an independent investment bank, and provided that a certificate to such effect (and confirming that the conditions set out in (i) to (iv) below of this definition have been satisfied) signed by two Authorised Signatories of the Guarantor and from an independent investment bank, shall have been delivered to the Trustee prior to the substitution or variation of the relevant Securities upon which certificate the Trustee shall rely absolutely and which shall be binding on the Holders), provided that:
  - (i) they are issued by the Guarantor, the Issuer or any wholly-owned direct or indirect Subsidiary of the Guarantor;
  - (ii) they are unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by the Guarantor where not issued by the Guarantor;
  - (iii) they (or, as appropriate, the guarantee as aforesaid) shall rank pari passu with the Securities on a Winding-Up, shall preserve the Holders' rights to any Arrears of Distribution, any Additional Distribution Amount and any other payment that has accrued with respect to the Securities, and shall contain terms which provide at least for the same Distribution Rate, subsequent Distribution Payment Dates and redemption events, from time to time applying to the Securities; and other terms of such securities are substantially identical (as reasonably determined by the Guarantor and an independent investment bank) to the Securities and, other than in the case of an Equity Credit Classification Event, have an equity content or credit that is the same or better than the equity credit assigned to the Securities before the substitution or variation, save for any modifications to such terms that are required to be made to avoid or resolve the occurrence of a Special Event; and
  - (iv) they shall not contain loss-absorbing provisions, such as principal write-offs, write-downs or conversion to equity;
- (b) have been, or will on issue be, assigned at least the same rating as that assigned by all relevant Rating Agencies where the Securities were so rated (other than unsolicited ratings) prior to substitution or variation as provided in Condition 12(c); and
- (c) are listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited or another securities exchange of international standing regularly used for the listing and quoting of debt securities offered and traded in the international markets;

**“Rating Agency”** has the meaning set out in Condition 6(e);

**“Record Date”** has the meaning set out in Condition 7(a)(ii);

**“Reference Treasury Dealer”** means each of the three nationally recognised investment banking firms selected by the Issuer that are primary U.S. Government securities dealers;

**“Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations”** means, with respect to each Reference Treasury Dealer and the Calculation Date, the average, as determined by the Calculation Agent, of the bid and ask prices for the Comparable Treasury Issue, expressed in each case as a percentage of its principal amount, quoted in writing to the Issuer by such Reference Treasury Dealer at 5:00 p.m. (New York City time), on the relevant Calculation Date and then notified in writing by the Issuer to the Calculation Agent and the Trustee;

**“Register”** has the meaning set out in Condition 1;

**“Relevant Accounting Standards”** has the meaning set out in Condition 6(f);

**“Relevant Date”** in respect of any payment of any Security means the date on which such payment first becomes due, except that, if the full amount of the moneys payable has not been received by the Principal Paying Agent or the Registrar, as the case may be, on or prior to such due date, it means the date on which notice is duly given to the Holders in accordance with Condition 15 that the full amount of such moneys has been so received;

**“Relevant Jurisdiction”** means the Cayman Islands or Hong Kong or, in each case, any political subdivision or any authority therein or thereof having power to tax to which the Issuer or the Guarantor becomes subject in respect of payments made by it of any sums due in respect of the Securities;

**“Reset Date”** means the First Reset Date and each day falling five calendar years after the First Reset Date;

**“S&P”** means S&P Global Ratings, a division of S&P Global Inc. or any of its subsidiaries and their successors;

**“Second Step-up Date”** has the meaning set out in Condition 5(b)(iii);

**“Special Event”** means a Gross-Up Event, a Tax Deduction Event, an Accounting Event, an Equity Credit Classification Event or any combination of the foregoing;

**“Specified Time”** means any time after 4:15 p.m. (New York time) (or after such time as yields on the U.S. government securities are posted daily by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System);

**“Subsidiary”** shall have the meaning ascribed thereto in the Companies Act 2006 of England and Wales;

**“Tax Deduction Event”** has the meaning set out in Condition 6(d);

**“U.S. Treasury Rate”** means the rate in percentage per annum as notified by the Calculation Agent to the Issuer, the Trustee and the Agents in writing and to the Holders (in accordance with Condition 15) equal to:

- (a) the yield on U.S. Treasury securities having a maturity of five years as set forth in the H.15 Page at the Specified Time on the Calculation Date;
- (b) if paragraph (a) above applies but the H.15 Page does not display the relevant yield at the Specified Time on the Calculation Date, the semi-annual equivalent yield to maturity of the Comparable Treasury Issue, calculated using a price for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed as a percentage of its principal amount) equal to the Comparable Treasury Price on the relevant Calculation Date; and
- (c) if paragraph (b) above applies but there is no Comparable Treasury Price on the relevant Calculation Date for whatever reason, the yield on U.S. Treasury securities having a maturity of five years as displayed on the H.15 Page at the Specified Time on the first date preceding the Calculation Date that such rate was available; and

**“Winding-Up”** means, with respect to the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor, a final and effective order or resolution by a competent authority in the respective jurisdiction of incorporation of the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor for the winding up, liquidation or similar proceedings in respect of the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor.

*The following paragraphs in italics do not form part of the Terms and Conditions of the Securities:*

*Restrictions regarding redemption of the Securities (the “Restrictions”):*

*The Issuer intends (without thereby assuming any legal obligation to do so), during the period from the Issue Date to and including the Second Step-up Date, that if the Securities are assigned an “equity credit” (or such other nomenclature that S&P may then use to describe the degree to which an instrument exhibits the characteristics of an ordinary share) at the time of such redemption or repurchase, that it will redeem or repurchase the Securities pursuant to:*

- (1) *a redemption of the Securities at the option of the Issuer pursuant to Condition 6(b);*
- (2) *a repurchase of the Securities by the Issuer, the Guarantor or any of their respective Subsidiaries under Condition 6(j) of more than:*
  - (i) *10 per cent. of the aggregate principal amount of the Guarantor's outstanding hybrid capital in any consecutive 12-month period; or*
  - (ii) *25 per cent. of the aggregate principal amount of the Issuer/Guarantor's outstanding hybrid capital in any consecutive 10-year period,*

*only to the extent the Aggregate Equity Credit of the Securities at the time of issue to be redeemed or repurchased does not exceed the Aggregate Equity Credit received by the Guarantor or any other Subsidiaries of the Guarantor during the 365-day period prior to the date of such redemption or repurchase from certain securities offerings. Such offerings must involve the sale or issuance by the Guarantor or any other Subsidiaries of the Guarantor to third party purchasers other than the Guarantor or any other Subsidiaries of the Guarantor; of securities which are assigned by S&P, at the time of sale or issuance, an "equity credit" that is equal to or greater than the equity credit assigned to the Securities to be redeemed or repurchased at the time of issue (taking into account any changes in hybrid capital methodology or another relevant methodology or the interpretation thereof since the issuance of the Securities).*

*The Restrictions described above shall not apply if on the date of such redemption or repurchase:*

- (a) *the corporate credit rating or stand-alone credit profile assigned by S&P to the Guarantor is at least equal to the rating or stand-alone credit profile assigned to the Guarantor on the date of the most recent hybrid security issuance (excluding any refinancing) which was assigned by S&P a "equity credit" similar to the Securities and the Guarantor is of the view that such rating would not fall below this level as a result of such redemption or repurchase; or*
- (b) *the Securities are not assigned an "equity credit" at the time of such redemption or repurchase; or*
- (c) *a Special Event has occurred; or*
- (d) *the Issuer, the Guarantor or any other Subsidiaries of the Guarantor has individually or in the aggregate, redeemed, cancelled or purchased the Securities equal to or in excess of 75 per cent. of the aggregate principal amount of the Securities issued on the Issue Date; or*
- (e) *the statements made in the Restrictions set forth hereunder are no longer required for the Securities to be assigned an "equity credit" that is equal to or greater than the equity credit assigned by S&P on the Issue Date;*
- (f) *in the case of a repurchase, such repurchase relates to an aggregate principal amount of Securities which is less than or equal to the excess (if any) above the maximum aggregate principal amount of the Guarantor's hybrid capital to which S&P then assigns "equity credit" under its prevailing methodology; or*
- (g) *there shall have occurred a general moratorium on, or disruption in, commercial banking activities in the Cayman Islands, Hong Kong, the United Kingdom, European Economic Area or the United States by any Cayman Islands, Hong Kong, the United Kingdom, European Economic Area, New York State or United States Federal authorities, which would be, in the Issuer's sole opinion, likely to materially prejudice dealings in the Securities in the secondary market.*

*For the purpose of the Restrictions, "Aggregate Equity Credit" means the "equity credit" (as a percentage) assigned by S&P of the relevant securities multiplied by the aggregate principal amount of such securities with respect to which the calculation is being made.*

## ANNEX 2

### ADDITIONAL RISK FACTORS

*This Annex 2 sets out certain risk factors relating to the Securities. Words and expressions defined in or for the purpose of the Terms and Conditions of the Securities (as attached to this Pricing Supplement as Annex 1) shall have the same meanings where used in this Annex 2 unless the context otherwise requires or unless otherwise stated. Please see the section “Risk Factors” of the Offering Circular for the other risk factors relating to securities issued from time to time under the Programme, including, for the avoidance of doubt, the Securities.*

#### **The Securities are perpetual securities and investors have no right to require redemption**

The Securities are perpetual and have no maturity date. Holders of the Securities have no right to require the Issuer to redeem the Securities at any time, and an investor who acquires the Securities may only dispose of the Securities by sale. Holders of the Securities who wish to sell their Securities may be unable to do so at a price at or above the amount they have paid for them, or at all. Therefore, holders of the Securities should be aware that they may be required to bear the financial risks of an investment in the Securities for an indefinite period of time.

#### **The Securities and the Guarantee are subordinated obligations**

The obligations of the Issuer under the Securities and of the Guarantor under the Guarantee will constitute unsecured and subordinated obligations of the Issuer and the Guarantor. Subject to the insolvency laws of the Cayman Islands and other applicable laws, in the event of the Winding-Up of the Issuer, the rights of the Holders to receive payments in respect of the Securities will rank in priority to the holders of all Junior Obligations of the Issuer, but subordinated to the claims of all other present and future creditors of the Issuer (other than the claims in respect of Parity Obligations of the Issuer). Upon the Winding-Up of the Issuer, holders of the Securities can enforce the obligations of the Guarantor under the Guarantee, but, subject to the insolvency laws of Hong Kong and other applicable laws, in the event of the Winding-Up of the Guarantor, the rights and claims of holders of the Guarantee will rank in priority to the holders of all Junior Obligations of the Guarantor but be subordinated to the claims of all present and future creditors of the Guarantor (other than the claims in respect of Parity Obligations of the Guarantor).

In the event of a shortfall of funds or a Winding-Up, there is a real risk that an investor in the Securities will lose all or some of its investment and will not receive a full return of the principal amount or any unpaid amounts due under the Securities.

#### **Holders may not receive Distribution payments if the Issuer elects to defer Distribution payments**

The Issuer may, at its sole discretion, elect to defer any scheduled Distributions or Arrears of Distribution on the Securities for any period of time unless an event specified in Condition 5(d)(vi)(B) has occurred. Save as aforesaid, the Issuer is not subject to any limits as to the number of times Distributions or Arrears of Distribution can be deferred. Although Arrears of Distributions following a deferral are cumulative, the Issuer may defer their payment for an indefinite period of time by delivering the relevant deferral election notices to the holders of the Securities, the Trustee and the Principal Paying Agent. Any such deferral will not constitute a default for any purpose.

Each of the Issuer and the Guarantor is subject to certain restrictions in relation to the declaration and payment of dividends, distributions or other payments on its Junior Obligations and its Parity Obligations and to the redemption, reduction, cancellation, buy-back or acquisition for any consideration of its Parity Obligations or Junior Obligations, in each case, until any outstanding Arrears of Distribution and Additional Distribution Amount are satisfied or save in certain specified situations as further described in the Terms and Conditions. Such restrictions, however, do not prevent the Issuer or the Guarantor from, inter alia, making loans and other advances to other members of the Group. The making of such loans or advances may reduce the amount available to the Issuer for the payment of Distributions, Arrears of Distributions and Additional Distribution Amounts and may increase the likelihood of a deferral of Distribution under the Securities.

Any deferral of Distribution will likely have an adverse effect on the market price of the Securities. In addition, as a result of the Distribution deferral provision of the Securities, the market price of the Securities may be more volatile than the market prices of debt securities on which original issue discount or interest accrues that are not subject to such deferrals and may be more sensitive generally to adverse changes in the Group's financial condition.

#### **The Securities may be redeemed at the Issuer's option**

The Securities are redeemable at the option of the Issuer at the relevant times at the relevant redemption price as provided for in the Terms and Conditions, together with any Distribution accrued to but excluding the date fixed for redemption (including any Arrears of Distribution and any Additional Distribution Amount). The Issuer also has the right to redeem the Securities upon the occurrence of:

- a Gross-up Event;
- a Tax Deduction Event;
- an Equity Credit Classification Event;
- an Accounting Event; or
- if the aggregate principal amount of the Securities outstanding is less than 25 per cent. of the aggregate principal amount originally issued.

The date on which the Issuer elects to redeem the Securities may not accord with the preference of individual Holders. This may be disadvantageous to the Holders in light of market conditions or the individual circumstances of the Holder. An investor may also not be able to reinvest the redemption proceeds in comparable securities at an effective distribution rate at the same level as that of the Securities.

#### **There are limited remedies for default under the Securities and the Guarantee**

Any scheduled Distribution will not be due if the Issuer elects to defer that Distribution pursuant to the Terms and Conditions. Notwithstanding any of the provisions relating to non-payment defaults, the right to institute Winding-Up proceedings is limited to circumstances where payment has become due and the Issuer has not made payment in respect of the Securities or the Guarantor has not made payment in respect of the Guarantee for a period (in either case) of ten days or more after the date on which such payment is due. The only remedy against the Issuer and/or the Guarantor available to the Trustee or (where the Trustee has failed to proceed against the Issuer as provided in the Terms and Conditions) any holder of Securities for recovery of amounts in respect of the Securities following the occurrence of a payment default after any sum becomes due in respect of the Securities will be instituting Winding-Up proceedings against the Issuer and/or the Guarantor and/or proving in the Winding-Up of the Issuer and/ or the Guarantor and/or claiming in the liquidation of the Issuer and/or the Guarantor in respect of such payment. No remedy against the Issuer or the Guarantor, other than as referred to in Condition 9, shall be available to the Trustee or the Holders, whether for the recovery of amounts owing in respect of the Securities or the Guarantee or under the Trust Deed or in respect of any breach by the Issuer or the Guarantor of any of its other obligations under or in respect of the Securities or the Guarantee or under the Trust Deed.

#### **The Securities contain provisions regarding substitution which may affect the rights of Holders**

The Terms and Conditions provide that if a Special Event has occurred and is continuing, then the Issuer may, without the consent of Holders, subject to having satisfied the Trustee that Condition 12(c) has been satisfied as to certain matters and giving not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' irrevocable notice to the Trustee and the Principal Paying Agent in writing and to the Holders (in accordance with Condition 15):

- substitute all, but not some only, of the Securities for; or
- vary the terms of the Securities with the effect that they remain or become (as the case may be)

Qualifying Securities.

#### **The insolvency laws of the Cayman Islands and of Hong Kong and other local insolvency laws may differ from those of another jurisdiction with which the holders of the Securities are familiar**

As the Issuer is incorporated in the Cayman Islands and the Guarantor is incorporated under the laws of Hong Kong, any insolvency proceeding relating the Issuer or the Guarantor would likely involve Cayman Islands or Hong Kong insolvency laws, respectively, the procedural and substantive provisions of which may differ from comparable provisions of the local insolvency laws of jurisdictions with which the holders of the Securities are familiar. The Guarantor cannot give any assurance that any deferred Distributions would constitute a claim under applicable insolvency laws of the Cayman Islands or Hong Kong with the same ranking as would be afforded to such deferred Distributions in other jurisdictions.

### **Appendix 3 - Pricing Supplement in relation to the Series 223 Securities**



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**MiFID II PRODUCT GOVERNANCE / PROFESSIONAL INVESTORS AND ECPs ONLY TARGET MARKET** – Solely for the purposes of the manufacturer’s product approval process, the target market assessment in respect of the Securities has led to the conclusion that: (i) the target market for the Securities is eligible counterparties and professional clients only, each as defined in MiFID II; and (ii) all channels for distribution of the Securities to eligible counterparties and professional clients are appropriate. Any person subsequently offering, selling or recommending the Securities (a “distributor”) should take into consideration the manufacturer’s target market assessment; however, a distributor subject to MiFID II is responsible for undertaking its own target market assessment in respect of the Securities (by either adopting or refining the manufacturer’s target market assessment) and determining appropriate distribution channels.

**MTR CORPORATION (C.I.) LIMITED (as Issuer)**

(a company with limited liability organised under the laws of the Cayman Islands on 30th October 2000)

**unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by MTR CORPORATION LIMITED (as Guarantor)**

**US\$15,000,000,000 Debt Issuance Programme (the “Programme”)**

SERIES NO: 223

TRANCHE NO: 1

Issue of US\$1,500,000,000 Subordinated Perpetual Guaranteed Capital Securities (the “Securities”)

Issue Price: 100.0 per cent.

**Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank  
The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited  
J.P. Morgan Securities (Asia Pacific) Limited  
Société Générale  
UBS AG Hong Kong Branch**

as Joint Global Coordinators, Joint Lead Managers and Joint Bookrunners

**Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited  
Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited  
Barclays Bank PLC  
DBS Bank Ltd.  
Deutsche Bank AG, Hong Kong Branch  
Mizuho Securities Asia Limited  
Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited**

as Joint Lead Managers and Joint Bookrunners

The date of this Pricing Supplement is 16 June 2025.

This document (including, for the avoidance of doubt, the Annexes hereto) constitutes the Pricing Supplement relating to the issue of Securities described herein. Terms defined in or for the purposes of the Terms and Conditions of the Securities which are attached hereto as Annex 1 have the same meanings in this Pricing Supplement. Terms used in the main body of this Pricing Supplement shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Terms and Conditions of the Securities which are attached hereto as Annex 1. This Pricing Supplement contains the final terms of the Securities and must be read in conjunction with the Offering Circular, save in respect of the Terms and Conditions of the Securities which are attached hereto as Annex 1. Unless otherwise specified, a reference in this Pricing Supplement to “Condition” is to a Condition in the Terms and Conditions of the Securities which are attached hereto as Annex 1. For the avoidance of doubt, any reference in the Offering Circular to “Notes” shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be deemed to include a reference to the Securities.

1. Issuer: MTR Corporation (C.I.) Limited (Legal Entity Identifier: 254900SEVE6JAZLGDW04)

2.	Guarantor:	MTR Corporation Limited (Legal Entity Identifier: 254900IH4U9NHH9AQM97)
3.	(i) Series Number:	223
	(ii) Tranche Number:	1
4.	Currency:	United States dollars (“US\$”)
5.	Aggregate Nominal Amount:	US\$1,500,000,000
	(i) Series:	US\$1,500,000,000
	(ii) Tranche:	US\$1,500,000,000
6.	Issue Price:	100.0 per cent. of the Aggregate Nominal Amount
7.	(i) Specified Denominations:	US\$200,000 and integral multiples of US\$1,000 in excess thereof
	(ii) Calculation Amount:	US\$1,000
8.	(i) Issue Date:	24 June 2025
	(ii) Distribution Commencement Date:	Issue Date
9.	Maturity Date:	Not Applicable
10.	Distribution Basis:	As set out in Condition 5. Issuer has the right to elect to defer Distributions under Condition 5(d). Any Distribution deferred pursuant to Condition 5(d) shall bear interest as if it constituted the principal of the Securities at the prevailing Distribution Rate in accordance with Condition 5(d).
11.	Redemption/Payment Basis:	As set out in Condition 6
12.	Change of Distribution or Redemption/Payment Basis:	As set out in Conditions 5 and 6
13.	Redemption events:	<p>Issuer’s call option as set out in Condition 6(b)</p> <p>Redemption for Gross-up Event as set out in Condition 6(c)</p> <p>Redemption for Tax Deduction Event as set out in Condition 6(d)</p> <p>Redemption upon an Equity Credit Classification Event as set out in Condition 6(e)</p> <p>Redemption for Accounting Reasons as set out in Condition 6(f)</p> <p>Redemption in the case of Minimal Outstanding Amount as set out in Condition 6(g)</p> <p>Make-whole redemption by the Issuer as set out in Condition 6(h)</p>

14. (i) Status of the Securities: Subordinated and unsecured
- (ii) Status of the Guarantee: Subordinated and unsecured
15. Method of distribution: Syndicated

#### **PROVISIONS RELATING TO DISTRIBUTION (IF ANY) PAYABLE**

16. Distribution Provisions As set out in Condition 5

- (i) Rate of Distribution: The Distribution Rate applicable to the Securities shall be:
- (a) in respect of the period from, and including, the Issue Date to, but excluding, the First Reset Date (24 December, 2035, which is also the First Step-up Date), 5.625 per cent. per annum;
  - (b) in respect of the period from, and including, the First Step-up Date to, but excluding, the Second Step-up Date (24 December, 2055), reset on each Reset Date to a fixed rate per annum equal to the sum of (A) the then-prevailing U.S. Treasury Rate, (B) the Initial Spread and (C) 0.25 per cent.; and
  - (c) in respect of the period from, and including, each Reset Date falling on or after the Second Step-up Date to, but excluding, the immediately following Reset Date, reset on each Reset Date to a fixed rate per annum equal to the sum of (A) the then-prevailing U.S. Treasury Rate, (B) the Initial Spread and (C) 1.00 per cent.

where:

“Initial Spread” means 1.207 per cent. per annum;

“Reset Date” means the First Reset Date (24 December, 2035) and each day falling five calendar years after the First Reset Date; and

“U.S. Treasury Rate” means the rate in percentage per annum as notified by the Calculation Agent to the Issuer, the Trustee and the Agents in writing and to the Holders (in accordance with Condition 15) equal to:

- (1) the yield on U.S. Treasury securities having a maturity of five years as set forth in the H.15 Page at the Specified Time on the Calculation Date;
- (2) if paragraph (1) above applies but the H.15 Page does not display the relevant yield at the Specified Time on the Calculation Date, the semi-annual equivalent yield to maturity of the Comparable Treasury Issue, calculated using a price for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed as a percentage of its principal amount) equal to the Comparable Treasury Price on the relevant Calculation Date; and
- (3) if paragraph (2) above applies but there is no Comparable Treasury Price on the relevant Calculation Date for whatever reason, the yield on U.S. Treasury securities having a maturity of five years as displayed on the H.15 Page at the Specified Time on the first date preceding the Calculation Date that such rate was available.

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| (ii)  | Distribution Payment Date(s):                                   | 24 June and 24 December in each year, with the first Distribution Payment Date falling on 24 December, 2025, subject to adjustment in accordance with Condition 7(f) where any such date is not a business day. |
| (iii) | Day Count Fraction:   | In respect of any period, the number of days in the relevant period divided by 360 (the number of days to be calculated on the basis of a year of 360 days with 12 30-day months)                               |
| (iv)  | Other terms relating to the method of calculating distribution: | As set out in Conditions 5 and 8  |

## PROVISIONS RELATING TO REDEMPTION

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| 17.   | Redemption Provisions  | As set out in Condition 6   |
| (i)   | Optional redemption date(s):   | <p>(a) Issuer's call option under Condition 6(b): from (and including) 24 September, 2035</p> <p>(b) Redemption for Gross-up Event, Tax Deduction Event, Equity Credit Classification Event or Accounting Reasons or in the case of Minimal Outstanding Amount under Condition 6(c), 6(d), 6(e), 6(f) or, as the case may be, 6(g): as and when such Condition applies</p> <p>(c) Make-whole redemption under Condition 6(h): any time prior to the Par Call Date</p>   |
| (ii)  | Optional redemption amount(s) of each Security and method, if any, of calculation of such amount(s): | <p>Any redemption of the Securities under Condition 6 (except any make-whole redemption under Condition 6(h)) will be at their principal amount together with any unpaid Distribution accrued to but excluding the date fixed for redemption (including any Arrears of Distribution and any Additional Distribution Amount).</p> <p>Any make-whole redemption of a Security under Condition 6(h) will be at the Make Whole Redemption Price (which is equal to the greater of (i) 100 per cent. of the principal amount of such Security and (ii) the amount equal to the (a) sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and Distribution on such Security, discounted to the Par Call Date at the Treasury Rate plus 1 per cent. less (b) Distribution accrued to the Optional Redemption Date) as of the Par Call Date together with any unpaid Distribution accrued to but excluding the Optional Redemption Date.</p> |
| (iii) | If redeemable in part:<br>(a) Minimum redemption amount:<br>(b) Maximum redemption amount:           | Not redeemable in part  |
| (iv)  | Notice period:   | Not more than 60 nor less than 10 days' notice as set out in Condition 6.   |
| 18.   | Final redemption amount of each Security   | There is no fixed final redemption date. See paragraph 17(ii) above.  |
| 19.   | Early redemption amount  |   |

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| (i)  | Early redemption amount(s) of each Security payable on redemption for taxation reasons or on other early redemption and/or the method of calculating the same (if required or if different from that set out in the Conditions): | See paragraph 17(ii) above.      |
| (ii) | Redemption for taxation reasons permitted on days other than Distribution Payment Dates (Condition 6(c)):  | Yes. See paragraph 17(ii) above. |

## GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE SECURITIES

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| 20. | Form of Securities: | Registered Securities<br><br>Global Certificate in registered form which is exchangeable for Definitive Certificates in the limited circumstances specified in the Global Certificate  |
| 21. | Business Day:       | <p>(a) In respect of Condition 2(b), a day, other than a Saturday or Sunday, on which banks are open for business in the place of the specified office of the relevant Transfer Agent or the Registrar (as the case may be)</p> <p>(b) In respect of Condition 5 and a Calculation Date, any day, excluding a Saturday and a Sunday, on which banks are open for general business (including dealings in foreign currencies) in Hong Kong, London and New York City</p> <p>(c) In respect of the definition of “Treasury Rate” in Condition 6(h) (<i>Make-whole redemption by the Issuer</i>), a day (other than a Saturday or a Sunday or a public holiday) on which banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business and on which foreign exchange transactions may be carried on in U.S. dollars in New York City</p> <p>(d) In respect of Condition 7 and Condition 8, a day (other than a Saturday or a Sunday) on which banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business in Hong Kong, London and the place in which the specified office of the relevant Paying Agent is located and, in the case of presentation of a Certificate, in the place in which the Certificate is presented and where payment is to be made by transfer to an account, on which foreign exchange transactions may be carried on in U.S. dollars in New York City</p> |
| 22. | Use of proceeds:    | As per the Offering Circular   |
| 23. | Other terms:        | The full text of the Conditions which apply to the Securities is set out in Annex 1 hereto, which Conditions (i) replace in their entirety those in the Offering Circular for the purposes of the Securities and (ii) prevail over any other provision to the contrary. The above paragraphs of this Pricing Supplement shall be read in conjunction with the Conditions in Annex 1 hereto.  |

## DISTRIBUTION

24.	(i) If syndicated, names and addresses of Managers:	<p><b>Joint Global Coordinators, Joint Lead Managers and Joint Bookrunners:</b></p> <p><b>Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank</b> of 30th Floor, Two Pacific Place, 88 Queensway, Hong Kong</p> <p><b>The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited</b> of 17/F, HSBC Main Building, 1 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong</p> <p><b>J.P. Morgan Securities (Asia Pacific) Limited</b> of 28/F, Chater House, 8 Connaught Road Central, Hong Kong</p> <p><b>Société Générale</b> of 34/F Three Pacific Place, 1 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong</p> <p><b>UBS AG Hong Kong Branch</b> of 52/F, Two International Finance Centre, 8 Finance Street, Central, Hong Kong</p> <p><b>Joint Lead Managers and Joint Bookrunners:</b></p> <p><b>Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited</b> of 22/F Three Exchange Square, 8 Connaught Place, Central, Hong Kong</p> <p><b>Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited</b> of 34/F, Bank of China Tower, 1 Garden Road, Central, Hong Kong</p> <p><b>Barclays Bank PLC</b> of 1 Churchill Place, London E14 5HP, United Kingdom</p> <p><b>DBS Bank Ltd.</b> of 10/F, The Center, 99 Queen's Road Central, Central, Hong Kong</p> <p><b>Deutsche Bank AG, Hong Kong Branch</b> of 60/F, International Commerce Centre, 1 Austin Road West, Kowloon, Hong Kong</p> <p><b>Mizuho Securities Asia Limited</b> of 14-15/F., K11 Atelier, 18 Salisbury Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon, Hong Kong</p> <p><b>Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited</b> of 15/F, Two International Finance Centre, 8 Finance Street, Central, Hong Kong</p>
	(ii) Date of Subscription Agreement:	16 June 2025
	(iii) Stabilisation Manager(s) (if any):	Any of the Managers appointed and acting in its capacity as stabilisation manager
25.	If non-syndicated, name and address of Dealer:	Not Applicable
26.	US Selling Restrictions:	Reg S. Category 2, TEFRA not applicable
27.	Additional selling restrictions:	Not Applicable
28.	Singapore Sales to Institutional Investors and Accredited Investors only:	Applicable



## GENERAL AND OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

29.	Listing:	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (The expected effective listing date of the Securities is 25 June 2025)
30.	Rating:	The Securities are expected to be rated A2 by Moody's and A by Standard & Poor's
31.	ISIN Code:	XS3094282343
32.	Common Code:	309428234
33.	CMU Instrument No.:	Not Applicable
34.	Any clearing system(s) other than Euroclear Bank SA/NV, Clearstream Banking, S.A. and the Central Moneymarkets Unit Service and the relevant identification number(s):	Not Applicable
35.	Delivery:	Delivery against payment
36.	Names and addresses of additional Paying Agent(s) (if any):	Not Applicable
37.	Other Terms:	Annex 2 hereto contains additional disclosures which, for the purposes of the Securities only, supplement and should be read and construed in conjunction with the Offering Circular.
38.	Gross Proceeds:	US\$1,500,000,000
39.	Hong Kong SFC Code of Conduct:	
	(i) Rebates	Not Applicable
	(ii) Contact email addresses of the Overall Coordinators where underlying investor information in relation to omnibus orders should be sent:	Project.e4e6@ca-cib.com hk_syndicate_omnibus@hsbc.com.hk investor.info.hk.oc.bond.deals@jpmorgan.com list.asiapac-glfi-syn-cap@sgcib.com sh-asia-ccs-dcm-filing@ubs.com
	(iii) Marketing and Investor Targeting Strategy:	As set out in the Offering Circular

## STABILISATION

In connection with this issue, any of the Managers (each a “**Stabilisation Manager**”) (or persons acting on behalf of any Stabilisation Manager) may over-allot the Securities or effect transactions with a view to supporting the market price of the Securities at a level higher than that which might otherwise prevail. However, there is no assurance that the Stabilisation Manager(s) (or persons acting on behalf of any Stabilisation Manager) will undertake stabilisation action. Any stabilisation action may begin on or after the date on which adequate public disclosure of the terms of the offer of the Securities is made and, if begun, may be ended at any time, but it must end no later than the earlier of 30 days after the issue date of the Securities and 60 days after the date of the allotment of the Securities. Any stabilisation action or over-allotment must be conducted by the relevant Stabilisation Manager(s) (or persons acting on behalf of such Stabilisation Manager(s)) in accordance with all applicable laws and rules.

## **LISTING APPLICATION**

This Pricing Supplement comprises the final terms required to list the issue of the Securities described herein pursuant to the US\$15,000,000,000 Debt Issuance Programme of MTR Corporation Limited and MTR Corporation (C.I.) Limited.

## RESPONSIBILITY

The Issuer and the Guarantor accept responsibility for the information contained in this Pricing Supplement.

Signed on behalf of the Issuer:

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By: Lee Guo Chun  
Director

Duly authorised

Signed on behalf of the Guarantor:

(Sd.)

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By: Lee Guo Chun  
Treasurer

Duly authorised

## ANNEX 1

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SECURITIES

*The following, subject to amendment and other than the words in italics, is the text of the Terms and Conditions of the Securities which will be attached to or incorporated by reference into each of the global certificates evidencing the Securities and which will be incorporated by reference or endorsed upon each of the definitive certificates evidencing the Securities:*

The issue of the Securities was approved by a resolution of the Board of Directors of MTR Corporation (C.I.) Limited (the “**Issuer**”) on 8 October, 2024 and the guarantee of the Securities was approved by a resolution of the Board of Directors of MTR Corporation Limited (the “**Guarantor**”) on 13 May, 2025. The Securities are a Series (as defined below) of securities constituted by a trust deed dated 16 June, 2025 (as further amended or supplemented from time to time, the “**Trust Deed**”) between the Issuer, the Guarantor and The Law Debenture Trust Corporation p.l.c. (the “**Trustee**” which expression shall include all persons for the time being the trustee or trustees under the Trust Deed) as trustee for itself and for the holders of the Securities. These terms and conditions include summaries of, and are subject to, the detailed provisions of the Trust Deed. Copies of the Trust Deed and the agency agreement dated 16 June, 2025 relating to the Securities (as further amended or supplemented from time to time, the “**Agency Agreement**”) between the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Trustee, Citibank, N.A., London Branch as agent, transfer agent and paying agent (the “**Principal Paying Agent**”), Citibank, N.A., Hong Kong Branch as paying agent, HK reference agent, HK lodging agent and transfer agent (together with Citibank, N.A., London Branch and any additional or other transfer agents in respect of the Securities from time to time appointed, the “**Transfer Agents**”) and Citibank, N.A., London Branch as the registrar (the “**Registrar**”), are available for inspection by any holder of the Securities at all reasonable times during usual business hours (being between 9.00 a.m. (Hong Kong time) and 3.00 p.m. (Hong Kong time)) at the specified offices of the Trustee and the Principal Paying Agent following prior written request and proof of holding and identity to the satisfaction of the Trustee or, as the case may be, the Principal Paying Agent. “**Agents**” means the Principal Paying Agent, the Registrar, the Calculation Agent, the Transfer Agents and any other agent or agents appointed from time to time with respect to the Securities and “**Paying Agent**” means each paying agent appointed under the Agency Agreement and includes the Principal Paying Agent.

The pricing supplement applicable to the Securities is attached to or endorsed on the certificate evidencing the Securities and supplements these Conditions. References herein to the “Pricing Supplement” shall mean the pricing supplement so attached or endorsed.

The Holders are entitled to the benefit of, are bound by, and are deemed to have notice of, all the provisions of the Trust Deed, those provisions of the Agency Agreement applicable to them and the Pricing Supplement.

As used herein, “**Series**” means a Tranche (as defined below) together with any further Tranche or Tranches which are (a) expressed to be consolidated and form a single series; and (b) identical in all respects (including as to listing) except for their respective Issue Dates, Distribution Commencement Dates, Issue Prices and the dates of the first payment of distribution. As used herein, “**Tranche**” means notes or securities which are constituted by the Trust Deed or any supplemental deed and are identical in all respects (including as to listing).

All capitalised terms that are not defined in these Conditions will have the meanings given to them in the Trust Deed, the Agency Agreement or the Pricing Supplement. In the event of inconsistency between the Agency Agreement and the Trust Deed, the Trust Deed will prevail and, in the event of inconsistency between the Agency Agreement or the Trust Deed and the Pricing Supplement, the Pricing Supplement will prevail.

## 1 FORM, SPECIFIED DENOMINATION AND TITLE

The Securities are issued in the specified denomination of U.S.\$200,000 and higher integral multiples of U.S.\$1,000 in excess thereof.

The Securities are represented by registered certificates (“**Certificates**”) and, save as provided in Condition 2(a), each Certificate shall represent the entire holding of Securities by the same holder.

Title to the Securities shall pass by registration in the register that the Issuer shall procure to be kept by the Registrar in accordance with the provisions of the Agency Agreement (the “**Register**”). Except as ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction or as required by law, the holder (as defined below) of any Security shall be deemed to be and may be treated as its absolute owner for all purposes whether or not it is overdue and regardless of any notice of ownership, trust or an interest in it, any writing on the Certificate representing it or the theft or loss of such Certificate and no person shall be liable for so treating the holder.

In these Conditions, “**Holder**” and, in relation to a Security, “**holder**” means the person in whose name a Security is registered.

*Upon issue, the Securities will be represented by a global certificate (the “**Global Certificate**”) representing Securities registered in the name of a nominee of, and deposited with, a common depositary for Euroclear Bank SA/NV (“**Euroclear**”) and Clearstream Banking, S.A. (“**Clearstream**”).*

The Conditions are modified by certain provisions contained in the Global Certificate.

*Except in the limited circumstances described in the Global Certificate, owners of interests in Securities represented by the Global Certificate will not be entitled to receive definitive Certificates in respect of their individual holdings of Securities. The Securities are not issuable in bearer form.*

## 2 TRANSFERS OF SECURITIES AND ISSUE OF CERTIFICATES

- (a) *Transfer:* A holding of Securities may, subject to Condition 2(d), be transferred in whole or in part in a specified denomination upon the surrender (at the specified office of the Registrar or any Transfer Agent) of the Certificate(s) representing such Securities to be transferred, together with the form of transfer endorsed on such Certificate(s) (or another form of transfer substantially in the same form and containing the same representations and certifications (if any), unless otherwise agreed by the Issuer), duly completed and executed and any other evidence as the Registrar or such Transfer Agent may require. In the case of a transfer of part only of a holding of Securities represented by one Certificate, a new Certificate shall be issued to the transferee in respect of the part transferred and a further new Certificate in respect of the balance of the holding not transferred shall be issued to the transferor. In the case of a transfer of Securities to a person who is already a holder of Securities, a new Certificate representing the enlarged holding shall only be issued against surrender of the Certificate representing the existing holding. All transfers of Securities and entries on the Register will be made in accordance with the detailed regulations concerning transfers of Securities scheduled to the Agency Agreement. The regulations may be changed by the Issuer or the Registrar, with the prior written approval of the Trustee and, in the case of any change proposed by the Issuer, the Registrar. A copy of the current regulations will be made available by the Registrar to any Holder following prior written request and proof of holding and identity to the satisfaction of the Registrar. A Certificate may be registered only in the name of, and transferred only to, a named person (or persons, not exceeding four in number).

*Transfers of interests in the Securities represented by the Global Certificate will be effected in accordance with the rules of the relevant clearing systems.*

- (b) *Delivery of New Certificates*: Each new Certificate to be issued pursuant to Condition 2(a) shall be available for delivery within seven business days of receipt of a duly completed form of transfer and surrender of the existing Certificate(s). Delivery of the new Certificate(s) shall be made at the specified office of the relevant Transfer Agent or of the Registrar (as the case may be) to whom delivery or surrender of such form of transfer or Certificate shall have been made or, at the option of the holder making such delivery or surrender as aforesaid and as specified in the relevant form of transfer or otherwise in writing, be mailed by uninsured post at the risk of the holder entitled to the new Certificate to such address as may be so specified, unless such holder requests otherwise and pays in advance to the relevant Transfer Agent or the Registrar (as the case may be) the costs of such other method of delivery and/or such insurance as it may specify. In this Condition 2(b), “**business day**” means a day, other than a Saturday or Sunday, on which banks are open for business in the place of the specified office of the relevant Transfer Agent or the Registrar (as the case may be).
- (c) *Transfer or Exercise Free of Charge*: Certificates, on transfer, or exercise of an option, shall be issued and registered without charge by or on behalf of the Issuer, the Registrar or any Transfer Agent, but upon payment of any tax, duty or other governmental charges that may be imposed in relation to it (or the giving of such indemnity and/or security and/or pre-funding as the Registrar or the relevant Transfer Agent may require).
- (d) *Closed Periods*: No Holder may require the transfer of a Security to be registered:
  - (i) during the period of 15 days ending on (and including) the due date for redemption of that Security; or
  - (ii) during the period of seven days ending on (and including) any Record Date.

### 3 STATUS AND RANKING OF CLAIMS

- (a) *Status*: The Securities constitute direct, unconditional, unsecured and subordinated obligations of the Issuer and shall at all times rank *pari passu* without any preference among themselves. The payment obligations of the Issuer under the Securities shall, save for such exceptions as may be provided for under applicable laws, at all times rank equally with all Parity Obligations of the Issuer. The rights and claims of the Holders in respect of the Securities are subordinated as provided in this Condition 3.
- (b) *Ranking of claims on Winding-Up*: Subject to the insolvency laws of the Cayman Islands and other applicable laws, in the event of the Winding-Up of the Issuer, the rights and claims of the Holders in respect of the Securities shall rank ahead of those persons whose claims are in respect of any Junior Obligations of the Issuer, but shall be subordinated in right of payment to the claims of all other present and future creditors of the Issuer, other than the claims of holders of Parity Obligations of the Issuer.
- (c) *Set-off*: Subject to applicable laws, no Holder may exercise, claim or plead any right of set-off, deduction, withholding or retention in respect of any amount owed to it by the Issuer in respect of, or arising under or in connection with, the Securities, and each Holder is, by virtue of his holding of any Securities, deemed to have waived all such rights of set-off, deduction, withholding or retention against the Issuer. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, if any of the amounts owing to any Holder by the Issuer in respect of, or arising under or in connection with, the Securities is discharged by set-off, such Holder shall, subject to applicable laws, immediately pay an amount equal to the amount of such discharge to the Issuer (or, in the event of its Winding-Up or administration, the liquidator or, as appropriate, administrator of the Issuer) and, until such time as payment is made, shall hold such amount in trust for the Issuer (or the liquidator or, as appropriate, administrator of the Issuer) and accordingly any such discharge shall be deemed not to have taken place.

## 4 GUARANTEE

- (a) *Guarantee*: The Guarantor has irrevocably and unconditionally guaranteed on a subordinated basis the due payment of all sums expressed to be payable by the Issuer under the Securities and the Trust Deed. The obligations of the Guarantor in that respect (the “**Guarantee**”) are contained in Clause 8 of the Trust Deed.
- (b) *Status of the Guarantee*: The obligations of the Guarantor under the Guarantee constitute direct, unconditional, unsecured and subordinated obligations of the Guarantor. The payment obligations of the Guarantor under the Guarantee shall, save for such exceptions as may be provided for under applicable laws, at all times rank equally with all Parity Obligations of the Guarantor. The rights and claims of the Holders in respect of the Guarantee are subordinated as provided in this Condition 4.
- (c) *Ranking of claims on Winding-Up*: Subject to the insolvency laws of the Hong Kong and other applicable laws, in the event of the Winding-Up of the Guarantor, the rights and claims of the Holders in respect of the Guarantee shall rank ahead of those persons whose claims are in respect of any Junior Obligations of the Guarantor, but shall be subordinated in right of payment to the claims of all other present and future creditors of the Guarantor, other than the claims of holders of Parity Obligations of the Guarantor.
- (d) *Set-off*: Subject to applicable laws, no Holder may exercise, claim or plead any right of set-off, deduction, withholding or retention in respect of any amount owed to it by the Guarantor in respect of, or arising under or in connection with, the Guarantee, and each Holder is, by virtue of his holding of any Securities, deemed to have waived all such rights of set-off, deduction, withholding or retention against the Guarantor. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, if any of the amounts owing to any Holder by the Guarantor in respect of, or arising under or in connection with, the Guarantee is discharged by set-off, such Holder shall, subject to applicable laws, immediately pay an amount equal to the amount of such discharge to the Guarantor (or, in the event of its Winding-Up or administration, the liquidator or, as appropriate, administrator of the Guarantor) and, until such time as payment is made, shall hold such amount in trust for the Guarantor (or the liquidator or, as appropriate, administrator of the Guarantor) and, accordingly, any such discharge shall be deemed not to have taken place.

## 5 DISTRIBUTIONS

- (a) *Distributions*:
  - (i) Subject to Condition 5(d), each Security shall entitle the Holder thereof to receive distributions (“**Distributions**” and each a “**Distribution**”) from and including the Issue Date at the applicable rate of distribution (“**Distribution Rate**”) in accordance with the provisions of this Condition 5.
  - (ii) Subject to Condition 5(d), Distributions shall be payable on the Securities semi-annually in arrear on 24 June and 24 December in each year (each, a “**Distribution Payment Date**”), with the first Distribution Payment Date falling on 24 December, 2025.
  - (iii) If a Distribution is required to be paid in respect of a Security on any date other than a Distribution Payment Date, it shall be calculated by applying the applicable Distribution Rate to the Calculation Amount, multiplying the product by the Day Count Fraction (as defined below), rounding the resulting figure to the nearest cent (half a cent being rounded upwards) and multiplying such rounded figure by a fraction equal to the principal amount of such Security divided by the Calculation Amount, where “**Calculation Amount**” means U.S.\$1,000 and “**Day Count Fraction**” means, in respect of any period, the number of days in the relevant period divided by 360 (the number of days to be calculated on the basis of a year of 360 days with 12 30-day months).

- (iv) Distributions payable under this Condition 5 will be paid in accordance with Condition 7.
  - (v) All notifications, opinions, determinations, certificates, calculations, quotations and decisions given, expressed, made or obtained for the purposes of this Condition 5 by the Calculation Agent will (in the absence of manifest error) be binding on the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Paying Agents, the Trustee and the Holders and (subject as aforesaid) no liability to any such person will attach to the Calculation Agent or the Trustee in connection with the exercise or non-exercise by it of its powers, duties and discretions for such purposes.
- (b) *Rate of Distribution:* The Distribution Rate applicable to the Securities shall be:
- (i) in respect of the period from, and including, the Issue Date to, but excluding, 24 December, 2035 (the “**First Reset Date**” and the “**First Step-up Date**”), a fixed rate of 5.625 per cent. per annum;
  - (ii) in respect of the period from, and including, the First Step-up Date to, but excluding, 24 December, 2055 (the “**Second Step-up Date**”), reset on each Reset Date to a fixed rate per annum (expressed as a percentage) equal to the sum of:
    - (A) the then-prevailing U.S. Treasury Rate;
    - (B) the Initial Spread; and
    - (C) 0.25 per cent; and
  - (iii) in respect of the period from, and including, each Reset Date falling on or after the Second Step-up Date to, but excluding, the immediately following Reset Date, reset on each Reset Date to a fixed rate per annum (expressed as a percentage) equal to the sum of:
    - (A) the then-prevailing U.S. Treasury Rate;
    - (B) the Initial Spread; and
    - (C) 1.00 per cent.
- (c) *Distribution Accrual:* Unless otherwise provided for in these Conditions, each Security will cease to confer the right to receive any Distributions from the due date for redemption (which, for the avoidance of doubt, includes any Optional Redemption Date (as defined in Condition 6(h) below)) unless, upon due presentation, payment of the full amount due is improperly withheld or refused. In such latter event, the right to a Distribution will continue to accrue at the applicable Distribution Rate (after as well as before any judgment) up to but excluding whichever is the earlier of:
- (i) the date on which all sums due in respect of the Securities are received by or on behalf of the relevant Holder; and
  - (ii) the day which is seven days after the Principal Paying Agent or the Trustee has notified the Holders that it has received all sums due in respect of the Securities up to such seventh day (except to the extent that there is a failure in the subsequent payment to the relevant Holders under these Conditions).
- (d) *Distribution Deferral:*
- (i) *Deferral Election:* The Issuer may, at its sole discretion, elect to defer (in whole or in part) any Distribution which is otherwise scheduled to be paid on a Distribution Payment Date to the next Distribution Payment Date by giving notice (a “**Deferral Election Notice**”) to the Holders (in accordance with Condition 15) and to the Trustee and the Principal Paying Agent in writing not more than ten business days nor less than five business days prior to a scheduled Distribution



Payment Date (a “**Deferral Election Event**”). Any partial payment of outstanding Distributions (including any Arrears of Distribution and any Additional Distribution Amount) by the Issuer shall be shared by the Holders of all outstanding Securities on a *pro rata* basis.

- (ii) *No obligation to pay*: The Issuer shall have no obligation to pay any Distribution (including any Arrears of Distribution and any Additional Distribution Amount) on any Distribution Payment Date if it elects not to do so in accordance with Condition 5(d)(i).
- (iii) *Requirements as to Notice*: Each Deferral Election Notice shall be accompanied, in the case of the notice to the Trustee and the Principal Paying Agent, by a certificate in the form scheduled to the Trust Deed signed by an Authorised Signatory of the Issuer. The Trustee shall be entitled to accept such Deferral Election Notice and such certificate (if applicable) without investigation as sufficient evidence of the occurrence of a Deferral Election Event, in which event it shall be conclusive and binding on the Holders.
- (iv) *Cumulative Deferral*: Any Distribution deferred pursuant to this Condition 5(d) shall constitute “**Arrears of Distribution**”. The Issuer may, at its sole discretion, elect (in the circumstances set out in Condition 5(d)(i)) to defer further any Arrears of Distribution by complying with the foregoing notice requirement applicable to any deferral of an accrued Distribution. The Issuer is not subject to any limit as to the number of times Distributions and Arrears of Distribution can or shall be deferred pursuant to this Condition 5(d) except that Condition 5(d)(v) shall be complied with until all outstanding Arrears of Distribution have been paid in full.

Each amount of Arrears of Distribution shall bear interest as if it constituted the principal of the Securities at the prevailing Distribution Rate and the amount of such interest (the “**Additional Distribution Amount**”) with respect to Arrears of Distribution shall be due and payable pursuant to this Condition 5 and shall be calculated by applying the applicable Distribution Rate to the amount of the Arrears of Distribution and otherwise *mutatis mutandis* as provided in the foregoing provisions of this Condition 5. The Additional Distribution Amount accrued up to any Distribution Payment Date shall be added (for the purpose of calculating the Additional Distribution Amount accruing thereafter) to the amount of Arrears of Distribution remaining unpaid on such Distribution Payment Date so that it will itself become Arrears of Distribution.

- (v) *Restrictions in the case of Deferral*: If, on any Distribution Payment Date, payment of all Distribution payments scheduled to be made on such date is not made in full, each of the Issuer and the Guarantor shall not:
  - (A) declare or pay any dividends or distributions or make any other payment, and will procure that no dividend, distribution or other payment is made, on any of the Junior Obligations or Parity Obligations of the Issuer or the Guarantor save that such restriction shall not apply to payments in respect of:
    - (1) any employee benefit plan or similar arrangements with or for the benefit of employees, officers, directors or consultants; or
    - (2) any of the Parity Obligations of the Issuer or the Guarantor made on a *pro rata* basis; or
  - (B) redeem, reduce, cancel, buy-back or acquire for any consideration any of the Junior Obligations or Parity Obligations of the Issuer or the Guarantor other than:

- (1) a repurchase or other acquisition of securities in respect of an employment benefit plan or similar arrangement with or for the benefit of employees, officers, directors or consultants; or
- (2) as a result of the exchange or conversion of the Parity Obligations of the Issuer or the Guarantor for the Junior Obligations of the Issuer or the Guarantor, as the case may be,

in each case, unless and until:

- (X) the Issuer or the Guarantor, as the case may be, has satisfied in full all outstanding Arrears of Distribution and Additional Distribution Amounts; or
- (Y) the Issuer or the Guarantor is permitted to do so by an Extraordinary Resolution of the Holders.

(vi) *Satisfaction of Arrears of Distribution by payment:* The Issuer:

- (A) may satisfy any Arrears of Distribution (in whole or in part) at any time by giving notice of such election to the Holders (in accordance with Condition 15) and to the Trustee and the Principal Paying Agent in writing not more than 20 business days nor less than five business days prior to the relevant payment date specified in such notice (which notice is irrevocable and shall oblige the Issuer to pay the relevant Arrears of Distribution and all Additional Distribution Amounts on the payment date specified in such notice); and
- (B) in any event shall satisfy any outstanding Arrears of Distribution and any Additional Distribution Amount (in whole but not in part) on the earliest of:
  - (1) the date of redemption of the Securities in accordance with the redemption events set out in Condition 6;
  - (2) the next Distribution Payment Date if the Issuer is in violation of the provisions described under Condition 5(d)(v);
  - (3) the date on which an order is made or an effective resolution is passed for a Winding-Up of the Issuer or the Guarantor; and
  - (4) the date of any substitution or variation in accordance with Condition 12(c).

Any partial payment of outstanding Arrears of Distribution and any Additional Distribution Amount by the Issuer shall be shared by the Holders of all outstanding Securities on a *pro rata* basis.

(vii) *No default:* Notwithstanding any other provision in these Conditions, in the Trust Deed or in the Agency Agreement, the deferral of any Distribution payment in accordance with this Condition 5(d) shall not constitute a default for any purpose (including, without limitation, pursuant to Condition 9) on the part of the Issuer under the Securities or the Guarantor under the Guarantee or for any other purpose.

## 6 REDEMPTION AND PURCHASE

- (a) *No Fixed Redemption Date:* The Securities are perpetual securities in respect of which there is no fixed redemption date, and the Issuer shall (subject to the provisions of Condition 3 and Condition 4 and without prejudice to Condition 9) only have the right to redeem or purchase them in accordance with the following provisions of this Condition 6.

- (b) *Redemption at the option of the Issuer:* The Issuer may, on giving not more than 60 nor less than 10 days' irrevocable notice to the Trustee and the Principal Paying Agent in writing and to the Holders (in accordance with Condition 15), redeem all but not some only of the Securities on any date from (and including) 24 September, 2035 (each such date being a "**Call Date**"). On expiry of such notice, the Issuer shall be bound to redeem the Securities on the relevant Call Date at their principal amount together with any unpaid Distribution accrued to but excluding the date fixed for redemption (including any Arrears of Distribution and any Additional Distribution Amount).
- (c) *Redemption for Gross-up Event:* The Securities may be redeemed at the option of the Issuer in whole, but not in part, at any time, on giving not more than 60 nor less than 10 days' irrevocable notice to the Trustee and the Principal Paying Agent in writing and to the Holders (in accordance with Condition 15) at their principal amount (together with any unpaid Distribution accrued to but excluding the date fixed for redemption (including any Arrears of Distribution and any Additional Distribution Amount)) if the Issuer or the Guarantor, as the case may be, satisfies the Trustee prior to the giving of such notice and in accordance with the Trust Deed that:
- (i) the Issuer or, if the Guarantee were called, the Guarantor has or will become obliged to pay Additional Tax Amounts as provided or referred to in Condition 8 as a result of any change in, or amendment to, the laws or regulations of any Relevant Jurisdiction (as defined in Condition 18), or any change in the application or official interpretation of such laws or regulations, which change or amendment becomes effective on or after 16 June, 2025; and
  - (ii) such obligation cannot be avoided by the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor taking reasonable measures available to it (a "**Gross-Up Event**").

Prior to the publication of any notice of redemption pursuant to this Condition 6(c), the Issuer or the Guarantor, as the case may be, shall deliver to the Trustee:

- (A) a certificate signed by two Authorised Signatories of the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor, stating that the obligation referred to in Condition 6(c)(i) cannot be avoided by the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor, taking reasonable measures available to it; and
- (B) an opinion, in form and substance satisfactory to the Trustee, of independent tax or legal advisers of recognised standing to the effect that the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor, has or will become obliged to pay such Additional Tax Amounts as a result of such change or amendment,

and the Trustee shall be entitled to accept such certificate and opinion without investigation as sufficient evidence of the satisfaction of the conditions precedent set out in Conditions 6(c)(i) and 6(c)(ii), in which event the same shall be conclusive and binding on the Holders.

Upon the expiry of any such notice as is referred to in this Condition 6(c), the Issuer shall be bound to redeem the Securities in accordance with this Condition 6(c). No such notice of redemption shall be given earlier than 90 days prior to the earliest date on which the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor would be obliged to pay such Additional Tax Amounts were a payment in respect of the Securities then payable.

- (d) *Redemption for Tax Deduction Event:* The Securities may be redeemed at the option of the Issuer in whole, but not in part, at any time, on giving not more than 60 nor less than 10 days' irrevocable notice to the Trustee and the Principal Paying Agent in writing and to the Holders (in accordance with Condition 15) at their principal amount (together with any unpaid Distribution accrued to but excluding the date fixed for redemption (including any Arrears of Distribution and any Additional Distribution Amount)) if the Issuer or the Guarantor, as the case may be, satisfies the Trustee prior to the giving of such notice

and in accordance with the Trust Deed that any distribution in respect of the Securities were but are no longer tax-deductible by the Issuer or the Guarantor, as the case may be, for corporate income tax purposes to the same extent as unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer would be, by reason of any change in the law or regulations of the Relevant Jurisdiction, any change in the application or official interpretation of such laws or regulations in the Relevant Jurisdiction (including a judgment by a court of competent jurisdiction), or any other change in the tax treatment of the Securities, becoming effective on or after 16 June, 2025 (a “**Tax Deduction Event**”).

Prior to the publication of any notice of redemption pursuant to this Condition 6(d), the Issuer or the Guarantor, as the case may be, shall deliver or procure that there is delivered to the Trustee a certificate signed by two Authorised Signatories of the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor, stating that the circumstances referred to in this Condition 6(d) prevail and setting out the details of such circumstances.

The Trustee shall be entitled to accept such certificate without investigation as sufficient evidence of the satisfaction of the circumstances set out above in this Condition 6(d), in which event it shall be conclusive and binding on the Holders.

Upon the expiry of any such notice as is referred to in this Condition 6(d), the Issuer shall be bound to redeem the Securities in accordance with this Condition 6(d).

- (e) *Redemption upon an Equity Credit Classification Event:* The Issuer may, at any time, on giving not more than 60 nor less than 10 days’ irrevocable notice to the Trustee and the Principal Paying Agent in writing and to the Holders (in accordance with Condition 15), redeem all but not some only of the Securities at their principal amount (together with any unpaid Distribution accrued to but excluding the date fixed for redemption (including any Arrears of Distribution and any Additional Distribution Amount)) if, immediately before giving such notice, an amendment, clarification or change has occurred or will occur in the equity credit for the Securities granted by S&P, Moody’s, Fitch or any other rating agency of equivalent international standing requested from time to time by the Guarantor to grant an equity classification to the Securities and/or, in each case, any of their respective successors to the rating business thereof (each a “**Rating Agency**” and, together, “**Rating Agencies**”), which amendment, clarification or change results or will result in:
- (A) an equity credit for all or any of the Securities being lower than the equity credit assigned by such Rating Agency immediately prior to that relevant amendment, clarification or change (or if the Securities have been partially or fully refinanced since the Issue Date and are no longer eligible for "equity credit" from such Rating Agency in part or in full as a result, all or any of the Securities that would no longer have been eligible as a result of such amendment, clarification, change in hybrid capital methodology or change in the interpretation had they not been refinanced); or
  - (B) the period of time during which such Rating Agency assigns a particular category of equity credit to the Securities being shortened as compared to the period of time for which such Rating Agency did assign to the Securities such category of equity credit for the first time (whether on the Issue Date or otherwise)

(each an “**Equity Credit Classification Event**”).

Prior to the publication of any notice of redemption pursuant to this Condition 6(e), the Guarantor shall deliver or procure that there is delivered to the Trustee a certificate signed by two Authorised Signatories of the Guarantor stating that the circumstances referred to in this Condition 6(e) prevail and setting out the details of such circumstances.

The Trustee shall be entitled to accept such certificate without investigation as sufficient evidence of the satisfaction of the circumstances set out above in this Condition 6(e), in which event it shall be conclusive and binding on the Holders.

Upon the expiry of any such notice as is referred to in this Condition 6(e), the Issuer shall be bound to redeem the Securities in accordance with this Condition 6(e).

- (f) *Redemption for Accounting Reasons:* The Issuer may, at any time, on giving not more than 60 nor less than 10 days' irrevocable notice to the Trustee and the Principal Paying Agent in writing and to the Holders (in accordance with Condition 15), redeem all but not some only of the Securities at their principal amount (together with any unpaid Distribution accrued to but excluding the date fixed for redemption (including any Arrears of Distribution and any Additional Distribution Amount)) if, immediately before giving such notice, a change or amendment to, or a change or amendment to any interpretation of, Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards or any other internationally generally accepted accounting standards that the Guarantor has adopted for the purposes of the Guarantor's consolidated financial statements (the "**Relevant Accounting Standards**") has occurred or will occur, which change or amendment results or will result in the Securities, in whole or in part, not being permitted to be recorded as "equity" of the Guarantor in the consolidated financial statements of the Guarantor pursuant to the Relevant Accounting Standards (an "**Accounting Event**"). An Accounting Event occurs when the Relevant Accounting Standards are officially adopted and may be prior to the date on which the Relevant Accounting Standards come into effect.

Prior to the publication of any notice of redemption pursuant to this Condition 6(f), the Guarantor shall deliver or procure that there is delivered to the Trustee:

- (A) a certificate, signed by two Authorised Signatories of the Guarantor, stating that the circumstances referred to above in this Condition 6(f) prevail and setting out the details of such circumstances; and
- (B) an opinion, in form and substance satisfactory to the Trustee, of the Guarantor's independent auditors or of a recognised accountancy firm of international standing stating that the circumstances referred to above in this Condition 6(f) prevail and the date on which the relevant change or amendment to the Relevant Accounting Standards is due to take effect.

The Trustee shall be entitled to accept such certificate and opinion without investigation as sufficient evidence of the satisfaction of the circumstances set out above, in which event they shall be conclusive and binding on the Holders.

Upon the expiry of any such notice as is referred to in this Condition 6(f), the Issuer shall be bound to redeem the Securities in accordance with this Condition 6(f).

- (g) *Redemption in the case of Minimal Outstanding Amount:* The Issuer may, at any time, on giving not more than 60 nor less than 10 days' irrevocable notice to the Trustee and the Principal Paying Agent in writing and to the Holders (in accordance with Condition 15), redeem all but not some only of the Securities at their principal amount, together with any unpaid Distribution accrued to but excluding the date fixed for redemption (including any Arrears of Distribution and any Additional Distribution Amount) if, immediately before giving such notice, the aggregate principal amount of the Securities outstanding is less than 25 per cent. of the aggregate principal amount of the Securities originally issued (and including any additional Securities issued in accordance with Condition 14, if any). Upon expiry of any such notice as is referred to in this Condition 6(g), the Issuer shall be bound to redeem the Securities in accordance with this Condition 6(g).

- (h) *Make-whole redemption by the Issuer:* The Securities may be redeemed at the option of the Issuer in whole, but not in part, at any time prior to the Par Call Date on giving not more than 60 nor less than 10 days' irrevocable notice (a "**Make Whole Redemption Notice**") to the Trustee and the Principal Paying Agent in writing and to the Holders (in accordance with Condition 15), at a redemption price equal to the Make Whole Redemption Price as of the Par Call Date, and unpaid Distribution, if any, accrued to but excluding such Optional Redemption Date.

For the purposes of this Condition 6(h):

**"business day"** means a day (other than a Saturday or a Sunday or a public holiday) on which banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business and on which foreign exchange transactions may be carried on in U.S. dollars in New York City;

**"Make Whole Redemption Price"** means, with respect to each Security at any redemption date, the greater of (i) 100 per cent. of the principal amount of such Security and (ii) the amount equal to the (a) sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and Distribution on such Security, discounted to the Par Call Date at the Treasury Rate plus 1 per cent. less (b) Distribution accrued to the Optional Redemption Date;

**"Optional Redemption Date"** means the date on which the Securities shall be redeemed at the option of the Issuer as specified in the Make Whole Redemption Notice;

**"Par Call Date"** means 24 September 2035;

**"Treasury Rate"** means, with respect to any redemption date, the yield determined by the Issuer in accordance with the following two paragraphs:

- a. The Treasury Rate shall be determined by the Issuer at the Specified Time on the third business day preceding the Optional Redemption Date based upon the yield or yields for the most recent day that appear after such time on such day on the H.15 Page. In determining the Treasury Rate, the Issuer shall select, as applicable: (i) the yield as displayed on the H.15 Page exactly equal to the period from the Optional Redemption Date to the Par Call Date (the "**Remaining Life**"); or (ii) if there is no yield displayed on the H.15 Page exactly equal to the Remaining Life, the two yields — one yield as displayed on the H.15 immediately shorter than and one yield as displayed on the H.15 Page having a maturity immediately longer than the Remaining Life — and shall interpolate to the Par Call Date on a straight-line basis (using the actual number of days) using such yields and rounding the result to three decimal places; or (iii) if there is no yield displayed on the H.15 Page shorter than or longer than the Remaining Life, the yield as displayed on the H.15 Page closest to the Remaining Life. For the purposes of this paragraph, the applicable yield displayed on the H.15 Page shall be deemed to have a maturity date equal to the relevant number of months or years, as applicable, of such yield from the Optional Redemption Date.
- b. If on the third business day preceding the Optional Redemption Date H.15 or any successor designation or publication is no longer published, the Issuer shall calculate the Treasury Rate based on the rate per annum equal to the semi-annual equivalent yield to maturity at 11:00a.m., New York City time, on the second business day preceding such Optional Redemption Date of the United States Treasury security maturing on, or with a maturity that is closest to, the Par Call Date, as applicable. If there is no United States Treasury security maturing on the Par Call Date but there are two or more United States Treasury securities with a maturity date equally distant from the Par Call Date, one with a maturity date preceding the Par Call Date and one with a maturity date following the Par Call Date, the Issuer shall select the United States Treasury security with a maturity date preceding the Par Call Date. If there are two or more United States Treasury securities

maturing on the Par Call Date or two or more United States Treasury securities meeting the criteria of the preceding sentence, the Issuer shall select from among these two or more United States Treasury securities the United States Treasury security that is trading closest to par based upon the average of the bid and asked prices for such United States Treasury securities at 11:00 a.m., New York City time. In determining the Treasury Rate in accordance with the terms of this paragraph, the semi-annual yield to maturity of the applicable United States Treasury security shall be based upon the average of the bid and asked prices (expressed as a percentage of principal amount) at 11:00 a.m., New York City time, of such United States Treasury security, and rounded to three decimal places.

The Issuer's actions and determinations in determining the Make Whole Redemption Price shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes, absent manifest error.

- (i) *No other redemption:* The Issuer shall not be entitled to redeem the Securities and neither the Issuer nor the Guarantor shall have any obligation to make any payment of principal in respect of the Securities otherwise than as provided in Conditions 6(b) to 6(h) (both inclusive) or Condition 9.
- (j) *Purchase:* The Issuer, the Guarantor, any other Subsidiary of the Guarantor, any holding company of the Guarantor or any other Subsidiary of such holding company may at any time purchase Securities in the open market or otherwise at any price.

The Securities so purchased, while held by or on behalf of the Issuer, the Guarantor, any other Subsidiary of the Guarantor, any holding company of the Guarantor or any other Subsidiary of such holding company, shall not entitle the Holder thereof to vote at any meetings of the Holders and shall not be deemed to be outstanding for the purposes of calculating quorums at meetings of the Holders or for the purposes of Condition 12(a) or for any other purpose described in the proviso to the definition of "outstanding" set out in the Trust Deed.

- (k) *Cancellation:* All Certificates representing Securities purchased by or on behalf of the Issuer, the Guarantor or any other Subsidiary of the Guarantor shall be surrendered for cancellation to the Registrar and, upon surrender thereof, all such Securities shall be cancelled forthwith. Any Certificates so surrendered for cancellation may not be reissued or resold and the obligations of the Issuer in respect of any such Securities shall be discharged immediately upon cancellation of the relevant Certificates.

## 7 PAYMENTS

- (a) *Method of Payment:*
  - (i) Payments of principal and Distributions shall be made (subject to surrender of the relevant Certificates at the specified office of any Paying Agent or of the Registrar if no further payment falls to be made in respect of the Securities represented by such Certificates) in the manner provided in Condition 7(a)(ii).
  - (ii) Distributions on each Security shall be paid to the person shown as the Holder on the Register at the close of business on the 5<sup>th</sup> business day before the due date for payment thereof (the "**Record Date**"). Payments of Distributions on each Security shall be made in U.S. dollars by transfer to the registered account of the Holder.

*So long as the Global Certificate is held on behalf of Euroclear and Clearstream or any other clearing system, each payment in respect of the Global Certificate will be made to the person shown as the holder in the Register at the close of business of the relevant clearing system on the Clearing System Business*

Day before the due date for such payments, where “**Clearing System Business Day**” means a weekday (Monday to Friday, inclusive) except 25 December and 1 January.

- (iii) For the purposes of this Condition 7, a Holder’s “**registered account**” means the U.S. dollar account maintained by or on behalf of it with a bank that processes payments in U.S. dollars, details of which appear on the Register at the close of business on the 5<sup>th</sup> business day before the due date for payment.
  - (iv) If the amount of principal being paid upon surrender of the relevant Certificate is less than the outstanding principal amount of such Certificate, the Registrar will annotate the Register with the amount of principal so paid and will (if so requested by the Issuer or a Holder) issue a new Certificate with a principal amount equal to the remaining unpaid outstanding principal amount. If the amount of a Distribution being paid is less than the amount then due, the Registrar will annotate the Register with the amount of the Distribution so paid.
- (b) *Payments subject to Fiscal Laws:* All payments are subject in all cases to any applicable fiscal or other laws, regulations and directives in the place of payment. No commission or expenses shall be charged to the Holders in respect of such payments.
- (c) *Payment Initiation:* Payment instructions (for value the due date, or if that is not a business day, for value the first following day which is a business day) will be initiated on the last day on which the Principal Paying Agent is open for business preceding the due date for payment or, in the case of payments of principal where the relevant Certificate has not been surrendered at the specified office of any Paying Agent or of the Registrar, on a day on which the Principal Paying Agent is open for business and on which the relevant Certificate is surrendered.
- (d) *Appointment of Agents:* The Agents initially appointed by the Issuer and the Guarantor and their respective specified offices are listed in the Offering Circular. The Agents act solely as agents of the Issuer and the Guarantor and do not assume any obligation or relationship of agency or trust for or with any Holder. The Issuer and the Guarantor reserve the right at any time with the approval of the Trustee to vary or terminate the appointment of any Agent and to appoint additional or other Agents, provided that:
- (i) there will at all times be a Principal Paying Agent and a Calculation Agent;
  - (ii) there will at all times be a Registrar which will maintain the Register outside Hong Kong and the United Kingdom; and
  - (iii) so long as the Securities are listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited so requires, there will be a Paying Agent with a specified office in Hong Kong.
- Notice of any such change or any change of any specified office shall promptly be given to the Holders in accordance with Condition 15.
- (e) *Delay in Payment:* Holders will not be entitled to any Distribution or other payment for any delay after the due date in receiving the amount due on a Security if the due date is not a business day or if the Holder is late in surrendering or cannot surrender its Certificate (if required to do so) or if a transfer made in accordance with Condition 7(a)(ii) reaches the registered account of the Holder after the due date for payment.
- (f) *Non-Business Days:* If any date for payment in respect of any Security is not a business day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following business day nor to any Distribution or other sum in respect of such postponed payment.



## 8 TAXATION

- (a) *Payment without Withholding:* All payments of principal and Distributions (including any Arrears of Distribution or any Additional Distribution Amount) by or on behalf of the Issuer in respect of the Securities and the Guarantor in respect of the Guarantee shall be made free and clear of, and without withholding or deduction for, or on account of, any present or future taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature (“**Taxes**”) imposed or levied by or on behalf of any of the Relevant Jurisdictions, unless the withholding or deduction of the Taxes is required by law in any of the Relevant Jurisdictions. In that event, the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor will pay such additional amounts (“**Additional Tax Amounts**”) as may be necessary in order that the net amounts received by the Holders after the withholding or deduction shall equal the respective amounts which would have been receivable in respect of the Securities in the absence of the withholding or deduction, except that no Additional Tax Amounts shall be payable in relation to any payment in respect of any Securities:
- (i) *Other connection:* to a Holder (or a third party on behalf of a Holder) who is liable to Taxes in respect of the Securities by reason of his having some connection with any Relevant Jurisdiction other than the mere holding of the Securities; or
  - (ii) *Presentation more than 30 days after the due date:* if the Certificate in respect of such Security is presented for payment more than 30 days after the due date for such payment except to the extent that a Holder would have been entitled to Additional Tax Amounts on presenting the same for payment on the last day of such period of 30 days assuming (whether or not such is in fact the case) that day to have been a business day); or
  - (iii) *Lawful avoidance of withholding:* if the Certificate in respect of such Security is presented for payment by or on behalf of a Holder who, at the time of such presentation, is able to avoid such withholding or deduction by making a declaration of non-residence or other similar claim for exemption and who does not make such declaration or claim.
- (b) *Additional Tax Amounts:* Any reference in these Conditions to principal, Distribution, Arrears of Distribution or Additional Distribution Amount shall be deemed to include any Additional Tax Amounts in respect of such principal, Distribution, Arrears of Distribution or Additional Distribution Amount (as the case may be) which may be payable under this Condition 8 or any undertaking given in addition to or in substitution of this Condition 8 pursuant to the Trust Deed.

## 9 NON-PAYMENT

- (a) *Non-payment when due:* Notwithstanding any of the provisions below in this Condition 9, the right to institute proceedings for Winding-Up is limited to circumstances where payment in respect of the Securities has become due but has not been paid. In the case of any Distribution, such Distribution will not be due if the Issuer has elected to defer that Distribution in accordance with Condition 5(d). Nothing in this Condition 9, including any restriction on commencing proceedings, shall in any way restrict or limit any rights of the Trustee or any of its directors, officers, employees or Appointees (as defined in the Trust Deed) to claim from or to otherwise take any action against the Issuer and/or the Guarantor in respect of any costs, charges, fees, expenses or liabilities incurred by such party pursuant to or in connection with the Trust Deed or the Securities.
- (b) *Proceedings for Winding-Up:* If:
- (i) an order is made or an effective resolution is passed for the Winding-Up of the Issuer or the Guarantor; or

- (ii) the Issuer has not made payment in respect of the Securities or the Guarantor has not made payment in respect of the Guarantee for a period (in either case) of ten days or more after the date on which such payment is due,

the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor shall be deemed to be in default under the Trust Deed, the Securities and, in the case of the Guarantor, the Guarantee, and the Trustee may, subject to the provisions of Condition 9(d), institute proceedings for the Winding-Up of the Issuer and/or the Guarantor and/or prove in the Winding-Up of the Issuer and/or the Guarantor and/or claim in the liquidation of the Issuer and/or the Guarantor for such payment.

- (c) *Enforcement:* Without prejudice to Condition 9(b) but subject to the provisions of Condition 9(d), the Trustee may at its sole discretion and without notice to the Issuer or the Guarantor take and/or institute such steps and/or actions and/or proceedings, as the case may be, against the Issuer and/or the Guarantor as it may think fit to enforce any term or condition binding on the Issuer and/or the Guarantor under the Trust Deed or the Securities (other than any payment obligation of the Issuer or the Guarantor under or arising from the Securities or the Trust Deed, including, without limitation, payment of any principal or Distributions (including any Arrears of Distribution and any Additional Distribution Amount) in respect of the Securities or the Guarantee, including any damages awarded for breach of any obligations) and in no event shall the Issuer or the Guarantor, by virtue of the institution of any such proceedings, be obliged to pay any sum or sums, in cash or otherwise, sooner than the same would otherwise have been payable by it.
- (d) *Entitlement of Trustee:* The Trustee shall not and shall not be obliged to take any of the actions referred to in Condition 9(b) or Condition 9(c) above against the Issuer and/or the Guarantor to enforce the terms of the Trust Deed or the Securities unless:
  - (i) it shall have been so requested by an Extraordinary Resolution of the Holders or in writing by the Holders of at least 25 per cent. in aggregate principal amount of the Securities then outstanding; and
  - (ii) it shall have been indemnified and/or secured and/or pre-funded to its satisfaction.
- (e) *Right of Holders:* No Holder shall be entitled to proceed directly against the Issuer or the Guarantor or to institute proceedings for the Winding-Up of the Issuer and/or the Guarantor or claim in the liquidation of the Issuer and/or the Guarantor or to prove in such Winding-Up unless the Trustee, having become so bound to proceed or to prove in such Winding-Up or claim in such liquidation, fails to do so within a reasonable period and such failure shall be continuing, in which case the Holder shall have only such rights against the Issuer and/or the Guarantor as those which the Trustee is entitled to exercise as set out in this Condition 9.
- (f) *Extent of Holders' remedy:* No remedy against the Issuer or the Guarantor, other than as referred to in this Condition 9, shall be available to the Trustee or the Holders, whether for the recovery of amounts owing in respect of the Securities or the Guarantee or under the Trust Deed or in respect of any breach by the Issuer or the Guarantor of any of its other obligations under or in respect of the Securities or the Guarantee or under the Trust Deed.

## 10 PRESCRIPTION

Claims against the Issuer and the Guarantor for any payment in respect of the Securities shall be prescribed and become void unless made within ten years (in the case of principal) or five years (in the case of Distributions) from the Relevant Date for such payment.

## 11 REPLACEMENT OF CERTIFICATES

If any Certificate is lost, stolen, mutilated, defaced or destroyed, it may be replaced, subject to applicable laws, regulations or other relevant regulatory authority regulations, at the specified office of the Registrar, in each case on payment by the claimant of the fees and costs incurred in connection therewith and on such terms as to evidence, security, indemnity and otherwise as the Issuer and the Guarantor may require. Mutilated or defaced Certificates must be surrendered before replacements will be issued.

## 12 MEETINGS OF HOLDERS, MODIFICATION, SUBSTITUTION OR VARIATION AND ENTITLEMENT OF TRUSTEE

- (a) *Meetings of Holders:* The Trust Deed contains provisions for convening meetings of the Holders to consider any matter affecting their interests, including the modification or abrogation by Extraordinary Resolution of any of these Conditions or any of the provisions of the Trust Deed. A resolution duly passed at any such meeting shall be binding on all the holders of the Securities whether present or not. The quorum at any such meeting for passing an Extraordinary Resolution of the holders of Securities is two or more persons holding or representing a clear majority in principal amount of the Securities for the time being outstanding (as defined in the Trust Deed) or, at any adjourned meeting, two or more persons being or representing holders of the Securities, whatever the principal amount of the Securities so held or represented, except that, at any meeting the business of which includes the modification of certain material condition of the Securities or of certain provisions of the Trust Deed (as set out therein), the necessary quorum for passing an Extraordinary Resolution is two or more persons holding or representing not less than three-quarters, or at any such adjourned meeting, not less than one-quarter, of the principal amount of the Securities for the time being outstanding.
- (b) *Modification, Waiver, Authorisation and Determination:* The Trustee may agree (but is not obliged to agree), without the consent of the Holders, to:
  - (i) any modification of the provisions of the Agency Agreement, the Trust Deed or the Securities that in the opinion of the Trustee is of a formal, minor or technical nature, is made to correct a manifest error or is not materially prejudicial to the interests of the Holders, and
  - (ii) any other modification (except in respect of a Reserved Matter), and any waiver or authorisation of any breach or proposed breach, of any of these Conditions or any of the provisions of the Trust Deed or the Agency Agreement that is in the opinion of the Trustee not materially prejudicial to the interests of the Holders.

Any such modification, authorisation or waiver shall be binding on the Holders and, unless the Trustee otherwise permits, such modification, authorisation or waiver shall be notified by the Issuer to the Holders as soon as practicable.

- (c) *Substitution or Variation:* If a Special Event has occurred and is continuing, then the Issuer may, subject to Condition 5 (without any requirement for the consent or approval of the Holders) and subject to it having satisfied the Trustee immediately prior to the giving of any notice referred to herein that the provisions of this Condition 12(c) have been complied with, and having given not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' irrevocable notice in writing to the Trustee and the Principal Paying Agent in writing and to the Holders (in accordance with Condition 15), at any time either:
  - (i) substitute all, but not some only, of the Securities for; or
  - (ii) vary the terms of the Securities with the effect that they remain or become (as the case may be),

Qualifying Securities, and the Trustee shall (subject to the following provisions of this Condition 12(c) and the provisions in Clause 19 of the Trust Deed) agree to such substitution or variation. Upon expiry of such notice, the Issuer shall either vary the terms of or, as the case may be, substitute the Securities in accordance with this Condition 12(c).

In connection therewith, any outstanding Arrears of Distribution (including any Additional Distribution Amount) shall be satisfied in full in accordance with the provisions of Condition 5(d)(vi).

In connection with any substitution or variation in accordance with this Condition 12(c), the Issuer shall comply with the rules of any stock exchange on which the Securities are for the time being listed or admitted to trading.

Any such substitution or variation in accordance with the foregoing provisions shall not be permitted if any such substitution or variation would itself give rise to a Special Event with respect to the Securities or the Qualifying Securities.

- (d) *Entitlement of the Trustee:* In connection with the exercise of its functions, rights, powers and discretions (including but not limited to those referred to in this Condition 12), the Trustee shall have regard to the interests of the Holders as a class and shall not have regard to the consequences of such exercise for individual Holders and the Trustee shall not be entitled to require on behalf of any Holder, nor shall any Holder be entitled to claim, from the Issuer or the Guarantor or the Trustee any indemnification or payment in respect of any tax or other consequence of any such exercise upon individual Holders.

### **13 INDEMNIFICATION OF THE TRUSTEE**

The Trust Deed contains provisions for the indemnification of the Trustee and for its relief from responsibility. The Trustee is entitled to enter into business transactions with the Issuer or the Guarantor without accounting for any profit resulting therefrom.

### **14 FURTHER ISSUES**

The Issuer may from time to time without the consent of the Holders create and issue further securities either:

- (a) being identical to the Securities in all respects (including as to listing) except for their respective Issue Dates, Distribution Commencement Dates, Issue Prices and the dates of the first payment of distribution and so that the same shall be consolidated and form a single series with the Securities constituted by the Trust Deed or any supplemental deed; or
- (b) upon such terms as the Issuer may determine at the time of the issue.

References in these Conditions to the Securities include (unless the context requires otherwise) any other securities issued pursuant to this Condition 14 and consolidated and forming a single series with the Securities.

Any further securities which are to be consolidated and form a single series with the outstanding Securities constituted by the Trust Deed or any supplemental deed shall be constituted by a deed supplemental to the Trust Deed.

### **15 NOTICES**

Notices to the Holders will be valid if mailed to them at their respective addresses in the Register or published in a leading newspaper having general circulation in Hong Kong or, if such publication shall not be practicable, in a daily newspaper with general circulation in Asia approved in writing by the Trustee. It is expected that such publication will normally be made in the *Asian Wall Street Journal*. The Issuer shall also ensure that notices are

duly given or published in a manner which complies with the rules and regulations of any stock exchange or other relevant authority on which the Securities are for the time being listed. Any notice shall be deemed to have been given on the fourth day after being so mailed or on the date of publication or, if so published more than once or on different dates, on the date of the first publication.

*So long as the Securities are represented by the Global Certificate and the Global Certificate is held on behalf of Euroclear or Clearstream, notices to Holders shall be given by delivery of the relevant notice to Euroclear or Clearstream for communication by it to the entitled accountholders in substitution for notification as required by these Conditions and shall be deemed to have been given on the date of delivery to such clearing system.*

## **16 CONTRACTS (RIGHTS OF THIRD PARTIES) ACT 1999**

No person shall have any right to enforce any term or condition of the Securities or the Trust Deed under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999.

## **17 GOVERNING LAW AND SUBMISSION TO JURISDICTION**

- (a) *Governing Law:* The Trust Deed, the Securities and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with them are governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, English law, except that:
  - (i) Clause 8(J) of the Trust Deed and Condition 4(c) are governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, Hong Kong law; and
  - (ii) Clause 2(C) of the Trust Deed and Condition 3(b) are governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, the laws of the Cayman Islands.
- (b) *Submission to Jurisdiction:*
  - (i) Each of the Issuer and the Guarantor has, in the Trust Deed, agreed for the benefit of the Trustee and the Holders that the courts of England are to have jurisdiction to settle any disputes, which may arise out of or in connection with the Trust Deed and/or the Securities, including any dispute relating to any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with the Trust Deed and/or the Securities, and that accordingly any suit, action or proceedings (together referred to as “**Proceedings**”) arising out of or in connection with the Trust Deed and/or the Securities may be brought in such courts.
  - (ii) Each of the Issuer and the Guarantor has, in the Trust Deed, irrevocably waived any objection which it may have now or hereafter to the laying of the venue of any such Proceedings in any such court and any claim that any such Proceedings have been brought in an inconvenient forum and has further irrevocably agreed that a judgment in any such Proceedings brought in the English courts shall be conclusive and binding upon it and may be enforced in the courts of any other jurisdiction.
  - (iii) Nothing contained in this Condition shall limit any right to take Proceedings against the Issuer or the Guarantor in any other court of competent jurisdiction, nor shall the taking of Proceedings in one or more jurisdictions preclude the taking of Proceedings in any other jurisdiction, whether concurrently or not.
- (c) *Appointment of Process Agent:* Each of the Issuer and the Guarantor has appointed Law Debenture Corporate Services Limited at its registered office currently at 8th Floor, 100 Bishopsgate, London EC2N 4AG, United Kingdom as its agent for service of process in any proceedings before the English courts in relation to any Proceedings, and has agreed that, in the event that such agent ceases to be able or to

be willing for any reason so to act, it will immediately appoint another person as its agent for service of process in England and deliver to the Trustee a copy of the agent's acceptance of that appointment within 30 days of such cessation. Each of the Issuer and the Guarantor agrees that failure by a process agent to notify it of any process will not invalidate service and that nothing in the Trust Deed or these Conditions shall affect the right to serve process in any other manner permitted by law.

## 18 DEFINITIONS

In these Conditions:

**"Accounting Event"** has the meaning set out in Condition 6(f);

**"Additional Distribution Amount"** has the meaning set out in Condition 5(d)(iv);

**"Additional Tax Amounts"** has the meaning set out in Condition 8(a);

**"Arrears of Distribution"** has the meaning set out in Condition 5(d)(iv);

**"Authorised Signatory"** has the meaning set out in the Trust Deed;

**"business day"** means:

- (a) in respect of Condition 2(b), a day, other than a Saturday or Sunday, on which banks are open for business in the place of the specified office of the relevant Transfer Agent or the Registrar (as the case may be);
- (b) in respect of Condition 5 and a Calculation Date, any day, excluding a Saturday and a Sunday, on which banks are open for general business (including dealings in foreign currencies) in Hong Kong, London and New York City; and
- (c) in respect of Condition 7 and Condition 8, a day (other than a Saturday or a Sunday) on which banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business in Hong Kong, London and the place in which the specified office of the relevant Paying Agent is located and, in the case of presentation of a Certificate, in the place in which the Certificate is presented and where payment is to be made by transfer to an account, on which foreign exchange transactions may be carried on in U.S. dollars in New York City;

**"Call Date"** has the meaning set out in Condition 6(b);

**"Calculation Agent"** means Citibank, N.A., London Branch;

**"Calculation Amount"** has the meaning set out in Condition 5(a)(iii);

**"Calculation Date"** means the second business day prior to the relevant Reset Date;

**"Certificates"** has the meaning set out in Condition 1;

**"Comparable Treasury Issue"** means the U.S. Treasury security selected by the Issuer as having a maturity of five years that would be utilised, at the time of selection and in accordance with customary financial practice, in pricing new issues of corporate debt securities with a maturity of five years;

**"Comparable Treasury Price"** means, with respect to the second business day immediately preceding the Reset Date, the average of three Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations for the relevant Calculation Date;

**"Day Count Fraction"** has the meaning set out in Condition 5(a)(iii);

**"Deferral Election Event"** has the meaning set out in Condition 5(d)(i);

**"Deferral Election Notice"** has the meaning set out in Condition 5(d)(i);

“**Distribution**” has the meaning set out in Condition 5(a);

“**Distribution Payment Date**” has the meaning set out in Condition 5(a)(ii);

“**Distribution Rate**” has the meaning set out in Condition 5(a);

“**Equity Credit Classification Event**” has the meaning set out in Condition 6(e);

“**Extraordinary Resolution**” has the meaning given to it in the Trust Deed;

“**First Reset Date**” has the meaning set out in Condition 5(b)(i);

“**First Step-up Date**” has the meaning set out in Condition 5(b)(i);

“**Fitch**” means Fitch Ratings Ltd., or any of its subsidiaries and their successors;

“**Gross-Up Event**” has the meaning set out in Condition 6(c)(ii);

“**Guarantee**” has the meaning set out in Condition 4(a);

“**Holder**” or “**holder**” has the meaning set out in Condition 1;

“**H.15 Page**” means the relevant page or webpage (or any successor page or webpage displaying yields on U.S. Treasury securities as agreed between the Issuer and the Calculation Agent) displaying the statistical release published by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System designated as “Selected Interest Rates (Daily) - H.15” (“**H.15**”), which as of the Issue Date is <https://www.federalreserve.gov/releases/h15/> under the caption “U.S. government securities–Treasury constant maturities–Nominal”;

“**Initial Spread**” means 1.207 per cent. per annum;

“**Issue Date**” means 24 June 2025;

“**Junior Obligations**” means, in relation to the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor, (i) any class of share capital (including preference shares), and (b) any instrument or security issued, entered into or guaranteed by the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor, which ranks or is expressed to rank, by its terms or by operation of law, junior to the Securities or the Guarantee, as the case may be;

“**Moody’s**” means Moody’s Investors Service, Inc., or any of its subsidiaries and their successors;

“**Parity Obligations**” means any instrument or security issued, entered into or guaranteed by the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor:

- (a) which ranks or is expressed to rank, by its terms or by operation of law, *pari passu* with the Securities or the Guarantee; and
- (b) the terms of which provide that the making of payments thereon or distributions in respect thereof are fully at the discretion of the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor, and/or, in the case of an instrument or security guaranteed by the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor, the issuer thereof;

“**Qualifying Securities**” means securities that:

- (a) have terms not materially less favourable to an investor than the terms of the Securities (as reasonably determined by the Guarantor and an independent investment bank, and provided that a certificate to such effect (and confirming that the conditions set out in (i) to (iv) below of this definition have been satisfied) signed by two Authorised Signatories of the Guarantor and from an independent investment bank, shall have been delivered to the Trustee prior to the substitution or variation of the relevant Securities upon which certificate the Trustee shall rely absolutely and which shall be binding on the Holders), provided that:

- (i) they are issued by the Guarantor, the Issuer or any wholly-owned direct or indirect Subsidiary of the Guarantor;
  - (ii) they are unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by the Guarantor where not issued by the Guarantor;
  - (iii) they (or, as appropriate, the guarantee as aforesaid) shall rank pari passu with the Securities on a Winding-Up, shall preserve the Holders' rights to any Arrears of Distribution, any Additional Distribution Amount and any other payment that has accrued with respect to the Securities, and shall contain terms which provide at least for the same Distribution Rate, subsequent Distribution Payment Dates and redemption events, from time to time applying to the Securities; and other terms of such securities are substantially identical (as reasonably determined by the Guarantor and an independent investment bank) to the Securities and, other than in the case of an Equity Credit Classification Event, have an equity content or credit that is the same or better than the equity credit assigned to the Securities before the substitution or variation, save for any modifications to such terms that are required to be made to avoid or resolve the occurrence of a Special Event; and
  - (iv) they shall not contain loss-absorbing provisions, such as principal write-offs, write-downs or conversion to equity;
- (b) have been, or will on issue be, assigned at least the same rating as that assigned by all relevant Rating Agencies where the Securities were so rated (other than unsolicited ratings) prior to substitution or variation as provided in Condition 12(c); and
  - (c) are listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited or another securities exchange of international standing regularly used for the listing and quoting of debt securities offered and traded in the international markets;

**“Rating Agency”** has the meaning set out in Condition 6(e);

**“Record Date”** has the meaning set out in Condition 7(a)(ii);

**“Reference Treasury Dealer”** means each of the three nationally recognised investment banking firms selected by the Issuer that are primary U.S. Government securities dealers;

**“Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations”** means, with respect to each Reference Treasury Dealer and the Calculation Date, the average, as determined by the Calculation Agent, of the bid and ask prices for the Comparable Treasury Issue, expressed in each case as a percentage of its principal amount, quoted in writing to the Issuer by such Reference Treasury Dealer at 5:00 p.m. (New York City time), on the relevant Calculation Date and then notified in writing by the Issuer to the Calculation Agent and the Trustee;

**“Register”** has the meaning set out in Condition 1;

**“Relevant Accounting Standards”** has the meaning set out in Condition 6(f);

**“Relevant Date”** in respect of any payment of any Security means the date on which such payment first becomes due, except that, if the full amount of the moneys payable has not been received by the Principal Paying Agent or the Registrar, as the case may be, on or prior to such due date, it means the date on which notice is duly given to the Holders in accordance with Condition 15 that the full amount of such moneys has been so received;



“**Relevant Jurisdiction**” means the Cayman Islands or Hong Kong or, in each case, any political subdivision or any authority therein or thereof having power to tax to which the Issuer or the Guarantor becomes subject in respect of payments made by it of any sums due in respect of the Securities;

“**Reset Date**” means the First Reset Date and each day falling five calendar years after the First Reset Date;

“**S&P**” means S&P Global Ratings, a division of S&P Global Inc. or any of its subsidiaries and their successors;

“**Second Step-up Date**” has the meaning set out in Condition 5(b)(ii);

“**Special Event**” means a Gross-Up Event, a Tax Deduction Event, an Accounting Event, an Equity Credit Classification Event or any combination of the foregoing;

“**Specified Time**” means any time after 4:15 p.m. (New York time) (or after such time as yields on the U.S. government securities are posted daily by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System);

“**Subsidiary**” shall have the meaning ascribed thereto in the Companies Act 2006 of England and Wales;

“**Tax Deduction Event**” has the meaning set out in Condition 6(d);

“**U.S. Treasury Rate**” means the rate in percentage per annum as notified by the Calculation Agent to the Issuer, the Trustee and the Agents in writing and to the Holders (in accordance with Condition 15) equal to:

- (a) the yield on U.S. Treasury securities having a maturity of five years as set forth in the H.15 Page at the Specified Time on the Calculation Date;
- (b) if paragraph (a) above applies but the H.15 Page does not display the relevant yield at the Specified Time on the Calculation Date, the semi-annual equivalent yield to maturity of the Comparable Treasury Issue, calculated using a price for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed as a percentage of its principal amount) equal to the Comparable Treasury Price on the relevant Calculation Date; and
- (c) if paragraph (b) above applies but there is no Comparable Treasury Price on the relevant Calculation Date for whatever reason, the yield on U.S. Treasury securities having a maturity of five years as displayed on the H.15 Page at the Specified Time on the first date preceding the Calculation Date that such rate was available; and

“**Winding-Up**” means, with respect to the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor, a final and effective order or resolution by a competent authority in the respective jurisdiction of incorporation of the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor for the winding up, liquidation or similar proceedings in respect of the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor.

*The following paragraphs in italics do not form part of the Terms and Conditions of the Securities:*

*Restrictions regarding redemption of the Securities (the “**Restrictions**”):*

*The Issuer intends (without thereby assuming any legal obligation to do so), during the period from the Issue Date to and including the Second Step-up Date, that if the Securities are assigned an “equity credit” (or such other nomenclature that S&P may then use to describe the degree to which an instrument exhibits the characteristics of an ordinary share) at the time of such redemption or repurchase, that it will redeem or repurchase the Securities pursuant to:*

- (1) *a redemption of the Securities at the option of the Issuer pursuant to Condition 6(b);*
- (2) *a repurchase of the Securities by the Issuer, the Guarantor or any of their respective Subsidiaries under Condition 6(j) of more than:*

- (i) 10 per cent. of the aggregate principal amount of the Guarantor's outstanding hybrid capital in any consecutive 12-month period; or
- (ii) 25 per cent. of the aggregate principal amount of the Issuer/Guarantor's outstanding hybrid capital in any consecutive 10-year period,

only to the extent the Aggregate Equity Credit of the Securities at the time of issue to be redeemed or repurchased does not exceed the Aggregate Equity Credit received by the Guarantor or any other Subsidiaries of the Guarantor during the 365-day period prior to the date of such redemption or repurchase from certain securities offerings. Such offerings must involve the sale or issuance by the Guarantor or any other Subsidiaries of the Guarantor to third party purchasers other than the Guarantor or any other Subsidiaries of the Guarantor, of securities which are assigned by S&P, at the time of sale or issuance, an "equity credit" that is equal to or greater than the equity credit assigned to the Securities to be redeemed or repurchased at the time of issue (taking into account any changes in hybrid capital methodology or another relevant methodology or the interpretation thereof since the issuance of the Securities).

The Restrictions described above shall not apply if on the date of such redemption or repurchase:

- (a) the corporate credit rating or stand-alone credit profile assigned by S&P to the Guarantor is at least equal to the rating or stand-alone credit profile assigned to the Guarantor on the date of the most recent hybrid security issuance (excluding any refinancing) which was assigned by S&P a "equity credit" similar to the Securities and the Guarantor is of the view that such rating would not fall below this level as a result of such redemption or repurchase; or
- (b) the Securities are not assigned an "equity credit" at the time of such redemption or repurchase; or
- (c) a Special Event has occurred; or
- (d) the Issuer, the Guarantor or any other Subsidiaries of the Guarantor has individually or in the aggregate, redeemed, cancelled or purchased the Securities equal to or in excess of 75 per cent. of the aggregate principal amount of the Securities issued on the Issue Date; or
- (e) the statements made in the Restrictions set forth hereunder are no longer required for the Securities to be assigned an "equity credit" that is equal to or greater than the equity credit assigned by S&P on the Issue Date;
- (f) in the case of a repurchase, such repurchase relates to an aggregate principal amount of Securities which is less than or equal to the excess (if any) above the maximum aggregate principal amount of the Guarantor's hybrid capital to which S&P then assigns "equity credit" under its prevailing methodology; or
- (g) there shall have occurred a general moratorium on, or disruption in, commercial banking activities in the Cayman Islands, Hong Kong, the United Kingdom, European Economic Area or the United States by any Cayman Islands, Hong Kong, the United Kingdom, European Economic Area, New York State or United States Federal authorities, which would be, in the Issuer's sole opinion, likely to materially prejudice dealings in the Securities in the secondary market.

For the purpose of the Restrictions, "Aggregate Equity Credit" means the "equity credit" (as a percentage) assigned by S&P of the relevant securities multiplied by the aggregate principal amount of such securities with respect to which the calculation is being made.

## ANNEX 2

### ADDITIONAL RISK FACTORS

*This Annex 2 sets out certain risk factors relating to the Securities. Words and expressions defined in or for the purpose of the Terms and Conditions of the Securities (as attached to this Pricing Supplement as Annex 1) shall have the same meanings where used in this Annex 2 unless the context otherwise requires or unless otherwise stated. Please see the section “Risk Factors” of the Offering Circular for the other risk factors relating to securities issued from time to time under the Programme, including, for the avoidance of doubt, the Securities.*

#### **The Securities are perpetual securities and investors have no right to require redemption**

The Securities are perpetual and have no maturity date. Holders of the Securities have no right to require the Issuer to redeem the Securities at any time, and an investor who acquires the Securities may only dispose of the Securities by sale. Holders of the Securities who wish to sell their Securities may be unable to do so at a price at or above the amount they have paid for them, or at all. Therefore, holders of the Securities should be aware that they may be required to bear the financial risks of an investment in the Securities for an indefinite period of time.

#### **The Securities and the Guarantee are subordinated obligations**

The obligations of the Issuer under the Securities and of the Guarantor under the Guarantee will constitute unsecured and subordinated obligations of the Issuer and the Guarantor. Subject to the insolvency laws of the Cayman Islands and other applicable laws, in the event of the Winding-Up of the Issuer, the rights of the Holders to receive payments in respect of the Securities will rank in priority to the holders of all Junior Obligations of the Issuer, but subordinated to the claims of all other present and future creditors of the Issuer (other than the claims in respect of Parity Obligations of the Issuer). Upon the Winding-Up of the Issuer, holders of the Securities can enforce the obligations of the Guarantor under the Guarantee, but, subject to the insolvency laws of Hong Kong and other applicable laws, in the event of the Winding-Up of the Guarantor, the rights and claims of holders of the Guarantee will rank in priority to the holders of all Junior Obligations of the Guarantor but be subordinated to the claims of all present and future creditors of the Guarantor (other than the claims in respect of Parity Obligations of the Guarantor).

In the event of a shortfall of funds or a Winding-Up, there is a real risk that an investor in the Securities will lose all or some of its investment and will not receive a full return of the principal amount or any unpaid amounts due under the Securities.

#### **Holders may not receive Distribution payments if the Issuer elects to defer Distribution payments**

The Issuer may, at its sole discretion, elect to defer any scheduled Distributions or Arrears of Distribution on the Securities for any period of time unless an event specified in Condition 5(d)(vi)(B) has occurred. Save as aforesaid, the Issuer is not subject to any limits as to the number of times Distributions or Arrears of Distribution can be deferred. Although Arrears of Distributions following a deferral are cumulative, the Issuer may defer their payment for an indefinite period of time by delivering the relevant deferral election notices to the holders of the Securities, the Trustee and the Principal Paying Agent. Any such deferral will not constitute a default for any purpose.

Each of the Issuer and the Guarantor is subject to certain restrictions in relation to the declaration and payment of dividends, distributions or other payments on its Junior Obligations and its Parity Obligations and to the redemption, reduction, cancellation, buy-back or acquisition for any consideration of its Parity Obligations or Junior Obligations, in each case, until any outstanding Arrears of Distribution and Additional Distribution Amount are satisfied or save in certain specified situations as further described in the Terms and Conditions. Such restrictions, however, do not prevent the Issuer or the Guarantor from, inter alia, making loans and other advances to other members of the Group. The making of such loans or advances may reduce the amount available to the Issuer for the payment of Distributions, Arrears of Distributions and Additional Distribution Amounts and may increase the likelihood of a deferral of Distribution under the Securities.

Any deferral of Distribution will likely have an adverse effect on the market price of the Securities. In addition, as a result of the Distribution deferral provision of the Securities, the market price of the Securities may be more volatile than the market prices of debt securities on which original issue discount or interest accrues that are not subject to such deferrals and may be more sensitive generally to adverse changes in the Group's financial condition.

#### **The Securities may be redeemed at the Issuer's option**

The Securities are redeemable at the option of the Issuer at the relevant times at the relevant redemption price as provided for in the Terms and Conditions, together with any Distribution accrued to but excluding the date fixed for redemption (including any Arrears of Distribution and any Additional Distribution Amount). The Issuer also has the right to redeem the Securities upon the occurrence of:

- a Gross-up Event;
- a Tax Deduction Event;
- an Equity Credit Classification Event;
- an Accounting Event; or
- if the aggregate principal amount of the Securities outstanding is less than 25 per cent. of the aggregate principal amount originally issued.

The date on which the Issuer elects to redeem the Securities may not accord with the preference of individual Holders. This may be disadvantageous to the Holders in light of market conditions or the individual circumstances of the Holder. An investor may also not be able to reinvest the redemption proceeds in comparable securities at an effective distribution rate at the same level as that of the Securities.

#### **There are limited remedies for default under the Securities and the Guarantee**

Any scheduled Distribution will not be due if the Issuer elects to defer that Distribution pursuant to the Terms and Conditions. Notwithstanding any of the provisions relating to non-payment defaults, the right to institute Winding-Up proceedings is limited to circumstances where payment has become due and the Issuer has not made payment in respect of the Securities or the Guarantor has not made payment in respect of the Guarantee for a period (in either case) of ten days or more after the date on which such payment is due. The only remedy against the Issuer and/or the Guarantor available to the Trustee or (where the Trustee has failed to proceed against the Issuer as provided in the Terms and Conditions) any holder of Securities for recovery of amounts in respect of the Securities following the occurrence of a payment default after any sum becomes due in respect of the Securities will be instituting Winding-Up proceedings against the Issuer and/or the Guarantor and/or proving in the Winding-Up of the Issuer and/ or the Guarantor and/or claiming in the liquidation of the Issuer and/or the Guarantor in respect of such payment. No remedy against the Issuer or the Guarantor, other than as referred to in Condition 9, shall be available to the Trustee or the Holders, whether for the recovery of amounts owing in respect of the Securities or the Guarantee or under the Trust Deed or in respect of any breach by the Issuer or the Guarantor of any of its other obligations under or in respect of the Securities or the Guarantee or under the Trust Deed.

#### **The Securities contain provisions regarding substitution which may affect the rights of Holders**

The Terms and Conditions provide that if a Special Event has occurred and is continuing, then the Issuer may, without the consent of Holders, subject to having satisfied the Trustee that Condition 12(c) has been satisfied as to certain matters and giving not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' irrevocable notice to the Trustee and the Principal Paying Agent in writing and to the Holders (in accordance with Condition 15):

- substitute all, but not some only, of the Securities for; or
- vary the terms of the Securities with the effect that they remain or become (as the case may be)

Qualifying Securities.

#### **The insolvency laws of the Cayman Islands and of Hong Kong and other local insolvency laws may differ from those of another jurisdiction with which the holders of the Securities are familiar**

As the Issuer is incorporated in the Cayman Islands and the Guarantor is incorporated under the laws of Hong Kong, any insolvency proceeding relating the Issuer or the Guarantor would likely involve Cayman Islands or Hong Kong insolvency laws, respectively, the procedural and substantive provisions of which may differ from comparable provisions of the local insolvency laws of jurisdictions with which the holders of the Securities are familiar. The Guarantor cannot give any assurance that any deferred Distributions would constitute a claim under applicable insolvency laws of the Cayman Islands or Hong Kong with the same ranking as would be afforded to such deferred Distributions in other jurisdictions.