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## JINHUI HOLDINGS COMPANY LIMITED

# 金輝集團有限公司

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# MAJOR TRANSACTION ACQUISITION OF A VESSEL

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As one or more applicable percentage ratios calculated in accordance with Rule 14.07 of the Listing Rules in respect of the Acquisition of the Vessel exceed 25% but are less than 100%, the Acquisition of the Vessel constitutes a major transaction for the Company under Chapter 14 of the Listing Rules and is subject to the notification, announcement and shareholders' approval requirements under the Listing Rules. A circular containing, amongst other things, further information relating to the Acquisition of the Vessel is expected to be despatched to the Shareholders on or before 21 April 2022 in accordance with the Listing Rules.

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#### Information on the Group and the Purchaser

The principal activity of the Company is investment holding and the principal activities of its subsidiaries are international ship chartering and ship owning.

The Purchaser is a ship owning company and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Jinhui Shipping, which is in turn an approximately 55.69% owned subsidiary of the Company as at date of this announcement. The principal activities of the Purchaser are ship owning and chartering.

#### Vendor

The Vendor is Ratu Shipping Co., S.A., a company incorporated in the Republic of Panama. Its principal activities are mainly involved in business of ownership, chartering and operation of vessels. The Vendor is a company wholly-owned by Nisshin Shipping Co., Ltd., a company incorporated in Japan with principal activities of global shipping business, which is owned by its ultimate beneficial owner – Mr. Shinsuke Fujii.

To the best of the Board's knowledge, information and belief having made all reasonable enquiry, the Vendor, Nisshin Shipping Co., Ltd. and its ultimate beneficial owner are Independent Third Parties.

#### Vessel

The Vessel is a Supramax of deadweight 63,485 metric tons, built in year 2014 by builder/yard: Jiangsu Hantong Ship Heavy Industry Co., Ltd. The Vendor warrants that the Vessel, at the time of delivery, is free from all charters, encumbrances, mortgages and maritime liens or any other debts. The Vessel will be delivered to the Group on a free from charter basis.

#### Consideration

Under the Agreement, the purchase price for the Vessel is US\$25,500,000 (approximately HK\$198,900,000) and is payable by the Purchaser as follows:

- (1) an initial deposit of US\$2,550,000 (approximately HK\$19,890,000) will be payable by the Purchaser (i) within three banking days from the date of signing the Agreement; or (ii) on the date at which the confirmation from the escrow agent confirming the account is ready to receive the initial deposit, whichever is the latest; and
- (2) the balance of US\$22,950,000 (approximately HK\$179,010,000) will be payable by the Purchaser on the delivery of the Vessel which will take place between 3 May 2022 and 29 July 2022.

The purchase price for the Vessel will be payable by cash in United States Dollars. The purchase price of the Vessel was determined by reference to market intelligence the Company has gathered from shipbrokers and its own analysis of recently concluded sale and purchase transactions of vessels of comparable size and year of built in the market, valuation from independent valuer and on the basis of arm's length negotiations with the Vendor.

The Group engaged Arrow Valuations, an independent valuer and an affiliate of Arrow Asia Shipbrokers Ltd., an independent shipbroking group, to provide a formal valuation certificate in respect of the Vessel. In respect of the valuation of the Vessel, the Company has reviewed the valuation certificate and discussed with Arrow Valuations about the valuation approach and methodology adopted in the valuation of the Vessel. As advised by Arrow Valuations, the market approach is adopted in the valuation of the Vessel where Arrow Valuations has considered the factors including (i) the quality and reputation of the shipbuilder; (ii) the configurations and specifications of the Vessel; (iii) the country where the Vessel was built; (iv) recent market activities including comparison with recent sales by age/size/quality of shipyard; and (v) the prices of similar vessels which are for sale but unsold.

Having assessed all the above factors, Arrow Valuations reached the opinion of the Vessel's evaluation which Arrow Valuations believed would reflect the market value of the Vessel at the date of the valuation. According to Arrow Valuations, the market value of the Vessel as at 28 March 2022 was US\$25,500,000 (approximately HK\$198,900,000).

We observe and monitor the sale and purchase market of second hand vessels, including recent market transactions of similar vessels between willing sellers and willing buyers in that prevailing time presuming the vessel free from all registered encumbrances, maritime liens and all debts, free of charter or any contract of employment, for cash payment on normal sale terms at that particular of time. In the process of gathering the market intelligence from shipbrokers, we receive market information on the sale and purchase market of second hand vessels on a daily basis from international shipbrokers. We also discuss with international shipbrokers frequently to gather market intelligence on what vessels are being put on sale, which owners are looking to buy or sell their vessels on a worldwide basis.

We look at recently traded value of vessels which are similar to the ones we are interested in purchasing, making adjustment depending on any expected difference in quality as well as timing of delivery, as well as referencing the overall market sentiment which is reflected in the Baltic Dry Index, an important economic indicator reflecting the supply and demand trends of global shipping market.

However, as each vessel is never identical, we will take into account the individual specification, maintenance quality and conditions of each individual vessel to consider its purchase. Similar to assets that has a second hand market, the factors to be considered in the analysis of recently concluded sale and purchase transactions, will be the timing of availability of the vessel to the new buyer, whether the shipyard that produce a vessel is reputable, whether a vessel is well maintained, and much most importantly is the expectation of the outlook of the industry in terms of potential revenue generating ability going forward.

It is currently expected that approximately 50% of the purchase price of the Vessel will be funded by bank financing and the remaining will be funded by internal resources of the Group.

The Directors consider that the purchase price of the Vessel is fair and reasonable and the Acquisition of the Vessel is in the interests of the Company and its shareholders as a whole.

#### REASONS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THE VESSEL

The Group's principal activities are international ship chartering and ship owning. The Directors continuously review the prevailing market conditions of the shipping industry and monitor and adjust the Group's fleet profile as appropriate. Despite the recent improvement in shipping market, we continue to seek to fine tune the quality of our fleet, in particularly in terms of seeking to lower the overall age profile of our fleet. We try to strike as good as possible, the balance of additional maintenance costs that is associated with the aging of a vessel, the expected revenue generating ability and cargo flexibility when compared to younger vessels, the potential asset value appreciation of an asset, as well as the importance of ensuring we are financially nimble by monetizing suitable assets. We believe in being prepared at all times for future possible opportunities of redeployment of capital into other more suitable assets that may arise going forward while keeping leverage at comfortable levels. We will continuously monitor the market as well as our operations going forward and look out for opportunities to maintain a reasonably modern and competitive fleet, not ruling out any future disposal or acquisition of vessels and will make such decisions on an ad hoc basis to maintain a high financial flexibility and operational competitiveness.

The Vessel is grabs fitted Supramax for the transportation of dry bulk commodities. The Directors and senior management have been reviewing the individual specification, maintenance quality and conditions of the Vessel and consider the purchase price of the Vessel is reasonable. The Group currently owns twenty six dry bulk vessels which include two Post-Panamaxes and twenty four grabs fitted Supramaxes, and the existing total carrying capacity is 1,525,348 metric tons.

The Company's senior management has many years of operating in the dry bulk shipping industry, going through multiple cycles seeing ups and downs. The Company has vast experience and a deep knowhow from operating different class of vessels as well as contracting new vessels made by different shippards, we have developed knowledge of how various parts of a vessel are made and how their quality differ, from the hull, deck, equipment such as onboard cranes, the pros and cons of engines made by different makers perform, the difference in quality of a second hand ship owned by different owners. All these experiences collected over the past years give us this industry knowhow.

When considering whether to acquire a pre-owned vessel for its ship chartering business, the Company's management would focus its decision on the physical conditions of the vessel that include the configurations, made, technical specifications, design, structures and fittings, main propulsion & manoeuvring and other key operation systems, quality and reputation of the shipbuilder, country where the vessel was made, age, deadweight/draft, holds/hatches, and cargo capacity, etc. The vessel's present operating parameter, maintenance of its hull and machinery are also main factors to consider.

The Company's management also takes into account when deciding whether to purchase a pre-owned vessel is the market conditions and sentiment. The decision of the Acquisition of the Vessel is driven by supply and demand for dry bulk vessels and based on arm's length negotiations with the Vendor. The Company is of the view that due to the economy recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and increase in the demand for dry bulk vessels, the Vessel will be in high demand. This was a crucial factor in the Group's decision to purchase the Vessel. The Company reviewed the prevailing market conditions of the shipping industry and believes that an increase in the Group's fleet size is in the best interest of the Company and its shareholders as a whole given the outlook of the market.

Upon the completion of the acquisition of the Vessel, the Vessel will be chartered out to customers for the transportation of dry bulk commodities to receive charter hire and to generate chartering freight and hire income for the Group. The Company believes that the Acquisition of the Vessel will allow the Group to generate more operating income and increase the returns of the Company in the future.

#### LISTING RULES IMPLICATION

As one or more applicable percentage ratios calculated in accordance with Rule 14.07 of the Listing Rules in respect of the Acquisition of the Vessel exceed 25% but are less than 100%, the Acquisition of the Vessel constitutes a major transaction for the Company under Chapter 14 of the Listing Rules and is subject to the notification, announcement and shareholders' approval requirements under the Listing Rules.

Under Rule 14.44 of the Listing Rules, shareholders' approval for the Acquisition of the Vessel may be obtained by way of written shareholders' approval in lieu of holding a general meeting if (1) no shareholder is required to abstain from voting if the company were to convene a general meeting for the approval of the transactions; and (2) written shareholders' approval has been obtained from a shareholder or a closely allied group of shareholders who together hold more than 50% of the voting rights at that general meeting to approve the transaction.

Fairline Consultants Limited ("Fairline") and Timberfield Limited ("Timberfield") are closely allied group of shareholders who hold 205,325,568 Shares and 136,883,712 Shares respectively, and together hold 342,209,280 Shares which represent approximately 64.53% of the total issued shares of the Company and voting rights in general meetings of the Company as at date of this announcement. Fairline and Timberfield also hold 407,858 Jinhui Shipping Shares and 260,000 Jinhui Shipping Shares respectively, and together hold 667,858 Jinhui Shipping Shares which represent approximately 0.61% of the total issued shares of Jinhui Shipping as at date of this announcement. Mr. Ng Siu Fai, Chairman and executive director of the Company, is the major shareholder and beneficial owner of Fairline. Mr. Ng Kam Wah Thomas, Managing Director and executive director of the Company, is the sole beneficial owner of Timberfield. Mr. Ng Siu Fai and Mr. Ng Kam Wah Thomas are brothers and the two founders of the Group. Fairline and Timberfield are not interested in the Acquisition of the Vessel other than through its shareholding interest in the Company and Jinhui Shipping. No Shareholder is required to abstain from voting on the Acquisition of the Vessel if the Company were to convene a general meeting for the approval of the Acquisition of the Vessel, and the Acquisition of the Vessel has been approved by written shareholders' approvals from Fairline and Timberfield.

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#### **DEFINITIONS**

In this announcement, unless the context requires otherwise, the following expressions of the following meanings were used:

"Acquisition of the Vessel" the acquisition of the Vessel under the Agreement;

"Agreement" the memorandum of agreement dated 28 March 2022 entered into between the

Vendor and the Purchaser in respect of the acquisition of the Vessel;

"Board" the board of Directors;

"Company" Jinhui Holdings Company Limited, a company incorporated in Hong Kong,

whose shares are listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange;

"Directors" the directors of the Company;

"Group" the Company and its subsidiaries;

"Hong Kong" the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China;

"Independent Third Parties" person(s) (and in case of company(ies) and corporation(s), their ultimate

beneficial owner(s)) who is/are not connected person(s) of the Company and is/are independent of and not connected with the Company and directors, chief executive, controlling shareholders and substantial shareholders of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or their respective associates within the meaning of the

Listing Rules;

"Jinhui Shipping" Jinhui Shipping and Transportation Limited, a limited liability company

incorporated in Bermuda and an approximately 55.69% owned subsidiary of the Company as at date of this announcement, whose shares are listed on the Oslo

Stock Exchange (stock code: JIN);

"Jinhui Shipping Shares" ordinary shares of US\$0.05 each in the share capital of Jinhui Shipping;

"Listing Rules" the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange;

"Post-Panamaxes" vessels of deadweight approximately between 90,000 metric tons to 100,000

metric tons;

"Purchaser" Jinping Marine Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Jinhui Shipping;

"Shareholder(s)" Shareholder(s) of the Company;

"Shares" ordinary shares of the Company;

"Stock Exchange" The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited;

"Supramax(es)" dry cargo vessel(s) of deadweight approximately 50,000 metric tons;

"Vendor" Ratu Shipping Co., S.A., a company incorporated in the Republic of Panama;

"Vessel" a deadweight 63,485 metric tons bulk carrier "HANTON TRADER II" registered

in the Republic of Panama;

"HK\$" Hong Kong Dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong; and

"US\$" United States Dollars, the lawful currency of the United States of America, and

for the purpose of illustration only, translated into HK\$ at the rate of US\$1.00 =

HK\$7.80.

By Order of the Board

Jinhui Holdings Company Limited

Ng Siu Fai

Chairman

Hong Kong, 28 March 2022

As at date of this announcement, the Executive Directors of the Company are Ng Siu Fai, Ng Kam Wah Thomas, Ng Ki Hung Frankie and Ho Suk Lin; and the Independent Non-executive Directors of the Company are Cui Jianhua, Tsui Che Yin Frank and William Yau.