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EASYKNIT INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LIMITED

永義國際集團有限公司*

(incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 1218)

DISCLOSEABLE TRANSACTION ACQUISITIONS OF LISTED SECURITIES

The Group, through its wholly-owned subsidiary, acquired on the market of 357,700 HKEx Shares during the period from 5 October 2016 to 12 October 2016 for an aggregate purchase price of approximately HK\$74,076,000 (exclusive of transaction costs).

The Acquisitions constitute a discloseable transaction of the Company under Chapter 14 of the Listing Rules, as one of the applicable percentage ratios exceeds 5% but is less than 25%.

THE ACQUISITIONS

The Board is pleased to announce that the Group, through its wholly-owned subsidiary, acquired on-market the HKEx Shares during the period from 5 October 2016 to 12 October 2016, at the price between HK\$206.00 and HK\$208.40 per HKEx Shares (exclusive of transaction costs). The average price (exclusive of transaction costs) for the acquisition of each HKEx Shares was approximately HK\$207.09 and the aggregate purchase price (exclusive of transaction costs) is approximately HK\$74,076,000, which was the market price of the HKEx Shares paid in cash from internal resources of the Company.

As the Acquisitions were made through the market, the Company was not aware of the identities of the sellers of the HKEx Shares and accordingly, to the best knowledge, information and belief of the Directors having made all reasonable enquiries, the sellers of the HKEx Shares are Independent Third Parties.

REASONS FOR AND BENEFITS OF THE ACQUISITIONS

The Group's principal businesses are property investments, property development, securities investment and loan financing business.

Having considered the recent performance of HKEx, the Company considers that the acquisitions of HKEx Shares are attractive investment and can enhance the returns on cash for the Company.

As the Acquisitions were made at market price, the Directors (including the independent non-executive Directors) are of the view that the Acquisitions were fair and reasonable, on normal commercial terms and in the interests of the Company and its Shareholders as a whole.

** for identification purposes only*

INFORMATION ON HKEx

According to publicly available information, HKEx is a company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability and the shares of which are listed on the main board of the Stock Exchange (Stock Code: 388). According to its company profile available on the internet, HKEx is the holding company of the Stock Exchange, Hong Kong Futures Exchange Limited and Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited and brings together the market organisations which have transformed Hong Kong's financial services industry from a domestically focused market to become a central market place in Asia attracting investment funds from all over the world. HKEx was listed in June 2000 following the integration of Hong Kong's securities and derivatives markets. HKEx services comprise trading, clearing and settlement, depository and nominee services, and information services.

The following information is extracted from the interim report and annual report of HKEx:

	For the six months ended 30 June 2016	For the year ended 31 December	
	<i>HK\$ million</i>	2015	2014
		<i>HK\$ million</i>	<i>HK\$ million</i>
Revenue	5,630	13,375	9,849
Profit before taxation	3,512	9,278	6,038
Net profit after taxation attributable to shareholders of HKEx	2,985	7,956	5,165
Total assets	205,979	238,193	251,860

GENERAL

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DEFINITIONS

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

“Acquisitions”	the acquisition of an aggregate of 357,700 HKEx Shares by the Group during the period from 5 October 2016 to 12 October 2016
“Board”	the board of Directors
“Company”	Easyknit International Holdings Limited, an exempted company incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability, the shares of which are listed on the main board of Stock Exchange
“Director(s)”	director(s) of the Company
“discloseable transaction”	as defined in the Listing Rules
“Group”	the Company and its subsidiaries

“HK\$”	Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong
“HKEx”	Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited, a company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability, the shares of which are listed on the main board of the Stock Exchange (Stock Code: 388)
“HKEx Shares”	shares with a par value of HK\$1.00 each in the share capital of HKEx
“Hong Kong”	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC
“Independent Third Party”	third party(ies) independent of the Company and connected persons of the Company
“Listing Rules”	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange
“percentage ratios”	as defined in the Listing Rules
“PRC”	the People’s Republic of China
“Share(s)”	ordinary share(s) of HK\$0.10 each in the share capital of the Company
“Shareholder(s)”	holder(s) of Shares
“Stock Exchange”	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
“%”	per cent

By Order of the Board
Easyknit International Holdings Limited
Kwong Jimmy Cheung Tim
President and Chief Executive Officer

Hong Kong, 17 October 2016

As at the date hereof, the Board comprises Mr. Kwong Jimmy Cheung Tim, Ms. Lui Yuk Chu and Ms. Koon Ho Yan Candy as executive directors; Mr. Tse Wing Chiu Ricky and Mr. Lai Law Kau as non-executive directors; and Mr. Tsui Chun Kong, Mr. Jong Koon Sang and Mr. Hon Tam Chun as independent non-executive directors.