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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 DISPOSAL OF LISTED SECURITIES**

The Group disposed on-market the HKEx Shares in a series of transactions conducted between 13 July 2017 and 19 July 2017, at a price between HK\$204.6 and HK\$212.8 per HKEx Shares for an aggregate gross sale proceeds of HK\$35,672,000 (exclusive of transaction costs).

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#### **THE DISPOSAL**

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As the Disposal was made on the market, the Company is not aware of the identities of the purchasers of the HKEx Shares. To the best of the knowledge, information and belief of the Directors, having made all reasonable enquiries, each of the purchasers of the HKEx Shares and their ultimate beneficial owners are third parties independent of the Company and its connected persons (as defined in the Listing Rules).

#### **Assets disposed**

The Group disposed of 170,000 HKEx Shares, representing approximately 0.0138% of the issued HKEx Shares (based on the 1,231,597,826 HKEx Shares as at 30 June 2017 according to publicly available information).

#### **Consideration**

The aggregate gross sale proceeds of the Disposal is HK\$35,672,000 (excluding transaction costs), which is receivable in cash on settlement. The consideration for the Disposal represented the market price of the HKEx Shares at the time of the Disposal.

#### **REASONS FOR AND BENEFITS OF THE DISPOSAL**

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

*\* for identification purposes only*

The purpose of the Disposal is to obtain a balanced securities investment portfolio. As a result of the Disposal, the Group is expected to recognize a gain of HK\$1,530,000 which is calculated on the basis of the difference between the acquisition price and the disposal price (exclusive of the transaction costs). The Group intends to use the proceeds of the Disposal for general working capital.

The Disposal was made at market price and the Directors (including the independent non-executive Directors) are of the view that the Disposal will enhance the liquidity of the Company, was fair and reasonable, on normal commercial terms and in the interests of the Company and its Shareholders as a whole.

## 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 published documents of HKEx:

	<b>For the three months ended 31 March 2017 <i>HK\$ million</i></b>	<b>For the year ended 31 December 2016                      2015 <i>HK\$ million                      HK\$ million</i></b>	
Revenue	3,048	11,116	13,375
Profit before taxation	2,009	6,799	9,278
Net profit after taxation attributable to shareholders of HKEx	1,716	5,769	7,956
Total assets	245,474	247,318	238,193

## GENERAL

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## DEFINITIONS

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

“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
“Disposal”	the disposal by the Company, through its wholly-owned subsidiary, of a total of 170,000 HKEx Shares on the market for the period from 13 July 2017 to 19 July 2017 for an aggregate gross sale proceeds of HK\$35,672,000
“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**  
**Tse Wing Chiu Ricky**  
*President and Chief Executive Officer*

Hong Kong, 21 July 2017

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