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CONTINUING CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS LEASES WITH CONNECTED PERSONS

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LISTING RULES IMPLICATIONS

Each of the Cambridge Court Lease, the 2022 Ford Glory Lease and the 2021 Ford Glory Lease is fully exempt from shareholders' approval, annual review and all disclosure requirements in Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules. If the Cambridge Court Lease, the 2022 Ford Glory Lease and the 2021 Ford Glory Lease are aggregated, the highest of the estimated annual caps thereunder within a 12-month period will exceed HK\$3,000,000 and one or more of the applicable percentage ratios in respect thereof will exceed 0.1% but are less than 5%. Accordingly, the Cambridge Court Lease, the 2022 Ford Glory Lease and the 2021 Ford Glory Lease, if aggregated, are exempt from the circular (including independent financial advice) and shareholders' approval requirements under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

The Group had from time to time on separate occasions in its ordinary and usual course of business entered into different lease agreements, some of which with connected persons of the Company, such as those disclosed below, which constitute continuing connected transactions of the Company. Principal terms of the Cambridge Court Lease, the 2022 Ford Glory Lease and the 2021 Ford Glory Lease are provided for information as follows.

PRINCIPAL TERMS OF THE CAMBRIDGE COURT LEASE

1. Date

11 July 2022

2. Parties

- (i) Bright Eastern Limited, a company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability and an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, as landlord. Its principal business activity is property investment.
- (ii) Midland Corporate Leasing (XV) Limited, a company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability and an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Midland Holdings, as tenant. Its principal business activity is leasing management.

3. Premises

Shop No. 6 on Ground Floor, Cambridge Court, Nos. 84A-84H & 84J-84M Waterloo Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong

4. Term

Two years from 15 July 2022 to 14 July 2024 (both days inclusive)

5. Rental

HK\$98,000 per month (exclusive of management fee, air-conditioning charges, Government rent and rates), payable in advance on the first day of each calendar month

6. Rent-free period

One month

An annual cap of HK\$600,000, HK\$1,200,000 and HK\$700,000 for the years ending 31 December 2022, 2023 and 2024 (up to the expiry of the lease term) was determined based on the estimated total rentals receivable by the Group and a reasonable buffer to cater for any minor rentals adjustment for such respective period under the Cambridge Court Lease.

PRINCIPAL TERMS OF THE 2022 FORD GLORY LEASE

1. Date

18 March 2022

2. Parties

- (i) Teamway Group Limited, a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands with limited liability and an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, as landlord. Its principal business activity is property investment.
- (ii) Union Honor Limited, a company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability and an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Midland Holdings, as tenant. Its principal business activity is leasing management.

3. Premises

The Whole of 21st Floor, Ford Glory Plaza, No. 37 Wing Hong Street, Kowloon, Hong Kong

4. Term

One year from 19 March 2022 to 18 March 2023 (both days inclusive)

5. Rental

HK\$205,000 per month (exclusive of management fee, air-conditioning charges, Government rent and rates), payable in advance on the first day of each calendar month

6. Rent-free period

Nil

An annual cap of HK\$2,100,000 and HK\$600,000 for the years ending 31 December 2022 and 2023 (up to the expiry of the lease term) was determined based on the estimated total rentals receivable by the Group and a reasonable buffer to cater for any minor rentals adjustment for such period under the 2022 Ford Glory Lease.

PRINCIPAL TERMS OF THE 2021 FORD GLORY LEASE

1. Date

19 March 2021

2. Parties

- (i) Teamway Group Limited, a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands with limited liability and an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, as landlord. Its principal business activity is property investment.

- (ii) City First Limited, a company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability and an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Midland Holdings, as tenant. Its principal business activity is leasing management.

3. Premises

The Whole of 21st Floor, Ford Glory Plaza, No. 37 Wing Hong Street, Kowloon, Hong Kong

4. Term

One year from 19 March 2021 to 18 March 2022 (both days inclusive)

5. Rental

HK\$204,000 per month (exclusive of management fee, air-conditioning charges, Government rent and rates), payable in advance on the first day of each calendar month

6. Rent-free period

Nil

An annual cap of HK\$2,100,000 and HK\$500,000 for the year ended 31 December 2021 and for the year ending 31 December 2022 (up to the expiry of the lease term) was determined based on the estimated total rentals receivable by the Group and a reasonable buffer to cater for any minor rentals adjustment for such period under the 2021 Ford Glory Lease.

REASONS FOR AND BENEFITS OF ENTERING INTO THE CAMBRIDGE COURT LEASE, THE 2022 FORD GLORY LEASE AND THE 2021 FORD GLORY LEASE

The Company is an investment holding company and the principal business activities of the Group are provision of property agency services in respect of commercial and industrial properties and shops, properties investment, credit business and securities investment in Hong Kong.

Midland Holdings is an investment holding company and the principal business activities of the Midland Group are provision of property agency services in Hong Kong, Macau and the PRC, property leasing, immigration consultancy services and money lending services.

The entering into of the Cambridge Court Lease, the 2022 Ford Glory Lease and the 2021 Ford Glory Lease would generate rental income to the Group. The terms and rental under the Cambridge Court Lease, the 2022 Ford Glory Lease and the 2021 Ford Glory Lease were separately determined after separate arm's length negotiations between the respective parties with reference to the then prevailing rental and market conditions.

The Directors (including the independent non-executive Directors) are of the view that the Cambridge Court Lease, the 2022 Ford Glory Lease and the 2021 Ford Glory Lease were entered into on normal commercial terms and in the ordinary and usual course of business of the Group, and that the terms of the Cambridge Court Lease, the 2022 Ford Glory Lease and the 2021 Ford Glory Lease and the respective annual caps are fair and reasonable and in the interests of the Company and its shareholders as a whole.

Mr. WONG, Ms. WONG Ching Yi, Angela, Mr. HO Kwan Tat, Ted, each being a director of the Company and Midland Holdings, and Mr. WONG Alexander Yiu Ming, being an associate of Mr. WONG and a director of the Company, were taken as materially interested and have abstained from voting on the relevant resolutions at the Board meeting.

LISTING RULES IMPLICATIONS

Mr. WONG, the Chairman, an executive Director and a controlling shareholder of the Company, is also the Chairman, an executive Director and a controlling shareholder of Midland Holdings. By virtue of Midland Holdings being an associate of Mr. WONG, Midland Holdings is a connected person of the Company under the Listing Rules. Since Midland Corporate Leasing (XV) Limited, Union Honor Limited and City First Limited are indirectly wholly-owned by Midland Holdings, they are associates of Midland Holdings and connected persons of the Company under the Listing Rules. Accordingly, the transactions contemplated under the Cambridge Court Lease, the 2022 Ford Glory Lease and the 2021 Ford Glory Lease constitute continuing connected transactions of the Company under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

Each of the Cambridge Court Lease, the 2022 Ford Glory Lease and the 2021 Ford Glory Lease is fully exempt from shareholders' approval, annual review and all disclosure requirements in Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules. If the Cambridge Court Lease, the 2022 Ford Glory Lease and the 2021 Ford Glory Lease are aggregated, the highest of the estimated annual caps thereunder within a 12-month period will exceed HK\$3,000,000 and one or more of the applicable percentage ratios in respect thereof will exceed 0.1% but are less than 5%. Accordingly, the Cambridge Court Lease, the 2022 Ford Glory Lease and the 2021 Ford Glory Lease, if aggregated, are exempt from the circular (including independent financial advice) and shareholders' approval requirements under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

Leases such as the Cambridge Court Lease, the 2022 Ford Glory Lease and the 2021 Ford Glory Lease were not made under a single agreement, were negotiated and concluded at different times without regard to other leases, involved different assets, in the nature of either income or expense and were in line with the principal business activities of the Group.

DEFINITIONS

The following expressions in this announcement have the meanings set out below unless the context requires otherwise:

“2021 Ford Glory Lease”	the tenancy agreement dated 19 March 2021 entered into between Teamway Group Limited and City First Limited, details of which are set out under the section headed “Principal Terms of the 2021 Ford Glory Lease” in this announcement
“2022 Ford Glory Lease”	the tenancy agreement dated 18 March 2022 entered into between Teamway Group Limited and Union Honor Limited, details of which are set out under the section headed “Principal Terms of the 2022 Ford Glory Lease” in this announcement
“associate(s)”	has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules
“Board”	the board of Directors
“Cambridge Court Lease”	the tenancy agreement dated 11 July 2022 entered into between Bright Eastern Limited and Midland Corporate Leasing (XV) Limited, details of which are set out under the section headed “Principal Terms of the Cambridge Court Lease” in this announcement
“Company”	Midland IC&I Limited, a company incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability, the shares of which are listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange (Stock Code: 459)
“connected person(s)”	has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules
“controlling shareholder”	has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules
“Director(s)”	the director(s) of the Company
“Group”	the Company and its subsidiaries
“HK\$”	Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong
“Hong Kong”	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC

“Listing Rules”	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange
“Midland Group”	Midland Holdings and its subsidiaries
“Midland Holdings”	Midland Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability, the shares of which are listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange (Stock Code: 1200)
“Mr. WONG”	Mr. WONG Kin Yip, Freddie, the Chairman, an executive Director and a controlling shareholder of the Company
“percentage ratio(s)”	has the meaning as ascribed to it under the Listing Rules
“PRC”	the People’s Republic of China which, for the sole purpose of this announcement, excludes Hong Kong, the Macau Special Administrative Region and Taiwan
“Stock Exchange”	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
“%”	per cent.

By Order of the Board
Midland IC&I Limited
MUI Ngar May, Joel
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 11 July 2022

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises eight Directors, of which four are Executive Directors, namely Mr. WONG Kin Yip, Freddie, Ms. WONG Ching Yi, Angela, Mr. LO Chin Ho, Tony and Mr. WONG Alexander Yiu Ming; and four are Independent Non-Executive Directors, namely Mr. SHA Pau, Eric, Mr. HO Kwan Tat, Ted, Mr. WONG Chung Kwong and Mr. LI Wai Keung.