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## **ASIA ORIENT HOLDINGS LIMITED**

**滙漢控股有限公司\***

*(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)*

**(Stock Code: 214)**

### **EXTENSION OF TIME FOR APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Reference is made to the announcement of Asia Orient Holdings Limited (the “**Company**”) dated 30 December 2024 (the “**Announcement**”) in relation to, among other things, the appointment of a female non-executive Director (the “**Appointment**”). Unless otherwise defined, capitalised terms used herein shall have the same meanings as those used in the Announcement.

As disclosed in the Announcement, following the Appointment which became effective on 31 December 2024, the composition of the Board comprises six executive Directors, one non-executive Director and three independent non-executive Directors. As a result, the number of independent non-executive Directors is less than one-third of the Board as required under Rule 3.10A of the Listing Rules.

Pursuant to Rule 3.11 of the Listing Rules, the Company should appoint an additional independent non-executive Director within three months after failing to meet the requirements under Rule 3.10A of the Listing Rules (i.e. by 30 March 2025).

The Company is looking for a potential candidate who possesses relevant background and knowledge of, and is familiar with, the industry in which the Group operates and can contribute to the Group’s business, and who can bring new perspectives, skills and experience to the Board. Since the Appointment, the Company has used its best endeavours to identify suitable candidates for this purpose. However, the Board has been unable to fill the vacancy and the Board remains in search for a suitable candidate.

As the Company requires more time to identify a suitable candidate, conduct interviews and due diligence work, and complete the selection and nomination procedures for the appointment of an additional independent non-executive Director, the Company has applied to The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited for a waiver from strict compliance with Rules 3.10A and 3.11 of the Listing Rules up to 30 June 2025.

The Company will use its best endeavours to complete the appointment of the independent non-executive Director in order to comply with the relevant requirements of the Listing Rules as soon as practicable. Further announcement(s) will be made by the Company as and when appropriate in accordance with the Listing Rules.

By Order of the Board of  
**Asia Orient Holdings Limited**  
**Fung Siu To, Clement**  
*Chairman*

Hong Kong, 28 March 2025

*As at the date of this announcement, the executive Directors are Mr. Fung Siu To, Clement, Mr. Poon Jing, Mr. Poon Hai, Mr. Poon Yeung, Roderick, Mr. Lun Pui Kan and Mr. Kwan Po Lam, Phileas; the non-executive Director is Ms. Poon Tsing, Rachel; and the independent non-executive Directors are Mr. Wong Chi Keung, Mr. Cheung Kwok Wah and Mr. Leung Wai Keung.*

\* *For identification purpose only*