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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)

(1) APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND (2) COMPLIANCE WITH RULE 3.10A OF THE LISTING RULES

The Board announces that Mr. Ma Ho Fai *GBS JP* has been appointed as an independent non-executive Director with effect from 2 July 2025.

APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The board (the “**Board**”) of directors (the “**Directors**”, and each a “**Director**”) of Asia Orient Holdings Limited (the “**Company**”) announces that Mr. Ma Ho Fai *GBS JP* (“**Mr. Ma**”) has been appointed as an independent non-executive Director (“**INED**”) with effect from 2 July 2025. Mr. Ma has also been appointed as an independent non-executive director of Asia Standard International Group Limited (“**Asia Standard**”, an indirect non-wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Stock Exchange**”) with stock code 129) with effect from 2 July 2025.

Mr. Ma, aged 73, is a senior partner of Woo Kwan Lee & Lo, a local law firm in Hong Kong, and was admitted as a solicitor in Hong Kong in 1984, England and Wales in 1987, Australian Capital Territory in 1988 and the Republic of Singapore in 1990. Mr. Ma has been appointed by the Ministry of Justice as a China-Appointed Attesting Officer since 2000 and a Civil Celebrant of Marriages since 2006. He has also been appointed by the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region as the Chairman of the Protection of Wages on Insolvency Fund Board since 2018 and the Chairperson of the Travel Industry Authority since 2020. In addition, he is a Deputy of the 11th, 12th and 13th National People’s Congress of the PRC. In recognition of his distinguished public and community service, Mr. Ma was appointed as a Non-Official Justice of the Peace in 2005 by the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and was awarded the Gold Bauhinia Star in 2017.

Mr. Ma is currently an independent non-executive director of Asiaray Media Group Limited (stock code: 1993), the shares of which are listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange.

As at the date hereof, Mr. Ma does not hold any interest in the shares of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

The Company and Mr. Ma have entered into a letter of appointment in respect of the appointment of Mr. Ma as an INED. Mr. Ma has no fixed term of service with the Company, but is subject to retirement and re-election at the next general meeting of the Company after his appointment becomes effective and, thereafter, to retirement by rotation and re-election at annual general meetings in accordance with the Amended and Restated Bye-Laws of the Company.

Mr. Ma will be entitled to receive a director's fee of HK\$300,000 per annum, which is determined by the Board upon recommendation from the remuneration committee of the Company with reference to Mr. Ma's qualification, level of duties and responsibilities undertaken in the Company and the prevailing market conditions.

Mr. Ma has confirmed that, save as disclosed above, (i) he has no other relationships with any Directors, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company; (ii) he does not currently hold any other position with the Company or any of its subsidiaries; (iii) he has not held any directorship in any other Hong Kong or overseas listed public companies in the last three years; and (iv) there are no other matters relating to the aforesaid appointment that need to be brought to the attention of holders of securities of the Company, nor are there other information relating to the aforesaid appointment to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements of Rule 13.51(2) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the "**Listing Rules**").

Mr. Ma further confirmed with the Company (i) his independence as regards each of the factors referred to in Rule 3.13(1) to (8) of the Listing Rules; (ii) that, save for Mr. Ma's appointment as an independent non-executive director of Asia Standard with effect from 2 July 2025, he has no past or present financial or other interest in the business of the Company or its subsidiaries or any connection with any core connected person (as defined in the Listing Rules) of the Company; and (iii) that there are no other factors that may affect Mr. Ma's independence at the time of his appointment.

The Board would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mr. Ma to join the Board.

COMPLIANCE WITH RULE 3.10A OF THE LISTING RULES

References are made to the announcements of the Company dated 30 December 2024 and 28 March 2025 in relation to, among other things, the Company's non-compliance with the Rules 3.10A of the Listing Rules. Following the appointment of Mr. Ma as an INED, the Company has fully complied with Rule 3.10A of the Listing Rules.

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

Hong Kong, 30 June 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.

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