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# PROPOSED ISSUE OF SENIOR NOTES

## THE PROPOSED NOTES ISSUE

## Introduction

The Board announces that the .Company proposes to conduct an international offering of guaranteed U.S. Dollar denominated senior fixed rate notes.

Completion of the Proposed Notes Issue is subject to, among others, market conditions and investors' interest. The Notes are proposed to be guaranteed by the Subsidiary Guarantors. As at the date of this announcement, the principal amount, the interest rate, the payment date and certain other terms and conditions of the Proposed Notes Issue are yet to be finalised.

Upon finalising the terms of the Notes, it is expected that Deutsche Bank, UBS, Credit Suisse, CLSA, Guotai Junan International, Haitong International, BofA Securities, China CITIC Bank International, Citigroup, CMBC Capital, J.P. Morgan, Nomura, the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Company, will enter into the Purchase Agreement. The Company will make a further announcement in respect of the Proposed Notes Issue upon the signing of the Purchase Agreement.

The Notes and the Subsidiary Guarantees have not been, and will not be, registered under the Securities Act. The Notes and the Subsidiary Guarantees are being offered outside the United States in offshore transactions in accordance with Regulation S under the Securities Act, and may not be offered or sold within the United States except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act. None of the Notes and the Subsidiary Guarantees will be offered to the public in Hong Kong.

**MiFID II professionals/ECPs-only/No PRIIPs KID** – Manufacturer target market (MiFID II product governance) is eligible counterparties and professional clients only (all distribution channels). No PRIIPs key information document (KID) has been prepared as not available to retail in EEA or UK.

## **Reasons for the Proposed Notes Issue**

The Company is one of the leading property developers in the PRC, focusing on the development of mid-market to high-end residential properties. The Company's business comprises three areas: (i) property development, i.e., the development of residential and commercial properties for sale and the provision of construction services, (ii) urban redevelopment, i.e., the redevelopment of old towns, old factories and old villages, and (iii) property leasing, i.e., the development, leasing and subleasing of commercial properties owned by it or third parties.

The Company intends to use the net proceeds of the Proposed Notes Issue to refinance certain of its existing indebtedness. The Company may adjust its plans in response to changing market conditions and, thus reallocate the use of the net proceeds.

## Listing

The Company will seek a listing of the Notes on the Stock Exchange. A confirmation of the eligibility for the listing of the Notes has been received from the Stock Exchange. Admission of the Notes to the Stock Exchange is not to be taken as an indication of the merits of the Company or the Notes.

#### **GENERAL**

As no binding agreement in relation to the Proposed Notes Issue has been entered into as at the date of this announcement, the Proposed Notes Issue may or may not materialise. Investors and shareholders of the Company are urged to exercise caution when dealing in the securities of the Company. A further announcement in respect of the Proposed Notes Issue will be made by the Company should the Purchase Agreement be signed.

## **DEFINITIONS**

In this announcement, the following expressions shall have the meanings set forth below unless the context requires otherwise:

"Board" the board of Directors

"BofA Securities" Merrill Lynch (Asia Pacific) Limited

"China CITIC Bank China CITIC Bank International Limited

International"

"Citigroup" Citigroup Global Markets Limited

"CLSA" CLSA Limited

"CMBC Capital" CMBC Securities Company Limited

"Company" Times China Holdings Limited (時代中國控股有限公司), an

exempted company incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability, the shares of which are listed on the main

board of the Stock Exchange

"Credit Suisse" Credit Suisse (Hong Kong) Limited

"Deutsche Bank" Deutsche Bank AG, Singapore Branch

"Directors" the directors of the Company

"EEA" the European Economic Area

"Group" the Company and its subsidiaries

"Guotai Junan International" Guotai Junan Securities (Hong Kong) Limited

"Haitong International" Haitong International Securities Company Limited

"Hong Kong" the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the

People's Republic of China

"J.P. Morgan" J.P. Morgan Securities plc

"MiFID II" Markets in Financial Instruments Directive (II) (2014/65/EU)

"Nomura" Nomura International (Hong Kong) Limited

"Notes" the guaranteed U.S. Dollar denominated senior fixed rate

notes to be issued by the Company

"PRC" the People's Republic of China, excluding Hong Kong,

Macau Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China and Taiwan for the purpose of this

announcement

"Proposed Notes Issue" the proposed issue of the Notes by the Company

"Purchase Agreement" the agreement proposed to be entered into by and among

Deutsche Bank, UBS, Credit Suisse, CLSA, Guotai Junan International, Haitong International, BofA Securities, China CITIC Bank International, Citigroup, CMBC Capital, J.P. Morgan, Nomura, the Company and the Subsidiary

Guarantors in relation to the Proposed Notes Issue

"Securities Act" the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended

"Stock Exchange" The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

"Subsidiary Guarantees" the guarantees provided by the Subsidiary Guarantors in

respect of the Notes

"Subsidiary Guarantors" the subsidiaries of the Company which guarantee the Notes

"UBS" UBS AG Hong Kong Branch

"UK" the United Kingdom

"United States" the United States of America

"U.S. Dollars" United States dollar(s), the lawful currency of the United

States

By Order of the Board
Times China Holdings Limited
Shum Chiu Hung
Chairman

Hong Kong, 7 January 2021

As at the date of this announcement, the executive Directors are Mr. Shum Chiu Hung, Mr. Guan Jianhui, Mr. Bai Xihong, Mr. Li Qiang, Mr. Shum Siu Hung and Mr. Niu Jimin; and the independent non-executive Directors are Mr. Jin Qingjun, Ms. Sun Hui and Mr. Wong Wai Man.