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## Core Economy Investment Group Limited

核心經濟投資集團有限公司

(Continued into Bermuda with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 339)

### ANNUAL RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The board (the “Board”) of directors (the “Directors”, and each, a “Director”) of Core Economy Investment Group Limited (the “Company”, together with its subsidiaries, the “Group”) is pleased to announce that the audited consolidated results of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2022, together with the comparative figures for the corresponding year 2021 as follows:

#### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the Year Ended 31 December 2022

|  | Notes | 2022<br>HK\$        | 2021<br>HK\$        |
|--|-------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Revenue  | 4     | 172,943             | 186,198             |
| Net change in fair value of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss    | 5     | (3,456,809)         | (5,546,092)         |
| Administrative and other operating expenses  |       | (8,213,130)         | (9,016,170)         |
| Finance costs  | 6     | (300,987)           | (615,874)           |
| <b>Loss before income tax expense</b>  | 7     | <b>(11,797,983)</b> | <b>(14,991,938)</b> |
| Income tax expense   | 8     | –                   | –                   |
| <b>Loss for the year attributable to owners of the Company</b>                       |       | <b>(11,797,983)</b> | <b>(14,991,938)</b> |
| <b>Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax:</b>                          |       |                     |                     |
| <i>Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:</i>                 |       |                     |                     |
| Exchange differences arising on translation of foreign operations                    |       | (669)               | 225                 |
| <b>Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to owners of the Company</b> |       | <b>(11,798,652)</b> | <b>(14,991,713)</b> |
| <b>Loss per share</b>  |       |                     |                     |
| – Basic and diluted  | 10    | (0.049)             | (0.063)             |

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 December 2022

|   | Note | 2022<br>HK\$      | 2021<br>HK\$      |
|---|------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Non-current assets</b>                             |      |                   |                   |
| Property, plant and equipment                         |      | 339,883           | 535,522           |
| Right-of-use asset                                    |      | 1,216,227         | 2,409,992         |
| Refundable rental deposit                             |      | 403,129           | 403,129           |
|   |      | <u>1,959,239</u>  | <u>3,348,643</u>  |
| <b>Current assets</b>                                 |      |                   |                   |
| Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss | 11   | 11,413,341        | 17,660,440        |
| Prepayments, deposits and other receivables           |      | 329,837           | 328,641           |
| Cash and cash equivalents                             |      | 323,642           | 1,419,050         |
|   |      | <u>12,066,820</u> | <u>19,408,131</u> |
| <b>Current liabilities</b>                            |      |                   |                   |
| Accruals and other payables                           |      | 1,745,833         | 514,332           |
| Director's loans                                      |      | 3,000,000         | –                 |
| Lease liability                                       |      | 1,303,657         | 1,163,564         |
|   |      | <u>6,049,490</u>  | <u>1,677,896</u>  |
| <b>Net current assets</b>                             |      | <u>6,017,330</u>  | <u>17,730,235</u> |
| <b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>          |      | <u>7,976,569</u>  | <u>21,078,878</u> |
| <b>Non-current liabilities</b>                        |      |                   |                   |
| Lease liability                                       |      | 25,885            | 1,329,542         |
| Provision   |      | 300,000           | 300,000           |
|   |      | <u>325,885</u>    | <u>1,629,542</u>  |
| <b>NET ASSETS</b>                                     |      | <u>7,650,684</u>  | <u>19,449,336</u> |
| <b>Equity attributable to owners of the Company</b>   |      |                   |                   |
| Share capital   |      | 4,809,600         | 4,809,600         |
| Reserves  |      | 2,841,084         | 14,639,736        |
| <b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>                                   |      | <u>7,650,684</u>  | <u>19,449,336</u> |

## **NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

*For the year ended 31 December 2022*

### **1. CORPORATE INFORMATION**

The Company was continued into Bermuda as an exempted company with limited liability under the Bermuda Companies Act 1981. The address of its registered office is Victoria Place, 5th Floor, 31 Victoria Street, Hamilton HM 10, Bermuda. The address of its principal place of business is Room 1805, 18th Floor, Harbour Centre, 25 Harbour Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong. The Company's shares are listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") pursuant to Chapter 21 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the "Listing Rules").

The Company acts as an investment holding company and its principal activities are investment and trading of listed and unlisted securities.

### **2. BASIS OF PREPARATION**

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs"), Hong Kong Accounting Standards ("HKAS") and Interpretations (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "HKFRS") issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (the "HKICPA") and with the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622). In addition, the consolidated financial statements also comply with the applicable disclosure requirements of the Listing Rules.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, except for financial assets at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL"), which have been measured at fair value.

These consolidated financial statements are presented in Hong Kong Dollars ("HKD"), unless otherwise stated.

The HKICPA has issued certain new and revised HKFRSs that are first effective or available for early adoption for the current accounting period of the Group. Note 3 provides information on any changes in accounting policies resulting from initial application of these developments to the extent that they are relevant to the Group for the current and prior accounting periods reflected in these consolidated financial statements.

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with HKFRSs requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Group's accounting policies.

### 3. ADOPTION OF HONG KONG FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS

#### (a) Application of new or amended HKFRSs

The HKICPA has issued a number of amended HKFRSs that are first effective for the current accounting period of the Group:

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Amendments to HKAS 16                         | Property, Plant and Equipment: Proceeds before Intended Use                                |
| Amendments to HKAS 37                         | Onerous Contracts – Cost of Fulfilling a Contract  |
| Amendments to HKFRS 3                         | Reference to the Conceptual Framework  |
| Amendment to HKFRS 16                         | Covid-19 Related Rent Concessions beyond 30 June 2021                                      |
| AG 5 (Revised)                                | Merger Accounting for Common Control Combinations  |
| Annual Improvements to HKFRSs 2018-2020 Cycle | Amendments to HKFRS 1, HKFRS 9 and HKAS 41 and Illustrative Examples accompanying HKFRS 16 |

None of these developments have a material effect on the Group's results and financial position for the current or prior periods have been prepared or presented. The Group has not applied any new standard or interpretation that is not yet effective for the current accounting period.

#### (b) New or amended HKFRSs that have been issued but are not yet effective

The following new or amended HKFRSs, potentially relevant to the Group's financial statements, have been issued, but are not yet effective and have not been early adopted by the Group. The Group's current intention is to apply these changes on the date they become effective.

|  |  |
|--|--|
| Amendments to HKAS 1   | Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current and the related amendments to Hong Kong Interpretation 5 (2020) Presentation of Financial Statements – Classification by the Borrower of a Term Loan that Contains a Repayment on Demand Clause <sup>2</sup> |
| Amendments to HKAS 1   | Non-current Liabilities with Covenants <sup>2</sup>  |
| Amendments to HKAS 8   | Definition of Accounting Estimates <sup>1</sup>  |
| Amendments to HKAS 12  | Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction <sup>1</sup>  |
| Amendments to HKAS 1 and HKFRS Practice Statement 2                            | Disclosure of Accounting Policies <sup>1</sup>   |
| HKFRS 17 (including the October 2020 and February 2022 Amendments to HKFRS 17) | Insurance Contracts and the related Amendments <sup>1</sup>  |
| Amendments to HKFRS 10 and HKAS 28   | Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture <sup>3</sup>   |
| Amendments to HKFRS 16   | Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback <sup>2</sup>   |

<sup>1</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023.

<sup>2</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024.

<sup>3</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after a date to be determined.

The Group is in the process of making an assessment of what the impact of these amendments and new or revised HKFRSs is expected to be in the period of initial application. The Group did not aware any aspect of the new standards which are likely to have significant impact on the consolidated financial statements.

#### 4. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION

|  | 2022<br><i>HK\$</i> | 2021<br><i>HK\$</i> |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| Dividend income from listed equity investments       | 172,885             | 184,102             |
| Bank interest income                                 | 43                  | 68                  |
| Other interest income                                | 15                  | 2,028               |
|  | <u>172,943</u>      | <u>186,198</u>      |
| Revenue  | <u>172,943</u>      | <u>186,198</u>      |
| Proceeds from disposals of financial assets at FVTPL | <u>15,551,307</u>   | <u>44,208,615</u>   |

No segment information is presented as all of the revenue and contribution to operating results, assets and liabilities of the Group are attributable to investment activities which are carried out or originated principally in Hong Kong.

#### 5. NET CHANGE IN FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

|  | 2022<br><i>HK\$</i> | 2021<br><i>HK\$</i> |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| Net realised gains on disposals of financial assets at FVTPL | 119,534             | 416,992             |
| Net unrealised losses on financial assets at FVTPL           | <u>(3,576,343)</u>  | <u>(5,963,084)</u>  |
|  | <u>(3,456,809)</u>  | <u>(5,546,092)</u>  |

#### 6. FINANCE COSTS

|                                      | 2022<br><i>HK\$</i> | 2021<br><i>HK\$</i> |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Interest expense on lease liability  | 225,111             | 343,535             |
| Interest expense on other borrowings | 75,876              | 272,339             |
|                                      | <u>300,987</u>      | <u>615,874</u>      |

## 7. LOSS BEFORE INCOME TAX EXPENSE

The Group's loss before income tax expense is stated after charging the following:

|  | 2022<br><i>HK\$</i> | 2021<br><i>HK\$</i> |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| Auditor's remuneration                                     |                     |                     |
| – Audit services   | 232,000             | 232,000             |
| – Non-audit services                                       | 68,000              | 85,000              |
| Depreciation:  |                     |                     |
| – Property, plant and equipment                            | 195,639             | 214,312             |
| – Right-of-use asset                                       | 1,193,765           | 1,576,929           |
| Written off of property, plant and equipment               | –                   | 5,088               |
| Employee benefits expense including directors' emoluments: |                     |                     |
| Basic salaries, fees and allowances                        | 4,752,000           | 4,958,548           |
| Discretionary bonus  | 138,000             | 138,000             |
| Retirement benefit scheme contributions                    | 90,000              | 100,311             |
|  | <b>4,980,000</b>    | <b>5,196,859</b>    |

## 8. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

No provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax is required since the Group has no assessable profit for the year (2021: Nil).

Tax charges on profits assessable elsewhere have been calculated at the rates of tax prevailing in the countries in which the Group operates, based on existing legislation, interpretation and practices in respect thereof.

## 9. DIVIDENDS

The Directors do not recommend the payment of any dividend in respect of the year ended 31 December 2022 (2021: Nil).

## 10. LOSS PER SHARE

The calculation of basic loss per share attributable to owners of the Company is based on the loss for the year attributable to owners of the Company of HK\$11,797,983 (2021: HK\$14,991,938) and the weighted average number of 240,480,000 (2021: 236,966,137) ordinary shares in issue during the year.

Diluted loss per share for the years ended 31 December 2022 and 2021 is the same as the basic loss per share as the Company had no potential ordinary shares during the years ended 31 December 2022 and 2021.

## 11. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

|  | 2022<br><i>HK\$</i> | 2021<br><i>HK\$</i> |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| Equity securities excluding suspended equity securities, at fair value |                     |                     |
| Listed in Hong Kong  | 9,462,159           | 15,708,817          |
| Listed outside Hong Kong   | 872,982             | 1,951,623           |
|  | <u>10,335,141</u>   | <u>17,660,440</u>   |
| Suspended equity securities in Hong Kong, at fair value                | 1,078,200           | –                   |
|  | <u>11,413,341</u>   | <u>17,660,440</u>   |

The carrying amounts of the above financial assets are mandatorily measured at FVTPL in accordance with HKFRS 9.

The investments included above represent investments in listed equity securities that offer the Group the opportunity for return through dividend income and fair value gains. They have no fixed maturity or coupon rate.

Except for the suspended equity securities, the fair value of the listed securities are based on quoted market prices at the end of the reporting period. The fair values of the suspended equity securities as at 31 December 2022 were determined by the board of directors based on the valuations performed by independent qualified professional valuer by using market approach.

## 12. NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE

The net asset value per share is HK\$0.03 as at 31 December 2022 (2021: HK\$0.08). The calculation of the net asset value per share is based on the net assets of the Group as at 31 December 2022 of HK\$7,650,684 (2021: HK\$19,449,336) and the number of ordinary shares of 240,480,000 (2021: 240,480,000) in issue as at that date.

## 13. IMPACTS OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The outbreak of Novel Coronavirus (“COVID-19”) has dealt a big blow on the global business environment. In preparing the consolidated financial statements, the Group applies fair value approach to measure its financial assets at FVTPL. The fair value of the Group’s financial assets at FVTPL has been suffering from fluctuations since 2020 due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

## 14. EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

Save as disclosed, there are no material subsequent events undertaken by the Group after 31 December 2022 till the date of this announcement.

## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

### Results and Appropriations

During the year, the Group recorded a revenue of approximately HK\$173,000 (2021: Approximately HK\$186,000), proceeds from disposals of listed equity securities of approximately HK\$15,551,000 (2021: Approximately HK\$44,209,000), loss attributable to owners of the Company approximately HK\$11,798,000 (2021: Approximately HK\$14,992,000) and basic loss per share of HK\$0.049 (2021: HK\$0.063). The revenue recorded in the year represented the dividend income from its investments in listed equity securities as well as bank and other interest income. The decrease in revenue was mainly attributable to decrease in dividend income from listed equity securities.

The Group's administrative and other operating expenses amounted to approximately HK\$8,213,000 (2021: Approximately HK\$9,016,000). The Group recorded a loss on net change in fair value of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss for the year of approximately HK\$3,457,000 as compared with the loss of approximately HK\$5,546,000 of the previous year. The decrease in net loss was mainly driven by decrease in loss on net change in fair value of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss as a result of the volatility of capital markets and decrease in administrative and other operating expenses because of implementation of cost saving plan.

### Business Review

Last year, the markets underwent a correction which had a deleterious impact on stocks. Elevated inflation rates eroded purchasing power, prompting the government to adopt a more stringent monetary policy to combat the issue. This, along with increased interest rates, resulted in a sluggish economy in 2022. Despite the present state of uncertainty, it is anticipated that volatility will persist for a while. However, as inflation stabilizes, the government may opt to adopt a more accommodative monetary policy in an effort to spur growth and rejuvenate the market. Furthermore, the lifting of the majority of pandemic restrictions and reopening of borders in China has also provided a boost to global demand, further fueling growth prospects. Our company remains steadfast in its conservative investment approach, aimed at safeguarding the value of our investment portfolios. In order to reap long-term benefits from investment, it is essential to adopt a proactive management approach that is capable of navigating the tumultuous market and shifts in industry authority. An ongoing surveillance of macroeconomic, policy, and business trends is imperative in light of the ever-evolving circumstances.

The Group's portfolio of listed securities as at 31 December 2022 consisted of Tencent Holdings Limited, Alibaba Group Holding Limited, DT Capital Limited, Sunac China Holdings Limited, Meta Platforms, Inc., New Silkroad Culturaltainment Limited, Ping An Insurance (Group) Company of China, Ltd. – A Shares, China Evergrande Group, JD.com, Inc. and HSBC Holdings Plc.

## **Liquidity, Financial Resources and Funding**

The Group mainly relies upon shareholders' funds, loans from a director, funds from placing of shares and cash generated from its business operations to finance its operation and expansion. The Group managed the cash and cash equivalents principally based on making good use of capital to achieve returns for shareholders and ensuring sufficient liquidity for the working capital requirements. Cash and cash equivalents stood at HK\$323,642 as at 31 December 2022 (2021: HK\$1,419,050). As at 31 December 2022, the consolidated net asset value of the Group was HK\$7,650,684 (2021: HK\$19,449,336) with consolidated net asset value per share of HK\$0.03 (2021: HK\$0.08).

The Group had non-interest-bearing loans from a Director of HK\$3,000,000 as at 31 December 2022 (2021: Nil) which were repayable on 9 December 2023, 23 December 2023 and 10 May 2023 respectively. Details of the loans from a Director are disclosed in the section "Loans from a Director" below.

### ***Loans from a Director***

On 8 June 2022, 24 June 2022 and 11 November 2022, the Company entered into three loan agreements with Mr. SUN Bo ("Mr. SUN"), an executive Director and one of the shareholders of the Company, pursuant to which Mr. SUN agreed to provide three loans to the Company with the principal amount of HK\$500,000, HK\$1,000,000 and HK\$1,500,000 respectively. The purpose of the loans is to support the day-to-day operation of the Group. The loans did not bear any interest and were repayable within six months. On 7 December 2022 and 23 December 2022, the Company entered into loan extension agreements with Mr. SUN to extend the maturity dates of loans with principal amount of HK\$500,000 and HK\$1,000,000 to 9 December 2023 and 23 December 2023 respectively. The loans were repayable on 9 December 2023, 23 December 2023 and 10 May 2023 respectively. As at 31 December 2022, HK\$3,000,000 has been drawn and approximately of HK\$2,750,000 has been used as working capital of the Group.

During the year, the Company did not carry out any fund-raising activities.

The Group's accrual and other payables amounted to HK\$1,745,833 as at 31 December 2022 (2021: HK\$514,332), a lease liability amounted to HK\$1,329,542 as at 31 December 2022 (2021: HK\$2,493,106) and a provision amounted to HK\$300,000 as at 31 December 2022 (2021: HK\$300,000). The Group has recognised a right-of-use asset and a lease liability for the office property lease contract. The gearing ratio of the Group, calculated on the basis of the Group's total liabilities over total owners' equity, was 0.833 as at 31 December 2022 (2021: 0.170).

### **Capital Structure**

Save as disclosed above in the section headed "Liquidity, Financial Resources and Funding", there was no any other material change on Company's overall share structure for the year ended 31 December 2022. The capital of the Company comprises only ordinary shares as at 31 December 2022 and 2021.

## **Capital Expenditures**

The Group's capital expenditures primarily consisted of expenditures on acquisition of computer equipment, furniture and fixtures, motor vehicles, office equipment and leasehold improvements. For the year ended 31 December 2022, the Group did not incur any capital expenditure (2021: HK\$86,550).

## **Capital Commitments**

As at 31 December 2022, the Group did not have any significant capital commitments (2021: Nil).

## **Foreign Exchange Exposure**

The Board believes that the Group has certain exposure to foreign exchange risk as some of the business transactions of the Group are denominated in Renminbi and United States dollars. The Group currently does not have a foreign currency hedging policy in respect of foreign currency transactions, assets and liabilities. The Group will monitor the foreign currency exposure closely.

## **Environmental, Social and Corporate Responsibility**

The Company is committed to maintain environmental and social standard to ensure business development and sustainability. We take steps to reduce our consumption of energy and natural resources, e.g. advocate paperless office to reduce the consumption of paper, turn off computers, printers and lighting immediately after use; and use environmentally friendly products and certified materials whenever possible.

The Company has complied with all relevant laws and regulations which include the Bermuda Companies Act and the Listing Rules and maintained good relationship with its employees and investors.

## **Employees and Remuneration Policies**

As at 31 December 2022, the Group has employed a total of 12 employees (2021 : 12) including the Directors of the Company. The remuneration packages consist of basic salary, mandatory provident fund, medical insurance and other benefits considered as appropriate. Remuneration packages are generally structured by reference to the prevailing market conditions, individual qualification and performance. They are under periodic review based on individual merit and other market factors. The total staff costs for the year ended 31 December 2022 amounted to HK\$4,980,000 (2021: HK\$5,196,859). As of 31 December 2022 and the date of this announcement, the Group has maintained good working relationships with its employees.

## **Community Relationship**

For the year ended 31 December 2022, the Group did not run into any disputes and conflicts with its surrounding communities.

## **Charges on the Group's Assets**

As at 31 December 2022, there were no charges on the Group's assets (2021: Nil).

## **Contingent Liabilities**

The Group did not have any significant contingent liabilities as at 31 December 2022 (2021: Nil).

## **Significant Investment Held**

Save as disclosed above, the Group had no other significant investment held with a value of 5% or more of the Company's total assets as at 31 December 2022.

## **Future Plans Relating to Material Investment or Capital Asset**

The Group had not executed any agreement in respect of material investment or capital asset and did not have any further plans relating to material investment or capital asset as at the date of this announcement. Nonetheless, if any potential investment opportunity arises in the coming future, the Group will perform feasibility studies and prepare implementation plans to consider whether it is beneficial to the Group and the shareholders of the Company as a whole.

## **Prospects**

Having mentioned in "Business Review" section, the market is experiencing a tumultuous in short run. The Group expect the global economy will be full of challenge in future. The management of the Group will adopt a conservative approach in managing the existing investments in accordance with the Group's investment objectives and policies. On the other hand, the Group will continue to seek and evaluate good investment opportunities to enrich the investment portfolios, aiming to maximise the return for the shareholders of the Company.

## **EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD**

Save as disclosed above, there is no material subsequent event undertaken by the Group after the year ended 31 December 2022 and up to the date of this announcement.

## **DIVIDEND**

The Board does not recommend the payment of any dividend in respect of the year ended 31 December 2022 (2021: Nil).

## **PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF LISTED SECURITIES OF THE COMPANY**

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities during the reporting period.

## **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

The Company is dedicated to maintaining and ensuring high standards of corporate governance practices and the corporate governance principles of the Company are adopted in the best interest of the Company and its shareholders. The Company has established procedures on corporate governance that comply with the requirements of the Corporate Governance Code (the “CG Code”) contained in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules. The Board has reviewed and taken measures to adopt the CG Code as the Company’s code of corporate governance practices. For the year ended 31 December 2022, the Company has complied with the code provisions under the CG Code.

## **PUBLIC FLOAT**

Based on the information that is publicly available to the Company and within the knowledge of its Directors, as at the date of this announcement, there is sufficient public float of more than 25% of the issued share capital of the Company as required under the Listing Rules.

## **DIRECTORS’ SERVICE CONTRACTS**

None of the Directors who are proposed for re-election at the forthcoming annual general meeting has a service contract with the Company which is not determinable within one year without payment of compensation, other than statutory compensation.

## **DIRECTORS’ MATERIAL INTERESTS IN TRANSACTIONS, ARRANGEMENTS AND CONTRACTS THAT ARE SIGNIFICANT IN RELATION TO THE GROUP’S BUSINESS**

No transactions, arrangements and contracts of significance in relation to the Group’s business to which the Company and any of its subsidiaries was a party and in which any Director of the Company had a material interest, whether directly or indirectly, subsisted at the end of the year or at any time during the year.

## **DIRECTORS’ INTERESTS IN COMPETING BUSINESS**

For the year ended 31 December 2022 and up to the date of this announcement, none of the Directors or their respective associates (as defined in the Listing Rules) had any interest in any business which were in competition or were likely to compete, either directly or indirectly, with the Company’s business which needs to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 8.10 of the Listing Rules.

## **MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS**

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the “Model Code”) as set out in Appendix 10 of the Listing Rules regarding Directors’ securities transactions on terms no less exacting than the required standard set out in the Model Code. Having made specific enquiry of all Directors, all the Directors have complied with the required standards as set out in the Model Code and its code of conduct regarding directors’ securities transactions throughout the year.

## **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The audit committee of the Company (the “Audit Committee”), with its terms of reference established in compliance with the Listing Rules, comprises three independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. MOK Ho Ming (the chairman of the Audit Committee), Mr. CHEN Ming and Mr. WONG Yan Wai George. The Audit Committee has reviewed with the management of the Group’s audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 including the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and has also discussed with management of the Company the financial reporting procedures, internal controls and risk management systems.

## **CHANGE OF THE AUDITOR OF THE COMPANY**

Reference is made to the announcement of the Company dated 15 July 2022, BDO Limited (“BDO”) has resigned as the auditor of the Company with effect from 15 July 2022. LIF & Wong CPA Limited (“LIF & WONG”) had been appointed as the auditor of the Company to fill the casual vacancy following the resignation of BDO with effect from 15 July 2022 and hold office until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company.

## **SCOPE OF WORK OF AUDITOR**

The figures in respect of this announcement of the Group’s consolidated results for the year ended 31 December 2022 have been agreed by the Group’s auditor, LIF & WONG, to the amounts set out in the Group’s audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022. The work performed by LIF & WONG in this respect did not constitute an assurance engagement performed in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing, Hong Kong Standards on Review Engagements or Hong Kong Standards on Assurance Engagements issued by the HKICPA and consequently no assurance has been expressed by LIF & WONG on this announcement.

## **DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION ON THE WEBSITES OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE AND THE COMPANY**

This results announcement is published on the website of the Stock Exchange at [www.hkexnews.hk](http://www.hkexnews.hk) as well as the Company’s website at [www.ceig.hk](http://www.ceig.hk). The annual report of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2022 containing all information required under the Listing Rules will be dispatched to the shareholders of the Company and will be made available on the websites of the Stock Exchange and the Company in due course.

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

It is proposed that the annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Company will be held on a date to be fixed by the Board. Notice of annual general meeting will be published and despatched to the shareholders of the Company in due course.

By order of the Board  
**Core Economy Investment Group Limited**  
**SUN Bo**  
*Chairman*

Hong Kong, 29 March 2023

*As at the date of this announcement, the executive Directors are Mr. SUN Bo (Chairman) and Mr. WANG Daming; the non-executive Directors are Mr. HE Yu and Ms. LIU Li; and the independent non-executive Directors are Mr. CHEN Ming, Mr. MOK Ho Ming and Mr. WONG Yan Wai George.*