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# Huishang Bank Corporation Limited<sup>\*</sup> 徽商銀行股份有限公司\*

(A joint stock company incorporated in the People's Republic of China with limited liability) (Stock Code: 3698 and 4608 (Preference Shares))

## ANNOUNCEMENT ON UPDATE OF THE CHANGE OF THE PUBLIC FLOAT

The Board hereby announces that the public float of the Bank's H shares further declined to approximately 16.92% from approximately 19.68% and remains below the minimum of 25% as required under Rule 8.08(1)(a) of the Listing Rules.

Shareholders and potential investors of the Bank are advised to exercise caution when dealing in the shares of the Bank.

Reference is made to the various announcements in relation to the status of the public float of the H shares of Huishang Bank Corporation Limited (the "**Bank**") published by the Bank since May 11, 2016. The Bank wishes to update its shareholders and potential investors on the change of the public float of the Bank's H shares since the announcement of the Bank dated October 31, 2017.

## UPDATE OF THE STATUS OF THE PUBLIC FLOAT OF THE BANK

The Board of Directors (the "**Board**") of the Bank hereby announces that, as the substantial shareholders increased their shareholdings in the Bank, the public float of the Bank's H shares further decreased to approximately 16.92% from approximately 19.68% and remains below the minimum of 25% as required under Rule 8.08(1)(a) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules").

According to the revised disclosure of interests forms submitted to The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") by Shanghai Soong Ching Ling Foundation (上海宋慶 齡基金會) (the "SCL Foundation") and its affiliates on November 20, 2017, Wealth Honest Limited ("Wealth Honest"), a company indirectly controlled by the SCL Foundation, increased its shareholding in the Bank's H shares by 400,000 H shares by means of on-exchange transaction on November 6, 2017. Accordingly, the number of H shares of the Bank indirectly held by the SCL Foundation increased to 993,262,000. Together with its indirect holding of 649,042,730 domestic shares of the Bank, the SCL Foundation indirectly holds approximately 14.86% of the total issued ordinary share capital of the Bank. As a result, the SCL Foundation is a core connected person of the Bank, and their indirect holdings of the Bank's H shares is not regarded as being held by the public.

According to the disclosure of interests forms submitted to the Stock Exchange by Anhui Province Energy Group Company Limited (安徽省能源集團有限公司) ("Anhui Energy Group") on November 30, 2017, Anhui Province Wenergy Company Limited (安徽省皖能股份有限公司) ("Anhui Wenergy"), a company controlled by Anhui Energy Group, acquired 100,000,000 domestic shares of the Bank, the transfer procedures of which have been completed. Accordingly, the number of domestic shares of the Bank directly and indirectly held by Anhui Energy Group increased to 876,694,381 shares. Together with the 300,145,000 H shares of the Bank indirectly held by it, Anhui Energy Group in aggregate directly and indirectly holds approximately 10.65% of the total issued ordinary share capital of the Bank. As a result, Anhui Energy Group becomes a core connected person of the Bank upon the completion of the aforementioned equity transfer, and the H shares of the Bank indirectly held by Anhui Energy Group is not regarded as being held by the public.

According to the disclosure of interests forms submitted to the Stock Exchange by the SCL Foundation and its affiliates and Anhui Energy Group, other public information and relevant information available, as at the date of this announcement, the shareholding structure of ordinary share of the Bank is as follows:

Shareholder	Number of ordinary shares of the Bank held	Percentage of the issued share of the Bank in each class of shares (Note 4)	Percentage of the total issued ordinary shares of the Bank <sup>(Note 4)</sup>
The SCL Foundation (Note 1)			
Domestic shares	649,042,730	8.23%	5.87%
H shares	993,262,000	31.41%	8.99%
Anhui Energy Group (Note 2)			
Domestic shares	876,694,381	11.12%	7.93%
H shares	300,145,000	9.49%	2.72%
Sub-total	2,819,144,111	_	25.51%
Other holders of domestic shares (Note 3)	6,361,582,172	80.66%	57.57%
Other public holders of H shares	1,869,093,000	59.10%	16.92%
Total	11,049,819,283		100.00%

#### Notes:

1. According to the disclosure of interests forms submitted to the Stock Exchange by the SCL Foundation and its affiliates, other public information and relevant information available, as at the date of this announcement, Zhongjing Xinhua Asset Investment Management Co., Ltd. (中靜新華資產管理有限公司) ("Zhongjing Xinhua"), Zhongjing Sihai Company Ltd. (中靜四海實業有限公司) ("Zhongjing Sihai"), Zhongjing Xinhua Property Management (Hong Kong) Co., Limited ("Zhongjing Xinhua HK"), Wealth Honest and Golden Harbour Investments Management Limited ("Golden Harbour") currently directly holds 204,346,570 domestic shares, 444,696,160 domestic shares, 118,590,000 H shares, 474,672,000 H shares and 400,000,000 H shares of the Bank, respectively; Zhongjing Sihai, Zhongjing Xinhua HK, Wealth Honest and Golden Harbour are subsidiaries of Zhongjing Xinhua; Zhongjing Xinhua, Zhongjing Sihai, Zhongjing Xinhua HK, Wealth Honest and Golden Harbour are controlled corporations of the SCL Foundation, therefore the SCL Foundation is deemed to be interested in the shares of the Bank held by the aforementioned companies. The SCL Foundation and the aforementioned companies are core connected persons of the Bank, and their holdings of the Bank's H shares are not regarded as being held by the public.

The Bank hereby reminds investors that, in recent information disclosures conducted by the Bank in accordance with the regulatory requirements, the Bank noticed that it was disclosed in the 2014, 2015 and 2016 annual audit reports of the SCL Foundation that it does not participate in the management of Zhongjing Industry (Group) Limited (中靜實業 (集團) 有限公司) ("Zhongjing Industry"), nor does it have significant influence or control over the company; at the same time, according to the disclosures made by Zhongjing Xinhua (a subsidiary of Zhongjing Industry) in its Prospectus of Public Issuance of 2016 Corporate Bonds (First Tranche), in its Prospectus of Public Issuance of 2016 Corporate Bonds (First Tranche), in its Prospectus of Public Issuance of 2016 Corporate Bonds (Second Tranche), and in its 2015 and 2016 corporate bonds annual reports as well as its clarification announcement dated August 14, 2017 on the Shanghai Stock Exchange on market rumours in relation to the *de facto* controller of Zhongjing Xinhua, the SCL Foundation currently holds 97.5% equity interests in Zhongjing Industry and is the *de facto* controller of Zhongjing Xinhua.

- 2. As at the date of this announcement, Anhui Energy Group, Anhui Wenergy and Xing An Holdings Limited held 766,694,381 domestic shares, 110,000,000 domestic shares and 300,145,000 H shares of the Bank, respectively; Anhui Wenergy and Xing An Holdings Limited are the controlled corporations of Anhui Energy Group. Accordingly, Anhui Energy Group is deemed to have interest in the shares of the Bank held by the abovementioned companies. Anhui Energy Group and the abovementioned companies are core connected person of the Bank, and their shareholdings of the Bank's H share are not regarded as being held by the public.
- 3. To the best of the knowledge of the Board and according to the latest information received by the Bank, the Bank has more than 16,300 holders of domestic shares, and no single holder of domestic shares holds 10% or more of the total issued ordinary share capital of the Bank.
- 4. Any discrepancies between the percentage of total and sum of items shown in the table are due to rounding.
- 5. As at the date of this announcement, the Bank has issued 44,400,000 offshore preference shares with a par value of RMB100 each. Pursuant to the articles of association of the Bank, the holders of offshore preference shares of the Bank are not entitled to convene and attend any general meeting of the Bank or vote at any general meeting of the Bank, except as stated in the terms and conditions of the offshore preference shares. If any trigger event occurs, the offshore preference shares may be converted into H shares in accordance with the conversion terms. For further details, please refer to the announcements of the Bank dated November 3, 2016 and November 10, 2016.

## **PROPOSAL TO RESTORE PUBLIC FLOAT**

According the resolution of the Board, the Bank is considering various options so as to restore its public float as soon as practicable, including (i) suggesting the substantial shareholders of the Bank to place down their shares in the Bank; (ii) continuing to promote the initial public offering and the listing of A shares; and (iii) seeking opportunities to conduct placing of H shares after considering the market conditions in full and with detailed planning.

The Bank will publish announcement(s) on a monthly basis to update its shareholders and potential investors on the status of the public float of the Bank and the measures that may be introduced by the Bank to restore its public float.

# Shareholders and potential investors of the Bank are advised to exercise caution when dealing in the shares of the Bank.

By order of the Board Huishang Bank Corporation Limited\* Li Hongming Chairman

Hefei, Anhui Province, PRC December 1, 2017

As at the date of this announcement, the Board of the Bank comprises Li Hongming, Wu Xuemin and Ci Yaping as executive directors; Zhang Feifei, Zhu Jiusheng, Qian Li, Lu Hui, Zhao Zongren, Qiao Chuanfu and Gao Yang as non-executive directors; Au Ngai Daniel, Dai Genyou, Wang Shihao, Zhang Shenghuai and Zhu Hongjun as independent non-executive directors.

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