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**IRC Limited 鐵江現貨有限公司**  
(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)  
(Stock Code: 1029)

## **PROPOSED SHARE CONSOLIDATION AND CHANGE IN BOARD LOT SIZE**

### **PROPOSED SHARE CONSOLIDATION**

The Board proposes to implement the Share Consolidation on the basis that every ten (10) issued Existing Shares be consolidated into one (1) Consolidated Share. As at the date of this announcement, 12,779,485,885 Existing Shares have been allotted and issued. Upon the Share Consolidation becoming effective and assuming that no further Existing Shares are issued or bought back from the date of this announcement until the effective date of the Share Consolidation, not more than 1,277,948,588 Consolidated Shares will be in issue.

### **PROPOSED CHANGE IN BOARD LOT SIZE**

As at the date of this announcement, the Existing Shares are traded on the Stock Exchange in board lot size of 2,000 Existing Shares. It is proposed that, subject to and conditional upon the Share Consolidation becoming effective, the board lot size for trading on the Stock Exchange be changed from 2,000 Existing Shares to 4,000 Consolidated Shares.

Based on the closing price of HK\$0.076 per Existing Share as quoted on the Stock Exchange as at the date of this announcement, the theoretical value of each board lot of 4,000 Consolidated Shares, assuming the Share Consolidation had already been effective, would be HK\$3,040 based on the theoretical closing price per Consolidated Share of HK\$0.76.

### **GENERAL**

As part of the business to be transacted at the AGM, the AGM will be convened and held for the Shareholders to consider and, if thought fit, approve the Share Consolidation. A circular containing, among other things, further details of the Share Consolidation and a notice convening the AGM will be despatched to the Shareholders in accordance with the requirements of the Listing Rules in due course.

**Shareholders and potential investors of the Company should note that the Share Consolidation is conditional upon satisfaction of the conditions as set out in the paragraph headed “Conditions of the Share Consolidation” in this announcement. Accordingly, the Share Consolidation may or may not proceed.**

**Shareholders and potential investors of the Company are advised to exercise caution when dealing in the securities of the Company. If they are in any doubt, they should consult their professional advisers.**

## **PROPOSED SHARE CONSOLIDATION**

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### **Effects of the Share Consolidation**

As at the date of this announcement, 12,779,485,885 Existing Shares have been allotted and issued and the Company has no treasury shares. Upon the Share Consolidation becoming effective and assuming that no further Existing Shares are issued or bought back and cancelled from the date of this announcement until the effective date of the Share Consolidation, not more than 1,277,948,588 Consolidated Shares will be in issue.

Upon the Share Consolidation becoming effective, the Consolidated Shares shall rank *pari passu* in all respects with each other.

Other than the expenses to be incurred in relation to the Share Consolidation, the implementation of the Share Consolidation will not alter the underlying assets, business operations, management or financial position of the Company or the proportionate interests or rights of the Shareholders, save for any fractional Consolidated Shares which will not be allocated to the Shareholders who may otherwise be entitled.

### **Conditions of the Share Consolidation**

The Share Consolidation is conditional upon the following conditions:

- (i) the passing of an ordinary resolution by the Shareholders at the AGM to approve the Share Consolidation;
- (ii) the Listing Committee granting the listing of, and permission to deal in, the Consolidated Shares upon the Share Consolidation becoming effective; and
- (iii) the compliance with the relevant procedures and requirements under the Hong Kong laws (where applicable) and the Listing Rules to effect the Share Consolidation.

As at the date of this announcement, none of the conditions above had been fulfilled. Subject to the fulfilment of the conditions of the Share Consolidation, the effective date of the Share Consolidation is currently expected to be on Friday, 27 June 2025, being the second Business Day immediately after the date of the AGM.

## **Listing application**

An application will be made by the Company to the Listing Committee for the listing of, and the permission to deal in, the Consolidated Shares upon the Share Consolidation becoming effective.

Subject to the granting of the listing of, and permission to deal in, the Consolidated Shares on the Stock Exchange upon the Share Consolidation becoming effective, as well as compliance with the stock admission requirements of HKSCC, the Consolidated Shares will be accepted as eligible securities by HKSCC for deposit, clearance and settlement in CCASS with effect from the commencement date of dealings in the Consolidated Shares on the Stock Exchange or such other date as determined by HKSCC. Settlement of transactions between participants of the Stock Exchange on any trading day is required to take place in CCASS on the second settlement day thereafter. All activities under CCASS are subject to the General Rules of CCASS and HKSCC Operational Procedures in effect from time to time. All necessary arrangements will be made for the Consolidated Shares to be admitted into CCASS.

None of the Existing Shares or any other equity or debt securities in issue of the Company are listed or dealt in on any other stock exchange other than the Stock Exchange. Upon the Share Consolidation becoming effective, the Consolidated Shares in issue will not be listed or dealt in on any stock exchange other than the Stock Exchange, and no such listing or permission to deal is being or is currently proposed to be sought.

## **Other securities of the Company**

As at the date of this announcement, the Company has no outstanding options, warrants or other securities in issue which are convertible into or giving rights to subscribe for, convert or exchange into, any Existing Shares or Consolidated Shares, as the case may be.

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Based on the closing price of HK\$0.076 per Existing Share as quoted on the Stock Exchange as at the date of this announcement, the theoretical value of each board lot of 4,000 Consolidated Shares, assuming the Share Consolidation had already been effective, would be HK\$3,040 based on the theoretical closing price per Consolidated Share of HK\$0.76.

The Change in Board Lot Size will not result in change of the relative rights of the Shareholders.

## **REASONS FOR THE SHARE CONSOLIDATION AND CHANGE IN BOARD LOT SIZE**

Pursuant to Rule 13.64 of the Listing Rules, where the market price of the securities of an issuer approaches the extremities of HK\$0.01 or HK\$9,995.00, the Stock Exchange reserves the right to require the issuer either to change the trading method or proceed with a consolidation or splitting of securities. Further, the “Guide on Trading Arrangements for Selected Types of Corporate Actions” issued by the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited on 28 November 2008 (and last updated in September 2024) has further stated that (i) market price of the share at a level less than HK\$0.10 each will be considered as trading at extremity as referred to under Rule 13.64 of the Listing Rules; and (ii) taking into account the minimum transaction costs for a securities trade, the expected value per board lot should be greater than HK\$2,000.

The recent trading price of the Existing Shares is at a level below HK\$0.10 and the existing board lot value of the Company has been constantly less than HK\$2,000. Based on the closing price of HK\$0.076 per Existing Share as quoted on the Stock Exchange as at the date of this announcement, with a board lot size of 2,000 Existing Shares, the Company is trading at HK\$152 per board lot, which is substantially less than HK\$2,000 per board lot. In view of this, the Board proposes to effect the Share Consolidation and the Change in Board Lot Size in order to comply with the trading requirements of the Listing Rules such that upon the Share Consolidation and Change in Board Lot Size becoming effective, the expected board lot value will be HK\$3,040, which will be greater than HK\$2,000.

In view of the above, it is considered that the Share Consolidation and the Change in Board Lot Size will enable the Company to comply with the trading requirements under the Listing Rules and reduce the overall transaction and handling costs of dealings in the Shares as a proportion of the market value of each board lot, since most of the banks or securities houses will charge minimum transaction costs for each securities trade. With a corresponding upward adjustment in the trading price of the Consolidated Shares, it is believed that the Share Consolidation and the Change in Board Lot Size will maintain the trading amount for each board lot at a reasonable level and make investing in the Shares more attractive to a broader range of investors, and thus further broadening the shareholder base of the Company.

The Board believes that the Share Consolidation and the Change in Board Lot Size will not have any material adverse effect on the financial position of the Group nor result in change in the relative rights of the Shareholders, save for any fractional Consolidated Shares to which Shareholders may otherwise be entitled.

In view of the above reasons, the Company considers the Share Consolidation and the Change in Board Lot Size are justifiable to achieve the above-mentioned purposes and are beneficial to and in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

As at the date of this announcement, the Company has no intention to carry out other corporate actions in the next 12 months which may have an effect of undermining or negating the intended purpose of the Share Consolidation. As at the date of this announcement, the Company has no present intention to conduct any equity fundraising activities. However, the Board cannot rule out the possibility that the Company will conduct debt and/or equity fund raising exercises when suitable fund raising and/or investment opportunities arise in order to meet its operational needs or support future development of the Group. The Company will make further announcement in this regard in accordance with the Listing Rules as and when appropriate.

## **OTHER ARRANGEMENTS**

### **Fractional entitlement to Consolidated Shares**

The Consolidated Shares will be rounded down to a whole number and fractional Consolidated Shares arising from the Share Consolidation, if any, will be disregarded and will not be issued to the Shareholders but all such fractional Consolidated Shares will be aggregated and, if possible, sold for the benefit of the Company. Fractional Consolidated Shares will only arise in respect of the entire shareholding of a holder of the Shares regardless of the number of share certificates held by such holder.

### **Arrangement on odd lots trading and matching services**

In order to facilitate the trading of odd lots (if any) of the Consolidated Shares arising from the Share Consolidation, the Company will appoint a securities firm to provide matching services, on a best efforts basis, to those Shareholders who wish to acquire odd lots of the Consolidated Shares to make up a full board lot, or to dispose of their holding of odd lots of the Consolidated Shares. Details of the odd lots trading arrangement will be set out in the circular of the Company.

Holders of odd lots of the Consolidated Shares should note that the matching of the sale and purchase of odd lots of the Consolidated Shares is not guaranteed. Shareholders who are in any doubt about the odd lots trading arrangement are recommended to consult their own professional advisers.

### **Free exchange of share certificates for the Consolidated Shares**

Subject to the Share Consolidation becoming effective, which is currently expected to be on Friday, 27 June 2025, being the second Business Day immediately after the date of the AGM, the Shareholders may, during the specified period from Friday, 27 June 2025 to Tuesday, 5 August 2025 (both dates inclusive), submit existing share certificates in beige colour for the Existing Shares to the Company's Registrar, Union Registrars Limited, at Suites 3301-04, 33/F, Two Chinachem Exchange Square, 338 King's Road, North Point, Hong Kong, in exchange for new share certificates in blue colour for the Consolidated Shares at the expense of the Company.

Thereafter, share certificates of the Existing Shares will be accepted for exchange only on payment of a fee of HK\$2.50 (or such other amount as may from time to time be specified by the Stock Exchange) by the Shareholders for each share certificate for the Existing Shares submitted for cancellation or each new share certificate issued for the Consolidated Shares, whichever the number of share certificates cancelled/issued is higher.

Subject to the Share Consolidation becoming effective, after 4:10 p.m. on Friday, 1 August 2025, trading will only be in Consolidated Shares and existing share certificates for the Existing Shares will only remain effective as documents of title and may be exchanged for share certificates for Consolidated Shares at any time but will not be accepted for delivery, trading and settlement purposes.

## **EXPECTED TIMETABLE**

The expected timetable for the implementation of the Share Consolidation and Change in Board Lot Size is set out below. The expected timetable is subject to the results of the AGM and has been prepared on the assumption that all the conditions to the Share Consolidation will be fulfilled or otherwise waived, and is therefore for indicative purpose only. Any change to the expected timetable will be announced in a separate announcement by the Company as and when appropriate.

<b>Events</b>	<b>Time and Date</b>
Despatch date of circular with notice of the AGM	on or before Monday, 2 June 2025
Latest date and time for lodging transfer documents in order to qualify for attending and voting at the AGM	4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 18 June 2025
Closure of register of members for the determination of the entitlement to attend and vote at the AGM	Thursday, 19 June 2025 to Wednesday, 25 June 2025 (both dates inclusive)
Latest date and time for lodging forms of proxy for the AGM	2:30 p.m. on Monday, 23 June 2025
Record date for attending the AGM	Wednesday, 25 June 2025
Date and time of the AGM	2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, 25 June 2025
Announcement of voting results of the AGM	Wednesday, 25 June 2025

**The following events are conditional upon the fulfilment of the conditions for the implementation of the Share Consolidation and Change in Board Lot Size as set out in this announcement:**

Effective date of the Share Consolidation and Change in Board Lot Size	Friday, 27 June 2025
First day for free exchange of existing share certificates for new share certificates for the Consolidated Shares	Friday, 27 June 2025
Dealings in the Consolidated Shares commence	9:00 a.m., Friday, 27 June 2025
Original counter for trading in the Existing Shares in board lots of 2,000 Existing Shares (in the form of existing share certificates) temporarily closes	9:00 a.m., Friday, 27 June 2025
Temporary counter for trading in the Consolidated Shares in board lots of 200 Consolidated Shares (in the form of existing share certificates) opens	9:00 a.m., Friday, 27 June 2025
Original counter for trading in the Consolidated Shares in board lots of 4,000 Consolidated Shares (in the form of new share certificates) re-opens	9:00 a.m., Monday, 14 July 2025
Parallel trading in the Consolidated Shares (in form of new share certificates and existing share certificates) commences	9:00 a.m., Monday, 14 July 2025
Designated broker starts to stand in the market to provide matching services for odd lots of the Consolidated Shares	9:00 a.m., Monday, 14 July 2025
Designated broker ceases to stand in the market to provide matching services for odd lots of the Consolidated Shares	4.00 p.m. on Friday, 1 August 2025
Temporary counter for trading in the Consolidated Shares in board lots of 200 Consolidated Shares (in the form of existing share certificates) closes	4:10 p.m. on Friday, 1 August 2025
Parallel trading in Consolidated Shares (in form of new share certificates and existing share certificates) ends	4:10 p.m. on Friday, 1 August 2025
Last day for free exchange of existing share certificates for new share certificates for the Consolidated Shares	Tuesday, 5 August 2025

All times and dates in this announcement refer to Hong Kong local times and dates.



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## DEFINITIONS

In this announcement, the following expressions have the following meanings unless the context requires otherwise.

“AGM”	the annual general meeting of the Company to be convened for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, approving, inter alia, the Share Consolidation
“Board”	the board of Directors
“Business Day”	day(s) (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays) on which banks are open for business in Hong Kong
“CCASS”	the Central Clearing and Settlement System established and operated by HKSCC
“Change in Board Lot Size”	the proposed change in board lot size of the Shares for trading on the Stock Exchange from 2,000 Existing Shares to 4,000 Consolidated Shares
“Company”	IRC Limited, a company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability, the Shares of which are listed and traded on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange (Stock Code: 1029)
“Consolidated Share(s)”	ordinary share(s) of the Company immediately after the Share Consolidation becoming effective
“Directors”	the directors of the Company



“Existing Share(s)”	ordinary share(s) of the Company prior to the Share Consolidation becoming effective
“General Rules of HKSCC”	the terms and conditions regulating the use of HKSCC’s services, as may be amended, supplemented and/or otherwise modified from time to time and where the context so permits, shall include the HKSCC Operational Procedures
“Group”	the Company and its subsidiaries
“HK\$”	Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong
“HKSCC”	Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited
“HKSCC Operational Procedures”	the operational procedures of the HKSCC, containing the practices, procedures and administrative or other requirements relating to the operations and functions of CCASS, as from time to time in force
“Hong Kong”	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China
“Listing Committee”	has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules
“Listing Rules”	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange
“Share(s)”	Existing Share(s) and/or Consolidated Share(s), as the case may be
“Share Consolidation”	the proposed share consolidation on the basis that every ten (10) issued Existing Shares be consolidated into one (1) Consolidated Share and to round down the number of Consolidated Shares in the issued share capital of the Company to the nearest whole number by disregarding each and every fractional Consolidated Share which would otherwise arise therefrom
“Shareholder(s)”	the holder(s) of the Share(s)
“Stock Exchange”	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

By order of the Board  
**IRC Limited**  
**Denis Cherednichenko**  
*Chief Executive Officer*

Hong Kong, People’s Republic of China  
Thursday, 15 May 2025

*As at the date of this announcement, the executive Director is Mr. Denis Cherednichenko. The Chairman and non-executive Director is Mr. Nikolai Levitskii. The independent non-executive Directors are Mr. Dmitry Dobryak, Ms. Natalia Ozhegina, Mr. Alexey Romanenko and Mr. Vitaly Sheremet.*

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