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WH Group Limited
萬洲國際有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 288)

**(1) CONDITIONAL VOLUNTARY CASH OFFER
BY MERRILL LYNCH (ASIA PACIFIC) LIMITED AND MORGAN
STANLEY ASIA LIMITED ON BEHALF OF THE COMPANY TO
BUY-BACK UP TO 1,916,937,202 SHARES AT A PRICE OF HK\$7.80
PER SHARE**

AND

(2) WHITEWASH WAIVER

COMPLETION OF THE OFFER

Financial Advisers to the Company

BofA SECURITIES 

Morgan Stanley

(in alphabetical order)

Reference is made to (1) the announcement of WH Group Limited (the “**Company**”) dated 6 June 2021 in relation to, among other things, (i) a conditional voluntary cash offer to be made by BofA Securities and Morgan Stanley on behalf of the Company to buy-back, subject to fulfilment of the Conditions, for cancellation up to 1,916,937,202 Shares at a cash consideration of HK\$7.80 per Share; and (ii) application for the Whitewash Waiver; (2) the offer document of the Company (the “**Offer Document**”) dated 30 July 2021 in relation to, among other things, the Offer and the Whitewash Waiver; and (3) the announcement of the Company dated 30 August 2021 in relation to the close and results of the Offer. Unless otherwise defined, capitalised terms used herein shall have the same meanings as those defined in the Offer Document.

The Company announces that the 1,916,937,202 Shares bought-back by the Company pursuant to the Offer were cancelled on Wednesday, 8 September 2021 (“**Completion**”). As a result, immediately after the Completion, the total number of issued Shares was reduced from 14,747,156,752 Shares to 12,830,219,550 Shares and the aggregate interests of the Controlling Shareholders Concert Group in the total issued Shares were increased from approximately 34.13% to approximately 39.23%.

SHAREHOLDING STRUCTURE OF THE COMPANY

The table below sets out the shareholding structure of the Company (i) immediately before the Completion and (ii) immediately after the Completion:

	Immediately before the Completion		Immediately after the Completion	
	Number of Shares	Approximate %	Number of Shares	Approximate %
Controlling Shareholders Concert Group				
— Heroic Zone ^(1 and 2)	3,473,820,000	23.56	3,473,820,000	27.08
— Chang Yun ⁽²⁾	631,580,000	4.28	631,580,000	4.92
— Sure Pass ^(2 and 3)	573,099,645	3.89	573,099,645	4.47
— High Zenith ^(2 and 4)	350,877,333	2.38	350,877,333	2.73
— Mr. Wan Long ⁽⁵⁾	1,500,000	0.01	1,500,000	0.01
— Mr. Wan Hongwei ⁽⁶⁾	2,500,000	0.02	2,500,000	0.02
— Mr. Guo Lijun ⁽⁷⁾	100,000	0.00	100,000	0.00
— Mr. Ma Xiangjie ⁽⁸⁾	3,000	0.00	3,000	0.00
Aggregate number of Shares held by the Controlling Shareholders Concert Group	5,033,479,978	34.13	5,033,479,978	39.23
Other core connected persons⁽⁹⁾	420,500	0.00	420,500	0.00
— Mr. Charles Shane Smith ⁽⁹⁾	—	—	—	—
— certain directors of subsidiaries of the Company ⁽⁹⁾	420,500	0.00	420,500	0.00
Parties acting in concert with the Company				
— BofA Securities Group ^(10 and 11)	5,970,330 ⁽¹⁰⁾	0.04	5,970,330 ⁽¹⁰⁾	0.05
Public Shareholders⁽¹¹⁾	9,713,256,274	65.87	7,796,319,072	60.77
TOTAL	14,747,156,752	100.00	12,830,219,550	100.00

Notes:

- (1) As at the date of this announcement, Heroic Zone is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Rise Grand, the beneficial interest of which is owned by the HSP Participants under the Heroic Zone Share Plan. Pursuant to an entrustment agreement dated 5 November 2019, the HSP ESC, on behalf of all HSP Participants, entrusted three individual trustees, namely Messrs. Zhang Liwen, Ma Xiangjie and Liu Songtao, to hold the legal title of, and to exercise the shareholders' rights attached to, 100% equity interest in Rise Grand in joint tenancy on behalf of the HSP Participants. Each of Mr. Zhang Liwen and Mr. Liu Songtao is also an HSP Participant holding approximately 0.13% and approximately 0.20% of the participant units in Heroic Zone Share Plan, respectively. For details of the participant units in Heroic Zone Share Plan held by Mr. Ma Xiangjie, please refer to note (8) below. Under the Heroic Zone Share Plan, the HSP ESC, on behalf of all HSP Participants, shall instruct the aforementioned trustees on the exercise of their voting rights as the registered shareholders of Rise Grand, which in turn shall instruct Heroic Zone (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Rise Grand) on the exercise of its rights, including the voting rights attached to the Shares in the Company which Heroic Zone controls. The HSP ESC shall comprise five members which are selected by the general meeting of the HSP Participants. As at the date of this announcement, the members of the HSP ESC are Messrs. Wan Long, Guo Lijun, Ma Xiangjie, Liu Songtao and Zhang Liwen.

As at the date of this announcement, the interest in the participant units held by the HSP Participants ranged from approximately 0.0015% to 24.77%. Xing Tong Limited (a company wholly and beneficially owned by Mr. Wan Long who himself is an HSP Participant holding approximately 20.78% of the participant units) held approximately 24.77% of the participant units and is the largest unitholder amongst all HSP Participants. Therefore, Mr. Wan Long is (directly and indirectly through Xing Tong Limited) interested in approximately 45.55% of the participant units in the Heroic Zone Share Plan. For more details, please refer to note (5) below.

The HSP Participants who are also Directors include Mr. Wan Long (approximately 45.55%, directly and indirectly), Mr. Guo Lijun (approximately 1.69%) and Mr. Ma Xiangjie (approximately 0.34%).

- (2) Pursuant to a deed of undertaking dated 23 December 2019 executed by Chang Yun, a deed of undertaking dated 28 June 2019 executed by High Zenith and a letter of undertaking dated 23 October 2013 executed by Sure Pass, Chang Yun, High Zenith and Sure Pass are respectively obligated to exercise the voting rights in respect of the Shares held by them in accordance with the direction of the Company from time to time. The Company issued written instruction to Chang Yun, High Zenith, Sure Pass on 23 December 2019, 28 June 2019 and 23 October 2013, respectively, to instruct each of Chang Yun, High Zenith and Sure Pass to exercise such voting rights in accordance with the direction of Heroic Zone. Therefore, Heroic Zone has control over the voting rights in an aggregate of 5,029,376,978 Shares held by Chang Yun, High Zenith, Sure Pass and Heroic Zone (representing approximately 34.10% of the total issued share capital of the Company). As at the date of this announcement, Chang Yun is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Auspicious Joy, the beneficial interest of which is owned by the CSP Participants. Pursuant to an entrustment agreement dated 23 December 2019, the CSP ESC, on behalf of all CSP Participants, entrusted three individual trustees, namely Messrs. Guo Lijun, Ma Xiangjie and Liu Songtao, to hold the legal title of, and to exercise the shareholders' rights attached to, 100% equity interest in Auspicious Joy in joint tenancy. Mr. Liu Songtao is also a CSP Participant holding approximately 6.89% of the participant units in Chang Yun Share Plan. For details of the participant units in Chang Yun Share Plan held by Mr. Guo Lijun and Mr. Ma Xiangjie, please refer to notes (7) and (8) below. Under the Chang Yun Share Plan, the CSP ESC, on behalf of all CSP Participants, shall instruct the aforementioned trustees on the exercise of their voting rights as the registered shareholders of Auspicious Joy, which in turn shall instruct Chang Yun on the exercise of the voting rights attached to the Shares which Chang Yun holds in the Company. The CSP ESC shall comprise five members, three of whom are appointed by Heroic Zone

and two of whom are selected by the general meeting of the CSP Participants. As at the date of this announcement, the members of the CSP ESC are Messrs. Wan Long, Guo Lijun, Ma Xiangjie, Liu Songtao and Zhang Liwen. Upon Completion, pursuant to the aforementioned voting undertakings and arrangement, Heroic Zone continues to have control over the voting rights in an aggregate of 5,029,376,978 Shares held by Chang Yun, High Zenith, Sure Pass and Heroic Zone (representing approximately 39.20% of the total issued share capital of the Company).

As at the date of this announcement, the interest in the participant units held by the CSP Participants ranged from 0.17% to 14.12%, and Mr. Guo Lijun (an executive Director) holding approximately 14.12% of the participant units is the largest unitholder amongst all CSP Participants.

The CSP Participants who are also Directors include Mr. Wan Long (approximately 12.43%), Mr. Guo Lijun (approximately 14.12%) and Mr. Ma Xiangjie (approximately 9.93%).

- (3) As at the date of this announcement, Sure Pass is wholly and beneficially owned by Mr. Wan Long, an executive Director and Chairman of the Board.
- (4) As at the date of this announcement, High Zenith is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Wan Tong International Holdings Limited, which is in turn wholly and beneficially owned by Mr. Wan Long.
- (5) As at the date of this announcement, Mr. Wan Long beneficially owns 1,500,000 Shares. In addition, Mr. Wan Long (i) is an HSP Participant holding approximately 20.78% of the participant units in the Heroic Zone Share Plan; (ii) wholly and beneficially owns Xing Tong Limited, which is an HSP Participant holding approximately 24.77% of the participant units in the Heroic Zone Share Plan; and (iii) is a CSP Participant holding approximately 12.43% of the participant units in the Chang Yun Share Plan.
- (6) As at the date of this announcement, Mr. Wan Hongwei (an executive Director and the deputy chairman of the Board) beneficially owns 2,500,000 Shares.
- (7) As at the date of this announcement, Mr. Guo Lijun (an executive Director) beneficially owns 100,000 Shares. In addition, Mr. Guo Lijun is (i) an HSP Participant holding approximately 1.69% of the participant units in the Heroic Zone Share Plan; and (ii) a CSP Participant holding approximately 14.12% of the participant units in Chang Yun Share Plan.
- (8) As at the date of this announcement, the spouse of Mr. Ma Xiangjie (an executive Director), Ms. Shi Huiying, is the beneficial owner of 3,000 Shares. In addition, Mr. Ma Xiangjie is (i) an HSP Participant holding approximately 0.34% of the participant units in Heroic Zone Share Plan; and (ii) a CSP Participant holding approximately 9.93% of the participant units in Chang Yun Share Plan.
- (9) As at the date of this announcement, save for members of the Controlling Shareholders Concert Group,
 - (i) a total of 420,500 Shares are held by three other core connected persons of the Company, who are directors of certain subsidiaries of the Company; and
 - (ii) a total of 86,840,725 outstanding Options are held by 22 other core connected persons of the Company, including (a) Mr. Charles Shane Smith (an executive Director) who holds 1,000,000 outstanding Options and (b) 21 directors of certain subsidiaries of the Company who hold a total of 85,840,725 outstanding Options.

- (10) BofA Securities is one of the joint financial advisers to the Company in respect of the Offer. Accordingly, BofA Securities and relevant members of the BofA Securities Group which hold the Shares are presumed to be acting in concert with the Company in accordance with class (5) of the definition of “acting in concert” under the Takeovers Code (except in respect of Shares held by exempt principal traders or exempt fund managers, in each case recognised by the Executive as such for the purposes of the Takeovers Code). As at 7 September 2021, Members of the BofA Securities Group (other than exempt principal traders or exempt fund managers) held, in aggregate, 94,010 Shares and 293,816 ADSs (representing 5,876,320 Shares), together representing approximately 0.04% of the issued share capital of the Company.
- (11) The Shares held by members of the BofA Securities Group as set out above shall be counted towards public float of the Company under Rule 8.08 of the Listing Rules.
- (12) No Options have been exercised after the date of close of the Offer (i.e. 30 August 2021) and on or before the date of the Completion (i.e. 8 September 2021).

By order of the board of
WH Group Limited
Wan Long
Chairman

Hong Kong, 8 September 2021

As at the date of this announcement, the executive Directors are Mr. WAN Long, Mr. GUO Lijun, Mr. WAN Hongwei, Mr. MA Xiangjie and Mr. Charles Shane SMITH; the non-executive Director is Mr. JIAO Shuge; and the independent non-executive Directors are Mr. HUANG Ming, Mr. LEE Conway Kong Wai and Mr. LAU, Jin Tin Don.

The Directors jointly and severally accept full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in this announcement and confirm, having made all reasonable enquiries, that to the best of their knowledge, opinions expressed in this announcement have been arrived at after due and careful consideration and there are no other facts not contained in this announcement, the omission of which would make any statement in this announcement misleading.