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### **BOCOM INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS COMPANY LIMITED**

## 交銀國際控股有限公司

(incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 3329)

# DISCLOSEABLE TRANSACTION IN RELATION TO ACQUISITION OF NOTES

#### **ACQUISITION**

On 7 February 2025, Preferred Investment acquired a principal amount of US\$10,000,000 Mizuho Notes II at the purchase price of approximately US\$100.231 on over-the-counter market at a consideration of approximately US\$10,023,100 (equivalent to approximately HK\$78,681,335).

#### LISTING RULES IMPLICATIONS

As the Previous Acquisition and the Acquisition were made within a twelve-month period, they shall be aggregated as a series of transactions for the Company pursuant to Rule 14.22 of the Listing Rules. As the highest applicable percentage ratio in relation to the Acquisitions, on an aggregated basis, is less than 25% but more than 5%, the Acquisitions constitute discloseable transactions for the Company and are therefore subject to the notification and announcement requirements under Chapter 14 of the Listing Rules.

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Mizuho Notes II are issued by the Issuer and are listed on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange.

#### PREVIOUS ACQUISITION

On 24 January 2025, Preferred Investment acquired a principal amount of US\$5,000,000 Mizuho Notes I at the purchase price of approximately US\$92.88 on over-the-counter market at a consideration of approximately US\$4,673,439.58 (equivalent to approximately HK\$36,686,500.70). Internal resources of the Group have been used to fund the Previous Acquisition.

Mizuho Notes I are issued by the Issuer and are listed on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange and the Singapore Exchange.

As all applicable percentage ratios in respect of the Previous Acquisition were less than 5%, the Previous Acquisition did not constitute a discloseable transaction of the Company pursuant to Chapter 14 of the Listing Rules.

#### INFORMATION OF PREFERRED INVESTMENT, THE COMPANY AND THE GROUP

Preferred Investment is a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands with limited liability and a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. The principal business of Preferred Investment is investment management.

The principal activity of the Company is investment holding. The Group is principally engaged in securities brokerage, margin financing, corporate finance and underwriting, investment and loans and asset management and advisory businesses. The regulated activities carried out by the Company's licensed subsidiaries include dealing in securities and futures, advising on securities and futures contracts, providing securities margin financing, advising on corporate finance and providing asset management services.

#### INFORMATION OF THE ISSUER

The Issuer is a Japanese bank holding company and it, together with its subsidiaries, engage in banking, trust banking, securities and other businesses related to financial services. Shares of the Issuer are listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange (stock code: 8411) and New York Stock Exchange (stock code: MFG). To the best of the Directors' knowledge, information and belief having made all reasonable enquiries, the Issuer is a third party independent from the Company and its connected persons.

#### INFORMATION OF THE COUNTERPARTIES

Preferred Investment acquired Mizuho Notes I from Jefferies.

Jefferies is a U.K. broker-dealer and a subsidiary of Jefferies Financial Group Inc., which is a U.S.-headquartered global full-service investment banking and capital markets firm. The common shares of Jefferies Financial Group Inc. are listed on the New York Stock Exchange (stock code: JEF). To the best of the Directors' knowledge, information and belief having made all reasonable enquiries, Jefferies and Jefferies Financial Group Inc. are third parties independent from the Company and its connected persons.

Preferred Investment acquired Mizuho Notes II from HSBC.

HSBC is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of HSBC Holdings plc, which is a banking and financial services company and its shares are primarily listed on the Stock Exchange (stock code: 5) and London Stock Exchange (stock code: HSBA). HSBC holds approximately 19.03% of the total issued shares of BOCOM. Therefore, HSBC is a substantial shareholder of BOCOM. Save as disclosed in the foregoing, to the best of the Directors' knowledge, information and belief having made all reasonable enquiries, HSBC and HSBC Holdings plc are third parties independent from the Company and its connected persons.

#### REASONS FOR AND BENEFITS OF THE ACQUISITION

The Acquisition provides the Group with long-term investment opportunity, which enables the Group to generate a stable investment return while utilising its capital resources with commensurate risk.

Having considered the terms of the Acquisition, the Directors consider that the terms of the Acquisition are fair and reasonable and on normal commercial terms, and the Acquisition is in the ordinary course of business of the Group and in the interests of the Company and its Shareholders as a whole.

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#### **DEFINITIONS**

In this announcement, unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

"Acq	uisition"	the a	cquisition	of	Mizuho	Notes	II	by	Preferred	Investment	on '	7
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"Acquisitions" the Acquisition and the Previous Acquisition

"Board" the board of Directors

"BOCOM" Bank of Communications Co., Ltd.\*交通銀行股份有限公司,

a company registered in the People's Republic of China as a joint stock limited liability company, the H shares and A shares of which are listed on the Stock Exchange and Shanghai Stock Exchange, respectively, and the ultimate controlling shareholder

of the Company

"Company" BOCOM International Holdings Company Limited, a company

incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability, the issued shares of which are listed on the Stock Exchange (stock code:

3329)

"connected person" has the same meaning as ascribed to it under the Listing Rules

"Director(s)" the director(s) of the Company

"Group" the Company and its subsidiaries

"HK\$" Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong "Hong Kong" the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China "HSBC" The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited Mizuho Financial Group, Inc., a joint stock corporation "Issuer" incorporated with limited liability under the laws of Japan, information of which is stated in the section headed "Information of the Issuer" in this announcement. "Jefferies" Jefferies International Limited "Listing Rules" the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange "Mizuho Notes I" US\$500,000.000 3.261% senior callable fixed-to-fixed reset rate notes due 22 May 2030 issued by the Issuer on 22 February 2022 and listed on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange and the Singapore Exchange "Mizuho Notes II" US\$300,000,000 aggregate principal amount of senior callable floating rate notes due 13 May 2031 to be issued by the Issuer on 13 February 2025 and listed on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange "percentage ratios" has the same meaning as ascribed to it under the Listing Rules "Preferred Investment" Preferred Investment Management Limited "Previous Acquisition" the acquisition of Mizuho Notes I by Preferred Investment on 24 January 2025 "Shareholder(s)" holder(s) of the ordinary shares of the Company

"Stock Exchange" The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

"subsidiary(ies)" has the same meaning as ascribed to it under the Listing Rules

"US\$" US dollars, the lawful currency of the United States of America

"%" per cent.

In this announcement, amounts in US\$ are translated into HK\$ on the basis of US\$1.00 = HK\$7.85. The conversion rate is for illustration purposes only and should not be taken as a representation that US\$ could actually be converted into HK\$ at such rate or at all.

# By Order of the Board BOCOM International Holdings Company Limited YI Li

Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 10 February 2025

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Mr. XIAO Ting, Mr. SHAN Zengjian and Ms. ZHU Chen as Non-executive Directors; Mr. XIE Jie, Mr. WANG Xianjia and Mr. TAN Yueheng as Executive Directors; and Mr. TSE Yung Hoi, Mr. MA Ning and Mr. LIN Zhijun as Independent Non-executive Directors.