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OFFICIAL APPROVAL SECURED FROM THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF CAMBODIA TO DEVELOP A MIXED-USE MEGA CAMBODIA-SINGAPORE AGRICULTURE HUB

- The approval will see Hong Lai Huat become the first Singaporean company to operate one of the largest state-of-the-art Agriculture Hub in Cambodia, which is around 1/7 the size of Singapore.
- Development of the Agriculture Hub will add new revenue sources for the Group and will set out the roadmap for the future growth of the Group's property and real estate division in Cambodia.



(The artist impression of the commercial zone located in the Cambodia-Singapore Agriculture Hub which is designed by Swan and Maclaren the oldest Architectural firm in Singapore)

SINGAPORE – 16 June 2021 - SGX Mainboard-Listed **Hong Lai Huat Group Limited** (“**Hong Lai Huat**” or the “**Company**”, together with its subsidiaries, the **Group**”) refer to the Group’s announcement dated 9 March 2021 on securing the in-principle approval (the “**In-Principle Approval**”) for its existing agriculture land in Aoral District, Kampong Speu Province to be converted for mixed-use purpose.

The Group is pleased to announce today that the Group’s wholly-owned subsidiary, HLH Agriculture (Cambodia) Co., Ltd (“**HLHA**”) has secured the official approval from the Royal Government of Cambodia to convert its existing agriculture land into a mixed-use development land for the Group to develop the mega Cambodia-Singapore Agriculture Hub (“**Agri Hub**”).

The approval for the development of the Agri Hub will see the Group become the first Singaporean company to design, build and operate the largest state-of-the-art Agri Hub in Cambodia. The Group will target to hold a official launch event if permitted and depending on the covid-19 situation in Cambodia as well as Singapore sometime in



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late Q4 of FY2021 which will be further announce separately.

The Agri Hub which has a total land size of approximately 100,000,000sqm will be develop in several phases, in accordance with the master blueprint approved by the Royal Government of Cambodia. Under the phase one of the development which is slated to begin at Q4 of FY2021, the Group would commence the infrastructure upgrading works inside the Agri Hub such as the internal road networks, electrical cables as well as water supply.

The different zoning of the Agri Hub will include value added food processing factories, warehousing facilities and logistic hub, renewable energy (like solar power), livestock farms, construction material zone, plantation zone, aquaponics, water treatment facilities, light industry zone, commercial and community living concepts. The Group will progressively launch each zoning of the Agri Hub under the different phases of the development to the market based on the progress of the phase one infrastructure works and further conclusion of any strategic partnership with new partners who are interested to set up their base inside the Agri Hub.

Located at Aoral District, which has the highest peak in the entire Kingdom of Cambodia, the land is 130m above sea level and surrounded by numerous industrial projects as well as other agriculture farms. It is approximately 100km from Phnom Penh, the capital city of Cambodia. The Agri Hub is currently a developed deforested land mainly being utilised for the Group's Agriculture division that focuses on the fresh cassava plantation as well as starch processing for the local and export market prior to obtaining the conversion approval. It is also strategically located in between Phnom Penh and Sihanoukville where the Kingdom's only deep-water seaport is located. There are also several highways connecting the Agri Hub which go all the way to Thailand, Vietnam as well as Laos.

As at the date of this announcement, the Group has secured three companies who had registered their interest with the potential investment value totalling up to USD 225 million. The Group is also in discussion with several other key players in the region for the Agri Hub and will update its shareholders from time to time regarding the progress of the development. The Group expects the development of the Agriculture Hub to add new revenue sources for the Group and will set out the roadmap for the future growth of the Group's property and real estate division in Cambodia.

Hong Lai Huat Group General Manager and Executive Director Mr Ong Jia Jing said "Despite the current global economic challenges brought by the Covid-19 pandemic, the successful conversion to develop the Agri Hub is an economic catalyst that will elevate the Group status as a Property and Real Estate Developer by becoming the first Singapore company to own and operate one of the largest state-of-the-art Agri Hub in Cambodia. It will also lead to attracting greater foreign direct investments into the Kingdom of Cambodia and create jobs for the locals, further to more agricultural or other light industries setting up their base inside the Agri Hub. This investment will fuel the long-term growth of the Group for many years to come."

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About Hong Lai Huat

Hong Lai Huat Group is a real estate and property developer with 33 years of successful track record. Established since 1988, the Group has completed numerous projects in Singapore ranging from public and private residential developments, to commercial and industrial buildings. Some of its notable developments in Singapore include D'Ecosia, D'Fresco, D'Castilia, D'Almira, D'Lithium, D'Kranji Farm Resort and D'Centennial.

In 2008, the Group diversified into the agricultural sector in Cambodia and had since completed the development of approximately 10,000 hectares farmland that cultivates fresh cassava, as well as a cassava starch production factory capable of producing 120 tons of starch on a daily basis.

The Group also expanded its property development in Cambodia with the successful launched of its first freehold mixed-use project – D'Seaview which is one of the first and largest mixed-use developments in Sihanoukville, D'Seaview comprising 737 residential units and 67 commercial units. The construction of the entire project is completed in FY2019.

Following the success of D'Seaview, the Group launched its second freehold mixed-use project Royal Platinum in FY2019 in Toul Kwok district, Phnom Penh, the capital city of Cambodia. Located just 20 minutes away from Phnom Penh International Airport, this project comprises 851 residential and 50 commercial units. Construction works began in May 2020.

Hong Lai Huat Group Limited was listed on the Mainboard of the Singapore Stock Exchange on 21 June 2000.

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