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## ENTRY INTO JOINT COOPERATION AGREEMENT



**SINGAPORE – 12 April 2021** - SGX Mainboard Listed **Hong Lai Huat Group Limited** (the “**Company**”) together with its subsidiaries, (“the **Group**”) wishes to announce that the Group’s wholly owned subsidiary, HLH Agriculture (Cambodia) Co., Ltd (“**HLHA**”) has entered into the joint cooperation agreement with Joe Green Pte Ltd (“**Joe Green**”) under her licensee for granting the right to develop a Light-Weight Concrete Panel Manufacturing Plant in the construction material zone located in its Aoral Eco City project in the Kingdom of Cambodia. (the “**Aoral Eco-City**”).

The Group had announced on 22 March 2021, that HLHA had signed a joint cooperation term sheet with Joe Green with a 30 days period to enter into a legal binding agreement.

Subject to local regulatory approval, Joe Green’s licensee will commence in the next 60 days to setup the first phase of the manufacturing plant which will occupy the land size of approximately 20,000sqm in the Aoral Eco-City’s construction material zone. The total investment size including the option to expand the second phase of the manufacturing plant for a further 100,000sqm could see Joe Green’s licensee investing up to approximately S\$6 million for all building construction, precast manufacturing materials, setting up of its equipment and its manpower allocation. The first phase of the manufacturing plant is expected to commence operation by the end of FY2021.

Though Cambodia’s economy was estimated to have contracted by 2.8% in 2020, according to the IMF, in stark contrast to a 7% expansion in 2019. Its main drivers of growth such as manufacturing, exports, and tourism have been heavily impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The economy grew by an annual average of 7.2% from 2011 to



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2019. The Cambodian economy is projected to grow again by 6.8% this year and by another 7.3% in 2022, according to IMF forecasts.

JOE Green is certified being one of the industrial leader in this Precast Light weight concrete Panel system by Singapore Green Building Council, recovering and recycling waste to new materials for the Construction Sector.

This cooperation will also see Joe Green transferring its technology and know how to improve the current labour intensive construction sector in Cambodia with faster construction time and higher productivity. Being lighter weight would also help to reduce overall building dead load for saving in foundation. Being Green and using recycling and light weight aggregates and would also help to consume waste, reduce the Carbon footprint generated from the manufacturing, construction and development projects minimizing Global warming.

This cooperation will also create more job opportunities for the locals in Aoral District, Kampong Speu Province, in connection with the setting up of this strategic partnership within Aoral Eco-City and prepare to ride on the economic growth recovery once the pandemic condition subsided.

**Hong Lai Huat Group General Manager and Executive Director Mr Ong Jia Jing** said "I am pleased to have officially pen down the strategic partnership today with Joe Green. This partnership will be beneficial to our development of the Aoral Eco-City in terms of time, cost saving as well as improve the environment for a more sustainable living standard. It will also benefit the Group's ongoing property and real estate projects in Cambodia, and revolutionise the standard of construction industry in the Kingdom of Cambodia."

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