
PRESS RELEASE: ACQUISITION OF INTEREST IN A LONDON RETAIL PROPERTY

The Board of Directors of Hwa Hong Corporation Limited (the “Company” or “HHC” and together with its subsidiaries, the “Group”) wishes to announce that it has agreed to acquire, through a limited liability partnership (the “Partnership”), a 50 per cent. interest in 5 retail shop units in Pavillions A, B, C and D of NEO Bankside (the “Properties”) located in close proximity to the Tate Modern in the Southbank area of London (the “Investment”). The Properties are part of the luxury residential scheme known as NEO Bankside and were designed by Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners LLP. The Group is acquiring its interest alongside Montrose Land and Developments Limited (“MLD”), with each party holding 50 per cent. of the Partnership.

With a total floor area of approximately 14,399 square feet, the Properties are also located close to other notable landmarks such as The Shard, the Globe Theatre, St Paul’s Cathedral and the Millennium Bridge and are also within short walking distance of the City of London office district and major transport hubs such as Blackfriars Station and London Bridge Station.

Together with the Group’s acquisition of Block E NEO Bankside announced on 18 November 2013, MLD and HHC now jointly own a total of approximately 21,699 square feet of office and retail space at NEO Bankside.

The Group’s investment of approximately GBP2.80 million (approximately SGD5.88 million¹) in the Partnership is financed by internal resources and bank funding. The aggregate net consideration for the acquisition of the Properties is approximately GBP10.25 million (approximately SGD21.53 million¹) and is financed by internal resources of the Partnership and bank funding. Completion of the acquisition of the Properties is expected to take place on 22 May 2014.

The Group’s Managing Director Mr Ong Choo Eng said of the transaction “we are delighted to be able to add these Properties to our portfolio at NEO Bankside. We believe that these Properties, which are zoned for retail and certain food and beverage use, are strategically located in close proximity to the Tate Modern extension and will benefit from any future increase in visitors to the Tate Modern”.

The Investment is not expected to have a material impact on the consolidated earnings per share and consolidated net tangible assets of the Company and the Group for the financial year ending 31 December 2014.

None of the directors and (so far as the directors are aware) none of the controlling shareholders of the Company has any interest, direct or indirect, in the Investment.

1. Assuming an exchange rate of GBP1.00:SGD2.10