



MAXI-CASH FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION LTD

(Incorporated in the Republic of Singapore on 10 April 2008)

(Company Registration No.: 200806968Z)

**PROPOSED RENOUNCEABLE NON-UNDERWRITTEN RIGHTS ISSUE OF UP TO 121,255,062
NEW ORDINARY SHARES IN THE CAPITAL OF THE COMPANY**

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 **Rights Issue.** The board of directors (the “**Board**” or “**Directors**”) of Maxi-Cash Financial Services Corporation Ltd. (the “**Company**”, together with its subsidiaries, the “**Group**”) wishes to announce that the Company is proposing to undertake a renounceable non-underwritten rights issue (the “**Rights Issue**”) of up to 121,255,062 new ordinary shares in the capital of the Company (the “**Rights Shares**”), at an issue price of S\$0.170 for each Rights Share (the “**Issue Price**”), on the basis of one (1) Rights Share for every six (6) existing ordinary shares in the capital of the Company (the “**Shares**”) held by Entitled Shareholders (as defined below) as at a date and time to be determined by the Directors, at and on which the Register of Members of the Company and the Transfer Books of the Company will be closed to determine the provisional allotments of Rights Shares of the Entitled Shareholders under the Rights Issue (the “**Books Closure Date**”), fractional entitlements to be disregarded.

2. PRINCIPAL TERMS OF THE RIGHTS ISSUE

2.1 **Basis of Provisional Allotment.** The Company is proposing the Rights Issue be offered on a renounceable non-underwritten basis to all shareholders of the Company (the “**Shareholders**”) who are eligible to participate in the Rights Issue (the “**Entitled Shareholders**”) on the basis of one (1) Rights Share for every six (6) existing Shares held by Entitled Shareholders as at the Books Closure Date at the Issue Price, fractional entitlements to be disregarded.

2.2 **Size.** As at the date of this Announcement, there are 727,530,373 Shares issued by the Company (the “**Existing Issued Share Capital**”). There are no outstanding share options, share awards or other convertibles. Therefore, based on the Existing Issued Share Capital, assuming the Rights Issue is fully subscribed, the number of Rights Shares to be allotted and issued under the Rights Issue will be 121,255,062 and, upon the completion of the allotment and issuance of the Rights Shares (the “**Completion**”), the issued and paid-up share capital of the Company will increase to 848,785,435 Shares (the “**Enlarged Share Capital**”).

2.3 **Issue Price.** The Issue Price:

2.3.1 represents a discount of approximately 6.7 per cent. to the volume-weighted average price of S\$0.1823 per Share for trades done on the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (the “**SGX-ST**”) on 16 May 2017 (being the last trading day on which the Shares were traded on the SGX-ST prior to the release of this Announcement); and

2.3.2 represents a discount of approximately 5.7 per cent. to the theoretical ex-rights price of S\$0.1803 per Share (calculated based on the closing market price of S\$0.1820 per Share for trades done on the SGX-ST on 16 May 2017).

2.4 **Ranking.** The Rights Shares are payable in full upon acceptance and/or application and will, upon allotment and issue, rank *pari passu* in all respects with the then existing issued Shares,

except that they will not rank for any dividends, rights, allotments or other distributions, the record date¹ for which falls before the date of issue of the Rights Shares.

2.5 **Eligibility to Participate.** The Company proposes to provisionally allot the Rights Shares to the Entitled Shareholders, comprising Entitled Depositors and Entitled Scripholders (each as defined below), on the basis of their shareholdings as at the Books Closure Date. Entitled Shareholders will be entitled to participate in the Rights Issue and receive the offer information statement to be issued by the Company in connection with the Rights Issue (the “**Offer Information Statement**”) together with the appropriate application forms and accompanying documents at their respective Singapore addresses as maintained with the records of The Central Depository (Pte) Limited (the “**CDP**”) or the Share Registrar (as defined below), as the case may be.

2.5.1 **Entitled Depositors.** Entitled Depositors are Shareholders with Shares standing to the credit of their securities accounts (the “**Securities Account**”) with CDP and whose registered addresses with CDP are in Singapore as at the Books Closure Date or who have provided CDP with addresses in Singapore for the service of notices and documents not later than 5.00 p.m. (Singapore time) on the date falling three (3) Market Days² prior to the Books Closure Date (the “**Entitled Depositors**”).

Entitled Depositors will be provisionally allotted the Rights Shares on the basis of the number of Shares standing to the credit of their Securities Accounts as at 5.00 p.m. (Singapore time) on the Books Closure Date.

2.5.2 **Entitled Scripholders.** Entitled Scripholders are Shareholders whose (i) share certificates are not deposited with CDP, (ii) Shares are registered in their own names, and (iii) registered addresses with the Company’s share registrar, B.A.C.S. Private Limited (the “**Share Registrar**”), are in Singapore as at the Books Closure Date or who have provided the Share Registrar with addresses in Singapore for the service of notices and documents not later than 5.00 p.m. (Singapore time) on the date falling three (3) Market Days prior to the Books Closure Date, and who have tendered to the Share Registrar valid transfers of their Shares and the certificates relating thereto for registration up to the Books Closure Date (the “**Entitled Scripholders**”).

Entitled Scripholders will have to submit duly completed and stamped transfers in respect of Shares not registered in the name of CDP, together with all relevant documents of title, so as to be received up to 5.00 p.m. (Singapore time) on the Books Closure Date by the Share Registrar, in order to be registered to determine provisional allotments of Rights Shares.

2.5.3 **Foreign Shareholders.** The distribution of the Offer Information Statement and its accompanying documents may be prohibited or restricted (either absolutely or subject to various securities laws requirements, whether legal or administrative, being complied with) in certain jurisdictions under the relevant securities laws of those jurisdictions. For practical reasons and in order to avoid any violation of the securities legislation applicable in jurisdictions other than Singapore, the Offer Information Statement and its accompanying documents will NOT be despatched to Shareholders with registered addresses outside Singapore and who have not, at least three (3) Market Days prior to the Books Closure Date, provided CDP or the Share Registrar, as the case may be, with addresses in Singapore for the service of notices and documents (the “**Foreign Shareholders**”) and accordingly, the Rights Shares will NOT be offered to Foreign Shareholders.

The Offer Information Statement and its accompanying documents will not be despatched, lodged, registered or filed in any jurisdiction other than Singapore.

¹ “record date” means, in relation to any dividends, rights, allotments or other distributions, the date as at the close of business (or such other time as may have been modified by the Company) on which Shareholders must be registered in order to participate in such dividends, rights, allotments or other distributions.

² “Market Day” means a day on which the SGX-ST is open for trading in securities.

Accordingly, Foreign Shareholders will not be entitled to participate in the Rights Issue. As Foreign Shareholders will not be entitled to participate in the Rights Issue, no provisional allotment of Rights Shares will be made to Foreign Shareholders and no purported acceptance thereof or application for any excess Rights Shares therefor by any Foreign Shareholder will be valid.

The Offer Information Statement and its accompanying documents will also NOT be despatched to persons purchasing entitlements to Rights Shares through the book-entry (scripless) settlement system if their registered addresses with CDP are outside Singapore (the “**Foreign Purchasers**”). Foreign Purchasers may not accept any “nil-paid” rights credited to their Securities Account unless the Company and its counsel are satisfied that such action would not result in the contravention of any registration or other legal requirement in any jurisdiction.

Entitlements to Rights Shares which would otherwise have been provisionally allotted to Foreign Shareholders will, if practicable to do so and at the absolute discretion of the Company, be sold “nil-paid” on the Catalist board of the SGX-ST (“**Catalist**”), as soon as practicable, after dealings in the provisional allotments of Rights Shares commence. Such sales may, however, only be effected if the Company, in its absolute discretion, determines that a premium can be obtained from such sales, after taking into account expenses to be incurred in relation thereto. The net proceeds from all such sales, after deduction of all expenses therefrom, will be pooled and thereafter distributed to Foreign Shareholders in proportion to their respective shareholdings or, as the case may be, the number of Shares entered against their names in the depository register maintained by CDP as at the Books Closure Date and sent to them at their own risk by ordinary post. If the amount of net proceeds to be distributed to any single Foreign Shareholder is less than S\$10.00, such amount shall be dealt with as the Directors may, in their absolute discretion, deem fit in the interests of the Company and no Foreign Shareholder shall have any claim whatsoever against the Company and/or CDP in connection therewith.

Where the provisional allotments of Rights Shares are sold “nil-paid” on Catalist, they will be sold at such price or prices as the Company may, in its absolute discretion, decide and no Foreign Shareholder shall have any claim whatsoever against the Company, the Company’s sponsor, SAC Advisors Private Limited (the “**Sponsor**”), CDP, the Share Registrar and/or their respective officers in connection therewith. If such provisional allotments of Rights Shares cannot be sold or are not sold on Catalist as aforesaid for any reason by such time as the SGX-ST shall have declared to be the last day for trading in the provisional allotments of Rights Shares, the new Shares represented by such provisional allotments will be allotted and issued to satisfy applications for excess Rights Shares or disposed of or dealt with in such manner as the Directors may, in their absolute discretion, deem fit in the interests of the Company and no Foreign Shareholder shall have any claim whatsoever against the Company, the Sponsor, CDP, the Share Registrar and/or their respective officers in connection therewith.

SHAREHOLDERS WITH REGISTERED ADDRESSES OUTSIDE SINGAPORE WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RIGHTS ISSUE MAY PROVIDE AN ADDRESS IN SINGAPORE FOR THE SERVICE OF NOTICES AND DOCUMENTS BY NOTIFYING IN WRITING, AS THE CASE MAY BE, (I) CDP AT 9 NORTH BUONA VISTA DRIVE, #01-19/20 THE METROPOLIS, SINGAPORE 138588 OR (II) MAXI-CASH FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION LTD. C/O THE SHARE REGISTRAR, B.A.C.S. PRIVATE LIMITED, AT 8 ROBINSON ROAD, #03-00 ASO BUILDING, SINGAPORE 048544, IN EACH CASE, AT LEAST THREE (3) MARKET DAYS PRIOR TO THE BOOKS CLOSURE DATE.

- 2.6 **Provisional Allotments and Excess Applications.** Entitled Shareholders will be at liberty to accept in full or in part, decline or otherwise renounce or, in the case of Entitled Depositors only, trade (during the “nil-paid” rights trading period prescribed by the SGX-ST) their provisional allotments of the Rights Shares and will also be eligible to apply for Rights Shares in excess of their provisional allotments under the Rights Issue. Entitlements which are not

allotted or taken up for any reason (including any fractions of a Rights Share) will be aggregated and issued to satisfy applications, if any, for excess Rights Shares or otherwise disposed of or dealt with in such manner as the Directors may, in their absolute discretion, deem fit in the interests of the Company.

Fractional entitlements to the Rights Shares will be disregarded in arriving at the Entitled Shareholders' entitlements and will, together with the provisional allotments which are not taken up for any reason, be aggregated and used to satisfy excess applications (if any), or otherwise dealt with in such manner as the Directors may in their absolute discretion, deem fit for the benefit of the Company.

In the allotment of excess Rights Shares, preference will be given to Entitled Shareholders for rounding of odd lots, and Directors and substantial Shareholders who have control or influence over the Company in connection with the day-to-day affairs of the Company or the terms of the Rights Issue, or have representation (direct or through a nominee) on the Board will rank last in priority for the rounding of odd lots and allotment of excess Rights Shares.

The procedures for, and the terms and conditions applicable to, acceptances, renunciation and/or sales of the provisional allotments of the Rights Shares and for the applications for excess Rights Shares, including each different mode of acceptance or application and payment, will be contained in the Offer Information Statement and the relevant application forms.

- 2.7 **Offer Information Statement.** The terms and conditions of the Rights Issue are subject to such changes as the Directors may deem fit. The final terms and conditions of the Rights Issue will be contained in the Offer Information Statement to be lodged with the SGX-ST, acting as an agent on behalf of the Monetary Authority of Singapore (the "**Authority**"), and despatched by the Company to Entitled Shareholders in due course, subject to paragraph 5 below.
- 2.8 **Odd Lots.** Shareholders who hold odd lots of the Rights Shares, and who wish to trade in odd lots on Catalist, should note that they will be able to do so on the Unit Share Market of the SGX-ST.
- 2.9 **Non-Underwritten Rights Issue.** In view of the savings in costs enjoyed by the Company as a result of not having to bear any underwriting fees, and there being no minimum amount that must be raised from the Rights Issue, the Company has decided to proceed with the Rights Issue on a non-underwritten basis.

3. RATIONALE AND USE OF PROCEEDS

- 3.1 **Rationale.** The Company is proposing the Rights Issue to raise proceeds (i) for the secured money lending business, and (ii) for general corporate and working capital purposes, including but not limited to (a) operating costs and (b) making strategic investments and/or acquisitions if opportunities arise.

The Rights Issue will also help strengthen the Group's financial position by augmenting the Group's balance sheet and capital base, and reducing the gearing of the Group. This will enhance the Group's ability to formulate, strategise and execute its business plans. It will also provide the Group with greater financial capacity and flexibility to capitalise on any investment opportunities in a timely manner as and when such opportunities arise.

- 3.2 **Use of Proceeds.** In the event that all the Rights Shares are fully subscribed, the estimated net proceeds (the "**Net Proceeds**") from the Rights Issue is expected to be approximately S\$20.4 million, after deducting estimated costs, expenses and commissions of S\$0.2 million incurred in connection with the Rights Issue. The Company intends to utilise the Net Proceeds as follows:

Use of Proceeds	Allocation of Proceeds (S\$ million)
To provide secured money lending business	10.0
For general corporate and working capital purposes including but not limited to (i) operating costs and (ii) making strategic investments and/or acquisitions	10.4

Upon Completion, and pending the deployment of the Net Proceeds for the abovementioned purposes, such proceeds may be deposited with banks and/or financial institutions, invested in short-term money market instruments and/or marketable securities, and/or used for any other purposes on a short-term basis as the Directors may, in their absolute discretion, deem appropriate in the interests of the Company.

The Company will make periodic announcements on the utilisation of the Net Proceeds as and when such proceeds are materially disbursed and whether such disbursements are in accordance with the use of proceeds as stated in the Offer Information Statement, and provide a status report on the use of the Net Proceeds in the Company's annual reports until such time the Net Proceeds have been fully utilised. Where the proceeds have been used for general corporate and/or working capital purposes, the Company will also provide a breakdown with specific details on the use of the Net Proceeds in the announcements and status reports. Where there is a material deviation in the use of the Net Proceeds, the Company will announce the reasons for such deviation.

Based on the reasonable opinion of the Directors as at the date of this Announcement, there is no minimum amount which must be raised from the Rights Issue taking into consideration the intended use of the Net Proceeds.

4. WORKING CAPITAL

The Directors are of the opinion that after taking into consideration the present bank facilities and operating cash flows of the Group, the working capital available to the Group is sufficient to meet its present requirements. Notwithstanding the above, the reasons for undertaking the Rights Issue are set out in paragraph 3.1 of this Announcement.

The Directors are also of the opinion that after taking into consideration the present bank facilities and operating cash flows of the Group as well as the Net Proceeds, the working capital available to the Group is sufficient to meet its present requirements.

5. APPROVALS

5.1 **Approvals.** The Rights Issue is subject to, *inter alia*, the following:

- (i) the receipt of the listing and quotation notice from the SGX-ST for the dealing in, listing of and quotation for the Rights Shares on Catalist; and
- (ii) the lodgement of the Offer Information Statement together with all other accompanying documents (if applicable) with the SGX-ST, acting as an agent on behalf of the Authority.

The Company will be making an application to the SGX-ST, through the Sponsor, for the listing of and quotation for the Rights Shares on Catalist. An appropriate announcement will be made in due course when the Company receives the listing and quotation notice for the Rights Shares from the SGX-ST.

- 5.2 **General Mandate.** The issue of the Rights Shares will be made pursuant to the authority granted by the Shareholders under the general share issue mandate (the “**General Mandate**”) at the annual general meeting of the Company held on 26 April 2017, pursuant to Section 161 of the Companies Act, Chapter 50 of Singapore and Rule 806(2) of the Listing Manual Section B: Rules of Catalist of the SGX-ST.

The General Mandate, amongst other things, authorises the Directors to issue new Shares not exceeding 100 per cent. of the total number of issued Shares (excluding treasury shares) of the Company as at 26 April 2017 (the “**Base Figure**”), provided that the aggregate number of Shares to be issued other than on a *pro rata* basis to existing Shareholders does not exceed 50 per cent. of the Base Figure.

As at 26 April 2017, the total number of Shares in issue (excluding treasury shares) was 727,530,373. As such, the maximum number of Shares that may be issued pursuant to the General Mandate, on a *pro rata* basis, is 727,530,373.

As the maximum number of Rights Shares (being 121,255,062 Rights Shares) to be issued pursuant to the Rights Issue is within the number of Shares that can still be issued pursuant to the General Mandate, the Company will not be seeking specific approval from Shareholders for the Rights Issue.

6. INTERESTS OF DIRECTORS AND SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS

Save as disclosed in this announcement, none of the Directors and substantial Shareholders, as well as their respective associates, has any interest, direct or indirect, in the Rights Issue (other than through their respective shareholdings in the Company).

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Where there are updates, variations or amendments to the terms of the Rights Issue, the Company will make further announcements as and when appropriate.

8. CAUTIONARY STATEMENT

Shareholders and potential investors are advised to exercise caution when dealing or trading in the Shares. The completion of the Rights Issue is subject to certain conditions. As at the date of this Announcement, there is no certainty or assurance that the Rights Issue will be completed or that no changes will be made to the terms thereof. The Company will make the necessary announcements when there are further developments.

Shareholders and potential investors are advised to read this Announcement and any further announcements by the Company carefully. Shareholders and potential investors should consult their stockbrokers, bank managers, solicitors, accountants, tax advisers or other professional advisers if they have any doubt about the actions they should take.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

MAXI-CASH FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION LTD.

Lim Swee Ann
Company Secretary
16 May 2017

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The distribution of this Announcement, the Offer Information Statement, the provisional allotment letters and/or the application forms for Rights Shares and excess Rights Shares into jurisdictions other than Singapore may be restricted by law. Persons into whose possession this Announcement and such other documents come should inform themselves about and observe any such restrictions. Any failure to comply with these restrictions may constitute a violation of the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. Neither the content of the Company's website nor any website accessible by hyperlinks on the Company's website is incorporated in, or forms part of, this Announcement.