THIS PLACING AGREEMENT is made on the 19th day of December 2024

BETWEEN:

(1) **HSC RESOURCES GROUP LIMITED**, a company incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability whose office is at Unit 1603, 16/F., Tower 1, Enterprise Square, 9 Sheung Yuet Road, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon, Hong Kong (the "**Company**");

AND

(2) ADVENT SECURITIES (HONG KONG) LIMITED, a company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability with Company No. 2253721 and having its registered office situate at Unit A–C, 11/F Kee Shing Centre 74–76 Kimberley Road Kowloon Hong Kong (the "Placing Agent")

The Company and the Placing Agent shall hereinafter be collectively referred to as the "Parties" and each individually as a "Party".

WHEREAS:

- (A) The Company is incorporated in the Cayman Islands and the shares of which are listed on Main Board of the Stock Exchange. As at the date hereof, the Company has 172,800,000 Existing Shares in issue;
- (B) The Company has agreed to appoint the Placing Agent, a corporation licensed to carry on Type 1 (dealing in securities) regulated activity by the SFC (as defined below) under the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong), as the sole and exclusive placing agent to conduct the Placing on best-effort basis, and the Placing Agent has agreed to act as placing agent in that capacity; and
- (C) The Company has agreed to issue, and the Placing Agent has agreed to use its best efforts to procure Placees (as defined below) to subscribe for, the Unsubscribed Rights Shares at the Placing Price (as defined below) on the terms and subject to the conditions set out in this Agreement.

NOW IT IS HEREBY AGREED as follows:

1. **INTERPRETATION**

1.1 In this Agreement (including the Recitals above), the following expressions shall, unless the context requires otherwise, have the following meanings:

"Actions" shall have the same meaning as set out in Clause $\frac{7.1}{1}$;

"Adjusted Share(s)" the ordinary share(s) of HK\$0.01 each in the share capital of the Company immediately upon the Capital Reorganisation becoming effective

"Agreement" this agreement as amended or varied from timeto-time in writing duly executed and delivered by the Parties;

"Business Day" a day(s) (excluding Saturday, Sunday and any day on which a tropical cyclone warning signal no. 8 or above is hoisted or remains hoisted

between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon and is not lowered at or before 12:00 noon or on which a "black" rainstorm warning is hoisted or remains in effect between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon and is not discontinued at or before 12:00 noon) on which licensed banks in Hong Kong are open for general business;

"Capital Reduction"

the proposed reduction of the issued share capital of the Company whereby (i) the total number of Consolidated Shares in the issued share capital of the Company will be rounded down to the nearest whole number by cancelling any fraction of a Consolidated Share in the total number of Consolidated Shares in the issued share capital of the Company immediately following the Share Consolidation; and (ii) the par value of each issued Consolidated Share will be reduced from HK\$1.00 to HK\$0.01 by cancelling the paid-up share capital of the Company to the extent of HK\$0.99 on each issued Consolidated Share

"Capital Reorganisation"

the proposed capital reorganisation involving the Share Consolidation, the Capital Reduction, and the Share Subdivision

"Company Information"

shall have the same meaning as set out in Schedule 1;

"Compensatory Arrangements"

the compensatory arrangement involving the placing of the Unsubscribed Rights Shares, if any, by the Placing Agent on a best-effort basis pursuant to this Agreement in accordance with Rule 7.21(1)(b) of the Listing Rules;

"Completion"

completion of the Placing as described and particularised in <u>Clause 5</u> herein;

"Completion Date"

if all of the conditions in Clause 5 have been satisfied. on Wednesday, 11 June 2025 (or the latest time for the Rights Issue to become unconditional subject to the fulfilment of the conditions relating to the implementation of the Capital Reorganisation), completion of the Placing regardless of the number of Unsubscribed Rights Shares placed / subscribed shall take place on Friday, 13 June 2025 or such later date as may be announced by the Company;

"Companies Ordinance"

the Companies Ordinance (Chapter 622 of the Laws of Hong Kong), as amended from time to time;

"Conditions"

the conditions precedent set out in <u>Clause 2.1</u>;

"Consolidated Share(s)"

the ordinary share(s) of HK\$1.00 each in the issued share capital of the Company immediately

upon the Share Consolidation becoming effective but prior to the Capital Reduction and the Share Subdivision becoming effective;

"Directors"

directors of the Company;

"Encumbrance"

a mortgage, charge, pledge, lien, option, restriction, right of first refusal, right of preemption, third-party right or interest, other encumbrance or security interest of any kind, or any other type of preferential arrangement (including, without limitation, a title transfer or retention arrangement) having similar effect;

"Existing Share(s)"

the ordinary share(s) of HK\$0.20 each in the share capital of the Company, prior to the Capital Reorganisation becoming effective;

"Final Accounts"

shall have the same meaning as set out in

Schedule 1;

"Group"

the Company and its Subsidiaries;

"HKS"

Hong Kong Dollars, the lawful currency of Hong

Kong;

"Indemnified Person(s)"

shall have the same meaning as set out in <u>Clause</u> 7.1;

"Independent Third Party" any person(s) or company(ies) and their respective ultimate beneficial owner(s) whom, to the best of the Directors' knowledge, information and belief having made all reasonable enquiries, are third parties independent of the Company and the connected persons of the Company in accordance with the Listing Rules;

"Latest Time for Termination"

4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 11 June 2025, or such later date as may be agreed in writing between the Placing Agent and the Company, being the date on or before the fulfillment of all the conditions as set out in Clause 2.1;

"Levies"

the following expenses relating to the Placing, including the Company's portion of the SFC transaction levy of 0.0027%, Stock Exchange trading fee of 0.00565%, the Accounting and Financial Reporting Council levy of 0.00015% and if applicable, any Hong Kong ad valorem stamp duty, which Levies shall be settled by the Company:

"Listing Rules"

the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange;

"Losses"

shall have the same meaning as set out in Clause <u>7.1;</u>

"Non-Qualifying Shareholder(s)"

Shareholder(s) whom those Overseas Directors, based on legal opinions provided by the Company's legal advisers, consider it necessary or expedient not to offer the Rights Shares to such Shareholders on account either of restrictions under the laws of the relevant place or the requirements of a relevant regulatory body or stock exchange in that place;

"NOS Unsold Rights Shares" the Rights Share(s) which would otherwise have been provisionally allotted to the Non-Qualifying Shareholders in nil-paid form that have not been sold by the Company;

"Overseas

Shareholders with registered addresses (as shown Shareholder(s)"

in the register of members of the Company on the Record Date) which are outside Hong Kong;

the Parties to this Agreement and their respective "Parties"

successors and permitted assigns and "Party"

means either of them;

individuals, corporate, institutional investors or "Placee(s)"

other investor, procured by the Placing Agent and/or its subplacing agents to subscribe for the Unsubscribed Rights Shares and the and the NQS Unsold Rights Shares pursuant to the this

Agreement;

the placing of a maximum of 138,240,000 "Placing"

Unsubscribed Rights Share(s) and the NQS Unsold Rights Share(s) on a best-effort basis by the Placing Agent to the Placees on the terms and

conditions of this Agreement;

shall have the same meaning as set out in Clause "Placing Commission"

6.1;

shall have the same meaning as set out in Clause "Placing Price"

3.1;

means the period from Tuesday, 3 June 2025 up "Placing Period"

to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 10 June 2025, or such other dates as the Company may announce, being the period during which the Placing Agent will

seek to effect the Compensatory Arrangements;

Shareholder(s) who(se) name(s) appear(s) on the "Qualifying Shareholders"

register of members of the Company on the Record Date, other than the Non-Qualifying

Shareholder(s);

Monday, 12 May 2025, or on such other date as "Record Date"

the Company may determine, being the date by reference to which entitlements of the Shareholders to participate in the Rights Issue will be determined;

"Rights Issue"

the proposed issue by way of rights on the basis of four (4) Rights Shares for every one (1) Adjusted Share held by the Qualifying Shareholders on the Record Date at the Subscription Price on the terms and subject to the conditions set out in the prospectus documents to be published by the Company in relation to the Rights Issue;

"Rights Share(s)"

up to 138,240,000 Adjusted Sharesto be allotted and issued pursuant to the Rights Issue (assuming no change in the number of Shares in issue on or before Record Date);

"SFC"

the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong:

"Shareholders"

holder(s) of the Share(s);

"Shares"

the Existing Share(s), the Consolidated Share(s) and/or the Adjusted Share(s), as the case may be;

"Share Consolidation"

the proposed consolidation of every five (5)issued Existing Shares of par value of HK\$0.20 each into one (1) Consolidated Share of par value of HK\$1.00 each;

"Share Subdivision"

the proposed subdivision of each of the authorised but unissued Existing Shares of par value of HK\$0.2 each into 20 authorised but unissued Adjusted Shares of HK\$0.01 each

"Stock Exchange"

The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited;

"Subscription Price"

HK\$0.53 per Rights Share;

"Takeovers Code"

the Code on Takeovers and Mergers and Share Buy-backs issued by the SFC;

"Unsubscribed Rights Shares"

the Rights Shares that are not subscribed by the

Qualifying Shareholders; and

"Warranties"

the representations, warranties and undertakings of the Company as set out in Clauses 3 and 4A

and Schedule 1.

- In this Agreement, unless otherwise specified, 1.2
 - references to Recitals, sections, Clauses, paragraphs and Schedules are 1.2.1 to recitals, sections, clauses, paragraphs of and schedules to this Agreement;

- a reference to any statute or statutory provision shall be construed as a reference to the same as it may have been, or may from time to time be, amended, modified or re-enacted;
- 1.2.3 references to a company shall be construed so as to include any company, corporation or other body corporate, whenever and however incorporated or established;
- 1.2.4 references to a person shall be construed so as to include any individual, firm, company, government, state or agency of a state or any joint venture, association or partnership (whether or not having separate legal personality);
- 1.2.5 references to writing or written shall include any modes of reproducing words in a legible and non-transitory form;
- 1.2.6 references to times of the day are, unless otherwise specified, to Hong Kong time;
- headings to Clauses, sections and Schedules are for convenience only and do not affect the interpretation of this Agreement;
- the Schedules form part of this Agreement and shall have the same force and effect as if expressly set out in the body of this Agreement, and any reference to this Agreement shall include the Schedules; and
- words in the singular shall include the plural (and *vice versa*) and words importing one gender shall include the other gender.

2. <u>CONDITIONS</u>

- 2.1 The Placing is conditional upon the fulfillment of the following conditions on or before the Latest Time for Termination (or such later date as may be agreed in writing between the Placing Agent and the Company): (the "Conditions"):
 - (a) the Capital Reorganisation having become effective;
 - (b) the passing by more than 50% of the votes cast by the independent shareholders by way of poll of all necessary resolutions to be proposed at the extraordinary general meeting for the transactions contemplated under the Rights Issue to be effective in compliance with the Listing Rules, including but not limited to approving, confirming and/or ratifying the Rights Issue, including the allotment and issue of the Rights Shares in their nil-paid and fully-paid forms;
 - (c) the delivery of the prospectus documents to the Stock Exchange and the issue by the Stock Exchange on or before the posting date of a certificate authorising registration of the prospectus documents with the Registrar of Companies in Hong Kong;
 - (d) the filing and registration of all the prospectus documents (together with any other documents required by applicable law or regulation to be annexed thereto) with the Registrar of Companies in Hong Kong by no later than the prospectus posting date;
 - (e) the posting of the prospectus documents to the Qualifying Shareholders and the posting of the prospectus and a letter in the agreed form to the Non-

Qualifying Shareholders, if any, for information purpose only explaining the circumstances in which they are not permitted to participate in the Rights Issue on or before the prospectus posting date;

- (f) the grant of listing of the Rights Shares (in both nil-paid and fully-paid forms) by the Stock Exchange (either unconditionally or subject only to the allotment and dispatch of the share certificates in respect thereof) and the grant of permission to deal in the nil-paid Rights Shares and the fully-paid Rights Shares by the Stock Exchange (and such permission and listing not subsequently having been withdrawn or revoked);
- (g) this Agreement not being terminated pursuant to the terms thereof and remain in full force and effect;
- (h) all necessary waivers, consents and approvals (if required) from the relevant governmental or regulatory authorities for the Rights Issue and the transaction contemplated thereunder having been obtained and fulfilled; and
- (i) none of the representations, warranties or undertakings contained in this Agreement being or having become untrue, inaccurate or misleading in any material respect at any time before the completion, and no fact or circumstance having arisen and nothing having been done or omitted to be done which would render any of such undertakings, representations or warranties untrue or inaccurate in any material respect if it was repeated as at the time of completion.

None of the above conditions precedent can be waived.

- 2.2 The Placing Agent may, in its absolute discretion, terminate this Agreement by a notice in writing given to the Company at any time prior to the Latest Time for Termination upon the occurrence of the following events.
 - (a) the occurrence of any event, development or change (whether or not local, national or international or forming part of a series of events, developments or changes occurring or continuing before, on and/or after the date of this Agreement) and including an event or change in relation to or a development of an existing state of affairs of a political, military, industrial, financial, economic, fiscal, regulatory or other nature, resulting in a change in, or which may result in a change in, political, economic, fiscal, financial, regulatory or stock market conditions and which in the Placing Agent's reasonable opinion would materially and adversely affect the success of the Placing; or
 - (b) the imposition of any moratorium, suspension (for more than ten (10) trading days) or restriction on trading in the securities generally on the Stock Exchange occurring due to exceptional financial circumstances or otherwise and which in the Placing Agent's reasonable opinion, would materially and adversely affect the success of the Placing, excluding any suspension in connection with the clearance of the announcement of the Company or the Prospectus Documents or other announcements and circulars of the Company in connection with the Rights Issue; or
 - (c) any new law or regulation or change in existing laws or regulations or any change in the interpretation or application thereof by any court or other competent authority in Hong Kong or any other jurisdiction relevant to the Group and if in the Placing Agent's reasonable opinion any such new law or

- change may materially and adversely affect the business or financial prospects of the Group and/or the success of the Placing; or
- (d) any material adverse change in the business or in the financial or trading position or prospects of the Group as a whole; or
- (e) any breach of any of the representations and warranties set out in this Agreement comes to the knowledge of the Placing Agent or any event occurs or any matter arises on or after the date of this Agreement and prior to the date of despatch of share certificates for fully-paid Rights Shares and refund cheques (if any), which if had occurred or arisen before the date of this Agreement would have rendered any of such representations and warranties untrue or incorrect or there has been a breach by the Company of any other provision of this Agreement; or
- (f) there is any material adverse change (whether or not forming part of a series of changes) in market conditions which in the reasonable opinion of the Placing Agent would materially and prejudicially affect the Placing or makes it inadvisable or inexpedient for the Placing to proceed.

3. PLACING

- 3.1 Subject to the provisions of this Agreement, the Company hereby appoints the Placing Agent as the sole and exclusive placing agent to the exclusion of all others to conduct the Placing on best-effort basis, and the Placing Agent, relying on the Warranties, agrees to act as sole and exclusive agent to conduct the Placing for the Company during the Placing Period on a best-effort basis by procuring the Placee(s) to subscribe the Unsubscribed Rights Shares and the NQS Unsold Rights Shares at the price at least equal to the Subscription Price (the "Placing Price"). The final price will be determined based on the demand and market conditions of the Unsubscribed Rights Shares and the NQS Unsold Rights Shares at the time of placement.
- 3.2 The Company hereby confirms that the appointment of the Placing Agent confers on the Placing Agent, in accordance with the provisions hereof, all powers, authorities and discretion on behalf of the Company which are necessary for, or reasonably incidental to, the Placing.
- Any transaction properly and lawfully carried out by the Placing Agent pursuant to this Agreement shall constitute a transaction carried out at the request of the Company. The Company agrees, promptly on reasonable request by the Placing Agent, so far as it lies within the Company's power, to execute or do, or procure that there shall be executed and done, all such deeds, documents and things as the Placing Agent may deem necessary for such purposes.
- Further, the Company agrees to ratify and confirm everything which the Placing Agent may lawfully, reasonably and properly do in the exercise of such powers, authorities and discretion in accordance with this Agreement.
- 3.5 The Unsubscribed Rights Shares and the NQS Unsold Rights Shares shall only be offered by the Placing Agent to Placee(s) who and whose ultimate beneficial owner(s) are not Shareholders and are Independent Third Party(ies) and not acting in concert with any of the Company's connected persons.
- 3.6 The Placing Agent shall use its reasonable endeavours to ensure that:

- (a) it will not offer or place any of the Unsubscribed Rights Shares and the NQS Unsold Rights Shares to or with any person, firm or company which is not an Independent Third Party; and
- (b) the terms of the placing letter with the Placees shall not be in breach of the terms of this Agreement.
- 3.7 Any transaction legally, properly and reasonably carried out by the Placing Agent shall constitute a transaction carried out at the request of the Company and as its agent and not in respect of the Placing Agent's own account.
- 3.8 The Company undertakes with the Placing Agent that it shall do all such other acts and things as may be reasonably required by the Placing Agent to be done by it to carry into effect the Placing in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.
- 3.9 The Company further undertakes with the Placing Agent that (i) the Unsubscribed Rights Shares and the NQS Unsold Rights Shares are to be free and clear of all Encumbrances, equities or other third party rights of any kind, and (ii) the Unsubscribed Rights Shares and the NQS Unsold Rights Shares (when placed, allotted, issued and fully paid) shall rank *pari passu* in all respects among themselves with the Adjusted Shares then in issue.
- 3.10 Following Completion, all obligations and liabilities of the Placing Agent under this Agreement shall cease, save and except <u>Clauses 3, 4 and 6</u> which shall survive Completion.

4. UNDERTAKINGS OF THE PLACING AGENT

- 4.1 The Placing Agent shall, forthwith upon the expiration of the Placing Period, deliver to the Company:
 - (a) the placee list; and
 - (b) a letter signed by each Placee for confirmation of (i) the relevant number of Unsubscribed Rights Shares and the NQS Unsold Rights Shares to be subscribed by the Placee concerned, and (ii) the Placee is an Independent Third Party.
- 4.2 The Placing Agent further represents, warrants and undertakes that:
 - (a) the Placing Agent shall ensure that the Placing is conducted in accordance with the Listing Rules and none of the Placees shall be or become a substantial shareholder of the Company immediately forthwith upon Completion and therefore will not trigger any obligation to make a mandatory general offer under the Takeovers Code;
 - (b) the Placees shall, to the best of the knowledge and belief of the Placing Agent, be investors who are Independent Third Parties and who are also independent of and not acting in concert with any of the directors, chief executives or substantial shareholders of the Company, or of any member of the Group or their respective or their respective connected persons or associates (as defined in the Listing Rules);
 - (c) the Unsubscribed Rights Shares and the NQS Unsold Rights Shares shall not be offered or sold (including in the case of an on-sale by the Placing Agent) in Hong Kong by means of any document or in circumstances which will constitute an offer to the public within the meaning of the Companies Ordinance, and that no invitation or advertisement relating to the Placing

- shall be made or issued in Hong Kong other than to persons whose business involves the acquisition, disposal or holding of securities, whether as principal or agent;
- (d) the Placing Agent has full power and authority to enter into this Agreement and obtain all necessary corporate action to authorise the execution and performance of this Agreement; and
- (e) the Placing Agent confirms and undertakes that it has not made and shall not make to any person to whom any Unsubscribed Rights Shares and the NQS Unsold Rights Shares may be offered any representation or statement regarding the Company, the Group or the financial or business position or prospects of the Company or of the Group which was not or is not, at the time of making the same, general public knowledge.
- 4.3 The Placing Agent undertakes to the Company to comply with the laws of Hong Kong, the Listing Rules and all requirements of the Stock Exchange and other relevant governmental or regulatory authorities to enable the listing of, and permission to deal in, the Rights Shares.
- 4.4 The Placing Agent undertakes that the subscription shall be effected by telephone or email conversations leading to concluded contracts which shall then be confirmed by letter of confirmation.

4A. WARRANTIES OF THE COMPANY

- 4A.1 The Company represents, warrants and undertakes to the Placing Agent in the terms set out in <u>Clause 3</u>, this <u>Clause 4A</u> and <u>Schedule 1</u>. The Warranties shall be deemed to be repeated by the Company at Completion.
- 4A.2 The Company undertakes to notify the Placing Agent promptly in writing of any change which takes place or comes into the knowledge of the Company prior to Completion which, in the view of the Company, would or would be likely to render untrue or inaccurate any of the Warranties.

5. COMPLETION

- 5.1 Subject to the fulfillment of the conditions set out in <u>Clause 2.1</u>, Completion shall take place at 4:00 p.m. on the Completion Date (or at such other time or venue as the Parties may otherwise agree in writing).
- 5.2 At Completion,
 - (a) the Company shall deliver share certificate(s) of the Unsubscribed Rights Shares and the NQS Unsold Rights Shares in the number subscribed by the respective Placee(s) to the Placing Agent; and
 - (b) the Placing Agent shall deliver a cashier order or cheque to the Company for the aggregate amount received in the Placing of the Unsubscribed Rights Shares and the NQS Unsold Rights Shares, with the Placing Commission and other expenses deducted therefrom in accordance with <u>Clause 6.1 and 6.2</u>.
- (i) This Agreement can only be terminated by mutual written confirmations by the Company and the Placing Agent.

- (ii) The engagement of the Placing Agent may also be terminated by the Placing Agent in case of force majeure resulting in the Company and the Placing Agent being unable to fulfill its duties and responsibilities under the engagement. However, if during the course of the engagement it has come to the Placing Agent's knowledge that there is any material adverse change in the business and operational environment in the Company which, in the sole opinion of the Placing Agent, may make it inadvisable to continue the engagement, the Placing Agent shall have the right to terminate the engagement by written notice to the Company with immediate effect.
- In the event that this Agreement and the Placing is terminated pursuant to <u>Clause 5.3</u>, responsibilities and obligations of each Party under this Agreement shall cease and determine and no Party shall have any claim or recourse against the other Party in respect of any matter arising out of or in connection with this Agreement and/or the Placing except for (i) any antecedent breach of this Agreement and (ii) the payment by the Placing Agent to the Company of the aggregate amount received through Placing in accordance with <u>Clause 6.3</u>.
- In the event that the Company or the Placing Agent shall without any reasonable ground fail to do anything required to be done by it under this <u>Clause 5</u>, without prejudice to any other right or remedy available to the other Party, such other Party may:
 - (a) defer Completion to a day not more than 10 (ten) Business Days after the date fixed for Completion (and so that the provision of this paragraph (a) shall apply to Completion as so deferred); or
 - (b) proceed to Completion insofar as is practicable but without prejudice to such other Party's right to the extent that the Company or the Placing Agent shall not have complied with its obligations hereunder; or
 - (c) rescind this Agreement without liability on its part.

6. PAYMENT OF FEES, COMMISSIONS AND EXPENSES

- In consideration of the services rendered by the Placing Agent in relation to the Placing, the Company shall pay to the Placing Agent a commission equivalent to 1.5% of the gross proceeds from the successful placement of Unsubscribed Rights Shares and the NQS Unsold Rights Shares (which is equal to the Placing Price multiplied by the Unsubscribed Rights Shares and the NQS Unsold Rights Share that are successfully placed by the Placing Agent pursuant to the terms of this Agreement) on the Completion Date (the "Placing Commission"):
 - (a) in this connection, the Placing Agent is hereby authorised to deduct the Placing Commission and the Levies from the payment to be made by it to the Company at Completion;
 - (b) the Placing Agent is hereby authorised to deduct other out-of-pocket charges and expenses on actual incurrence basis.
- 6.2 Without limiting the generality of <u>Clause 6.1</u>, the Company shall also pay in relation to the Placing the costs, charges, fees and expenses of:
 - (a) any accountants or other professional advisers engaged in connection with the Placing or this Agreement;
 - (b) any approval, filing, registration with or other charges or fees imposed or charged by the Registrars of Companies in Hong Kong or other relevant

governmental or regulatory authorities; and/or

- (c) all other costs incurred in connection with the Placing not already paid by the Placing Agent on the Company's behalf; and
- 6.3 If this Agreement does not become unconditional or if for any other reason the Placing is not completed, the Company shall remain liable for reimbursement of professional fees as well as the payment of the out-of-pocket charges and expenses incurred by the Placing Agent specified in <u>Clauses 6.1 and 6.2</u>.

7. INDEMNIFICATION AND NO CLAIM

- Without Prejudice to the other rights or remedies of the Placing Agent, the 7.1 Company undertakes with the Placing Agent and any of its directors, officers, agents or employees and any other entity or person, if any, controlling the Placing Agent or any of its affiliates pursuant to Clause 3 (each an "Indemnified Person") to indemnify, and keep indemnified (on an after tax basis) each Indemnified Person from and against (i) any and all actions, claims (whether or not any such claim involves or results in any actions or proceedings), demands, suits, investigations and proceedings (together, the "Actions") from time to time pending or made or brought or threatened to be made (whether or not any Indemnified Person is a party) or brought against such Indemnified Person, and (ii) all losses, damages, liabilities, payments, costs or expenses (including legal fees and disbursements) and taxes (including, without limitation, stamp duty and any penalties and or interest arising in respect of any taxes, and all payments, costs or expenses made or incurred arising out of or in connection with the settlement of any Actions or in investigating, disputing or defending the same or the enforcement of any such settlement or any judgment obtained in respect of any Actions) (together, the "Losses") which may be suffered, made or incurred by, such Indemnified Person in respect of, related to, in connection with, or arising out of:
 - (a) any breach of the Warranties;
 - (b) the performance or carrying out by the Placing Agent of its obligations or any other actions or activities that are conducted in accordance with the terms of, or under or referred to in, this Agreement and in relation to the Placing; and
 - (c) any failure by the Company to comply with its obligations under the Listing Rules or any other applicable laws in respect of the Placing.
- Any settlement or compromise of any Action or Loss by any Indemnified 7.2 Person in respect of which indemnification under this Clause 7 is sought shall be made without prejudice to any claim, action or demand which any Indemnified Person may have or make against the Company under this Clause 7 or otherwise under this Agreement. The Company shall not make any admission of liability or settlement of any such Actions without the prior written consent of the Placing Agent, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed. The Company shall not, without the prior written consent of the Placing Agent, settle, compromise, consent to the entry of any judgment in or otherwise seek to terminate any Action in respect of which indemnification may be sought hereunder (whether or not any Indemnified Person is a party thereto) unless such settlement, compromise, consent or termination includes a release of each Indemnified Person from any liabilities arising out of such Action. The Placing Agent shall procure that no Indemnified Person seeking indemnification, reimbursement or contribution under Clause 7.1 shall, without the prior written consent of the Company, make any admission of liability or

- settle, compromise, consent to the entry of any judgment in or otherwise seek to terminate any Action.
- 7.3 The Placing Agent shall not be responsible for any loss or damage to the Company for any alleged insufficiency of the Placing Price.
- 7.4 No claim shall be made against any of the Placing Agent pursuant to <u>Clause 3</u> or any other Indemnified Person by the Company to recover any damage, cost, charge or expense which the Company may suffer or incur by reason of or arising from the carrying out by the Placing Agent of the work to be done by any of them pursuant hereto or the performance of any of their obligations hereunder or otherwise in connection with the Placing save and to the extent that such damage, cost, charge or expense is finally judicially determined by a court of a competent jurisdiction to have resulted from any fraud, willful default or gross negligence on the part of any of the Placing Agent pursuant to <u>Clause 3</u> or any other Indemnified Person (and then only against the relevant Placing Agent or other Indemnified Person (as the case may be)).

8. TAXES

8.1 All amounts payable to the Placing Agent under this Agreement (if any) shall be exclusive of taxes. As such, the Company shall pay such additional amount as may be necessary in order that, after deduction or withholding for or on account of any present or future tax, every payment to the Placing Agent will not be less than the amount to which the Placing Agent shall be entitled.

9. **CONFIDENTIALITY**

- 9.1 Each of the Parties hereto undertakes that it will not at any time (save as required by law or any rule of any relevant stock exchange or regulatory body) make any announcement in connection with this Agreement unless the other Party shall have given their respective consents to such announcement (which consents may not be unreasonably withheld or delayed and may be given either generally or in a specific case or cases and may be subject to conditions).
- 9.2 No public announcement or communication of any kind shall be made in respect of the subject matter of this Agreement unless specifically agreed between the Parties or unless an announcement is required pursuant to the Listing Rules, or by any other regulatory body or authority.

10. PARTIAL INVALIDITY

10.1 If at any time any provision of this Agreement is or becomes illegal, invalid or unenforceable in any respect in any jurisdiction, the legality, validity and enforceability in other jurisdictions or of the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall not be affected or impaired thereby.

11. SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS

- 11.1 This Agreement shall be binding on and ensure for the benefit of each Party's respective successors and permitted assigns.
- 11.2 The benefit of this Agreement may be assigned in whole or in part by the Placing Agent to another party regardless of whether or not the Company agrees thereto though the Company shall not assign or transfer any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement.

12. CONTINUING EFFECT OF AGREEMENT

12.1 Any provision of this Agreement which is capable of being performed after Completion but which has not been performed at or before Completion and all Warranties and other representations and warranties and other undertakings contained in or entered into pursuant to this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding Completion.

13. GENERAL

- This Agreement supersedes all and any previous agreements, arrangements or understanding between the Parties relating to the matters referred to in this Agreement and all such previous agreements, understanding or arrangements (if any) shall cease and determine with effect from the date hereof and neither Party shall have any claim in connection therewith.
- This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to its subject matter (no Party having relied on any representation or warranty made by any other Party which is not contained in this Agreement) and no variation of this Agreement shall be effective unless made in writing and signed by all Parties. The expression variation shall include any variation, supplement, deletion or replacement however effected.
- Unless expressly agreed by the Parties, no variation of this Agreement shall constitute a general waiver of any provisions of this Agreement, nor shall it affect any rights, obligations or liabilities of the Parties under or pursuant to this Agreement which have already accrued up to the date of variation, and the rights and obligations of the Parties under or pursuant to this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect, except and only to the extent that they are so varied.
- Time shall be of the essence of this Agreement but no failure by any Party to exercise, and no delay on its part in exercising any right hereunder will operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right under this Agreement preclude any other or further exercise of it or the exercise of any right or prejudice or affect any right against the other.
- 13.6 The rights and remedies provided in this Agreement are cumulative and not exclusive of any rights or remedies provided by law.
- 13.7 This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts and by the Parties on separate counterparts, each of which is an original, but all of which together constitute one and the same instrument.

14. NOTICES

14.1 All notices delivered hereunder shall be in writing and shall be communicated to the following addresses:

If to the Company to

Facsimile

(852) 2807 3649

Address

Unit 1603, 16/F., Tower 1, Enterprise Square, 9 Sheung Yuet Road, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon,

Hong Kong.

Email

group@windmill.com.hk

Attention : Board of Directors

If to the Placing Agent to:

Facsimile : (852) 2510 0220

Address : Unit A–C, 11/F Kee Shing Centre 74–76

Kimberley Road Kowloon Hong Kong.

Email : cs@spacefinancial.com.hk

Attention : Responsible Officers

Any such notice shall be served either by hand or by sending it through the post or by facsimile. Any notice shall be deemed to have been served, if served by hand, when delivered; if sent by post, forty-eight (48) hours after it is posted and if sent by facsimile, on receipt of confirmation of transmission, Any notice received on a day which is not a Business Day shall be deemed to be received on the next Business Day.

14.3 Nothing in this Clause shall preclude the service of communication or the proof of such service by any mode permitted by law.

15. GOVERNING LAW

- 15.1 This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with Hong Kong law.
- The courts of Hong Kong shall have jurisdiction to resolve any disputes which may arise out of or in connection with this Agreement and accordingly any legal action or proceedings arising out of or in connection with this Agreement shall be brought in the courts of Hong Kong.

16. <u>DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE</u>

16.1 The terms and conditions of this Agreement are arrived at after arm's length negotiations between the Parties with reference to the size of the Rights Issue and the prevailing market rate of commission and are on normal commercial terms.

SCHEDULE 1

WARRANTIES

The Company represents, warrants and undertakes to the Placing Agent that:

- 1. The Company:
 - (a) is validly incorporated and maintained;
 - (b) has fully and strictly complied with the laws of relevant jurisdictions including the laws of Hong Kong;
 - (c) has the requisite power, right and authority to own, use, lease and operate its assets and to conduct its business; and
 - (d) no order has been made, petition filed or resolution passed for its winding up, no compromise or scheme of arrangement has been proposed by it with its creditors or shareholders and no notice of appointment of a liquidator, receiver or administrator has been served on it;
- 2. Subject to the Stock Exchange's granting the listing of and permission to deal in the Rights Shares, the Company has full power under its constitutional documents and applicable law to execute this Agreement, to complete the Placing and to issue the Rights Shares; and further, the Company has, and has been, unconditionally granted all authorisations, approvals, consents and licences required for the Placing, which authorisations, approvals, consents and licences shall be, and shall remain to be, of full force and effect up to Completion;
- 3. The execution, delivery and performance by the Company of this Agreement will not contravene its constitutional documents, any provision of any applicable law (including, without limitation, the Listing Rules), any agreement or other instrument binding upon it, or any judgment, order or decree of any governmental body, agency or court having jurisdiction over it or any of its assets; and (except those described above in this paragraph) no consent from any government department, agency or regulatory authority is required for the performance by it of its obligations under this Agreement, except such as have already been obtained and are in full force and effect;
- 4. All announcements in relation to the Placing are or will be true and accurate and not misleading in any material aspects in the form and context in which they appear, all expressions of opinion, intention or expectation contained therein have been or will be made on reasonable grounds and are truly and honestly held by the directors of the Company and are or will be fairly based, all forecasts and estimates therein (if any) are honest and fair and there are or will be no other facts known or which could on reasonable enquiry have been known to the directors of the Company the omission of which would make any such statement or expression in the announcements misleading;
- 5. All information supplied by or on behalf of the Company or any of its officers, directors, employees or advisers for the purpose of or in connection with the Placing is and was (when supplied or published) true, accurate and not misleading and was given in good faith and all forecasts and estimates so supplied or disclosed have been made after due and proper consideration;
- 6. The Company is not in possession of any non-public information relating to the Company or its businesses, operations or financial condition, the release of which

could materially affect the market activity in and/or the trading price of the securities of the Company and there is not in existence any material or information relating to the Group which will be required to be disclosed by the Company under the Listing Rules or applicable laws and regulations. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, there is no information (including, without limitation, any information regarding any material adverse change or prospective material adverse change in the condition of, or any actual, pending or threatened litigation, arbitration or similar proceeding involving any member of the Group) that is not described in the Company's most recent annual report or subsequent public information releases (the "Company Information") which information is necessary to enable investors to make an informed assessment of the assets and liabilities, financial position, profits and losses and prospects of the Group; the Company Information does not include any untrue statement of fact or omit to state any fact necessary in order to make the statements therein not misleading;

- 7. The Rights Shares will be issued and allotted free from any liens, encumbrances and third party rights and together with all rights attaching thereto, will be fully paid and non-assessable, will rank *pari passu* with all the Shares in issue on the Completion Date, and the Company will not exercise any liens over any of the Rights Shares; and no person has any pre-emptive or other rights with respect to the Rights Shares;
- 8. The Group's financial results for the ended 30 April 2024 (the "Final Accounts") give a true and fair view of the consolidated financial position of the Group as of the dates indicated and the consolidated results of operations and changes in shareholders' equity of the Group for the period indicated, and have been prepared in conformity with all applicable laws, Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards and the accounting policies of the Company at the time of their preparation applied on a consistent basis;
- 9. There has not been any material change to the financial condition of the Company and of the Group since the issuance of the Final Accounts; and
- 10. The Company shall procure that particulars of every new factor known to it which is likely to affect the Placing or which is likely to adversely affect the Group taken as a whole and which arises between the date of this Agreement and the Completion Date (inclusive) shall be promptly provided and disclosed to the Placing Agent, subject to compliance with any applicable laws, rules and regulations.

IN WITNESS HEREOF this Agreement has been entered into the day and year first before written.

EXECUTION PAGE

THE COMPANY

SIGNED by

for and on behalf of HSC RESOURCES GROUP LIMITED the Company in the presence of:

IN WITNESS HEREOF this Agreement has been entered into the day and year first before written.

EXECUTION PAGE

THE PLACING AGENT

SIGNED by	}
for and on behalf of	}
ADVENT SECURITIES (HONG KONG)) ()
LIMITED) **
the Placing Agent)
in the presence of:)