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## HONG KONG FERRY (HOLDINGS) COMPANY LIMITED

香港小輪（集團）有限公司

*(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)*

**(Stock Code: 50)**

### ELECTION OF LANGUAGE AND MEANS OF RECEIPT OF CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS

In support of environmental protection and for the purpose of saving printing and mailing costs, the Company is making arrangements in accordance with Rules 2.07A and 2.07B of the Listing Rules to ascertain the Shareholders' preferences as to elect to receive all future Corporate Communications (i) in electronic form on the Company's website at [www.hkf.com](http://www.hkf.com) (where they will continue to be published in both English and Chinese) or in printed form; or (ii) if Shareholders elect to receive the Corporate Communications in printed form, to receive them in English only, in Chinese only, or in both languages. The Company recommends you to elect to receive all future Corporate Communications by electronic means.

If the Company does not receive Shareholders' response by 18 January 2018, Shareholders are deemed to have consented to receive future Corporate Communications by electronic means through the Company's website.

#### INTRODUCTION

In support of environmental protection and for the purpose of saving printing and mailing costs, the Company is making arrangements described below pursuant to the Listing Rules, the Companies Ordinance and the articles of association of the Company to ascertain the Shareholders' preferences as to election of language and means of receipt of future Corporate Communications.

#### PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS

In accordance with Rules 2.07A and 2.07B of the Listing Rules, the following arrangements will be made by the Company:

1. The Company will send a letter to the Shareholders on 20 December 2017 (the "**First Letter**") together with a reply form (the "**Reply Form**") with a pre-paid mailing label for posting within Hong Kong. The First Letter and the Reply Form will be in both English and Chinese. The Reply Form will enable the Shareholders to elect any one of the following options:
  - (i) to receive all future Corporate Communications by electronic means on the Company's website at [www.hkf.com](http://www.hkf.com) in place of printed copies and receive an email notification or a notification letter of the publication of Corporate Communications on the Company's website; or
  - (ii) to receive the printed English version of all future Corporate Communications only; or

- (iii) to receive the printed Chinese version of all future Corporate Communications only; or
- (iv) to receive both the printed English and Chinese versions of all future Corporate Communications.

The First Letter explains that, if the Company does not receive from a Shareholder a duly completed and signed Reply Form (or a response from a Shareholder indicating that the Shareholder objects to receiving the Corporate Communications in electronic form on the Company's website) on or before 18 January 2018, the Shareholder will be deemed, until the Shareholder informs the Company otherwise by reasonable notice (of not less than 7 days) in writing at the offices of the Company's Share Registrar, Tricor Standard Limited at Level 22, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong or by email to [hkf50-ecom@hk.tricorglobal.com](mailto:hkf50-ecom@hk.tricorglobal.com), to have consented to receive all future Corporate Communications by electronic means through the Company's website instead of receiving them in printed form.

2. For Shareholders who have elected to receive the Corporate Communications using electronic means, the Company's Share Registrar will send to them an email notification of the publication of Corporate Communications on the Company's website on the same day as the Corporate Communications are sent to Shareholders. If a Shareholder does not provide an email address and for those Shareholders who are deemed to have consented to receive the Corporate Communications by electronic means, the Company will notify the Shareholders by post when each Corporate Communication is published on the Company's website. This notification will be sent to the address of the Shareholder which appears in the Company's register of members maintained by the Company's Share Registrar.
3. For Shareholders who have elected to receive a printed form of the Corporate Communications in either English or Chinese language only or in both languages, the Company will send their selected language version(s) of the Corporate Communications together with a letter (the "**Second Letter**") and a change request form (the "**Change Request Form**"), prepared in English and Chinese, with a pre-paid mailing label for posting within Hong Kong to them. The Second Letter specifies that Shareholders are entitled to change their selected language and means of receipt of subsequent Corporate Communications at any time by completing and returning the Change Request Form to the Company's Share Registrar.
4. Shareholders are entitled at any time by reasonable notice (of not less than 7 days) in writing to the Company's Share Registrar (Address: Level 22, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong) or by email (Email address: [hkf50-ecom@hk.tricorglobal.com](mailto:hkf50-ecom@hk.tricorglobal.com)) to change their choice of language and means of receiving Corporate Communications. If, for any reason, any Shareholders has difficulty in receiving or gaining access to the Corporate Communications published on the Company's website, the Company's Share Registrar will promptly upon written request by the Shareholders send them the Corporate Communications in printed form free of charge.
5. All Corporate Communications will continue to be available on the Company's website at [www.hkf.com](http://www.hkf.com) in both the English and Chinese languages for at least 5 years from the date of first publication. Soft copies in both languages of all Corporate Communications will also be filed with HKEx in electronic format on the same day as such Corporate Communication is despatched to the Shareholders, or on such other day as required by the Stock Exchange or pursuant to the Listing Rules and will be available on the website of HKEx at [www.hkexnews.hk](http://www.hkexnews.hk).
6. The Company's Share Registrar will be providing a telephone hotline service (Telephone: (852) 2980 1333) during business hours (9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays) to enable Shareholders to make enquiry of the Company's proposed arrangements.

7. The First Letter and the Second Letter will indicate that Corporate Communications will be available on the Company's website at [www.hkf.com](http://www.hkf.com) in both English and Chinese and that the hotline service is being provided as described above.

## DEFINITIONS

In this announcement, unless the context requires otherwise, the following terms have the meanings set out below:

“Board”	the board of directors of the Company;
“Companies Ordinance”	the Companies Ordinance, Chapter 622 of the Laws of Hong Kong;
“Company”	Hong Kong Ferry (Holdings) Company Limited 香港小輪(集團)有限公司, a company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability, the shares of which are listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange (stock code: 50);
“Corporate Communication(s)”	any document(s) issued or to be issued by the Company for the information or action of holders of any of its securities as defined in Rule 1.01 of the Listing Rules, including but not limited to the directors' report, annual accounts together with a copy of the auditor's report (and where applicable, the summary financial report), the interim report (and where applicable, the summary interim report), notices of meetings, listing documents, circulars and proxy forms;
“HKEx”	Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited;
“Hong Kong”	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China;
“Listing Rules”	Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange;
“Shares”	the shares in the share capital of the Company;
“Shareholder(s)”	registered holder(s) of the Shares;
“Share Registrar”	Tricor Standard Limited of Level 22, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong; and
“Stock Exchange”	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

By Order of the Board  
**Yuen Wai Kuen**  
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 20 December 2017

*As at the date of this announcement, the executive directors of the Company are Dr. Lam Ko Yin, Colin (Chairman) and Mr. Li Ning; the non-executive directors of the Company are Mr. Au Siu Kee, Alexander, Mr. Lau Yum Chuen, Eddie, Dr. Lee Shau Kee and Mr. Wong Man Kong, Peter; and the independent non-executive directors of the Company are Mr. Ho Hau Chong, Norman, Mr. Leung Hay Man, Ms. Wong Yu Pok, Marina and Mr. Wu King Cheong.*