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# Lee's Pharmaceutical Holdings Limited

李氏大藥廠控股有限公司\*

(incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 950)

# CONNECTED TRANSACTION

# PROVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

On 13 March 2015, Lee's International, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, and PPI entered into the Shareholder Loan Agreement, pursuant to which Lee's International agrees to advance the Shareholder Loan in the principle amount of HK\$2,000,000 to PPI at an interest rate of 4% per annum. The Term of the Loan shall be one year commencing from the Advance Date.

Sigma-Tau is a substantial shareholder of the Company, Dr. Li Xiaoyi is a Director and a substantial shareholder of the Company, and Swift Power is a company wholly owned by Dr. Li Xiaoyi. Sigma-Tau, Dr. Li Xiaoyi and Swift Power are all connected persons of the Company under the Listing Rules. Lee's International is a shareholder of PPI and at the same time, Sigma-Tau, Dr. Li Xiaoyi and Swift Power are also the shareholders of PPI. Sigma-Tau, being a connected person of the Company, is holding approximately 0.36% of the issued share capital of PPI. Dr. Li Xiaoyi and Swift Power, in aggregate, are also holding approximately 13.67% of the issued share capital of PPI. They are together entitled to exercise, or control the exercise of, 10% or more of the voting power at any general meeting of PPI, and therefore the Shareholder Loan made by Lee's International to PPI under the Shareholder Loan Agreement constitutes a connected transaction pursuant to Rule 14A.27 of the Listing Rules.

<sup>\*</sup> For identification purposes only

The applicable percentage ratio for all financial assistances made by the Company (by itself or through Lee's International), including the Shareholder Loan, the Second Shareholder Loan, the Third Shareholder Loan, the Fourth Shareholder Loan, the Fifth Shareholder Loan and the Guarantee, in aggregate does not exceed 5% and therefore, in accordance with Rule 14A.76(2) of the Listing Rules, the Shareholder Loan is only subject to the annual reporting and announcement requirements and is exempt from the circular (including independent financial advice) and shareholders' approval requirements of the Listing Rules.

# SHAREHOLDER LOAN AGREEMENT

#### Date

13 March 2015

#### **Parties**

- (1) Lee's International, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, as lender; and
- (2) PPI, as borrower.

# Principal amount of the Shareholder Loan

HK\$2,000,000

#### Interest rate

The rate of interest applicable to the Shareholder Loan shall be 4% per annum, which is determined with reference to the prevailing interest rate in the market.

Interest shall be accrued and calculated for the period commencing from the Advance Date up to (but excluding) the Repayment Date.

#### Drawdown

The Loan shall be drawn on the Advance Date by serving not less than two Business Days prior written notice by PPI to Lee's International.

#### **Term**

Subject to the early repayment as provided under the Shareholder Loan Agreement, the term of the Shareholder Loan shall be one year commencing from the Advance Date.

# Repayment schedule

PPI shall repay the Shareholder Loan together with the interest accrued on the Repayment Date.

PPI shall have the right to make early repayment of the Shareholder Loan, together with the interest accrued at any time during the Term by giving the Written Notice to Lee's International. PPI shall specify in the Written Notice the date when the early repayment of the Shareholder Loan shall be made.

# REASONS FOR AND BENEFITS OF THE SHAREHOLDER LOAN AGREEMENT

PPI is in the course of expanding its business operation in producing, developing and in promoting the sale of a new pharmaceutical product. To ensure such steady growth will be backed by ample financial resources, PPI would need additional cash flow. Therefore, after arm's length negotiation between PPI and Lee's International, a shareholder of PPI, Lee's International agrees to further make the Shareholder Loan at a market interest rate to PPI. Accordingly, on 13 March 2015, Lee's International and PPI entered into the Shareholder Loan Agreement on the terms set out above. The Shareholder Loan would be utilised for PPI's general working capital.

The Directors (including the independent non-executive Directors) considered that the Shareholder Loan Agreement, which has been entered into after arm's length negotiation between Lee's International and PPI, are not in the ordinary and usual course of business of the Group but are on normal commercial terms and the terms therein are fair and reasonable and in the interest of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole. Dr. Li Xiaoyi, an executive Director and a substantial shareholder of the Company, is directly and indirectly (through Swift Power) interested in the issued share capital of PPI. As a result, Dr. Li Xiaoyi is considered to have a material interest in the transactions contemplated under the Shareholder Loan Agreement and are required to abstain, and have abstained, from voting on the relevant Board resolutions to approve the Shareholder Loan Agreement. Save for the above, no Director has a material interest in the transactions contemplated under the Shareholder Loan Agreement and none of them is required to abstain or has abstained from, voting on the relevant Board resolutions to approve the Shareholder Loan Agreement.

# INFORMATION OF PPI

PPI was incorporated in the British Virgin Islands on 6 August 2009, and is currently carrying on the business of, inter alia, producing, developing and sale of Zingo and the platform together with the accompanying powder intra-dermal injection system.

# GENERAL INFORMATION OF THE GROUP

The Group is a research-driven and market-oriented biopharmaceutical company focused on the PRC market. Through its operating subsidiary in the PRC, the Group develops, manufactures and markets proprietary pharmaceutical products in the PRC. It has established a sale and distribution network for pharmaceuticals covering most provinces and cities in the PRC, marketing both self-developed products and licensed products from abroad. The principal business activity of Lee's International is investment holding.

# LISTING RULES IMPLICATIONS

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The applicable percentage ratio for all financial assistances made by the Company (by itself or through Lee's International), including the Shareholder Loan, the Second Shareholder Loan, the Third Shareholder Loan, the Fourth Shareholder Loan, the Fifth Shareholder Loan and the Guarantee, when aggregated, does not exceed 5% and therefore, in accordance with Rule 14A.76(2) of the Listing Rules, the Shareholder Loan is only subject to the annual reporting and announcement requirements and is exempt from the circular (including independent financial advice) and shareholders' approval requirements of the Listing Rules.

# **DEFINITIONS**

In this announcement, the following expressions have the following meanings unless the context requires otherwise:

"Advance Date"	the c	date	when	the	Shareholder	Loan	is	drawn	down	by	PPI	
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within the Availability Period

"Availability Period" a period of one month commencing from the date of the

Shareholder Loan Agreement

"Board" board of Directors

"Business Day" a day (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and statutory holidays)

on which commercial banks in Hong Kong are open for

business

"Company" Lee's Pharmaceutical Holdings Limited, a company

incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability with its issued shares listed on the Main Board of the Stock

Exchange

"connected person" has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules

"connected transaction" has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules

"Director(s)" director(s) of the Company

"Fifth Shareholder Loan" the shareholder loan in the principal amount of

HK\$4,000,000 made by Lee's International to PPI under the shareholder loan agreement dated 7 October 2013, and extended by the supplemental agreement dated 30 September 2014, details of which are set out in the announcements made by the Company on 7 October 2013 and 30 September

2014, respectively

"Fourth Shareholder the shareholder loan in the principal amount of HK\$4,000,000 made by Lee's International to PPI under the shareholder

made by Lee's International to PPI under the shareholder loan agreement dated 23 July 2013 and extended by the supplemental agreement dated 23 July 2014, details of which are set out in the announcements made by the Company on

23 July 2013 and 23 July 2014, respectively

"Group" the Company and its subsidiaries

"Guarantee" the deed of guarantee dated 2 May 2014 executed by the

Company in favour of Nanyang Commercial Bank, Limited, pursuant to which the Company agreed to guarantee to pay, among others, all secured indebtedness in respect of a revolving demand loan facility of up to HK\$6,000,000 and overdraft facility of up to HK\$1,000,000, details of which are set out in the announcement made by the Company on 2

May 2014

"HK\$" Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong

"Hong Kong" Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC

"Lee's International" Lee's Pharmaceutical International Limited, a company

with limited liability and incorporated under the laws of the British Virgin Islands, and a wholly owned subsidiary of the

Company

"Listing Rules" Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock

Exchange

"PPI"	Powder Pharmaceuticals Incorporated, a company with limited liability and incorporated under the laws of the British Virgin Islands
"PRC"	People's Republic of China, which for the purpose of this announcement, excludes Hong Kong, Macau Special Administrative Region of the PRC and Taiwan
"Repayment Date"	the expiry date of the Term, or if PPI elects to make early repayment, the date as specified in the Written Notice
"Second Shareholder Loan"	the shareholder loan in the principal amount of US\$500,000 made by Lee's International to PPI under the shareholder loan agreement dated 23 July 2012, as extended by the supplemental agreement dated 19 June 2013 with an increased principal amount of up to US\$520,000 and further extended by the supplemental agreement dated 23 July 2014, details of which are set out in the announcements made by the Company on 23 July 2012, 19 June 2013 and 23 July 2014, respectively
"Shareholder Loan"	the shareholder loan in the principal amount of HK\$2,000,000 made by Lee's International to PPI under the Shareholder Loan Agreement
"Shareholder Loan Agreement"	the shareholder loan agreement dated 13 March 2015 entered into between Lee's International and PPI
"Shareholders"	holders of the Shares
"Shares"	ordinary share(s) of nominal value of HK\$0.05 each in the capital of the Company
"Sigma-Tau"	Sigma-Tau Industrie Farmaceutiche Riunite S.p.A., a company incorporated and existing pursuant to the laws of Italy
"Stock Exchange"	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
"subsidiary" or "subsidiaries"	has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules
"substantial shareholder"	has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules

"Swift Power"	Swift Power Investments Limited, a company with limited liability and incorporated under the laws of the British Virgin Islands, and wholly owned by Dr. Li Xiaoyi who is a Director and a substantial shareholder of the Company
"Term"	the term of the Shareholder Loan, which is one year commencing from the Advance Date
"Third Shareholder Loan"	the Shareholder Loan in the principal amount of HK\$8,000,000 made by Lee's International to PPI under the shareholder loan agreement dated 4 January 2013, as extended by the supplemental agreement dated 20 December 2013 and further extended by the supplemental agreement dated 6 January 2015, details of which are set out in the announcements made by the Company on 4 January 2013, 20 December 2013 and 6 January 2015, respectively
"Written Notice"	the 7-day written notice served by PPI in accordance with the terms of the Shareholder Loan Agreement, which sets out PPI's intention to make early repayment on the Shareholder Loan, together with interest accrued thereon
"US\$"	United States dollars, the lawful currency of the USA
"USA"	United States of America

"Zingo" Lidocaine Hydrochloride Monohydrate, a novel pharmaceutical

product for pain management which is a combination drug device indicated for use on intact skin to provide local analgesia prior to veni-puncture and intravenous cannulation

"%" per cent

By order of the Board

Lee's Pharmaceutical Holdings Limited

Lee Siu Fong

Chairman

Hong Kong, 13 March 2015

As at the date thereof, Ms. Lee Siu Fong (Chairman), Ms. Leelalertsuphakun Wanee and Dr. Li Xiaoyi are executive Directors; Dr. Marco Maria Brughera is a non-executive Director, Dr. Chan Yau Ching, Bob, Mr. Lam Yat Cheong and Dr. Tsim Wah Keung, Karl are independent non-executive Directors.