RATES AND/OR GOVERNMENT RENT FOR THE QUARTER FROM OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2022

Notice is hereby given that, in accordance with the Rating Ordinance (Chapter 116) and the Government Rent (Assessment and Collection) Ordinance (Chapter 515), rates and/or Government rent for the quarter from October to December 2022 are due and payable on or before 31 October 2022. Payment can be made:—

- (1) by using autopay, PPS, bank automated teller machines (ATM), Faster Payment System (FPS) or Internet banking;
- (2) by uploading an e-Cheque/e-Cashier's Order *via* the 'Pay e-Cheque' portal: (www. payecheque.gov.hk);
- (3) by sending a crossed cheque to the Treasury, P.O. Box No. 28000, Gloucester Road Post Office, Hong Kong (please note that mail with insufficient postage will be rejected); or
- (4) in person at any of the post offices or designated convenience stores in Hong Kong (i.e. 7-Eleven, Circle K, VanGo or U select). For enquiry of the addresses and opening hours of post offices, please call Hongkong Post's enquiry hotline on 2921 2222 or visit their website: (www.hongkongpost.hk).

Demand notes for rates and/or Government rent for the quarter from October to December 2022 have been issued. The demand notes have reflected the rates concession for this quarter, subject to a ceiling of \$1,000 and \$2,000 for each rateable domestic and non-domestic tenement respectively. Any unused portion of the concession in this quarter will not be used to offset the outstanding rates in any other quarters. The concession does not apply to payment of Government rent.

If payers have not received the demand notes, they may obtain replacement demand notes or enquire the amount payable by (i) visiting the department's website at (www.rvd.gov.hk); (ii) calling 2152 0111; (iii) fax 2152 0113; or (iv) in person at the Rating and Valuation Department, 15/F, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices, 303 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Kowloon.

Non-receipt or late receipt of demand note does not alter the requirement that the total amount due must be paid on or before 31 October 2022. A surcharge of 5% under the provisions of the above-mentioned Ordinances will be imposed for late payment. A further surcharge of 10% will be levied on the outstanding amount (including the 5% surcharge) which remains unpaid six months after the last day for payment.

To support environmental protection, payers are advised to utilise our free eRVD Bill service to receive e-bills and make payments. They are also encouraged to settle bills by Autopay or other means of e-payment (e.g. PPS, ATM, Internet banking or e-Cheque/e-Cashier Order) in order to save queuing time. Application forms for autopay are obtainable from the Rating and Valuation Department, District Offices and major banks in Hong Kong or by telephoning 2152 0111. Payers may also download the form from the Department's website.

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Kevin K. Y. SIU Commissioner of Rating and Valuation