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Zall Group Ltd.

卓爾集團股份有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 2098)

CONTINUING CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS LEASE AGREEMENT

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LISTING RULES IMPLICATION

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As the highest applicable percentage ratio in respect of the annual caps for the Lease Agreement is, on an annual basis, more than 0.1% but less than 5%, the Lease Agreement is subject to the reporting, annual review and announcement requirements but are exempted from the independent Shareholders' approval requirement under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

INTRODUCTION

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- Date** : 18 May 2017
- Parties** : (1) North Hankou Trade Market, as landlord
(2) Wuhan Z-Bank, as tenant
- Leased Premises** : the Premises
- Area** : 4,897.5 square metres
- Usage** : The Premises is to be used for by Wuhan Z-Bank for its business operation purposes
- Rent and other outgoings** : Wuhan Z-Bank shall pay rentals amounting to RMB1,469,250 per calendar month (RMB300 per square metres) and property management fee amount to RMB24,487.50 per calendar month (RMB5.00 per square metres).

The rent and property management fee shall be paid on an annual basis prior to 31 December of each year, amounting to an aggregate RMB17,924,850 per year.

- Option to renew** : Wuhan Z-Bank shall have right of priority over renewal of the Lease Agreement with North Hankou Trade Market upon the expiration of its term.

- Annual Caps** : Based on the monthly rental and property management fee payable under the Lease Agreement, the annual caps for the transaction contemplated under the Lease Agreement for each of the relevant periods shall be as follows:

2017	2018	2019	2020
RMB11,196,893	RMB17,924,850	RMB17,924,850	RMB6,758,550

INTERNAL CONTROL

The parties may re-negotiate the amount of the rents and other fees payable during the term of the Lease Agreement with reference to the prevailing market rents for similar premises in the same or nearby areas or similar locations in the PRC, provided that the total rents and other fees payable shall not exceed the respective proposed annual caps, and the terms shall be on normal commercial terms and no less favourable to the Group than those available from independent third parties.

In the event where the parties re-negotiate the amount of the rents and other fees under the Lease Agreement, the Company will adopt the following measures in order to ensure that the transactions under the Lease Agreement will be on normal commercial terms and no less favourable to the Group than those available from independent third parties:

- (a) the Group will obtain the market rents and other fees payable for similar premises in the same or nearby areas or similar locations in the PRC;
- (b) the Group will negotiate and agree on the new rents and/or other fees payable with reference to the proposed annual caps and the market rents;
- (c) the Group has an internal system to trace, monitor and evaluate the transaction amounts under the Lease Agreement regularly to ensure that the proposed annual caps will not be exceeded; and
- (d) the Group will comply with the annual review requirements in respect of the transactions contemplated under the Lease Agreement in accordance with Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules, such as engaging the Company's auditor to conduct annual review and having the independent non-executive Directors to review the transactions contemplated under the Lease Agreement and give opinions/confirmations in the Company's annual reports.

By implementing the above measures, the Directors (including the independent non-executive Directors) consider that the Company has sufficient internal control and procedures to ensure that any new rental and other fees to be agreed under the Lease Agreement will be on normal commercial terms and no less favourable to the Group than those available from independent third parties.

REASONS FOR AND BENEFITS OF THE ENTERING INTO THE LEASE AGREEMENT

The Company is an investment holding company and the Group is principally engaged in the development and operating of large-scale consumer product-focused wholesale shopping malls and the related value added business, such as warehousing, logistic, e-commerce and financial services in the PRC.

The terms of the Lease Agreement, including the rents and property management fee received from Wuhan Z-Bank under the Lease Agreement, were entered into on an arm's length negotiations with reference to the prevailing market rent for comparable premises in the vicinity. The Premises is located at D2 North Hankou International Trade Centre, No. 88 North Hankou Road, Panlongcheng Economics and Technology Development Zone, Huangpi District, Wuhan , Hubei Province, PRC and the leasing of the Premises to Wuhan Z-Bank would generate additional rental income for the Group.

The Board (including the independent non-executive Directors) is of the opinion that, (i) the terms of the Lease Agreement are on normal commercial terms and are fair and reasonable (ii) the amount of the annual caps is fair and reasonable, and (iii) the transactions contemplated under the Lease Agreement are and will be conducted in the ordinary and usual course of business of the Group and in the interests of the Company and its Shareholders as a whole.

INFORMATION OF THE TENANT

Wuhan Z-Bank is the first private bank to be approved in Hubei with a registered capital of RMB2 billion. It is also the sixth private bank to be approved nation-wide since the publication of the Guidance Opinions on the Promotion of Private Banking Development by the PRC State Council. Wuhan Z-Bank differentiated itself from the traditional business models of commercial banks through its integrated online and offline operations, its utilization of big-data and cloud computing to implement credit valuation and risk control, and its deep engagement with the customers' supply chain management of production ecosystem, thereby providing its financial services for the whole supply chain business. Wuhan Z-Bank aims to be the most influential mid/small/micro-financing financial organization and a professional trading bank.

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DEFINITIONS

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

“Board”	the board of Directors
“Company”	Zall Group Ltd. (卓爾集團股份有限公司), a company incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability, the shares of which are listed on the main board of the Stock Exchange
“connected person”	has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules
“Directors”	the directors of the Company
“Group”	the Company and its subsidiaries
“Hong Kong”	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC
“Listing Rules”	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange

“PRC”	the People’s Republic of China, which for the purpose of this announcement, shall exclude Hong Kong, Macau Special Administrative Region and Taiwan
“Premises”	the properties with an aggregate area of 4,897.5 square metres located at D2 North Hankou International Trade Centre, No. 88 North Hankou Road, Panlongcheng Economics and Technology Development Zone, Huangpi District, Wuhan , Hubei Province, PRC * (湖北省武漢市黃陂區盤龍城經濟開發區漢口北大道88號漢口北國際商品交易中心D2區)
“RMB”	Renminbi, the lawful currency of the PRC
“Lease Agreement”	the lease agreement dated 18 May 2017 entered into between North Hankou Trade Market and Wuhan Z-Bank in relation to the Premises
“Shareholders”	Holders of the Shares
“Shares”	shares of the Company
“Stock Exchange”	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
“Wuhan Z-Bank”	Wuhan Z-Bank Ltd.* (武漢眾邦銀行股份有限公司), a company established in the PRC with limited liability
“Zall Holdings”	Zall Holdings Ltd.* (卓爾控股有限公司), a company established in the PRC with limited liability and held as to 99.95% by Mr. Yan Zhi
“North Hankou Trade Market”	Wuhan North Hankou Trade Market Investment Co., Ltd.* (武漢漢口北商貿市場投資有限公司), a company established in the PRC principally engaged in property development in the PRC and a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company
“%”	per cent.

By order of the Board
Zall Group Ltd.
Yan Zhi
Co-chairman

Hong Kong, 18 May 2017

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises eight members, of which Mr. Yan Zhi, Dr. Gang Yu, Mr. Cui Jinfeng and Mr. Peng Chi, as executive directors of the Company; Mr. Cheung Ka Fai, Mr. Wu Ying, Mr. Wei Zhe, David and Mr. Zhu Zhengfu are independent non-executive directors of the Company.

* for identification purposes only