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**C.P. POKPHAND CO. LTD.**

*(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)*

(Stock Code: 43)

**MAJOR AND CONNECTED TRANSACTION  
IN RELATION TO THE LOAN AGREEMENT**

On 21 April 2009, EKCM, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, entered into the Loan Agreement with ECI Metro in relation to the provision of the Loan.

ECI Metro is a jointly-controlled entity of the Company in which EKCM has an indirect 50% equity interest. Since Mr. Chatchaval Jiaravanon, an executive director of the Company, is the son-in-law of Mr. Thongsai Burapachaisri, who holds an approximately 92.4% equity interest in Metro Tractor, which in turn holds the other 50% equity interest in ECI Metro, Mr. Thongsai Burapachaisri and ECI Metro are connected persons of the Company pursuant to Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules. In view of the provision of financial assistance by EKCM to the same party under the Amendment Agreement which was entered into within a 12-month period of the Loan Agreement, the transactions under the Amendment Agreement and the Loan Agreement are required to be aggregated pursuant to Rules 14.22 and 14A.25 of the Listing Rules. As some of the applicable aggregate percentage ratios are more than 25% but less than 100%, the Loan constitutes a major and connected transaction for the Company under the Listing Rules and is subject to the reporting, announcement and independent shareholders' approval requirements under the Listing Rules.

To the best knowledge of the Directors, as no Shareholder has any material interest in the Loan Agreement, none of the Shareholders is required to abstain from voting if the Company were to convene a general meeting for approving the transactions contemplated under the Loan Agreement. CPI Holding and Worth Access, each of which is wholly-owned by companies which are held as to 51.31% of their issued share capital by the Chearavanont Shareholders, and which hold on an aggregate basis approximately 51.39% of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of this announcement, have given their written approval of the Loan. Application has been made to the Stock Exchange for a waiver of the requirement of holding a general meeting to approve the Loan Agreement and to accept the written independent shareholders' approval pursuant to Rule 14A.43 of the Listing Rules.

A circular containing further details of the Loan will be despatched to Shareholders in due course.

## **1. THE LOAN AGREEMENT**

### **(a) Date**

21 April 2009

### **(b) Parties**

Lender: EKCM, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company; and

Borrower: ECI Metro, a jointly-controlled entity of the Company, in which EKCM holds an indirect 50% equity interest.

### **(c) Details of the Loan**

Under the Loan Agreement, EKCM will lend, or procure its direct or indirect subsidiaries or a third party to lend to ECI Metro the principal amount of up to US\$29,000,000 (or its equivalent in RMB) in cash, at a rate per annum equal to the prime rate of interest published by the People's Bank of China on completion for RMB borrowings of one-year multiplied by 1.15. The interest rate for the Loan was determined after arm's length negotiation between EKCM and ECI Metro with reference to the prevailing interest rates quoted by the commercial bank in the PRC. The term of the Loan Agreement is one year commencing from the date of the Loan Agreement. ECI Metro shall pay interest and repay the principal amount drawn upon maturity.

### **(d) Conditions Precedent**

Completion of the Loan Agreement is conditional upon, among other things, full compliance with the applicable requirements of the Listing Rules, including obtaining (where applicable) a waiver from the Stock Exchange to accept a written independent shareholders' approval of the Company in lieu of holding a general meeting to approve the Loan Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereunder.

As at the date of this announcement, the condition precedent set out above has been fulfilled.

### **(e) Drawdown**

The Loan can be drawn down upon receipt of prior written drawn down notice of at least five business days immediately following the day upon which all of the conditions for the Loan Agreement shall have been fulfilled, or such other date as the relevant parties may agree in writing.

## **INFORMATION ON THE PARTIES**

The Group is principally engaged in the production and sale of chlortetracycline products, the manufacturing and sale of motorcycles, the sale of Caterpillar machinery, and manufacturing and sale of carburetors and automobile accessories through its jointly-controlled entities and property and investment holding.

ECI Metro is a jointly-controlled entity of the Company in which EKCM, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, has a 50% indirect equity interest. ECI Metro is the sole agent of the Caterpillar brand of construction machinery and tools in the western region of the PRC and is principally engaging in the sales, leasing and repair services of Caterpillar construction machinery in the PRC.

## **REASONS FOR THE LOAN**

The purpose of the Loan is to finance the purchase of Caterpillar machinery and spare parts and to provide working capital for the ECI Metro Group. The other shareholder of ECI Metro, Metro Tractor, has also agreed to procure a loan of up to US\$29,000,000 (or its equivalent in RMB) to ECI Metro for the same purpose.

Given that (i) the Loan will provide support to ECI Metro for its increasing scale of operation and therefore strengthen its revenue stream and profitability and will in turn benefit the Group; and (ii) the other shareholder of ECI Metro has also agreed to procure a similar loan to ECI Metro for the same purpose, the Directors (excluding the independent non-executive Directors whose views will be given after taking into account the advice from the independent financial adviser) consider that the provision of the Loan is on normal commercial terms, in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole and are fair and reasonable.

## **LISTING RULES IMPLICATIONS**

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To the best knowledge of the Directors, as no Shareholder has any material interest in the Loan Agreement, none of the Shareholders is required to abstain from voting if the Company were to convene a general meeting for approving the transactions contemplated under the Loan Agreement. CPI Holding and Worth Access, each of which is wholly-owned by companies which are held as to 51.31% of their issued share capital by the Chearavanont Shareholders, and which hold on an aggregate basis approximately 51.39% of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of this announcement, have given their written approval of the Loan. CPI Holding and Worth Access each holds 1,004,014,695 Shares and 481,250,000 Shares respectively. Application has been made to the Stock Exchange for a waiver of the requirement of holding a general meeting to approve the Loan Agreement and to accept the written independent shareholders' approval pursuant to Rule 14A.43 of the Listing Rules.

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## **DEFINITIONS**

In this announcement, the following expressions have the meanings set out below unless the context requires otherwise.

“Amendment Agreement”	the amendment agreement dated 30 October 2008, entered into by EKCM in favour of CCFL, guaranteeing all present and future indebtedness of ECI Metro Group to CCFL advanced on or before 1 July 2009 of up to the maximum amount of US\$30.55 million
“Board”	the board of Directors
“CCFL”	卡特彼勒（中國）融資租賃有限公司 (Caterpillar (China) Financial Leasing Co., Ltd.), a company incorporated in the PRC
“Chearavanont Shareholders”	four members of the Chearavanont family, namely, Mr. Jaran Chiaravanont, Mr. Montri Jiaravanont, Mr. Sumet Jiaravanon and Mr. Dhanin Chearavanont, who, on an aggregate basis, are directly and indirectly interested in approximately 51.43% of the issued share capital of the Company
“Company”	C.P. Pokphand Co. Ltd., a company incorporated in Bermuda whose shares are listed and traded on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange under stock code 43

“CPI Holding”	CPI Holding Co., Ltd., a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands and wholly-owned by a company which is held as to 51.31% of its issued share capital by the Chearavanont Shareholders
“Directors”	the directors of the Company
“ECI Metro”	ECI Metro Investment Co. Ltd., a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands, in which the Company holds a 50% indirect equity interest through its wholly-owned subsidiary
“ECI Metro Group”	ECI Metro and its wholly-owned subsidiaries
“EKCM”	Ek Chor China Motorcycle Co. Ltd., a company incorporated in Bermuda and a wholly-owned subsidiary 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
“Loan”	the loan in the principal amount of up to US\$29,000,000 (or its equivalent in RMB) to be lent or procured by EKCM to ECI Metro under the Loan Agreement
“Loan Agreement”	the loan agreement dated 21 April 2009 entered into between EKCM and ECI Metro in respect of the provision of the Loan
“Metro Tractor”	Metro Tractor Co., Ltd., a company incorporated in Thailand which holds a 50% equity interest in ECI Metro
“PRC”	the People’s Republic of China (for the purpose of this announcement, excluding Hong Kong, the Macau Special Administrative Region and Taiwan)
“RMB”	Renminbi, the lawful currency of the PRC

“Share(s)”	ordinary shares of US\$0.01 each in the share capital of the Company
“Shareholder(s)”	holder(s) of the Share(s)
“Stock Exchange”	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
“US\$”	United States dollars, the lawful currency of United States
“Worth Access”	Worth Access Trading Limited, a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands and wholly-owned by companies which are held as to 51.31% of their issued share capital by the Chearavanont Shareholders

By Order of the Board  
**Pang Siu Chik**  
*Director*

Hong Kong, 21 April 2009

*As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises twelve executive directors, namely, Mr. Sumet Jiaravanon, Mr. Dhanin Chearavanont, Mr. Thanakorn Seriburi, Mr. Meth Jiaravanont, Mr. Robert Ping-Hsien Ho, Mr. Soopakij Chearavanont, Mr. Nopadol Chiaravanont, Mr. Chatchaval Jiaravanon, Mr. Benjamin Jiaravanon, Mr. Narong Chearavanont, Mr. Suphachai Chearavanont, Mr. Pang Siu Chik, and three independent non-executive directors, namely, Mr. Ma Chiu Cheung, Andrew, Mr. Sombat Deo-isres and Mr. Sakda Thanitcul.*