



[Press Release]

### **Eversholt Rail to Finance New Trains for First Great Western**

(30 July, 2015 – Hong Kong) – Eversholt Rail Group (“Eversholt Rail”), a company acquired by a Cheung Kong Infrastructure Holdings Limited (“CKI” or “the Group”) led joint venture, announced today that it has signed a contract with First Great Western of the United Kingdom to procure and finance 173 new trains worth over GBP 360 million (approximately HK\$4.3 billion).

The fleet will comprise 22 five-car and 7 nine-car trains. These new trains will be built by Hitachi Rail Europe, and are scheduled to enter service by December 2018. They will run on the West of England services on the First Great Western franchise primarily from Paddington in London to Plymouth and Penzance.

Eversholt Rail is currently one of the three major rolling stock companies in the United Kingdom. It leases on long-term contracts a diverse range of rolling stock, including regional, commuter and high speed passenger trains, as well as freight locomotives, to passenger and freight train operating companies.

First Great Western is one of the United Kingdom’s largest rail companies and the only one to operate commuter, regional, sleeper and high-speed services. It serves 97 million passengers a year, running over 9,000 train services a week calling in at 276 stations across the south of England.

Mr. HL Kam, Group Managing Director of CKI, commented: “Eversholt Rail is a well-managed and profitable company. Since the completion of our acquisition earlier this year, the business has delivered immediate returns to the Group.”

“We are very pleased with Eversholt Rail’s performance so far. The demand for rolling stock services will continue to grow, as more people and more goods than ever are being transported by trains in the country today. This latest deal represents another significant step forward for the business, as Eversholt Rail continues to grow their fleet and relationship with First Great Western,” Mr. Kam explained.

The joint venture acquired Eversholt Rail in April 2015 for an equity value of approximately GBP1.1 billion (approximately HK\$13 billion).

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