



[Press Release]

**CKI's UK Rails Group
Invests HK\$5.5 Billion in New Train Project**

(7 March, 2016 – Hong Kong) – Cheung Kong Infrastructure Holdings Limited (“CKI”)’s UK Rails S.à r.l. (“UK Rails Group” or “the Group”), the holding company of Eversholt Rail Group (“Eversholt Rail”), announced recently that the Group has signed a contract with Arriva Rail North Limited (“Arriva”) of the United Kingdom and Construcciones y Auxiliar de Ferrocarriles (“CAF”) of Spain to manufacture, procure and lease 281 new rolling stock vehicles worth GBP 490 million (approximately HK\$5.5 billion).

This latest procurement and lease transaction of 281 vehicles is made up of 31 three-car and 12 four-car electric trains, and 25 two-car and 30 three-car diesel trains. These new trains will be equipped with air conditioning, audio and visual on-board information, power sockets and tables, cycle racks, CCTV, toilets, as well as Wi-fi. The modern and comfortable trains will provide a step change in passenger experience and be designed to the latest standards, including the needs of Passengers with Reduced Mobility (PRM).

The new 100mph trains will be leased to Arriva, which is ultimately owned by Deutsche Bahn, the German state-owned rail company, and will run on its Northern Franchise, linking major towns and cities in the north of England. They will be built by Spain-based CAF, and are scheduled to enter service by December 2019.

Eversholt Rail is one of the three major rolling stock companies in the United Kingdom. It leases 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.

Mr. HL Kam, Group Managing Director of CKI, said: “We are very pleased with the growth of Eversholt Rail. This latest deal represents the second large scale new build investment that Eversholt Rail has made in the last 6 months, following its agreement with First Great Western to procure and lease 173 new rolling stock vehicles worth over GBP 360 million (approximately HK\$4.3 billion) in July 2015.”

“As the United Kingdom economy continues to expand, the demand for rolling stock will continue to increase as more people and goods are moved by trains. We see great potential for Eversholt Rail to capture this growth opportunity,” Mr. Kam concluded.

CKI and CK Hutchison Holdings Limited formed UK Rails Group in April 2015 to acquire Eversholt Rail for an equity value of approximately GBP 1.1 billion (approximately HK\$13 billion).

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