



**Registration of a Charge**

Company Name: **ERM LIMITED**

Company Number: **03128071**



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Persons entitled: **HSBC CORPORATE TRUSTEE COMPANY (UK) LIMITED**

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Certified by: **HUI LING YUEN**



## **CERTIFICATE OF THE REGISTRATION OF A CHARGE**

Company number: 3128071

Charge code: 0312 8071 0026

The Registrar of Companies for England and Wales hereby certifies that a charge dated 24th May 2023 and created by ERM LIMITED was delivered pursuant to Chapter A1 Part 25 of the Companies Act 2006 on 30th May 2023 .

Given at Companies House, Cardiff on 5th June 2023

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**Companies House**



**THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE  
REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES**

**EXECUTION VERSION**

**THIRD CONFIRMATORY FIRST LIEN HONG KONG SHARE  
MORTGAGE**

**DATED 24 MAY 2023**

**between**

**ERM LIMITED  
as Mortgagor**

**and**

**HSBC CORPORATE TRUSTEE COMPANY (UK) LIMITED  
as First Lien Collateral Agent**

I certify that, save for certain permitted redactions, the electronic copy instrument delivered as part of this application for registration is a correct copy of the original Third Confirmatory First Lien Hong Kong Share Mortgage Agreement.

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**THIS DEED** is dated 24 May 2023 and made

**BETWEEN:**

- (1) **ERM LIMITED**, a company incorporated under the laws of England and Wales with company number 03128071 as mortgagor (the **Mortgagor**); and
- (2) **HSBC CORPORATE TRUSTEE COMPANY (UK) LIMITED** (the **First Lien Collateral Agent**) as security agent and trustee for the Secured Parties (as defined in the First Lien Credit Agreement defined below).

**BACKGROUND:**

- (A) The Parties refer to a first lien credit agreement dated 12 July 2019, between, amongst others, Holdings, the Borrowers (as defined therein), HSBC Bank USA, N.A. (as successor to HSBC Bank plc) as administrative agent, the First Lien Collateral Agent as collateral agent, the lenders from time to time party thereto and the other parties from time to time party thereto (the **Original First Lien Credit Agreement**).
- (B) Pursuant to a first lien share mortgage dated 10 October 2019 between the Mortgagor as mortgagor and the First Lien Collateral Agent and the first lien share mortgage dated 23 December 2019 between the Mortgagor as mortgagor and the First Lien Collateral Agent (collectively, the **Original First Lien Share Mortgage**), as confirmed by a confirmatory first lien share mortgage dated 23 December 2021 (the **Confirmatory First Lien Share Mortgage**) and as further confirmed by a second confirmatory first lien share mortgage dated 8 November 2022 (the **Second Confirmatory First Lien Share Mortgage** and together with the Original First Lien Share Mortgage and the Confirmatory First Lien Share Mortgage, the **Existing Security Agreements**), the Mortgagor created a Lien over certain of the assets and undertakings of the Mortgagor as security for the Secured Obligations.
- (C) Holdings and the First Lien Collateral Agent, among others, have entered into certain amendment agreements dated 1 July 2020, 15 June 2021, 3 August 2022, 13 September 2022 and 28 February 2023 (the amendment agreement dated 28 February 2023 being the **Fifth Amendment Agreement** and together with the amendment agreements dated 1 July 2020, 15 June 2021, 3 August 2022 and 13 September 2022, the **Amendment Agreements**) which amended the Original First Lien Credit Agreement (as defined below).
- (D) The Mortgagor enters into this Deed in connection with the First Lien Credit Agreement (as defined below), the Guaranty, each Secured Hedge Agreement, each Secured Cash Management Agreement, each Ancillary Document, any applicable Intercreditor Agreement and the Amendment Agreements.
- (E) The Mortgagor and the First Lien Collateral Agent consider that the Lien created by the Mortgagor under the Existing Security Agreements secures payment of the Secured Obligations, but enter into this Deed in case it does not.
- (F) This Deed is confirmatory and supplemental to the Existing Security Agreements.
- (G) It is intended that this document takes effect as a deed notwithstanding the fact that a Party (as defined below) may only execute this document under hand.

**IT IS AGREED** as follows:

## **1. INTERPRETATION**

### **1.1 Definitions**

In this Deed:

**Acceleration Action** has the meaning given to such term in the applicable Intercreditor Agreement.

**Amendment Agreements** has the meaning given to it in Recital (C).

**Confirmatory Second Lien Share Mortgage** means the confirmatory second lien share mortgage dated 23 December 2021 between the Mortgagor and RBC Europe Limited as second lien collateral agent in respect of the Shares.

**Declared Default** means the occurrence of an Acceleration Action with respect to the Secured Obligations.

**Existing Security Agreement** has the meaning given to it in Recital (B).

**Fifth Amendment Agreement** has the meaning given to it in Recital (C).

**Final Discharge Date** has the meaning ascribed to the term "Termination Date" in the First Lien Credit Agreement.

**First Lien Credit Agreement** means the Original First Lien Credit Agreement, as amended, restated, amended and restated, extended, supplemented, Refinanced (if designated by any Borrower) (each term as defined therein) or otherwise modified from time to time, including as amended by the Amendment Agreements.

**Holdings** means Emerald 2 Limited, a private, limited company incorporated in England and Wales with registered number 07551799.

**Mortgaged Company** means ERM-Hong Kong, Limited 香港環境資源管理顧問有限公司, a company incorporated under the laws of Hong Kong with company number 0415939.

**Original First Lien Share Mortgage** has the meaning given to it in Recital (B).

**Party** means a party to this Deed.

**Property Ordinance** means the Conveyancing and Property Ordinance (Cap. 219 of the Laws of Hong Kong).

**Receiver** means a receiver and manager or (if the First Lien Collateral Agent so specifies in the relevant appointment) a receiver, in each case, appointed under this Deed.

**Related Rights** means, in relation to any Share:

- (a) any dividend, interest or other distribution paid or payable;
- (b) any right, money or property accruing or offered at any time by way of redemption, substitution, exchange, bonus or preference, under option rights or otherwise;
- (c) any right against any applicable clearance system; and

- (d) any right under any applicable custodian or other agreement.

**Second Lien Share Mortgage** means, collectively, the second lien share mortgage dated 10 October 2019 between the Mortgagor as mortgagor and RBC Europe Limited as second lien collateral agent and the second lien share mortgage dated 23 December 2019 between the Mortgagor as mortgagor and RBC Europe Limited as second lien collateral agent, in each case, in respect of the shares held by the Mortgagor in the Mortgaged Company from time to time.

**Secured Obligations** means (i) the “Obligations” as defined in the First Lien Credit Agreement, and (ii) the “Guaranteed Obligations” as defined in the Guaranty, including for the avoidance of doubt, those obligations and liabilities as they are amended by the Amendment Agreements and those obligations and liabilities under the Amendment Agreements.

**Security Asset** means any asset of the Mortgagor which is, or is expressed to be, subject to any Lien created by this Deed.

**Security Period** means the period beginning on the date of this Deed and ending on the Final Discharge Date.

**Shares** means all of the shares held by the Mortgagor in the Mortgaged Company from time to time, including as at the date of this Deed, the shares of the Mortgaged Company as set out in Schedule 1 (Shares).

## 1.2 Construction

- (a) Capitalised terms defined in the First Lien Credit Agreement have, unless expressly defined in this Deed, the same meaning in this Deed.
- (b) The rules of construction specified in Article I of the First Lien Credit Agreement will also apply to this Deed *mutatis mutandis*.
- (c) Unless a contrary indication appears, any reference in this Deed to:
- (i) a **clearance system** means a person whose business is or includes the provision of clearance services or security accounts, or any nominee or depositary for that person; and
  - (ii) the term **this Lien** means any Lien created by this Deed.
- (d) Any covenant of the Mortgagor under this Deed remains in force during the Security Period and is given for the benefit of each Secured Party.
- (e) In determining whether or not the Secured Obligations have been fully and finally discharged or irrevocably paid in full, the First Lien Collateral Agent will disregard contingent liabilities (such as the risk of claw back flowing from a preference) except to the extent that the First Lien Collateral Agent and the Mortgagor agree (in each case, acting reasonably and after taking appropriate legal advice) that there is a reasonable likelihood that those liabilities will become actual liabilities.
- (f) In the context of the rights, powers, privileges, discretions and immunities conferred on the First Lien Collateral Agent or a Receiver, references to **charge** or **mortgage** in any provision of the Property Ordinance shall, for the purposes of this Deed, be deemed to be references to this Lien and references to **mortgaged land** in any provision of the Property Ordinance shall, for the purposes of this Deed, be deemed to be references to the Security Assets.
- (g) Unless the context otherwise requires, a reference to a Security Asset includes:

- (i) any part of that Security Asset;
- (ii) the proceeds of any disposal of that Security Asset; and
- (iii) any present and future assets of that type.

### **1.3 Permitted transactions and permitted security**

- (a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Deed, the terms of this Deed shall not operate to prohibit or restrict, or be construed so as to prohibit or restrict, any transaction, matter or other step not prohibited by any other Loan Document.
- (b) The Lien created under this Deed is subject to any Liens not prohibited by the terms of the Loan Documents in respect of the Security Assets which is (at the time such assets become (or became) the subject of the Lien created under this Deed), or is otherwise expressed to be, prior ranking.

### **1.4 Intercreditor Agreement**

This Deed is subject to the terms of any applicable Intercreditor Agreement. In the event of any inconsistency between this Deed and any applicable Intercreditor Agreement, the applicable Intercreditor Agreement shall prevail.

### **1.5 Increase in the Secured Obligations**

Any Loan Document or other agreement or instrument is to be construed as a reference to that agreement or instrument as amended or novated, including by way of increase of the facilities or other obligations or addition of new facilities or other obligations made available under them (including, without limitation, pursuant to the Amendment Agreements and any Incremental Indebtedness under the First Lien Credit Agreement) or accession or retirement of the parties to these agreements but excluding any amendment or novation made contrary to any provision of any Loan Document.

### **1.6 Third party rights**

- (a) Unless expressly provided to the contrary in this Deed, a person who is not a Party has no right under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Ordinance (Cap. 623 of the Laws of Hong Kong) (the **Third Parties Ordinance**), to enforce or to enjoy the benefit of any term of this Deed.
- (b) Notwithstanding any term of this Deed, the consent of any person who is not a Party is not required to rescind or vary this Deed at any time.
- (c) Any Secured Party that is not a Party may enforce and enjoy the benefit of any Clause which expressly confers rights on it, subject to paragraph (b) above and the provisions of the Third Parties Ordinance.

### **1.7 Limited Recourse**

- (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Deed:
  - (i) the recourse of the Secured Parties against the Mortgagor in respect of the Secured Obligations is limited to the rights of enforcement and recovery against the Security Assets; and
  - (ii) the Mortgagor's liabilities and obligations under this Deed are limited to, and may only be discharged from, the Security Assets (including, for the avoidance of doubt the proceeds of sale or other realisation thereof) following enforcement of the Lien granted pursuant to this Deed in accordance with clause 9 (Enforcement of Security) of the Original First Lien Share



Mortgage as incorporated by reference into this Deed under Clause 4 (Incorporation) (the **Security Recovery Proceeds**) (and the liabilities of the Mortgagor under this Deed shall be fully extinguished upon such discharge).

- (b) The Secured Parties shall not:
  - (i) have any recourse to any assets of the Mortgagor other than the Security Assets;
  - (ii) seek to recover from the Mortgagor any shortfall between the amount of the Security Recovery Proceeds and the Secured Obligations; or
  - (iii) sue or commence, join or bring any action or proceeding against the Mortgagor or apply to have the Mortgagor wound up or made subject to insolvency proceedings solely as a result of any shortfall referred to in paragraph (ii) above.

## **2. CONFIRMATION**

Notwithstanding any amendment, supplement, restatement and/or substitution made and/or to be made to the Original First Lien Credit Agreement pursuant to the Amendment Agreements and any new Lien created pursuant to this Deed, the Mortgagor confirms to the First Lien Collateral Agent that the Lien created under the Existing Security Agreements shall continue to secure the payment, discharge and performance of all Secured Obligations and, for the avoidance of doubt, such Secured Obligations include (among other things) any obligations of the Loan Parties under or in connection with each Loan Document, including, for the avoidance of doubt, those obligations and liabilities under the Loan Documents as they are amended by the Fifth Amendment Agreement

## **3. CREATION OF SECURITY**

### **3.1 General**

- (a) Subject to Clause 1.7 (Limited Recourse), the Mortgagor covenants to pay or discharge the Secured Obligations.
- (b) All the security created under this Deed:
  - (i) is created in favour of the First Lien Collateral Agent;
  - (ii) is created over all present and future Security Assets of the Mortgagor;
  - (iii) is created by the Mortgagor as the beneficial owner of its assets; and
  - (iv) is continuing security for the payment, discharge and performance of the Mortgagor's Secured Obligations.
- (c) All the security created under this Deed:
  - (i) is created in case the security created by the Existing Security Agreements does not secure all of the obligations under paragraph (a) above; and
  - (ii) is created in addition to, and does not affect the security created by, the Existing Security Agreements, which remains in full force and effect.

- (d) Where this Deed purports to create a first ranking Lien, that Lien will rank subject to the equivalent Lien created by the Existing Security Agreements until such time as the Lien created by the Existing Security Agreements ceases to have effect.
- (e) The First Lien Collateral Agent holds the benefit of this Deed on trust for the Secured Parties.
- (f) The fact that no or incomplete details of any Security Asset are inserted in Schedule 1 (Shares) does not affect the validity or enforceability of this Lien.

### **3.2 Shares**

The Mortgagor:

- (a) mortgages and agrees to mortgage, by way of a first legal mortgage, all the Shares; and
- (b) (to the extent that they are not the subject of a mortgage under paragraph (a) above) mortgages, charges and assigns and agrees to mortgage, charge and assign by way of a first fixed charge all its interest in its Shares and the Related Rights.

## **4. INCORPORATION**

- (a) The provisions of clause 3 (Representations) to clause 21 (Release) (inclusive) (other than paragraph (b) of clause 3.2 (Shares)) of the Original First Lien Share Mortgage, are deemed to be incorporated into this Deed as if they were set out in full in this Deed, with all necessary modifications, including for the avoidance of doubt, that to the extent a capitalised term in such provisions have been expressly defined in this Deed, it shall have the same meaning as expressly defined in this Deed.
- (b) Where a document has already been provided pursuant to clause 5.1 (Deposit) of the Original First Lien Share Mortgage, it shall be deemed to have been delivered under this Deed on the date of this Deed or on the date on which such document is provided under the Original First Lien Share Mortgage (if such document is provided after the date of this Deed) and shall not be required to be provided under this Deed. For the avoidance of doubt, the First Lien Collateral Agent is not obliged to return any such documents to the Mortgagor by reason only of the execution of this Deed by the Parties.

## **5. REPRESENTATIONS**

### **5.1 Representations**

The Mortgagor makes the representations and warranties set out in this Clause 5 to each Secured Party on the date of this Deed by reference to the facts and circumstances then existing.

### **5.2 Shares**

Subject to this Deed, the Existing Security Agreements, the Second Lien Share Mortgage and the Confirmatory Second Lien Share Mortgage, it is the legal and beneficial owner of the Shares (save in relation to those Shares which are held by a nominee for it in which case it is the beneficial owner only of those Shares).

## **6. MISCELLANEOUS**

Each Existing Security Agreement will remain in full force and effect.

## **7. COUNTERPARTS**

This Deed may be executed in any number of counterparts. This has the same effect as if the signatures on the counterparts were on a single copy of this Deed.

## **8. GOVERNING LAW**

This Deed is governed by Hong Kong law.

## **9. ENFORCEMENT**

### **9.1 Jurisdiction**

- (a) The Hong Kong courts have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute arising out of or in connection with this Deed (including a dispute relating to the existence, validity or termination of this Deed) (a **Dispute**).
- (b) The Parties agree that the Hong Kong courts are the most appropriate and convenient courts to settle Disputes and accordingly no Party will argue to the contrary.
- (c) This Clause 9.1 (Jurisdiction) is for the benefit of the Secured Parties only. As a result, to the extent allowed by law:
  - (i) no Secured Party will be prevented from taking proceedings relating to a Dispute in any other courts with jurisdiction; and
  - (ii) the Secured Parties may take concurrent proceedings in any number of jurisdictions.

### **9.2 Service of process**

- (a) Without prejudice to any other mode of service allowed under any relevant law, the Mortgagor:
  - (i) irrevocably appoints the Mortgaged Company as its agent for service of process in relation to any proceedings before the Hong Kong courts in connection with this Deed; and
  - (ii) agrees that failure by a process agent to notify the Mortgagor of the process will not invalidate the proceedings concerned.
- (b) If any person appointed as process agent for service of process is unable for any reason so to act, the Mortgagor must immediately (and in any event within 10 days of the event taking place) appoint another agent on terms acceptable to the First Lien Collateral Agent. Failing this, the First Lien Collateral Agent may appoint another process agent for this purpose.

### **9.3 Waiver of immunity**

The Mortgagor irrevocably and unconditionally:

- (a) agrees not to claim any immunity from proceedings brought by a Secured Party against it in relation to this Deed and to ensure that no such claim is made on its behalf;
- (b) consents generally to the giving of any relief or the issue of any process in connection with those proceedings; and
- (c) waives all rights of immunity in respect of it or its assets.

**THIS DEED** has been executed and delivered as a deed by the Mortgagor on the date stated at the beginning of this Deed.

## **SCHEDULE 1**

### **SHARES**

<b>Mortgaged Company</b>	<b>Class of shares held</b>	<b>Number of shares held</b>	<b>Share certificate number</b>
ERM-Hong Kong, Limited 香港環境 資源管理顧問有限公司	Ordinary	32,837	67

**SIGNATORIES**

**Mortgagor**

SIGNED, SEALED and DELIVERED  
as a deed by **ERM LIMITED**  
by Sabine Hoefnagel  
who, in accordance with the laws of  
England and Wales,  
is authorised to execute this Deed  
on its behalf

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Signature of authorised  
signatory: Sabine Hoefnagel

in the presence of:

Witness' Signature:

Name:

Address:

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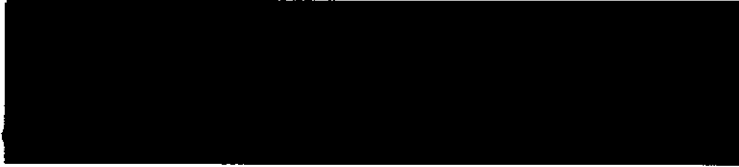
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**First Lien Collateral Agent**

**HSBC CORPORATE TRUSTEE COMPANY (UK) LIMITED**

By:



**Chris O'Mahoney**  
**Authorised Signatory**