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## UNITED PHOTOVOLTAICS GROUP LIMITED

聯合光伏集團有限公司

*(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)*

(Stock code: 686)

### PROPOSED ISSUE OF CONVERTIBLE BONDS

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**As the parties have not entered into the definitive agreement(s) in relation to the Convertible Bonds, the final structure and terms of the Convertible Bonds are still subject to further negotiation between the parties, the Proposed Transaction may or may not materialise and its final structure and terms may deviate from those set out in the MOU. Accordingly, Shareholders and potential investors are advised to exercise caution when dealing in the Shares or other securities of the Company. The Company will comply with relevant disclosure and Shareholders' approval requirements under the Listing Rules as and when appropriate.**

This announcement is made by the Company pursuant to Rule 13.09 of the Listing Rules and Inside Information Provisions under Part XIVA of the Securities and Future Ordinance (Cap.571, Laws of Hong Kong).

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Credit Suisse AG is an authorised institution as defined in the Banking Ordinance (Chapter 155 of the Laws of Hong Kong). To the best of the Directors' knowledge, information and belief having made all reasonable enquiries, as at the date of this announcement, Credit Suisse and its ultimate beneficial owners are third parties independent of the Company and its connected persons (as defined in the Listing Rules).

## **PRINCIPAL TERMS OF THE CONVERTIBLE BONDS**

The principal terms of the Convertible Bonds are set out as follows:

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| Issuer:            | The Company                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Subscriber:        | Credit Suisse AG, Singapore Branch and/or its affiliate(s)                                                                                                                             |
| Principal amount:  | The aggregate principal amount of US\$100,000,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$775,000,000)                                                                                        |
| Interest rate:     | 6.75% per annum payable annually                                                                                                                                                       |
| Maturity date:     | 3 years from the Closing Date                                                                                                                                                          |
| Conversion period: | During the period commencing from the Closing Date and ending on the Maturity Date, the Subscriber is entitled to convert all or part of the Convertible Bonds into Conversion Shares. |

The Subscriber shall be obliged to convert all outstanding Convertible Bonds into Conversion Shares upon the demand of the Company in the event that:—

- (i) the closing price per Share as quoted on the Stock Exchange for any 15 consecutive trading days during the first year from the Closing Date is higher than HK\$1.8; or

- (ii) the closing price per Share as quoted on the Stock Exchange for any 15 consecutive trading days during the second year from the Closing Date is higher than HK\$2.2; or
- (iii) the closing price per Share as quoted on the Stock Exchange for any 15 consecutive trading days during the third year from the Closing Date is higher than HK\$2.5.

**Conversion Price:** HK\$1.5554 per Conversion Share, which represents 110% of the average closing price of per Share as quoted on the Stock Exchange for the last 5 trading days immediately prior to the date of the MOU.

The initial conversion price per Conversion Share subject to standard adjustments as set out in the definitive subscription agreement(s).

**Redemption:** On the Maturity Date, the Subscriber shall have the right to request the Company to redeem the principal amount of the outstanding Convertible Bonds at 120% of the principal amount thereof within 15 Business Days from the Maturity Date.

**Redemption on default:** On the occurrence of any of the events of default as set out in the definitive subscription agreement(s) and appendices thereof, the Subscriber shall have the right at any time to request the Company to redeem the principal amount of the outstanding Convertible Bonds at the amount as calculated by the following:

principal amount of Convertible Bonds x 1.20<sup>number of years of investment by the Subscriber</sup>

The Proposed Transactions shall be conditional upon, including but not limited to:

1. definitive legal documents, including, but not limited to, the definitive subscription agreement(s) or placing agreement and bond instrument, having been mutually agreed upon and entered into;
2. the Subscriber having conducted due diligence on the legal position, finance position, assets of the Company and such other due diligence and the results of which having been satisfactory to the Subscriber;
3. the Subscriber having obtained all its internal approvals, consents and authorizations in respect of the Proposed Transaction;

4. the Company having obtained all its approvals, consents and authorizations in respect of the Proposed Transaction;
5. the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange having granted the approval for the listing of and permission to deal in the Conversion Shares;
6. in Credit Suisse's opinion, the absence of any material adverse change in the business, assets, liabilities, operations, condition (financial or otherwise), operating results or prospects of the Company and the absence of any material adverse change having occurred in the relevant financial markets; and
7. receipt of opinions, satisfactory to Credit Suisse, from legal counsel confirming (amongst other items) the capacity of the parties to transact and the validity and enforceability of the transaction documents.

Save for the provisions regarding the Conversion Price of the Convertible Bonds, confidentiality and governing law, the MOU does not constitute a legally-binding commitment on either the Company or Credit Suisse on the subject matter. As the terms of the Proposed Transaction are still subject to negotiation and finalization, no definitive agreement in relation to the Proposed Transaction has been entered into as at the date of this announcement. The Company will issue further announcement as required by the Listing Rules when the definitive agreement(s) is/are entered into. The parties have agreed to negotiate in good faith with a view to entering into the definitive agreement(s) within three months from the date of the MOU.

## **REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION**

The Company is an investment holding company and the Group is principally engaged in the development, investment, operation and management of the solar power plants. The Company actively explores the investment opportunity to expand its new energy business in order to broadening the income base of the Group, and thereby enhancing the Group's future financial performance and profitability.

The Board considers that the Proposed Transaction, if materialised, represents a good opportunity for the Group to strengthen its financial position including its ability to meet any future obligations, and broaden the Shareholder's base. The net proceeds from the Proposed Transaction are intended to be used to finance the acquisition of solar power plants in China.

The Directors consider that the terms and condition of the Proposed Transaction are fair and reasonable and in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

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## **DEFINITIONS**

In this announcement, unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms shall have the meanings as set out below:

|                       |                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| “Board”               | the board of Directors                                                                                                                                                            |
| “Closing Date”        | the date on which the Convertible Bonds are issued by the Company                                                                                                                 |
| “Company”             | United Photovoltaics Group Limited (聯合光伏集團有限公司), a company incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability, the shares of which are listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange |
| “Conversion Share(s)” | the new ordinary Share(s) to be allotted and issued by the Company upon exercise of the conversion rights attaching to the Convertible Bonds                                      |
| “Convertible Bonds”   | the proposed 6.75% three-year convertible bonds in the principal amount of US\$100,000,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$775,000,000), to be issued by the Company             |
| “Credit Suisse”       | Credit Suisse AG, Singapore Branch                                                                                                                                                |
| “Directors”           | the directors of the Company                                                                                                                                                      |
| “Group”               | the Company and its subsidiaries                                                                                                                                                  |
| “HK\$”                | Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong                                                                                                                               |
| “Hong Kong”           | the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC                                                                                                                            |
| “Listing Rules”       | the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange                                                                                                               |
| “Maturity Date”       | 3 years from the Closing Date                                                                                                                                                     |

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| “MOU”                  | the non-binding memorandum of understanding dated 18 May 2015 entered into between the Company and Credit Suisse with respect to the Proposed Transaction     |
| “PRC” or “China”       | the People’s Republic of China which, for the purpose of this announcement, excludes Hong Kong, Taiwan and the Macau Special Administrative Region of the PRC |
| “Proposed Transaction” | the proposed subscription for the Convertible Bonds                                                                                                           |
| “Share(s)”             | ordinary share(s) of HK\$0.10 each in the share capital of the Company                                                                                        |
| “Shareholder(s)”       | holder(s) of the Shares                                                                                                                                       |
| “Stock Exchange”       | The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited                                                                                                                       |
| “Subscriber”           | Credit Suisse and/or its affiliate(s)                                                                                                                         |
| “US\$”                 | United States dollars, the lawful currency of the United States of America                                                                                    |
| “%”                    | per cent                                                                                                                                                      |

For and on behalf of  
**United Photovoltaics Group Limited**  
**Li, Alan**  
*Chairman of the Board*

Hong Kong, 18 May 2015

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*As at the date of this announcement, the executive directors of the Company are Mr. Li, Alan (Chairman and Chief Executive Officer) and Mr. Lu Zhenwei; the non-executive directors of the Company are Academician Yao Jiannian, Mr. Yang Baiqian and Ms. Qiu Ping, Maggie; and the independent non-executive directors of the Company are Mr. Kwan Kai Cheong, Mr. Yen Yuen Ho, Tony, Mr. Shi Dinghuan and Mr. Ma Kwong Wing.*