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Lotus Tech and L Catterton Asia Acquisition Corp Announce Closing of Business Combination

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Lotus Tech's American Depositary Shares to Begin Trading on the Nasdaq on February 23, 2024 under Ticker Symbol "LOT"

NEW YORK and SINGAPORE, Feb. 20, 2024 /PRNewswire/ -- Lotus Technology Inc. ("Lotus Tech" or the "Company"), a leading global luxury electric vehicle maker, and *L* Catterton Asia Acquisition Corp ("*L*CAA") (NASDAQ: LCAA), a special purpose acquisition company formed by affiliates of *L* Catterton, a leading global consumer-focused investment firm, announced today that their previously proposed business combination is expected to be completed on February 22, 2024. The combined company will retain Lotus Tech's name as "Lotus Technology Inc." and its American Depositary Shares (ADS) will commence trading on the Nasdaq under the ticker symbol "LOT" on February 23, 2024. The business combination was approved by *L*CAA shareholders at an extraordinary general meeting held on February 2, 2024.

Integrating Lotus's sports car DNA with a new generation of premium lifestyle vehicles, Lotus Tech is committed to transforming the brand into an advanced, fully electric, intelligent, and sustainable luxury mobility provider before its 80th anniversary in 2028. The Company has already set this ambitious plan in motion by launching a leading product portfolio of high-performing battery electric vehicles ("BEVs") ahead of other global luxury automakers. These BEVs include Eletre, a new breed of all-electric hyper-SUV powered by Lotus's proprietary 800-volt EPA, and Emeya, an all-electric hyper-GT among the most advanced vehicles of its kind in the world. With both BEVs already on the roads and two more fully electric models planned for launch over the next two years, Lotus Tech is on track to become the first traditional luxury automotive brand to achieve a 100% electric product portfolio by 2027.

Since the transaction was announced, the Company has raised more than US$880 million in pre-closing and private investment in public equity ("PIPE") financing commitments from global investors, existing shareholders, and strategic partners, representing one of the largest amounts of additional financings raised in connection with a de-SPAC transaction since 2023.

"We are thrilled to announce our upcoming debut on the Nasdaq as we complete our business combination with *L*CAA," said Mr. Qingfeng Feng, Chief Executive Officer of Lotus Tech. "This is a pivotal moment in our journey. We look forward to accelerating our growth as a listed company, leading the electric transformation of the global luxury BEV market together with *L* Catterton."

"Our partnership with Lotus Tech has gotten stronger over time and our respect for the mission it is on has only increased," said Chinta Bhagat, Co-Chief Executive Officer of *L*CAA. "We are excited about the road ahead as we continue building the definitive luxury electric vehicle brand together, leveraging our global consumer insights and our strategic relationship with LVMH. Lotus Tech's upcoming debut on the Nasdaq will be a key milestone in its journey and we believe that the Company will have many more achievements to celebrate over the coming years."

Lotus Tech will ring the Nasdaq opening bell in New York City on February 23, 2024 to commemorate the Company's public listing. A live stream of the event can be viewed at https://www.nasdaq.com/marketsite/bell-ringing-ceremony.

Advisors

Deutsche Bank acted as financial advisor, capital markets advisor and PIPE placement agent, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom as international legal counsel, and Han Kun Law Offices as PRC counsel to Lotus Tech. Santander US Capital Markets LLC acted as equity capital markets advisor and financial advisor, Kirkland & Ellis as international legal counsel and Fangda Partners as PRC counsel to *L*CAA. Shearman & Sterling LLP acted as international legal counsel to Deutsche Bank and Santander US Capital Markets LLC.

About Lotus Technology

Lotus Technology Inc. has operations across China, the UK, and the EU. The Company is dedicated to delivering luxury lifestyle battery electric vehicles, with a focus on world-class R&D in next-generation automobility technologies such as electrification, digitalisation and more. For more information about Lotus Technology Inc., please visit www.group-lotus.com.

About *L* Catterton Asia Acquisition Corp

L Catterton Asia Acquisition Corp (NASDAQ: LCAA) is a blank check company incorporated for the purpose of effecting a merger, capital stock exchange, asset acquisition, stock purchase, reorganization or similar business combination with one or more businesses or entities. While it may pursue an initial target business in any industry or sector, it has focused its search on high-growth, consumer technology sectors across Asia. For more information about *L* Catterton Asia Acquisition Corp, please visit www.lcaac.com.

About *L* Catterton

L Catterton is a market-leading consumer-focused investment firm, managing approximately $35 billion of equity capital across three multi-product platforms: private equity, credit and real estate. Leveraging deep category insight, operational excellence, and a broad network of strategic relationships, *L* Catterton's team of more than 200 investment and operating professionals across 17 offices partners with management teams to drive differentiated value creation across its portfolio. Founded in 1989, the firm has made over 275 investments in some of the world's most iconic consumer brands. For more information about *L* Catterton, please visit www.lcatterton.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release (the "Press Release") contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and Section 21E of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, that are based on beliefs and assumptions and on information currently available to Lotus Tech and *L*CAA. All statements other than statements of historical fact contained in this Press Release are forward-looking statements. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terminology such as "may", "should", "expect", "intend", "will", "estimate", "anticipate", "believe", "predict", "potential", "forecast", "plan", "seek", "future", "propose" or "continue", or the negatives of these terms or variations of them or similar terminology although not all forward-looking statements contain such terminology. Such forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties, and other factors which could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward looking statements.

These forward-looking statements are based upon estimates and assumptions that, while considered reasonable by *L*CAA and its management, and

Lotus Tech and its management, as the case may be, are inherently uncertain. Factors that may cause actual results to differ materially from current expectations include, but are not limited to: (1) the occurrence of any event, change or other circumstances that could give rise to the termination of definitive agreements with respect to the proposed Business Combination between *L*CAA, Lotus Tech and the other parties thereto (the "Business Combination"); (2) the outcome of any legal proceedings that may be instituted against *L*CAA, the Combined Company or others following the announcement of the Business Combination and any definitive agreements with respect thereto; (3) the amount of redemption requests made by *L*CAA public shareholders and the inability to complete the Business Combination due to the failure to obtain approval of the shareholders of *L*CAA, to obtain financing to complete the Business Combination or to satisfy other conditions to closing and; (4) changes to the proposed structure of the Business Combination that may be required or appropriate as a result of applicable laws or regulations or as a condition to obtaining regulatory approval of the Business Combination; (5) the ability to meet stock exchange listing standards following the consummation of the Business Combination; (6) the risk that the Business Combination disrupts current plans and operations of the Company as a result of the announcement and consummation of the Business Combination; (7) the ability to recognize the anticipated benefits of the Business Combination, which may be affected by, among other things, competition, the ability of the Combined Company to grow and manage growth profitably, maintain relationships with customers and suppliers and retain its management and key employees; (8) costs related to the Business Combination; (9) risks associated with changes in applicable laws or regulations and Lotus Tech's international operations; (10) the possibility that Lotus Tech or the Combined Company may be adversely affected by other economic, business, and/or competitive factors; (11) Lotus Tech's estimates of expenses and profitability; (12) Lotus Tech's ability to maintain agreements or partnerships with its strategic partner Geely Holding and to develop new agreements or partnerships; (13) Lotus Tech's ability to maintain relationships with its existing suppliers and strategic partners, and source new suppliers for its critical components, and to complete building out its supply chain, while effectively managing the risks due to such relationships; (14) Lotus Tech's reliance on its partnerships with vehicle charging networks to provide charging solutions for its vehicles and its strategic partners for servicing its vehicles and their integrated software; (15) Lotus Tech's ability to establish its brand and capture additional market share, and the risks associated with negative press or reputational harm, including from lithium-ion battery cells catching fire or venting smoke; (16) delays in the design, manufacture, launch and financing of Lotus Tech's vehicles and Lotus Tech's reliance on a limited number of vehicle models to generate revenues; (17) Lotus Tech's ability to continuously and rapidly innovate, develop and market new products; (18) risks related to future market adoption of Lotus Tech's offerings; (19) increases in costs, disruption of supply or shortage of materials, in particular for lithium-ion cells or semiconductors; (20) Lotus Tech's reliance on its partners to manufacture vehicles at a high volume, some of which have limited experience in producing electric vehicles, and on the allocation of sufficient production capacity to Lotus Tech by its partners in order for Lotus Tech to be able to increase its vehicle production capacities; (21) risks related to Lotus Tech's distribution model; (22) the effects of competition and the high barriers to entry in the automotive industry, and the pace and depth of electric vehicle adoption generally on Lotus Tech's future business; (23) changes in regulatory requirements, governmental incentives and fuel and energy prices; (24) the impact of the global COVID-19 pandemic on *L*CAA, Lotus Tech, Lotus Tech's post business combination's projected results of operations, financial performance or other financial metrics, or on any of the foregoing risks; and (25) other risks and uncertainties set forth in the section entitled "Risk Factors" and "Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements" in *L*CAA's final prospectus relating to its initial public offering (File No. 333-253334) declared effective by the SEC on March 10, 2021, and other documents filed, or to be filed, with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") by *L*CAA or Lotus Tech, including the Registration/Proxy Statement (as defined below). There may be additional risks that neither *L*CAA nor Lotus Tech presently know or that *L*CAA or Lotus Tech currently believe are immaterial that could also cause actual results to differ from those contained in the forward-looking statements.

Nothing in this Press Release should be regarded as a representation by any person that the forward-looking statements set forth herein will be achieved in any specified time frame, or at all, or that any of the contemplated results of such forward-looking statements will be achieved in any specified time frame, or at all. The forward-looking statements in this Press Release represent the views of *L*CAA and Lotus Tech as of the date they are made. While *L*CAA and Lotus Tech may update these forward-looking statements in the future, *L*CAA and Lotus Tech specifically disclaim any obligation to do so, except to the extent required by applicable law. You should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements.

Additional Information

In connection with the proposed Business Combination, (i) Lotus Tech has filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form F-4 (File No. 333-275001) containing a preliminary proxy statement of *L*CAA and a preliminary prospectus (the "Registration/Proxy Statement"), and (ii) *L*CAA will file a definitive proxy statement relating to the proposed Business Combination (the "Definitive Proxy Statement") and will mail the Definitive Proxy Statement and other relevant materials to its shareholders after the Registration/Proxy Statement is declared effective. The Registration/Proxy Statement contains important information about the proposed Business Combination and the other matters to be voted upon at a meeting of *L*CAA shareholders to be held to approve the proposed Business Combination. This Press Release does not contain all the information that should be considered concerning the proposed Business Combination and is not intended to form the basis of any investment decision or any other decision in respect of the Business Combination**.**

Before making any voting or other investment decisions, security holders of *L*CAA and other interested persons are advised to read, when available, the Registration/Proxy Statement and the amendments thereto and the Definitive Proxy Statement and other documents filed in connection with the proposed Business Combination, as these materials will contain important information about *L*CAA, Lotus Tech and the Business Combination. When available, the Definitive Proxy Statement and other relevant materials for the proposed Business Combination will be mailed to shareholders of *L*CAA as of a record date to be established for voting on the proposed Business Combination. Shareholders will also be able to obtain copies of the Registration/Proxy Statement, the Definitive Proxy Statement and other documents filed with the SEC, without charge, once available, at the SEC's website at www.sec.gov, or by directing a request to: *L*CAA, 8 Marina View, Asia Square Tower 1, #41-03, Singapore 018960, attention: Katie Matarazzo.

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Participants in the Solicitation

*L*CAA and Lotus Tech, and certain of their directors and executive officers, may be deemed participants in the solicitation of proxies from *L*CAA's shareholders with respect to the proposed Business Combination. A list of the names of those directors and executive officers and a description of their interests in *L*CAA is set forth in *L*CAA's filings with the SEC (including *L*CAA's final prospectus related to its initial public offering (File No. 333-253334) declared effective by the SEC on March 10, 2021), and are available free of charge at the SEC's web site at www.sec.gov, or by directing a request to *L*CAA, 8 Marina View, Asia Square Tower 1, #41-03, Singapore 018960, attention: Katie Matarazzo. Additional information regarding the interests of such participants and other persons who may, under the rules of the SEC, be deemed participants in the solicitation of the shareholders in connection with the proposed Business Combination will be contained in the Registration/Proxy Statement for the proposed Business Combination when available.

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potential transaction and shall not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy the securities of *L*CAA or Lotus Tech, nor shall there be any sale of any such securities in any state or jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation, or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of such state or jurisdiction. No offer of securities shall be made except by means of a prospectus meeting the requirements of the Securities Act.

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