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## **CHINA FIRST CHEMICAL HOLDINGS LIMITED**

**一化控股(中國)有限公司**

*(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)*

**(Stock code: 2121)**

### **APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND MEMBER OF BOARD COMMITTEES**

The Board announces Dr. Lin Zhang has been appointed as an independent non-executive director and member of the audit committee, the remuneration committee and the nomination committee of the Company with effect from 2 September 2015.

The board of directors (the “Board”) of China First Chemical Holdings Limited (the “Company”) is pleased to announce that Dr. Lin Zhang (“Dr. Lin”) has been appointed as an independent non-executive director and member of the audit committee, the remuneration committee and the nomination committee of the Company with effect from 2 September 2015.

**Dr. Lin**, aged 44, is currently the professor and doctoral supervisor of School of Environment and Energy, South China University of Technology. In 1999, Dr. Lin received her doctorate degree in chemistry from Chinese Academy of Sciences, and subsequently completed her postdoctoral fellowship in University of Wisconsin-Madison and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, UC Berkeley in 2001 and 2004, respectively. Since 2005, Dr. Lin served from time to time as researcher and doctoral supervisor and head of the postgraduate department of Fujian Institute Substantial Structure, Chinese Academy of Sciences. Since March 2015, she has been the professor and doctoral supervisor of School of Environment and Energy, South China University of Technology.

Dr. Lin is the winner of the 2011 National Science Fund for Distinguished Young Scholars (國家傑出青年基金), the national candidate under the “Millions of Talents Project” (百千萬人才工程), and a member of the Young and Middle-Aged Industrial Leaders of Science and Technology under the Ministry of Science and Technology (科技部中青年科技創新領軍). She has long been active in research on heavy metal pollution and control. Dr. Lin has been contributing a number of innovative efforts to understand and achieve the targets of “recyclable use” and “long-term solidification” of heavy metals with the application of the

nanocrystal growth kinetics as well as basic research on bio-mineralization. In respect of the heavy metals which appear with a low and medium concentration level in wastewater and difficult to recycle, Dr. Lin develops the materials, techniques, and theories which could enable “closed-type” preliminary enrichment of heavy metals without chemical inputs and “reaction type” instant extraction of heavy metals, through applying nanocrystal growth kinetics and the surface/interfacial control theory, and conducted research on the actual application in this respect.

Dr. Lin has entered into a service contract with the Company for a term of 3 years commencing from her appointment date and her appointment would continue thereafter unless and until terminated by either party in accordance with her service contract. Dr. Lin is entitled to receive a director’s fee of HK\$165,000 per annum. Dr. Lin’s remuneration, which is commensurate with her duties and responsibilities held, is approved by the Board with reference to the prevailing market situation for similar appointment. In accordance with Article 16.2 of the Articles of Association of the Company, Dr. Lin who has been appointed to fill a casual vacancy shall hold office only until the next following annual general meeting of the Company and shall then be eligible for re-election at that meeting. She is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election in accordance with the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Listing Rules”) and the Articles of Association of the Company.

Dr. Lin does not have any interest in any shares or underlying shares of the Company pursuant to Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong). She does not have any relationship with any directors or senior management or substantial shareholders or controlling shareholders of the Company.

Save as disclosed above, there is no other information which is discloseable pursuant to any of the requirements under Rules 13.51(2)(h) to 13.51(2)(v) of the Listing Rules, and there are no other matters relating to the appointment of Dr. Lin that need to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Company.

The Board would like to welcome Dr. Lin for joining as a member of the Board.

Following the appointment of Dr. Lin as an independent non-executive director and member of the audit committee, the remuneration committee and the nomination committee, the Company is now in compliance with the requirement pursuant to Rules 3.10, 3.10A, 3.21 and 3.25 of the Listing Rules and code provision A.5.1 of the Corporate Governance Code contained in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules.

By Order of the Board  
**China First Chemical Holdings Limited**  
**Liem Djiang Hwa**  
*Chairman and non-executive director*

2 September 2015

As at the date of this announcement, the directors of the Company are:

*Executive Directors:*

Mr. Chen Hong

Ms. Miao Fei

Mr. Lam Wai Wah

*Non-executive Director:*

Mr. Liem Djiang Hwa (*Chairman*)

*Independent non-executive Directors:*

Dr. Kou Huizhong

Dr. Wang Xin

Dr. Lin Zhang