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Non-collateralised Structured Products

Launch Announcement for Warrants to be issued by

Goldman Sachs Structured Products (Asia) Limited

(incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

and unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by

The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. (the Guarantor)

(incorporated in the State of Delaware, United States of America)

Sponsor

Goldman Sachs (Asia) L.L.C.

Particulars of Warrants

We intend to issue the following warrants (the Warrants):

Warrants Stock Code	23426	23433
Liquidity Provider broker ID	9712	9712
Issue Size	40,000,000 Warrants	80,000,000 Warrants
Style	European-style cash settled	European-style cash settled
Type	Call	Call
Company	Standard Chartered PLC	China Petroleum & Chemical Corporation
Shares	Ordinary shares of Standard Chartered PLC	Ordinary H shares of China Petroleum & Chemical Corporation
Board Lot	500 Warrants	2,000 Warrants
Issue Price per Warrant	HK\$0.534	HK\$0.403
Exercise Price	HK\$73.800	HK\$4.990
Launch Date	30 November 2015	30 November 2015

Issue Date	4 December 2015	4 December 2015
Listing Date	7 December 2015	7 December 2015
Expiry Date**	28 July 2016	30 June 2016
Entitlement	1 Share	1 Share
Number of Warrant(s) per Entitlement	10 Warrants	1 Warrant
Implied Volatility*	39.42%	37.98%
Effective Gearing*	4.75x	5.25x
Gearing*	12.21x	11.79x
Premium*	21.38%	13.54%

* These values should not be compared to similar information provided by other issuers of derivative warrants listed on the Stock Exchange. Each issuer may use different valuation models.

** If such day is a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday in Hong Kong, the immediately succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday in Hong Kong.

How much will a holder of Warrants receive on expiry?

A holder of Warrants will receive a Cash Settlement Amount per Board Lot in Hong Kong dollars calculated as follows:

For a series of call Warrants:

$$\frac{\text{Entitlement} \times (\text{Average Price} - \text{Exercise Price}) \times \text{one Board Lot}}{\text{Number of Warrant(s) per Entitlement}}$$

For a series of put Warrants:

$$\frac{\text{Entitlement} \times (\text{Exercise Price} - \text{Average Price}) \times \text{one Board Lot}}{\text{Number of Warrant(s) per Entitlement}}$$

Where:

“**Average Price**” means the arithmetic mean of the closing prices of one Share for each Valuation Date.

“**Valuation Date**” means each of the five Business Days immediately preceding the Expiry Date, subject to any potential postponement upon the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event, provided that no Valuation Date shall fall on or after the Expiry Date. Please see the terms and conditions of the Warrants for details.

“**Business Day**” means a day (excluding Saturdays) on which the Stock Exchange is scheduled to open for dealings in Hong Kong and banks are open for business in Hong Kong.

Where the above formula results in a negative amount, the Cash Settlement Amount per Board Lot shall be zero.

What happens at expiry?

On the Expiry Date, if the Cash Settlement Amount is greater than zero, the Warrants will be automatically exercised. We will pay a holder of Warrants the Cash Settlement Amount in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Warrants net of any exercise expenses.

Listing of the Warrants

We will make an application to the Stock Exchange for the listing of, and permission to deal in, the Warrants on the Stock Exchange and the issue of the Warrants is conditional upon listing approval being granted.

We expect that dealings in the Warrants will commence on or about 7 December 2015.

Where can you obtain further information?

We will issue the Warrants pursuant to the terms and conditions of our base listing document dated 16 March 2015 and the relevant supplemental listing document to be dated on or about 4 December 2015.

Copies of the above documents (both the English version and the Chinese translation), the first addendum to our base listing document dated 28 April 2015, the second addendum to our base listing document dated 18 June 2015, the third addendum to our base listing document dated 10 August 2015, the fourth addendum to our base listing document dated 21 September 2015, the fifth addendum to our base listing document dated 10 November 2015 and the latest publicly available annual report and consolidated financial statements of the Guarantor are available for inspection from the Listing Date until the Expiry Date, during usual business hours on any weekday (Saturdays, Sundays and holidays excepted) at the offices of Goldman Sachs (Asia) L.L.C. which is presently at 68/F, Cheung Kong Center, 2 Queen’s Road Central, Hong Kong.

Where can you obtain quotes?

You may request to obtain a quote for your Warrants from:

Liquidity Provider:	Goldman Sachs (Asia) Securities Limited
Address:	68/F, Cheung Kong Center, 2 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong
Telephone number:	2978 2333

Additional Information

The price of Warrants may fall in value as rapidly as they may rise and you may sustain a total loss of your investment. You should consider carefully the suitability of the Warrants in light of your experience, objectives, financial position and other relevant circumstances before deciding to invest in the Warrants.

Neither we nor the Guarantor is regulated by any of the bodies referred to in Rule 15A.13(2) or (3) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange. The Warrants constitute general unsecured contractual obligations of us as the Issuer and our Guarantor and of no other person and will rank equally among themselves and with all our and the Guarantor's other unsecured obligations (save for those obligations preferred by law) upon liquidation. If you purchase the Warrants, you are relying upon the creditworthiness of us and the Guarantor, and have no rights under the Warrants against the Company which has issued the underlying Shares or any other person. If we become insolvent or default on our obligations under the Warrants or the Guarantor becomes insolvent or defaults on its obligations under the guarantee, you may not be able to recover all or even part of the amount due under the Warrants (if any).

Our Warrants are not bank deposits and are not insured or guaranteed by the United States Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (the FDIC), or any other governmental agency. Our Warrants are guaranteed by The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. and the guarantee will rank pari passu with all other direct, unconditional, unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.

The Guarantor's long term credit ratings (as of the date prior to the issue date of this announcement) are A- (CreditWatch: negative) by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. and A3 (Stable) by Moody's Investors Service, Inc., New York.

The Board of Directors
Goldman Sachs Structured Products (Asia) Limited

30 November 2015