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中海集裝箱運輸股份有限公司  
**China Shipping Container Lines Company Limited**\*

(A joint stock limited company incorporated in the People's Republic of China with limited liability)  
(Stock code: 02866)

## ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

The Board of Directors (the “**Board**”) of China Shipping Container Lines Company Limited (the “**Company**”) hereby announces the following:

### I. OVERVIEW

The 47th meeting of the fourth session of the Board has considered and approved the Resolution on Changes in Accounting Estimates in relation to Vessels and Containers of the Company.

1. Changes in accounting estimates in relation to vessels: unified revisions will be made by the Company and its subsidiaries (the “**Group**”) to the accounting estimates in relation to the residual value of the Group’s vessels in whole upon expiry of their useful lives based on the prevailing price of scrap steel of USD280/LDT in international shipbreaking markets at the beginning of 2016.

2. Changes in accounting estimates in relation to containers:

(1) *Economic useful life*

For 2016, the estimated useful life of the Group’s containers (dry cargo containers) in whole will be changed to 15 years;

(2) *Residual value upon expiry of useful life*

Unified revisions will be made to the accounting estimates in relation to the residual value of the Group’s containers (dry cargo containers) upon expiry of their useful lives in the accordance with the average price of retired containers in international markets at the beginning of 2016. In particular, the residual values of 20’ dry containers and 40’ and 45’ dry containers will be changed to USD560/UNIT and USD896/UNIT, respectively.

## II. DETAILS OF THE CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

According to the requirements of the PRC Accounting Standards for Business Enterprises No. 4 – Fixed Assets, an enterprise should review the estimated useful lives, net residual values and depreciation methods of its fixed assets at the end of each accounting year. Where the estimated useful life and net residual value of a fixed asset are different from the original accounting estimates, such differences shall be adjusted accordingly.

### 1. Changes in accounting estimates in relation to vessels

As at the end of 2015, the estimated residual value of the Group's container vessels was USD420/LDT. In view of a sharp decline in scrap steel prices in international shipbreaking markets at the beginning of 2016, the Group shall revise the accounting estimates in relation to the residual values of its vessels upon expiry of their useful lives based on the prevailing price of scrap steel of USD280/LDT in international shipbreaking markets at the beginning of 2016 so as to provide more reliable, relevant and comparable accounting information.

### 2. Changes in accounting estimates in relation to containers

Following the Company's major asset restructuring (for details, please refer to the Report in Relation to Major Asset Disposal and Major Asset Acquisition and Connected Transactions of China Shipping Container Lines Company Limited), there was a change in the Company's purpose for holding containers, as the Company and Dong Fang International Investment Limited ("**Dong Fang International**") and Florens Container Holdings Limited ("**Florens**"), both acquired by the Company through the major asset restructuring, are engaged in container leasing business. As such, unified revisions will be made to the accounting estimates in relation to the estimated useful lives and residual values of the Group's containers in whole upon expiry of their useful lives so as to provide more reliable, relevant and comparable accounting information.

#### *(1) Changes in accounting estimates in relation to economic useful life*

As at the end of 2015, the estimated useful lives of the containers owned by the Company, Dong Fang International and Florens ranged between 12 to 15 years. Given advancement in the manufacturing techniques and the quality of materials used for containers in recent years, as well as improvement in the maintenance measures adopted by shipping companies, the useful life of containers has been extending. According to industry practices, the estimated useful lives of containers range between 13 to 15 years. The Group's containers that have been in service for more than 12 years are still in normal service. Therefore, relevant accounting estimates will be revised and the estimated useful life of the Group's containers in whole will be changed to 15 years;

#### *(2) Changes in accounting estimates in relation to residual value upon expiry of useful life*

As at the end of 2015, there were differences among the accounting estimates of the Company, Dong Fang International and Florens in relation to the estimated residual values of their containers. There has been a significant decrease in the price of retired shipping containers in international markets at the beginning

of 2016 as compared with the estimated selling price used for calculating the residual value in 2015, and there is no sign of a rapid recovery at present time. Therefore, unified revisions will be made to the accounting estimates in relation to the residual value of the Group's containers (dry cargo containers) upon expiry of their useful lives in the accordance with the average price of retired containers in international markets at the beginning of 2016. In particular, the residual value of 20' dry containers and 40' and 45' dry containers will be changed to USD560/UNIT and USD896/UNIT, respectively;

The above changes in accounting estimates shall be applicable to periods commencing from 1 January 2016.

### III. Impact of Changes in Accounting Estimates on Current and Future Periods

Based on the carrying amounts and existing state as at 1 January 2016 of the vessels and containers of the Company and Dong Fang International, Florens and China Shipping Nauticgreen Holdings Company Limited, all of which were consolidated into the Company's financial statements by way of business combinations under common control as a result of the major asset restructuring, the estimated impact of these changes in accounting estimates on the current profit or loss for 2016 will be a decrease of approximately RMB153 million in net profit of the year 2016, a decrease of approximately RMB153 million in the net value of fixed assets as at the end of 2016 and a decrease of approximately RMB153 million in net assets as at the end of 2016<sup>Note 1</sup>.

All these changes in accounting estimates shall be applicable to periods commencing from 1 January 2016. Assuming these changes in accounting estimates had been applied for the three years preceding 1 January 2016, their impact on the Company's total profit and net assets is set out as follows:

*Unit: RMB10,000*

Items subject to changes in accounting estimates		2013	2014	2015
Vessels	Impact on total profit	-8,112.81	-8,633.82	-10,825.10
	Impact on net assets	-8,112.81	-8,633.82	-10,825.10
Containers	Impact on total profit	947.31	1,265.73	1,803.18
	Impact on net assets	947.31	1,265.73	1,803.18
Total	Impact on total profit	-7,165.50	-7,368.09	-9,021.92
	Impact on net assets	-7,165.50	-7,368.09	-9,021.92

It is expected that these changes in accounting estimates will not have any significant impact on the profit or loss or other items for future periods.

### IV. Conclusive Opinions of Independent Directors, Board of Supervisors, and Accountants

Independent opinions of Independent Directors are set forth as below:

*Note 1:* The aforementioned assumption basis in calculating the influence of the changes in accounting estimates on the year of 2016 did not take into account the possible increase or decrease in vessels and containers in 2016.

In accordance with requirements under the “Opinions on Guiding the Establishment of Independent Directorship System of Listed Companies”, the “Governance Principles of Listed Companies”, and the Articles of Associations, we, as the Independent Directors of the Company, express our independent opinions pertaining to changes in the accounting estimates of the Company as below:

- (I) Changes in the accounting estimates of the Company is in better consistency with the actual conditions of the Company, thereby presenting a fair view of the financial position and operating results of the Company, which is in compliance with the relevant requirements under the PRC Accounting Standards for Business Enterprises.
- (II) The procedures for the Board of the Company to consider changes in the accounting estimates are in compliance with the requirements under the relevant laws and regulations. We agree with the changes in the accounting estimates of the Company.

Opinions of the Board of Supervisors are set forth as below:

- (I) The accounting estimates upon changes are in compliance with the rules of the Ministry of Finance, China Securities Regulatory Commission, and Shanghai Stock Exchange. It can objectively and fairly reflect the financial position and operating results of the Company, which is in compliance with the relevant requirements under the PRC Accounting Standards for Business Enterprises.
- (II) The decision making process on the changes in the accounting estimates comply with the requirements under the relevant laws and regulations. We agree with the changes in the accounting estimates of the Company.

Opinions of the Accountants are set forth as below:

In accordance with the relevant provisions and requirements under No.93 “Accounting Corrections, Accounting Policies, or Changes in Accounting Estimates” to the “Memorandum of Daily Information Disclosure by Listed Companies: No.1 Guidelines on the Format of Temporary Announcements” by Shanghai Stock Exchange, the “PRC Accounting Standards for Business Enterprises: No. 4 Non-current Assets”, the “PRC Accounting Standards for Business Enterprises: No. 28 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates, and Accounting Corrections”, and the “Auditing Principles for the PRC Registered Accountants”, Baker Tilly, as the auditor for A Shares of the Company, expresses its opinions pertaining to changes in the accounting estimates as below:

- (I) Reasons for the changes in the accounting estimates with respect to vessels and containers: subject to the relevant requirements under the PRC Accounting Standards for Business Enterprises, as well as the accounting policies as prepared by the Company with respect to the depreciation and provision of vessels and containers, the Company made changes to the accounting estimates pertaining to the expected useful lives and net residual values of vessels and containers after taking into consideration such factors as the actual conditions of the current marine market and the transformation of its major operation from container vessel operations to the lease of vessels and containers following the Company’s Asset Restructuring. We are of the opinion that the aforesaid changes in the accounting estimates are in better compliance with the relevant requirements of the PRC Accounting Standards for Business Enterprises and the actual conditions of the Company, which presents a fairer view of the financial conditions and operating results of the Company.

- (II) In accordance with the relevant requirements under the “PRC Accounting Standards for Business Enterprises: No. 28 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates, and Accounting Corrections”, an enterprise shall adopt appropriate accounting treatments in the future towards changes in the accounting estimates. Therefore, the Company shall adopt the applicable accounting treatments towards changes in the accounting estimates pertaining to vessels and containers of the Company with effect from 1 January 2016.

We are of the opinion that the aforesaid changes in the accounting estimates and accounting treatments are in compliance with the relevant requirements of the “PRC Accounting Standards for Business Enterprises: No.4 Non-current Assets” and the “PRC Accounting Standards for Business Enterprises: No. 28 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates, and Accounting Corrections”.

By Order of the Board  
**China Shipping Container Lines Company Limited**  
**Yu Zhen**  
*Joint Company Secretary*

Shanghai, the People’s Republic of China  
28 April 2016

*The Board as at the date of this announcement comprises of Mr. Zhang Guofa, Mr. Huang Xiaowen and Mr. Zhao Hongzhou, being executive Directors, Mr. Ding Nong, Mr. Yu Zenggang, Mr. Yang Jigui, Mr. Han Jun and Mr. Chen Jihong, being non-executive Directors, and Ms. Zhang Nan, Mr. Guan Yimin, Mr. Shi Xin, Ms. Hai Chi Yuet and Mr. Graeme Jack, being independent non-executive Directors.*

\* *The Company is a registered non-Hong Kong company as defined in the Companies Ordinance (Chapter 622 of the Laws of Hong Kong) and it is registered under its Chinese name and under the English name “China Shipping Container Lines Company Limited”.*