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PROPOSED 2016 INTERIM DIVIDEND AND CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

PROPOSED 2016 INTERIM DIVIDEND

Reference is made to the interim results announcement (the "Announcement") of Central China Securities Co., Ltd. (the "Company") dated 22 August 2016. Capitalised terms used herein shall have the same meanings as defined in the Announcement unless otherwise defined.

As disclosed in the Announcement, the Board proposed the payment of a cash dividend at RMB1 for every 10 shares (tax-inclusive) for the six months ended 30 June 2016 (the "**Proposed 2016 Interim Dividend**"). The payment of the Proposed 2016 Interim Dividend is subject to the approval from the shareholders of the Company (the "**Shareholders**") at the forthcoming extraordinary general meeting (the "**EGM**") scheduled for Thursday, 13 October 2016.

The Proposed 2016 Interim Dividend will be denominated and declared in Renminbi, holders of the Domestic Shares will be paid in Renminbi and holders of the H Shares will be paid in Hong Kong dollars. The exchange rate for the Proposed 2016 Interim Dividend to be paid in Hong Kong dollars will be the average median of the exchange rates of Hong Kong dollars to Renminbi as announced by the People's Bank of China during the five business days prior to the date of EGM.

CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The register of members of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, 13 September 2016 to Thursday, 13 October 2016 (both days inclusive) for the purpose of determining the right to attend and vote at the EGM. In order to qualify to attend and vote at the EGM, all share certificates, together with the instruments of transfer, must be lodged with the H Share registrar of the Company (the "H Share Registrar"), Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited at Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong (for holders of H Shares) or the head office of the Company in the PRC (the "PRC Head Office") at No. 10 Shangwu Waihuan Road, Zhengdong New District, Zhengzhou, Henan Province, the PRC (for holders of Domestic Shares), no later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, 12 September 2016.

Besides, Shareholders whose names appear on the register of members of the Company on Monday, 24 October 2016 (the "Record Date") are entitled to the Proposed 2016 Interim Dividend. For the purpose of determining the entitlement to the Proposed 2016 Interim Dividend, the register of members of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, 19 October 2016 to Monday, 24 October 2016 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares of the Company can be registered. In order to be entitled to receive the Proposed 2016 Interim Dividend, all share certificates, together with the instruments of transfer, must be lodged with the

H Share Registrar (for holders of H shares) or the PRC Head Office (for holders of Domestic Shares) no later than 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 18 October 2016. The Proposed 2016 Interim Dividend, if approved by the Shareholders at the EGM, is expected to be paid on or about Friday, 11 November 2016 to Shareholders whose names appear on the register of members of the Company on the Record Date.

TAXATION

In accordance with the Enterprise Income Tax Law of the People's Republic of China (《中華人民 共和國企業所得稅法》) and its implementation regulations which came into effect on 1 January 2008, the Company is required to withhold and pay enterprise income tax at the rate of 10% on behalf of the non-resident enterprise Shareholders whose names appear on the register of members for H Shares when distributing the cash dividends. Any H Shares not registered under the name of an individual Shareholder, including HKSCC Nominees Limited, other nominees, agents or trustees, or other organisations or groups, shall be deemed as shares held by non-resident enterprise Shareholders. Therefore, on this basis, enterprise income tax shall be withheld from dividends payable to such Shareholders. If holders of H Shares intend to change its Shareholder status, they should enquire about the relevant procedures with their agents or trustees. The Company will strictly comply with the laws or the requirements of the relevant government authorities and withhold and pay enterprise income tax on behalf of the relevant Shareholders based on the register of members for H Shares as at the Record Date.

If the individual holders of H Shares are Hong Kong or Macau residents and residents of the countries which had an agreed tax rate of 10% for the cash dividends paid to them with the PRC under the relevant tax agreements, the Company shall withhold and pay individual income tax on behalf of the relevant Shareholders at a rate of 10%. Should the individual holders of H Shares be residents of the countries which have an agreed tax rate of less than 10% with the PRC under the relevant tax agreements, the Company shall withhold and pay individual income tax on behalf of the relevant Shareholders at a rate of 10%. In that case, if the relevant individual holders of H Shares wish to reclaim the extra amount withheld (the "Extra Amount"), the Company can, on behalf of the relevant Shareholders, apply for the relevant agreed preferential tax treatment provided that the relevant Shareholders shall submit the evidence required by the notice of the tax agreement to the H Share Registrar within the time limit. The Company will assist with the refund of the Extra Amount after the approval by the competent tax authorities. Should the individual holders of H Shares be residents of the countries which have an agreed tax rate of over 10% but less than 20% with the PRC under the tax agreements, the Company shall, on behalf of the relevant Shareholders, withhold and pay the individual income tax at the agreed actual rate in accordance with the relevant tax agreements. In the case that the individual holders of H Shares are residents of the countries which have an agreed tax rate of 20% with the PRC, or who have not entered into any tax agreement with the PRC, or otherwise, the Company shall, on behalf of the relevant Shareholders, withhold and pay the individual income tax at a rate of 20%.

> By order of the Board of Central China Securities Co., Ltd. JIAN Mingjun Chairman

Henan, the PRC, 29 August 2016

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises executive Directors Mr. JIAN Mingjun and Mr. ZHOU Xiaoquan, non-executive Directors Mr. LI Xingjia, Mr. WANG Lixin, Mr. ZHANG Qiang, Mr. ZHANG Xiaoqi and Mr. YU Zeyang, and independent non-executive Directors Mr. YUAN Dejun, Mr. YUEN Chi Wai, Mr. NING Jincheng and Mr. YU Xugang.