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海通证券股份有限公司
HAITONG SECURITIES CO., LTD.*

(A joint stock limited company incorporated in the People's Republic of China with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 6837)

ANNOUNCEMENT ON EXPLANATION OF SUBSEQUENT MATTERS RELATING TO THE RENEWAL OF ENGAGEMENT OF AUDITING FIRMS

Haitong Securities Co., Ltd. (the “**Company**”) convened the 2016 annual general meeting on 6 June 2017 and a resolution regarding renewal of engagement of auditing firms of the Company for the year 2017 was considered and approved at this meeting. In respect of the domestic auditing matters, the Company proposed that BDO China Shu Lun Pan Certified Public Accountants LLP (Special General Partnership) (“**BDO**”) be re-appointed as the external auditor of the Company in 2017 for a period of one year, who will be responsible for provision of relevant domestic audit services in accordance with China Enterprise Accounting Standards.

Given that BDO recently received the “Notice Requiring BDO China Shu Lun Pan Certified Public Accountants LLP (Special General Partnership) to Suspend Acceptance of New Security Business and to Make Rectification within Prescribed Period” (Cai Kuai Bian [2017] No. 24) (the “**Notice**”) jointly issued by the Ministry of Finance of the People’s Republic of China (“**MOF**”) and China Securities Regulatory Commission (“**CSRC**”). The relevant matters mentioned in the Notice are in relation to BDO’s work not related to the Company. Pursuant to the Notice, MOF and CSRC ordered BDO to temporarily suspend acceptance of new security business since 23 May 2017, therefore BDO is not able to renew the engagement with the Company or perform the duty for provision of relevant domestic audit services in accordance with China Enterprise Accounting Standards currently. The Company will otherwise promote the engagement of domestic A share auditing firm (for provision of relevant domestic audit services in accordance with China Enterprise Accounting Standards) pursuant to relevant procedures in accordance with relevant laws and regulations, the articles of association of the Company and the actual situation.

By order of the Board
Haitong Securities Co., Ltd.
ZHOU Jie
Chairman

Shanghai, the PRC
23 June 2017

As at the date of this announcement, our executive directors are Mr. ZHOU Jie and Mr. QU Qiuping; our non-executive directors are Ms. YU Liping, Mr. CHEN Bin, Mr. XU Jianguo, Ms. ZHANG Xinmei and Mr. SHEN Tiedong; and our independent non-executive directors are Mr. LIU Cheeming, Mr. XIAO Suining, Dr. Lam Lee G., Mr. ZHANG Ming and Mr. FENG Lun.

* For identification purpose only