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## VOLUNTARY ANNOUNCEMENT — STRATEGIC COOPERATION FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT

This is a voluntary announcement made by CIG Yangtze Ports PLC (the "**Company**", together with its subsidiaries, the "**Group**").

The board (the "**Board**") of directors (the "**Directors**") of the Company is pleased to announce that, on 15 June 2018, the Company entered into a non-legally binding strategic cooperation framework agreement (the "**Strategic Cooperation Framework Agreement**") with the Hubei Port and Shipping Bureau\* (湖北省港航管理局) (the "**Cooperative Partner**") pursuant to which both parties agreed to carry out comprehensive cooperation in relation to, among other things, the construction of the green Hanjiang port, liquefied natural gas ("LNG") powered vessels, LNG fueling stations, and promoting the formation of the ecological networks thereunder in the Hubei Province, the People's Republic of China (the "**Project**").

In connection with the Project, the Cooperative Partner shall, among others, guide the strategic injection of capital investment for the Project, and shall support the Project through favourable policies and infrastructure support.

The Board is of the view that the entering into of the Strategic Cooperation Framework Agreement is beneficial to the Company as the Project would enable both parties to leverage on their respective strength, resources and expertise to build a stable and mutually-beneficial strategic partnership.

The Group will bring in its resources, while empowered by the Cooperative Partner, to rapidly develop the Project for use nationwide and to create synergy effect for the Group.

The Group profoundly understands its social responsibilities as a listed company. Therefore, in line with the direction of China's national development, the Board believes that there is a significant potential in the Project which will help promote its corporate and social responsibilities and enhance its corporate image.

As part of the strategic cooperation, the Cooperative Partner shall, through favourable policies and infrastructure support, provide training and funding support as required for the Project. This will help enhance the overall corporate development of the Group and maximize return to the Company and its shareholders in the long run.

The Board considers that the cooperation contemplated under the Strategic Cooperation Framework Agreement is in the usual course of business of the Company and the terms of the Strategic Cooperation Framework Agreement are based on normal commercial terms and are fair and reasonable and in the interests of the Company and its shareholders as a whole.

The Board wishes to emphasize that the Strategic Cooperation Framework Agreement merely provides a framework of cooperation between the Company and the Cooperative Partner. The terms of cooperation contemplated under the Strategic Cooperation Framework Agreement are subject to the terms of any definitive agreements which the Company and the Cooperative Partner may subsequently enter into from time to time. As at the date of this announcement, the Company and the Cooperative Partner have not yet entered into any legally binding agreements in relation to any specific cooperation plans.

The Cooperative Partner is part of the governmental organisations in the People's Republic of China. To the best of the Board's knowledge, information and belief, and having made all reasonable enquiries, the Cooperative Partner and its ultimate beneficial owners are all third parties independent of the Company and its connected persons (as defined in the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited).

> By the order of the Board CIG Yangtze Ports PLC Yan Zhi Chairman

Hong Kong, 15 June 2018

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises three executive Directors, namely Mr. Xie Bingmu, Mr. Zhang Jiwei and Ms. Liu Qin, two non-executive Directors namely Mr. Yan Zhi and Mr. Xia Yu and three independent non-executive Directors namely Mr. Lee Kang Bor, Thomas, Dr. Mao Zhenhua and Mr. Wong Wai Keung, Frederick.

\* For identification purposes only