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HC GROUP INC.

慧聪集團有限公司

(incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 02280)

**INSIDE INFORMATION
DELAY IN PUBLICATION OF THE
2026 INTERIM REPORT
AND
CONTINUED SUSPENSION OF TRADING**

This announcement is made by HC Group Inc. (the “**Company**”, together with its subsidiaries, the “**Group**”) pursuant to Rule 13.09(2)(a) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities (the “**Listing Rules**”) on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Stock Exchange**”) and the Inside Information Provisions (as defined under the Listing Rules) under Part XIVA of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong).

References are made to the Company’s announcements dated 17 March 2026, 23 March 2026, 23 June 2026, 30 June 2026 and 28 August 2026 in relation to, among others, the delay in publication of the Company’s financial results for the year ended 31 December 2025 (the “**2025 Results**”), suspension of trading and delay in publication of the Company’s interim results announcement for the six months ended 30 June 2026 (the “**2026 Interim Results**”).

DELAY IN PUBLICATION OF THE 2026 INTERIM REPORT

Pursuant to Rule 13.48(1) of the Listing Rules, the Company is required to send its interim report for the six months ended 30 June 2026 (the “**2026 Interim Report**”) to its shareholders not later than three months after the date upon which the financial period ended (i.e. on or before 30 September 2026).

As the audit work in respect of the 2025 Results is currently in progress, the Company expects that the 2025 Results will likely impact the preparation of the 2026 Interim Report. In view of the audit progress in respect of the 2025 Results, the Company considers that it will not be able to publish the 2026 Interim Report on or before 30 September 2026. The Company will make further announcement(s) as and when appropriate to inform the shareholders of the Company and potential

investors of the expected date of publication of the 2026 Interim Results and the 2026 Interim Report.

CONTINUED TRADING SUSPENSION

At the request of the Company, trading in the shares of the Company on the Stock Exchange has been suspended with effect from 9:00 a.m. on 18 March 2026 pending the publication of the 2025 Results, and will remain suspended until the fulfilment of the resumption guidance issued by the Stock Exchange.

Shareholders and potential investors are advised to exercise caution when dealing in the securities of the Company.

By order of the Board
HC GROUP INC.
Liu Jun
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Hong Kong, 30 September 2026

As at the date of this announcement, the Directors are:

Mr. Liu Jun (Chairman, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer)
Mr. Zhang Yonghong (Executive Director)
Mr. Guo Fansheng (Non-executive Director)
Mr. Lin Dewei (Non-executive Director)
Mr. Xing Jingfeng (Non-executive Director)
Mr. Zhang Ke (Independent non-executive Director)
Mr. Zhang Tim Tianwei (Independent non-executive Director)
Ms. Qi Yan (Independent non-executive Director)