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(a joint stock limited company incorporated in the People's Republic of China with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 00980)

ANNOUNCEMENT APPOINTMENT OF JOINT COMPANY SECRETARY

The board of directors (the “Board”) of Lianhua Supermarket Holdings Co., Ltd. (the “Company”) would like to announce that Mr. Zhou Zhong-qi (“Mr. Zhou”) (*Note 1*) and Mr. Mok Chung Kwan, Stephen (“Mr. Mok”) (*Note 2*) were appointed as the joint company secretary of the Company with effect from 30 December 2013 (the “Appointment Date”).

Pursuant to Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities (the “Listing Rules”) on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Stock Exchange”), the Company must appoint a company secretary who, by virtue of his/her academic or professional qualifications or relevant experience, is, in the opinion of the Stock Exchange, capable of discharging the functions of company secretary. Mr. Zhou has abundant experience in management of listed retail company and is familiar with the operations of the Company. However, given that Mr. Zhou does not possess the relevant qualification as required under the Listing Rules, his appointment as company secretary alone does not strictly comply with the requirements under Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules.

The Company has made application to the Stock Exchange for and the Stock Exchange has granted a waiver from strict compliance with the requirements under Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules. The waiver is valid for a period of three years from the Appointment Date (the “Waiver Period”), on the conditions that the Company engages Mr. Mok, who possesses all the requisite qualifications required under Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules, to assist Mr. Zhou in his discharge of duties as a joint company secretary during the Waiver Period. The waiver will be revoked immediately when Mr. Mok ceases to be a joint company secretary of the Company. At the end of the Waiver Period, the Company will notify the Stock Exchange to revisit the situation. The Stock Exchange expects that the Company will be able to satisfy the Stock Exchange that Mr. Zhou can satisfy Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules at the end of the Waiver Period, having had the benefit of Mr. Mok’s assistance, such that a further waiver would not be necessary.

By order of the Board
Lianhua Supermarket Holdings Co., Ltd.
Chen Jian-jun
Chairman

Shanghai, the People’s Republic of China, 30 December, 2013

As at the date of this announcement, the directors of the Company are:

Executive directors: Chen Jian-jun, Hua Guo-ping, Cai Lan-ying, Qi Yue-hong and Zhou Zhong-qi;

Non-executive directors: Kazuyasu Misu and Wong Tak Hung;

Independent non-executive directors: Xia Da-wei, Lee Kwok Ming, Don, Zhang Hui-ming and Huo Jia-zhen.

Note:

1. For the profile of Mr. Zhou, please refer to the announcement of the Company dated 20 December 2013.
2. Mr. Mok is a solicitor as defined in the Legal Practitioners Ordinance and currently a partner of Eversheds. Mr. Mok graduated from the University of New South Wales in Australia with Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting)/ Bachelor of Laws degrees. Mr. Mok possesses qualifications as a practicing solicitor in England and Wales, New South Wales of Australia, and Hong Kong. Mr. Mok has extensive experience in general business practices and corporate financial transactions, such as assisting corporations on listing their shares on the Stock Exchange, merger and acquisitions, corporate restructuring, organising joint ventures, and compliance with the Listing Rules and securities-related laws of Hong Kong. Mr. Mok was the joint company secretary of the Company for the period from 7 June 2004 to 9 March 2011 and has been the legal adviser of the Company since the listing of the Company on the main board of the Stock Exchange in 2003.