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中国农业银行

AGRICULTURAL BANK OF CHINA

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中國農業銀行股份有限公司

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

(Stock Code: 1288)

APPOINTMENT OF COMPANY SECRETARY

A meeting of the board of directors (the “**Board**”) of Agricultural Bank of China Limited (the “**Bank**”) was held on 12 March 2018, at which the Board has resolved to appoint Mr. ZHOU Wanfu (“**Mr. Zhou**”) as the secretary to the Board, the company secretary and an authorised representative of the Bank.

The profile of Mr. Zhou is set out in the appendix.

Since Mr. Zhou does not possess the qualifications or relevant experience to fulfil the requirements under Rule 3.28 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Listing Rules**”), the Bank applied to The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Stock Exchange**”) for a waiver from strict compliance with the requirements under Rule 3.28 and Rule 8.17 of the Listing Rules, and has been granted with such waiver by the Stock Exchange. The appointments of Mr. Zhou as the secretary to the Board, the company secretary and an authorised representative of the Bank will become effective upon the approval of Mr. Zhou’s qualification by China Banking Regulatory Commission. Upon such appointments of Mr. Zhou becoming effective, Ms. Zhang Keqiu will no longer serve as the Bank’s secretary to the Board, company secretary and authorised representative. The Bank will publish relevant announcements in due course.

Mr. Zhou will be assisted by Ms. Lai Siu Kuen (“**Ms. Lai**”), the assistant to the company secretary, in his discharge of duties as the company secretary during a period of three years from the date on which his appointment becomes effective. Ms. Lai is an associate director at TMF Hong Kong Limited, a company providing a range of corporate accounting and corporate secretarial services in Hong Kong. She is a fellow member of the Hong Kong Institute of Chartered Secretaries and the

Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators in the United Kingdom, and meets the relevant requirements under Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules. The Bank will notify the Stock Exchange to re-visit the relevant situation at the end of the three-year period and expects to demonstrate that Mr. Zhou can satisfy the requirements under Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules such that a further waiver will not be necessary.

By Order of the Board
Agricultural Bank of China Limited
ZHANG Keqiu
Company Secretary

Beijing, PRC
12 March 2018

As at the date of this announcement, our executive directors are Mr. ZHOU Mubing, Mr. ZHAO Huan, Mr. WANG Wei and Ms. GUO Ningning; our non-executive directors are Mr. ZHANG Dinglong, Mr. CHEN Jianbo, Mr. HU Xiaohui, Mr. XU Jiandong and Mr. LIAO Luming; and our independent non-executive directors are Mr. WEN Tiejun, Mr. Francis YUEN Tin-fan, Ms. XIAO Xing, Mr. WANG Xinxin and Mr. HUANG Zhenzhong.

APPENDIX

Mr. Zhou Wanfu, born in November 1965, received a master's degree in economics from the Postgraduate School of the People's Bank of China and a master's degree in business administration from Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. Mr. Zhou previously served as the executive vice president of Ningbo Branch, deputy general manager of the Assets and Liabilities Management Department and deputy general manager of Planning and Finance Department of the Bank. From October 2008, Mr. Zhou successively served as the general manager of Assets and Liabilities Management Department, the executive vice president of Chongqing Branch, the general manager of Strategic Planning Department and the president of Tianjin Training Institute of the Bank. Mr. Zhou has been the general manager of Strategic Planning Department of the Bank since September 2015.