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Holly Futures

(a joint stock company incorporated in the People's Republic of China with limited liability under the Chinese corporate name 弘業期貨股份有限公司 and carrying on business in Hong Kong as Holly Futures)

(Stock Code: 3678)

PROPOSED CHANGE OF AUDITORS

This announcement is made by the Company pursuant to Rule 13.51(4) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

The board (the “**Board**”) of directors (the “**Directors**”) of the Company hereby announces that KPMG Huazhen LLP (“**KPMG**”) will retire as the auditors (the “**Auditors**”) of the Company upon expiration of its current term of office with effect from the conclusion of the forthcoming annual general meeting for the year of 2020 (the “**AGM**”) and will not seek for reappointment.

Pursuant to the Administrative Measures for the Appointment of Accounting Firms by State-owned Financial Enterprises (《國有金融企業選聘會計師事務所管理辦法》) (Caijin No. [2020]6) issued by the Ministry of Finance of the People's Republic of China, the term of consecutive engagement of the same accounting firm by a financial enterprise shall in principle not exceed five years and the consecutive engagement shall not exceed eight years. KPMG has been engaged by the Company to provide audit services in relation to domestic financial statements for approximately six consecutive years. In order to comply with above requirement, the Company has reached a mutual understanding with KPMG on the non-renewal of its appointment.

KPMG has confirmed that there are no matters in connection with its retirement that should be brought to the attention of the shareholders (the “**Shareholders**”) of the Company. The Board and the audit committee (the “**Audit Committee**”) of the Company have also confirmed that there is no disagreement with KPMG and the Board has no unresolved issue regarding the proposed change of Auditors. The Board confirms there are no circumstances in respect of the proposed change of Auditors that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

The Company would like to extend its sincere gratitude to KPMG for their quality services provided to the Group in previous years.

The Board has resolved, with recommendation of the Audit Committee, to propose the appointment of ShineWing Certified Public Accountants (“**ShineWing**”) as the new Auditors. Accordingly, an ordinary resolution will be submitted for approval by the Shareholders in the AGM to appoint ShineWing as the new Auditors following the retirement of KPMG with effect from the conclusion of the AGM and to hold office until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company.

A circular containing, among other things, information in relation to the proposed change of Auditors, together with the notice to convene the AGM will be despatched to the Shareholders in due course.

By order of the Board
Ms. Zhou Jianqiu
Executive Director

Nanjing, the PRC
26 March 2021

As at the date of this announcement, the Board consists of Mr. Zhou Yong and Ms. Zhou Jianqiu as executive Directors; Mr. Xue Binghai, Mr. Jiang Lin and Mr. Shan Bing as non-executive Directors; and Mr. Wang Yuetang, Mr. Lam Kai Yeung and Mr. Huang Dechun as independent non-executive Directors.