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GLOBAL SWEETENERS HOLDINGS LIMITED

大成糖業控股有限公司 *

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 03889)

(1) EXPECTED DELAY IN PUBLICATION OF 2021 AUDITED ANNUAL RESULTS;

(2) PUBLICATION OF 2021 UNAUDITED ANNUAL RESULTS;

AND

(3) CHANGE OF PURPOSE OF BOARD MEETING

(1) EXPECTED DELAY IN PUBLICATION OF 2021 AUDITED ANNUAL RESULTS

The board (the “**Board**”) of directors (the “**Directors**”) of Global Sweeteners Holdings Limited (the “**Company**”, together with its subsidiaries, the “**Group**”) wishes to inform the shareholders of the Company and potential investors that the audit procedures for the Group’s annual results for the year ended 31 December 2021 have been delayed due to travel, logistics and other restrictions caused by the recent outbreak of the coronavirus disease (the “**COVID-19**”) in Mainland China and Hong Kong, which limited the Group’s ability to collect and provide certain necessary audit information in a timely manner. The Group’s audit process, which mainly includes the issuing and receiving of audit confirmations for banks, creditors or debtors of the Group, has not been completed as scheduled. The suspension of express delivery services in some of the Group’s major operating cities in Mainland China and Hong Kong, as well as the quarantine of staff or closure of office sites at the Group’s main operational facilities in Changchun, Jinzhou and Shanghai, resulted in delays in the receipt of audit confirmations.

As at the date of this announcement, all the necessary audit confirmations have been issued but the Group currently cannot estimate the timeline for receiving all the necessary audit confirmations and information to complete the audit procedures for the Group to issue the audited annual results of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2021 (the “**2021 Audited Annual Results**”). It is therefore expected that the Group will not be able to publish the 2021 Audited Annual Results on or before 31 March 2022 in accordance with Rule 13.49(1) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Listing Rules**”).

Subject to the completion of the auditing process, the Company will publish the 2021 Audited Annual Results as agreed by the Company’s auditors as soon as practicable.

(2) PUBLICATION OF 2021 UNAUDITED ANNUAL RESULTS

Under Rule 13.49(3) of the Listing Rules, if an issuer is unable to publish preliminary results pursuant to Rules 13.49(1) and (2) of the Listing Rules, the issuer shall publish a results announcement within three months after the end of the financial year based on financial results that have yet to be agreed with the auditor of the Company, if such information is available. The Company will publish the unaudited annual results of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2021 (the “**2021 Unaudited Annual Results**”) on 31 March 2022. The 2021 Unaudited Annual Results are expected to contain material information sufficient to enable holders of securities of the Company and potential investors to be informed of the business and financial position of the Group.

(3) CHANGE OF PURPOSE OF BOARD MEETING

Reference is made to the announcement of the Company dated 18 March 2022 in relation to a meeting of the Board (the “**Board Meeting**”) to be held on Thursday, 31 March 2022 for the purposes of, among other matters, considering and approving the 2021 Audit Annual Results and its publication and considering the recommendation on payment of a final dividend, if any. As a result of the above arrangement, the purpose of the Board Meeting to be held on 31 March 2022 will be, among other matters, considering and approving the 2021 Unaudited Annual Results and considering the recommendation on payment of a final dividend, if any. Further announcement will be made by the Company in accordance with the Listing Rules on the date of the meeting of the Board for the purpose of considering and approving the 2021 Audited Annual Results.

By order of the Board
Global Sweeteners Holdings Limited
Zhang Zihua
Acting Chairman

Hong Kong, 29 March 2022

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises two executive Directors namely, Mr. Zhang Zihua and Mr. Tai Shubin; and three independent non-executive Directors, namely, Mr. Fan Yeran, Mr. Fong Wai Ho and Mr. Lo Kwing Yu.

** For identification purposes only*