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(A joint stock company incorporated in the People's Republic of China with limited liability under the Chinese corporate name 华泰证券股份有限公司 and carrying on business in Hong Kong as HTSC)

(Stock Code: 6886)

## PROPOSED CHANGE OF ACCOUNTING FIRMS

This announcement is made by the Company pursuant to Rule 13.51(4) of the Listing Rules.

According to the Administrative Measures for Selection and Appointment of Accounting Firms by State-owned Financial Enterprises (Cai Jin [2020] No. 6) (《國有金融企業選聘會計師事務所管理辦法》(財金[2020]6 號文)) 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 not exceed eight years. The service term of KPMG Huazhen LLP ("KPMG Huazhen") and KPMG ("KPMG") will expire after the completion of 2021 annual audit. The Company is required to change the audit service institute for 2022.

The Company selected and appointed audit service institutes for 2022 through open tender, which was reviewed by the Audit Committee of the Board and considered by the Board. The Company proposed to appoint Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Certified Public Accountants LLP as the audit service institute of the Company and its holding subsidiaries for the 2022 annual accounting statement and internal control to issue A Share audit report, internal control audit report and GDRs audit report upon the completion of the 2021 annual audit; and proposed to appoint Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu as the audit service institute for the Company's H Shares to issue H Share audit report.

As the audit service institutes of the Company for 2021, KPMG Huazhen and KPMG will continue to provide services related to the audit of the Company's financial statements and internal control for 2021. The Company, after communicating with KPMG Huazhen and KPMG on the change of accounting firms, has been informed that they have no disagreement with the change of accounting firms. Matters that are required to be stated pursuant to the Rule 13.51(4) of the Listing Rules will be disclosed after the completion of the Company's audit for 2021 in due course, if any.

The above-mentioned proposed change of accounting firms is subject to the consideration and approval by way of an ordinary resolution at the 2021 annual general meeting of the Company. A circular containing, among other things, details of the proposed change of accounting firms together with the notice convening the 2021 annual general meeting of the Company will be despatched to the shareholders of the Company in due course.

## **Definitions**

In this announcement, the following expressions have the meanings set out below unless the context otherwise requires.

"Board" the board of directors of the Company

"Company" a joint stock company incorporated in the PRC with limited liability

under the corporate name 华泰证券股份有限公司 (Huatai Securities Co., Ltd.), converted from its predecessor 华泰证券有限责任公司 (Huatai Securities Limited Liability Company) on December 7, 2007, carrying on business in Hong Kong as "HTSC", and was registered as a registered non-Hong Kong company under Part 16 of the Companies Ordinance under the Chinese approved name of "華泰六八八六股份有限公司" and English name of "Huatai Securities Co., Ltd."; the H shares of which have been listed on the main board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited since June 1, 2015 (Stock Code: 6886); the A shares of which have been listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange since February 26, 2010 (Stock Code: 601688); the global depository receipts of which have been listed on the London Stock

Exchange plc since June 2019 (Symbol: HTSC), unless the context

otherwise requires, including its predecessor

"Director(s)" the director(s) of the Company

"GDR" global depository receipt

"Listing Rules" the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange

of Hong Kong Limited

"PRC" the People's Republic of China, excluding for the purposes of this

announcement, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Macau

Special Administrative Region and Taiwan

By order of the Board of the Company **Zhang Hui** 

Joint Company Secretary

Jiangsu, the PRC, 30 March, 2022

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Mr. Zhang Wei, Mr. Zhou Yi and Mr. Zhu Xuebo as executive directors; Mr. Ding Feng, Mr. Chen Yongbing, Mr. Ke Xiang, Ms. Hu Xiao and Mr. Wang Tao as non-executive directors; and Mr. Chen Chuanming, Ms. Liu Yan, Mr. Chen Zhibin, Mr. Wang Jianwen and Ms. AU King Chi as independent non-executive directors.