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KE Holdings Inc.
貝殼控股有限公司

(A company controlled through weighted voting rights and incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 2423)

CHANGE OF JOINT COMPANY SECRETARY

Change of Joint Company Secretary

The board of directors (the “**Board**”) of KE Holdings Inc. (the “**Company**,” together with its subsidiaries and the consolidated affiliated entities, the “**Group**”) hereby announces that due to other work commitments, Mr. Matthew Huaxia Zhao (趙華夏) (“**Mr. Zhao**”) has tendered his resignation as a joint company secretary of the Company (the “**Joint Company Secretary**”) with effect from September 1, 2022.

Mr. Zhao has confirmed that he has no disagreement with the Board during his term of office and there are no other matters relating to his resignation that need to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Company.

The Board also announces that Ms. Siting Li (李思婷) (“**Ms. Li**”) has been appointed as a Joint Company Secretary with effect from September 1, 2022 (the “**Appointment of Ms. Li**”), and Ms. Lau Yee Wa (劉綺華) (“**Ms. Lau**”), the other Joint Company Secretary, will continue to act as Joint Company Secretary.

The biographical details of Ms. Li are set out as follows:

Ms. Li, the Joint Company Secretary and the senior manager of the investor relationship department of the Company, joined the Company in June 2018. Prior to joining the Company, she lastly served as the senior investment manager at Nanshan Group Capital Investment Co., Ltd.*(南山集團資本投資有限公司) from 2013 to 2018. She also has experiences in strategy and management consulting. Ms. Li obtained a master’s degree from The London School of Economics and Political Science.

Waiver from Strict Compliance with Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules with respect to the Appointment of Ms. Li

Pursuant to Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Listing Rules**”), 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 of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Stock Exchange**”), capable of discharging the functions of company secretary.

The principal business activities of the Company are mainly conducted in mainland China. The Company considers it is important that its company secretary not only possesses sufficient knowledge and experience in relation to the Listing Rules and other relevant laws and regulations, but also is familiar with the internal operations of the Company, and has nexus to the Board and close working relationship with the management of the Company in order to perform the function of a company secretary and to take the necessary actions in the most effective and efficient manner. However, Ms. Li does not possess the relevant qualification as required under the Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules.

Therefore, with respect to the Appointment of Ms. Li, the Company has made application to the Stock Exchange for and the Stock Exchange has granted a waiver (“**Waiver**”) from strict compliance with the requirements under Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules, based on the followings: (i) Ms. Li’s participation in various capital activities of the Group and her knowledge of and familiarity with the Listing Rules and other relevant laws and regulations; (ii) Ms. Li’s above-mentioned background and experience; (iii) Ms. Li’s professional training experience; (iv) the strong support and assistance from Ms. Lau, the other Joint Company Secretary, during the Waiver Period (as defined below), who is a Chartered Secretary, a Chartered Governance Professional and an associate of The Hong Kong Chartered Governance Institute and The Chartered Governance Institute in the United Kingdom and is therefore qualified under Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules to act as a Joint Company Secretary, with over 20 years of experience in the corporate secretarial field for providing professional corporate services to Hong Kong listed companies as well as multinational, private and offshore companies; and (v) the continuing relevant training and support from the Company’s comprehensive internal measures and systems and the professional advisors.

The Waiver is valid for a period of three years from September 1, 2022 (the “**Waiver Period**”), being the date of Appointment of Ms. Li as a Joint Company Secretary, on the following conditions: (i) Ms. Li will be assisted by Ms. Lau during the Waiver Period; and (ii) this Waiver could be revoked if there are material breaches of the Listing Rules by the Company.

Before the end of the Waiver Period, the Company must demonstrate and seek the Stock Exchange’s confirmation that Ms. Li, having had the benefit of Ms. Lau’s assistance during the Waiver Period, has attained the relevant experience and is capable of discharging the functions of company secretary under Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules such that a further waiver will not be necessary.

The Board would like to express its appreciation to Mr. Zhao for his contributions to the Company during his tenure in office and its warmest welcome to Ms. Li for taking up her new appointment.

By order of the Board
KE Holdings Inc.
Yongdong Peng
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Hong Kong, September 1, 2022

As at the date of this announcement, the board of directors of the Company comprises Mr. Yongdong Peng, Mr. Yigang Shan, Mr. Tao Xu and Mr. Wangang Xu as the executive directors, Mr. Jeffrey Zhaohui Li as the non-executive director, and Ms. Xiaohong Chen, Mr. Hansong Zhu and Mr. Jun Wu as the independent non-executive directors.

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