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## CHINA ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY AND BIOENERGY HOLDINGS LIMITED

# 中科生物控股有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability) (Stock Code: 1237)

### **CHANGE OF AUDITORS**

This announcement is made by China Environmental Technology and Bioenergy Holdings Limited (the "**Company**", together with its subsidiaries, the "**Group**") pursuant to Rule 13.51(4) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

### **RESIGNATION OF AUDITORS**

The board (the "**Board**") of directors of the Company announces that Ascenda Cachet CPA Limited ("**Ascenda Cachet**") resigned as the auditors of the Company with effect from 4 November 2022, as the Company and Ascenda Cachet could not reach a consensus on the audit fee for the financial year ending 31 December 2022. Ascenda Cachet has confirmed in writing that there are no other matters that need to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Company (the "Shareholders") or creditors of the Group (the "Creditors").

The Board and the audit committee of the Company ("Audit Committee") confirmed that there are no other matters or circumstances in respect of the change of auditor that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders or the Creditors.

Ascenda Cachet advised that they have not yet commenced any audit work of the Group for the financial year ending 31 December 2022 and that from their perspective, there are no other matters or circumstances in respect of the change of auditor that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders or the Creditors.

The Board would like to express its sincere gratitude to Ascenda Cachet for their professional services rendered to the Group in the past years.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS**

The Board further announces that it has resolved, as recommended by the Audit Committee, to appoint CWK CPA Limited ("CWK") as new auditors of the Company to fill the casual vacancy arising from the resignation of Ascenda Cachet and to hold office until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company.

According to Code Provision D.3.3 of Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules, the Audit Committee is responsible for performing, among others, the following duties:

- (a) to be primarily responsible for making recommendations to the Board on the appointment, re-appointment and removal of the external auditor;
- (b) to approve the remuneration and terms of engagement of the external auditor; and
- (c) to address any issues related to the resignation or removal of the auditor (if any).

In respect of the resignation of Ascenda Cachet as the Company's auditors and the appointment of CWK as the new auditors of the Company, the Audit Committee has:

- 1. discussed and dealt with issues regarding the reasons for Ascenda Cachet's resignation as the Company's auditor, mainly being the lack of consensus in respect of the audit fee;
- 2. obtained and discussed the fee quotations from CWK; and
- 3. conducted a review of the background and suitability of CWK, including its qualifications and industry experience.

On the basis of the above, the Audit Committee has passed a resolution to recommend to the Board the appointment of CWK as the new auditor of the Company to fill the casual vacancy with effect from 4 November 2022 and to hold office until the next annual general meeting of the Company after taking into consideration, inter alia, CWK's fee quotation and its qualifications and industry experience.

The Board would like to extend its warm welcome to CWK on its appointment as the auditor of the Company.

By order of the Board China Environmental Technology and Bioenergy Holdings Limited Xie Qingmei Chairlady

Zhangping, The People's Republic of China, 4 November 2022

As at the date of this announcement, the executive Directors are Ms. Xie Qingmei and Mr. Wu Zheyan, and the independent non- executive Directors are Mr. Tse Kwok Hing, Henry, Prof. Jin Zhongwei and Prof. Su Wenqiang.