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# CHINA PUTIAN FOOD HOLDING LIMITED

# 中國普甜食品控股有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock code: 01699)

# **QUARTERLY ANNOUNCEMENT**

This announcement is made by China Putian Food Holding Limited (the "Company") pursuant to Rule 13.09 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules") and the Inside Information Provisions (as defined under the Listing Rules) under Part XIVA of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong).

References are made to the announcements of the Company dated 29 March 2023, 28 April 2023, 25 May 2023 and 8 June 2023 in relation to, among other things, (i) the delay in publication of audited annual results announcement for the year ended 31 December 2022; (ii) the possible financing and debt restructuring plan; (iii) the suspension of trading; and (iv) the announcement of the Company dated 8 June 2023 in respect of the resumption guidance ("Initial Resumption Guidance") (collectively, the "Announcements"). Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalised terms used in this announcement shall have the same meanings as those defined in the Announcements.

#### **BUSINESS OPERATIONS**

The Group has well established white and black hogs in the Shiti and Xianglixiang farms in Putian, Fujian, for many years. However because of the African swine fever since 2018 and COVID-19 since 2019, the Group suffered from the continuing sharp price drop in the pork and live hogs under the extreme bad sentiment of the hogs raising industry. This hindered the development plan of the Hebei farm which was established in 2017 with the initial investment of over HK\$200 million. These setbacks had resulted a significant impairment loss reflected in the 2021 audited results. Since 2022, the continuing worsen account receivables turnover cycle in the hogs raising industry chain had created a lot difficulty in the sales and operation management of the Group. Under this severe tight cashflow situation, the turnover and the

gross profit margin of the Group is expected to continue to drop significantly. However, the management of the Group still maintained a certain level of business sales volume in the Fujian market with its best effort under this severe tight cash flow situation.

As at the date of this announcement, the business operations of the Group are continuing as usual in all material respects. The Board will continue to assess and monitor the impact of the suspension of trading (if any) on the operations and financial performance of the Company.

#### RESUMPTION GUIDANCE IMPOSED BY THE STOCK EXCHANGE

As disclosed in the Company's announcement dated 8 June 2023, the Company received the Resumption Guidance from the Stock Exchange on 6 June 2023 setting out the following guidance for the resumption of trading in the Shares:

- (i) publish all outstanding financial results required under the Listing Rules and address any audit modifications;
- (ii) demonstrate the Company's compliance with Rule 13.24 of the Listing Rules; and
- (iii) inform the market of all material information for the Company's shareholders and investors to appraise the Company's position.

The Stock Exchange may modify or supplement the Resumption Guidance if the Company's situation changes.

## PROGRESS ON THE FULFILMENT OF THE RESUMPTION GUIDANCE

Pursuant to Rule 13.24A of the Listing Rules, the Board wishes to update the shareholders, creditors and potential investors of the Company that, as at the date of this announcement, the latest development on the progress of the Company's efforts to fulfil the Resumption Guidance are as follows:

## The Financing and Debt Restructuring Plan

Based on the latest development in respect of the possible financing and debt restructuring plan (the "Financing and Debt Restructuring Plan"), the Company, the Potential New Investor and the Creditor are still engaging in active discussion and negotiation.

All parties have shown signs of willingness to engage in dialogue and the Board expects to achieve a formal proposal for the Financing and Debt Restructuring Plan in the coming two months.

# **The Statutory Demand**

On 18 April 2023, the Company received the Statutory Demand from the solicitors acting on behalf of Vandi Investments Limited, an indirectly and wholly-owned subsidiary of CCB International (Holdings) Limited, (the "Creditor") pursuant to Section 178(1)(a) or 327(4)(a) of the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance (Chapter 32 of the Laws of Hong Kong), demanding the Company to pay the Debt.

The Board wishes to update the Shareholders and potential investors of the Company that, as at the date of this announcement, (a) despite the Company has not repaid the Debt within 3 weeks from the date of service of the Statutory Demand, the Company has not received any further notice of the Creditor having taken any further legal action regarding the Statutory Demand against the Company, including the filing of a winding-up petition against the Company; and (b) the Company and the Potential New Investor are in the course of active negotiation with the Creditor in respect of the Financing and Debt Restructuring Plan for the settlement of the Debt under the Statutory Demand.

# The 2021 Audit and the publication of the 2021 Audited Annual Results

As stated in the Announcements, the reason for delay in publication of the 2022 Annual Results is that, based on the latest development in respect of the Statutory Demand and the Financing and Debt Restructuring Plan and recent discussion with the Auditors, additional time is still required for addressing certain outstanding requests raised by the Auditors to the Board and the audit committee of the Company in respect of the negotiation development and arrangement about the Financing and Debt Restructuring Plan for the Auditors to complete the audit process of the 2022 Annual Results.

The Board hereby provides an update to the Shareholders and potential investors of the Company that, having considered the latest development and progress of the negotiating process with the Creditor and the Potential New Investor, additional time is required for the completion of the said negotiation with the Creditor and the said audit process in order to finalise the 2022 Annual Results. Hence, it is expected that, subject to any unforeseeable circumstances and assuming that the audit procedure will be completed on or before 29 September 2023, the 2022 Annual Results will be published on or before 29 September 2023. Due to the delay in the publication of the 2022 Annual Results, it is expected that, subject to any unforeseeable circumstances, the annual report of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2022 will be despatched on or before 31 October 2023. As a result of the further delay in publication of the 2022 Annual Results and despatch of the annual report of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2022, it is expected that the convening of the annual general meeting of the Company will be postponed accordingly.

The Board acknowledges that any delay in publishing the announcement in relation to the 2022 Annual Results will constitute non-compliance with Rule 13.49(1) of the Listing Rules.

Rule 13.49(3) of the Listing Rules provides that where an issuer is unable to issue its preliminary results in accordance with Rules 13.49(1) and (2) of the Listing Rules, it must announce its results based on the financial results that have yet to be agreed with the auditors (so far as the information is available).

After due and careful consideration, the Board is of the view that it may not be appropriate for the Company to publish the unaudited management accounts of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2021 at this stage as they may not accurately reflect the financial performance and position of the Group, and their publication may be misleading and/or confusing to the Shareholders and potential investors of the Company.

#### POSTPONEMENT OF THE BOARD MEETING

Since the auditing process of the 2022 Annual Results has been delayed, the Board Meeting for the purpose of, among others, (i) considering and (if appropriate) approving the annual results of the Company and its subsidiaries for the year ended 31 December 2022, and (ii) approving the publication of the same on the websites of the Stock Exchange and the Company will be further postponed to another date to be fixed and announced by the Board.

## CONTINUATION OF TRADING SUSPENSION

At the request of the Company, trading in its shares on the Stock Exchange was suspended from 9:00 a.m. on 3 April 2023 and shall, pending fulfilment of the Resumption Guidance and any supplement or modification thereto, remain suspended until further notice. The Company will publish further announcement(s) to keep its shareholders and potential investors informed of any latest progress as and when appropriate.

Shareholders and potential investors of the Company are advised to exercise caution when dealing in the shares of the Company.

By order of the Board

China Putian Food Holding Limited

CAI Chenyang

Chairman

Hong Kong, 30 June 2023

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Mr. CAI Chenyang, Mr. CAI Haifang and Ms. MA Yilin as executive Directors, Mr. CHENG Lian and Mr. CAI Zhiwei as non-executive Directors and Mr. XUE Chaochao, Mr. KE Qingming and Mr. WANG Aiguo as independent non-executive Directors.