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海通证券股份有限公司
HAITONG SECURITIES CO., LTD.*

(A joint stock limited company incorporated in the People's Republic of China with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 6837)

UPDATE ANNOUNCEMENT ON APPOINTMENT OF THE JOINT COMPANY SECRETARY AND THE AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE

Reference is made to the announcement (the “**Announcement**”) of Haitong Securities Co., Ltd. (the “**Company**”) dated 30 June 2023 in relation to the change of the secretary to the Board, the Joint Company Secretary, the Authorised Representative, as well as the ESS Authorised Person. As previously disclosed, the appointment of Mr. PEI Changjiang (“**Mr. PEI**”) as the ESS Authorised Person has become effective since 30 June 2023. The appointment of Mr. PEI as the Joint Company Secretary shall be subject to the approval granted by the Hong Kong Stock Exchange in respect of a waiver from strict compliance with Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Hong Kong Listing Rules. Unless otherwise stated, capitalized terms used in this announcement shall have the same meanings as those defined in the Announcement.

Pursuant to Rule 8.17 of the Hong Kong Listing Rules, a listed issuer must appoint a company secretary who satisfies Rule 3.28 of the Hong Kong Listing Rules. Rule 3.28 of the Hong Kong Listing Rules provides that a listed issuer must appoint as its company secretary an individual who, by virtue of his academic or professional qualifications or relevant experience, is, in the opinion of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, is capable of discharging the functions of company secretary. Mr. PEI currently does not possess the qualifications of company secretary as required under Rule 3.28 of the Hong Kong Listing Rules. With reference to the biography as disclosed in the Announcement, the Directors believe that Mr. PEI has sufficient experience in the business management and corporate governance matters of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively the “**Group**”) and has close working relationship with the Board and the management of the Company. In particular, his physical presence in the People's Republic of China (the “**PRC**”) enables him to deal with the day-to-day corporate secretarial matters concerning the Group as its core businesses and operations are based and conducted in the PRC. In addition, Mr. PEI will comply with the annual professional training requirement under Rule 3.29 of the Hong Kong Listing Rules and will enhance his knowledge of the Hong Kong Listing Rules from the date of his appointment.

Therefore, the Company has applied, and the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, on 6 July 2023, has granted, the Waiver with respect to the appointment of Mr. PEI as the Joint Company Secretary for a period of three years from the date of his appointment (the “**Waiver Period**”) on conditions that the Company engages Ms. WONG Wai Ling (“**Ms. WONG**”), the another Joint Company Secretary who is able to fully comply with the requirements set out under Note 1 to Rule 3.28 of the Hong Kong Listing Rules, to assist Mr. PEI and enable him to acquire the relevant experience to discharge the functions of a company secretary during the Waiver Period as required under Note 2 to Rule 3.28 of the Hong Kong Listing Rules; and the Waiver could be revoked if there are material breaches of the Hong Kong Listing Rules by the Company. The Hong Kong Stock Exchange may withdraw or change the Waiver if the Company’s situation changes. As soon as receiving the Waiver, the appointment of Mr. PEI as the Joint Company Secretary and the Authorised Representative took effect on 6 July 2023.

Biography details of Ms. WONG are set out as below:

Ms. WONG has over 10 years of experience in providing company secretarial services. Ms. WONG is a vice president of SWCS Corporate Services Group (Hong Kong) Limited and is responsible for assisting listed companies in professional company secretarial work. Ms. WONG is an associate of The Hong Kong Chartered Governance Institute and The Chartered Governance Institute in the United Kingdom.

Mr. PEI will be assisted by the Hong Kong legal advisor of the Company and Ms. WONG on matters concerning the Company’s ongoing compliance with the Hong Kong Listing Rules and the applicable laws and regulations. Ms. WONG will communicate regularly with Mr. PEI on matters relating to corporate governance, the provisions and requirements of the Hong Kong Listing Rules as well as other laws and regulations which are relevant to the Company. Ms. WONG will also assist Mr. PEI in organising board meetings and shareholders’ meetings of the Company as well as other matters of the Company which are incidental to the duties of a company secretary.

Before the end of the Waiver Period, the Company will demonstrate and seek the confirmation of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange that Mr. PEI, having had the benefit of Ms. WONG’s assistance during the Waiver Period, has attained the relevant experience within the meaning of Note 2 to Rule 3.28 of the Hong Kong Listing Rules and is capable of discharging the functions of the company secretary under the Rule 3.28 such that a further waiver will not be necessary.

By order of the Board
Haitong Securities Co., Ltd.
ZHOU Jie
Chairman

Shanghai, the PRC
7 July 2023

As at the date of this announcement, the executive directors of the Company are Mr. ZHOU Jie and Mr. LI Jun; the non-executive directors of the Company are Mr. TU Xuanxuan, Mr. ZHOU Donghui, Ms. XIAO Hehua and Mr. XU Jianguo; and the independent non-executive directors of the Company are Mr. ZHANG Ming, Mr. LAM Lee G., Mr. ZHU Hongchao and Mr. ZHOU Yu.

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