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## **Chongqing Hongjiu Fruit Co., Limited**

重慶洪九果品股份有限公司 (A joint stock company incorporated in the People's Republic of China with limited liability) (Stock Code: 6689)

### INSIDE INFORMATION POSSIBLE DELAY IN PUBLICATION OF ANNUAL RESULTS POSSIBLE DELAY IN PUBLICATION OF 2023 ANNUAL REPORT POSTPONEMENT OF BOARD MEETING POSSIBLE TRADING SUSPENSION

This announcement is made by Chongqing Hongjiu Fruit Co., Limited (the "**Company**", together with its subsidiaries, the "**Group**") pursuant to Rules 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 (Cap. 571 of the laws of Hong Kong).

#### POSSIBLE DELAY IN PUBLICATION OF ANNUAL RESULTS

Pursuant to Rule 13.49(1) of the Listing Rules, the Company is required to publish an announcement for the annual results of the Group for the year ended December 31, 2023 (the "Annual Results") on a date not later than three months after the end of the financial year of the Company, i.e. on or before March 31, 2024. Pursuant to Rule 13.49(2) of the Listing Rules, the preliminary announcement in relation to the Annual Results shall be based on the Group's consolidated financial statements for the financial year ended December 31, 2023 which shall have been agreed with the Company's auditors (the "Auditors").

The board of directors (the "**Directors**") of the Company (the "**Board**") wishes to inform the shareholders of the Company (the "**Shareholder**(s)") that there may be a possible delay in the publication of the Annual Results as additional time is required for the Company to provide all information requested by the Auditors for the audit of the Annual Results and address certain issues raised by the Auditors during the audit process, which include the complete accounting records and documents, and detailed working capital forecast in relation to the going concern requested by the Auditors in a notice to the audit committee of the Company (the "Audit Committee") recently in relation to arrangement on certain prepayments. In addition, the Auditors recommended the Audit Committee to establish an independent investigation committee to investigate the commercial rational of the above arrangement on certain prepayments, and to consider engaging an independent third party to assist such investigation.

The Company will work closely with the Auditors to provide the necessary information and documents requested, as well as maintain active dialogues with the Audit Committee and the Auditors with a view to resolving all outstanding matters and completing the audit of the Annual Results as soon as possible.

#### POSSIBLE DELAY IN PUBLICATION OF 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

Pursuant to Rule 13.46(2)(a) of the Listing Rules, the Company is required to publish its annual report for the year ended December 31, 2023 (the "**2023 Annual Report**") no later than four months after the end of the financial year (i.e., on or before April 30, 2024). Due to the possible delay in the publication of the Annual Results, it is expected that there may be a possible delay in the publication of the 2023 Annual Report. The Company will publish further announcement(s) to inform the shareholders of the Company of the date of publication of the 2023 Annual Report as and when appropriate.

#### POSTPONEMENT OF BOARD MEETING

Given it is expected that there may be a possible delay in the publication of the Annual Results, the meeting of the Board for the purpose of, among other matters, considering and approving the Annual Results and its publication, will also be postponed.

#### **POSSIBLE TRADING SUSPENSION**

Pursuant to Rule 13.50 of the Listing Rules, The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited will normally require suspension of trading in an issuer's securities if an issuer fails to publish periodic financial information in accordance with the Listing Rules. The Company will make appropriate arrangement based on the then actual situation and make announcement on a timely basis.

# The Shareholders and potential investors should exercise caution when dealing in the H shares or other securities of the Company.

By order of the Board **Chongqing Hongjiu Fruit Co., Limited Deng Hongjiu** *Chairman of the Board and Executive Director* 

Chongqing, the PRC March 19, 2024

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Mr. Deng Hongjiu as the chairman of the Board and an executive Director, Ms. Jiang Zongying, Mr. Peng He, Mr. Yang Junwen and Ms. Tan Bo as executive Directors, Mr. Xia Bei, Mr. Dong Jiaxun and Ms. Shen Chen as non-executive Directors, and Ms. Xu Kemei, Mr. Peng Song, Mr. An Rui and Mr. Liu Anzhou as independent non-executive Directors.