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Yangzhou Guangling District Taihe Rural Micro-finance Company Limited

揚州市廣陵區泰和農村小額貸款股份有限公司

(A joint stock limited liability company incorporated in the People's Republic of China) (Stock code: 8252)

PROPOSED TRANSFER OF LISTING FROM GEM TO THE MAIN BOARD OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE OF HONG KONG LIMITED PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

The Board is pleased to announce that on 24 December 2018, it has approved, among other things, the proposed transfer of listing of its H Shares from GEM to the Main Board pursuant to Chapter 9A of the Main Board Listing Rules. The Transfer of Listing is subject to the approvals from the Shareholders and the Stock Exchange, and the filing with and/or approvals from the relevant PRC government authorities (if any). The EGM, the Domestic Shareholders Class Meeting and the H Shareholders Class Meeting will be convened for the Shareholders to consider and if thought fit, to approve, among other things, (i) the Transfer of Listing; (ii) Articles Amendments; and (iii) the granting of authorization to the Board to take any actions as it may consider necessary, desirable and expedient in relation to the matters mentioned above. A circular containing, among other matters, the relevant information in relation to the Transfer of Listing and Articles Amendments together with notices convening the EGM, the Domestic Shareholders Class Meeting and the H Shareholders Class Meeting will be despatched to the Shareholders as soon as practicable. The Company would like to emphasize that (i) the Transfer of Listing is only at a preliminary stage and that the definitive timetable for the Transfer of Listing has not yet been finalized; and (ii) there is no assurance that the Company will be able to obtain the relevant approvals for the Transfer of Listing from, among others, the Stock Exchange, the relevant PRC government authorities (if any), and the Shareholders in the EGM, Domestic Shareholders Class Meeting and H Shareholders Class Meeting. Shareholders and potential investors should be aware that the Transfer of Listing may or may not be proceeded with and/or completed. Shareholders and potential investors are therefore advised to exercise caution when dealing in the H Shares.

This announcement is made by the Company pursuant to Rule 17.10 of the GEM Listing Rules and Part XIVA of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong). Further announcement(s) will be made by the Company to keep Shareholders and potential investors informed of the progress of the Transfer of Listing.

PROPOSED TRANSFER OF LISTING

Background

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Reasons for the Transfer of Listing

The Company is a rural microfinance company in Yangzhou City, dedicated to serving small and medium-sized enterprises, microenterprises and individual proprietors in Yangzhou City, by offering flexible, accessible and efficient micro and small loan services aiming to best match our customers' interim business financing needs.

The Board believes that the Transfer of Listing will:

- enhance the corporate profile of the Company and increase the Company's brand awareness and market reputation, which will in turn increase the confidence of its investors and stakeholders;
- enhance the Company's ability to secure quality customers and its bargaining power in business negotiations in general; and
- enhance the trading liquidity of the H Shares as well as the fund raising capability of the Company.

Accordingly, the Board is of the view that the Transfer of Listing will be beneficial to the Company's future growth and development, and therefore will create a long-term value to its Shareholders.

The Transfer of Listing will not involve the issue of any new Shares by the Company. The Board has no immediate plans to change the nature of the business of the Company following the Transfer of Listing.

Requirements under the PRC Regulations

According to the existing Articles and the relevant PRC laws and regulations, Shareholders' approval is required for the Transfer of Listing, the Articles Amendments and the granting of relevant authorization to the Board. Subject to the Shareholders' approval at each of the EGM, the Domestic Shareholders Class Meeting and the H Shareholders Class Meeting in respect of the Transfer of Listing, the Articles Amendments and the granting of relevant authorization to the Board, and the approvals from the relevant government authorities (if any), the Company will make a formal application to the Stock Exchange in relation to the Transfer of Listing.

Conditions for Transfer of Listing

The Transfer of Listing is subject to, among other things, the following conditions:

 (i) the Company's fulfillment of all the applicable listing requirements on the Main Board as stipulated in the Main Board Listing Rules and the relevant rules and regulations in Hong Kong and the PRC;

- (ii) the obtaining of the Shareholders' approvals at each of the EGM, the Domestic Shareholders Class Meeting and the H Shareholders Class Meeting in respect of the Transfer of Listing and the Articles Amendments;
- (iii) the granting of the approval by the Listing Committee for the listing of and permission to deal in the existing H Shares on the Main Board; and
- (iv) the filing with and/or obtaining of all other relevant consents or approvals from the relevant PRC government authorities (if any) which are required in connection with the Transfer of Listing and/or Articles Amendments.

The Company shall submit a written report in respect of the Transfer of Listing to the CSRC within 15 working days upon listing of and commencement of dealings in the H Shares on the Main Board.

THE ARTICLES AMENDMENTS

The Articles Amendments will, among others, give the effect in complying with the requirements of the Main Board Listing Rules and the relevant regulations in the PRC and Hong Kong. A special resolution in relation to the Articles Amendments will be proposed at the EGM, the Domestic Shareholders Class Meeting and the H Shareholders Class Meeting respectively for approval. Subject to the passing of the special resolution at the EGM, the Domestic Shareholders Class Meeting and the H Shareholders Class Meeting respectively, and the approvals from the relevant government authorities (if any), the Articles Amendments will come into effect upon the listing of and commencement of dealing in H Shares on the Main Board. If the Company does not proceed with the Transfer of Listing, the Articles Amendments will not come into effect and the existing Articles will continue to be in full force.

A circular containing, among other matters, the relevant information in relation to the Transfer of Listing and Articles Amendments, together with notices convening the EGM, the Domestic Shareholders Class Meeting and the H Shareholders Class Meeting will be despatched to the Shareholders as soon as practicable. This announcement is made by the Company pursuant to Rule 17.10 of the GEM Listing Rules and Part XIVA of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong). Further announcement(s) will be made by the Company to keep the Shareholders and potential investors informed of the progress of the proposed Transfer of Listing.

The Company would like to emphasize that (i) the Transfer of Listing is only at a preliminary stage and that the definitive timetable for the Transfer of Listing has not yet been finalized; and (ii) there is no assurance that the Company will be able to obtain the relevant approvals for the Transfer of Listing from, among others, the Stock Exchange, the relevant PRC government authorities (if any), and the Shareholders in the EGM, Domestic Shareholders Class Meeting and H Shareholders Class Meeting. Shareholders and potential investors should be aware that the Transfer of Listing may or may not be proceeded with and/or completed. Shareholders and potential investors are therefore advised to exercise caution when dealing in the H Shares.

DEFINITIONS

In this announcement, the following expressions have the meanings set out below unless the context requires otherwise:

"Articles Amendments"	the proposed amendments to the Articles to comply with the relevant requirements of the Main Board Listing Rules which will become effective upon the date of listing of and commencement of dealing in H Shares on the Main Board
"Articles"	the articles of association of the Company prevailing from time to time
"Board"	the board of Directors
"Company"	Yangzhou Guangling District Taihe Rural Micro-finance Company Limited (揚州市廣陵區泰 和農村小額貸款股份有限公司), a joint stock limited liability company established in the PRC whose H Shares are currently listed on GEM (stock code: 8252)
"CSRC"	the China Securities Regulatory Commission (中國 證券監督管理委員會)
"Director(s)"	the director(s) of the Company

"Domestic Share(s)"	ordinary share(s) in the share capital of the Company with a nominal value of RMB1.00 each, which are subscribed for and fully paid up in RMB by PRC natural persons or entities established under the laws of the PRC and all of such shares have not been listed on the Stock Exchange
"Domestic Shareholders"	holders of Domestic Shares
"Domestic Shareholders Class Meeting"	the class meeting of Domestic Shareholders to be convened and held to consider and, if thought fit, to approve, among other things, the Transfer of Listing, the Articles Amendments and the granting of the relevant authorization to the Board
"EGM"	the extraordinary general meeting to be convened and held to consider and, if though fit, to approve, among other things, the Transfer of Listing, the Articles Amendments and the granting of the relevant authorization to the Board
"GEM"	GEM of the Stock Exchange
"GEM Listing Rules"	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on GEM
"H Share(s)"	overseas listed foreign share(s) in the share capital of the Company with a nominal value of RMB1.00 each, which are subscribed for and traded in Hong Kong dollars and listed on the Stock Exchange
"H Shareholders"	holders of H Shares
"H Shareholders Class Meeting"	the class meeting of H Shareholders to be convened and held to consider and, if thought fit, to approve, among other things, the Transfer of Listing, the Articles Amendments and the granting of the relevant authorization to the Board
"Hong Kong"	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC
"Listing Committee"	the listing sub-committee of the directors of the Stock Exchange which is responsible for the Main Board listing matters

"Main Board"	the stock market operated by the Stock Exchange prior to the establishment of GEM (excluding the options market), which continues to be operated by the Stock Exchange in parallel with GEM. For the avoidance of doubt, the Main Board excludes GEM
"Main Board Listing Rules"	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange
"PRC"	the People's Republic of China, which for the purpose of this announcement, excludes Hong Kong, Macau Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China and Taiwan
"RMB"	Renminbi, the lawful currency of the PRC
"Shareholders"	holder(s) of the Shares, including holders of the Domestic Shares and the H Shares, unless specified otherwise
"Shares"	Domestic Shares and H Shares
"Stock Exchange"	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
"Transfer of Listing"	the proposed transfer of the listing of the H Shares from GEM to the Main Board

By Order of the Board Yangzhou Guangling District Taihe Rural Micro-finance Company Limited Bo Wanlin Chairman

Yangzhou, the PRC, 24 December 2018

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises three executive Directors, namely Mr. Bo Wanlin, Ms. Bai Li and Ms. Zhou Yinqing; two non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Bo Nianbin and Mr. Zuo Yuchao; and three independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Bao Zhenqiang, Mr. Wu Xiankun and Mr. Chan So Kuen. This announcement, for which the Directors collectively and individually accept full responsibility, includes particulars given in compliance with the GEM Listing Rules for the purpose of giving information with regard to the Company. The Directors, having made all reasonable enquiries, confirm that to the best of their knowledge and belief, the information contained in this announcement is accurate and complete in all material respects and not misleading or deceptive, and there are no other matters the omission of which would make any statement herein or this announcement misleading.

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