

# THIRD QUARTERLY RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

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# HIGHLIGHTS

Total revenue was approximately HK\$123,468,000 for the nine months ended 30 September 2023 (nine months ended 30 September 2022: approximately HK\$134,325,000), representing a decrease of approximately 8.08% from the corresponding period of last year.

Loss attributable to owners of the Company amounted to approximately HK\$12,331,000 (nine months ended 30 September 2022: loss of approximately HK\$23,824,000).

The Board does not recommend the payment of any interim dividend for the nine months ended 30 September 2023 (nine months ended 30 September 2022: Nil).

# **UNAUDITED RESULTS**

The board of Directors (the "Board") of China Primary Energy Holdings Limited (the "Company") announces the unaudited consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the "Group") for the nine months ended 30 September 2023 together with the comparative figures as follows. The consolidated third quarterly financial statements of the Group have not been audited but have been reviewed by the audit committee of the Company.

# UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

		Three months ended 30 September		Nine months ended 30 September		
		2023	2022	2023	2022	
	Notes	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Revenue	2	28,099	24,454	123,468	134,325	
Other income and gains and losses	3	206	747	2,482	1,162	
Changes in inventories of finished goods		(19,001)	(16,595)	(90,882)	(101,796)	
Staff costs, including directors' remuneration		(4,564)	(5,636)	(14,843)	(16,247)	
Depreciation		(3,312)	(4,216)	(10,437)	(12,847)	
Amortisation of other intangible assets		(94)	(95)	(283)	(284)	
Reversal of impairment loss on				1 000		
trade receivables, net	-	(15)	-	1,088	(10.70()	
Other operating expenses	5	(4,639)	(6,515)	(14,893)	(19,726)	
Finance costs	4	(2,742)	(4,183)	(8,887)	(10,769)	
Loss before income tax	5	(6,062)	(12,039)	(13,187)	(26,182)	
Income tax	6					
Loss for the period		(6,062)	(12,039)	(13,187)	(26,182)	
Attributable to:						
Owners of the Company		(5,244)	(9,818)	(12,331)	(23,824)	
Non-controlling interests		(818)	(2,221)	(856)	(2,358)	
Loss for the period		(6,062)	(12,039)	(13,187)	(26,182)	

		Three months ended 30 September		Nine months ended 30 September		
	Note	2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000	2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000	
Other comprehensive income Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss: Exchange differences on translation of foreign						
operations		(1,226)	(21,513)	(17,723)	(39,660)	
Other comprehensive income for the period		(1,226)	(21,513)	(17,723)	(39,660)	
Total comprehensive income for the period		(7,288)	(33,552)	(30,910)	(65,842)	
Total comprehensive income attributable to: Owners of the Company Non-controlling interests		(6,324) (964)	(29,208) (4,344)	(27,735) (3,175)	(59,462) (6,380)	
		(7,288)	(33,552)	(30,910)	(65,842)	
Losses per share – Basic	8	HK\$ (0.005)	HK\$(0.012)	HK\$ (0.012)	HK\$(0.026)	
– Diluted		HK\$ (0.005)	HK\$(0.012)	HK\$ (0.012)	HK\$(0.026)	

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Company is a limited liability company incorporated in the Cayman Islands, as an exempted company under the Companies Law (2001 Revision) of the Cayman Islands on 5 September 2001. The address of its registered office is Cricket Square, Hutchins Drive, P.O. Box 2681, Grand Cayman KY1-1111, Cayman Islands and its principal place of business is Room 518, 5/F, Tower B, New Mandarin Plaza, 14 Science Museum Road, Tsim Sha Tsui East, Kowloon, Hong Kong. The Company's shares are listed on the GEM of the Stock Exchange.

The principal activity of the Company is investment holding. The Group engages in the transmission and distribution of natural gas, sales of heat and biomass gasification related products and property investment primarily in the People's Republic of China ("PRC").

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with all applicable Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards issued by Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA"), Hong Kong Accounting Standards ("HKASs") and interpretations (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "HKFRSs") and the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance. In addition, the financial statements include applicable disclosures required by the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the GEM of the Stock Exchange. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for certain financial instruments, which are measured at fair values.

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements comprise the financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries. Inter-company transactions and balances between group companies together with unrealised profits are eliminated in full in preparing the consolidated financial statements. Unrealised losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of impairment on the asset transferred, in which case the loss is recognised in profit or loss.

The accounting policies adopted in the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the Group's annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

In this reporting period, the Group had applied for the first time, a number of new HKFRSs issued by the HKICPA that are effective for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023. The adoption of the new HKFRSs has had no material effect on how the results and financial position for the current or prior accounting periods as prepared and presented.

### 2. **REVENUE**

An analysis of the Group's revenue is as follows:

		nths ended tember	Nine months ended 30 September		
	2023	2022	2023	2022	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
Revenue from contracts with customers					
Transmission and distribution of natural gas Sale of heat and biomass gasification related	19,352	12,988	94,522	102,338	
products	5,199	7,765	17,698	20,790	
Revenue from other sources					
Gross rental income	3,548	3,701	11,248	11,197	
	28,099	24,454	123,468	134,325	

### 3. OTHER INCOME AND GAINS AND LOSSES

	Three more	nths ended	Nine months ended			
	30 Sep	tember	30 September			
	2023	2022	2023	2022		
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000		
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)		
Bank interest income	61	48	683	86		
Sundry income	149	718	1,705	1,515		
Exchange losses, net	-	-	105	(390)		
Fair value loss on investments held for trading	(4)	(19)	(11)	(49)		
	206	747	2,482	1,162		

## 4. FINANCE COSTS

		nths ended tember	Nine months ended 30 September		
	2023	2022	2023	2022	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
Interest on bank loans and other borrowings	1,449	2,982	5,160	7,265	
Interest on loans from a major shareholder	1,215	1,155	3,582	3,369	
Interest on lease liabilities	78	46	145	135	
	2,742	4,183	8,887	10,769	

### 5. LOSS BEFORE INCOME TAX

Loss before income tax is arrived at after charging:

		nths ended tember	Nine months ended 30 September		
	2023	2022	2023	2022	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment – owned	3,003	3,264	9,322	10,687	
- right-of-use assets	309	952	1,115	2,160	
	3,312	4,216	10,437	12,847	
Items included in other operating expenses: Short-term lease expenses Building management fees for self-used office	153	265	386	814	
premises	101	89	281	257	
Investment property management fees	650	707	1,976	2,313	
Entertainment and trip expenses	748	1,144	2,071	3,300	
Legal and professional fees	101	144	422	897	
Research and development expenses	421	221	641	536	
Motor vehicle expenses	565	824	1,565	2,407	
Other tax expenses	762	1,093	2,361	2,662	

### 6. INCOME TAX

	Three months ended 30 September		Nine months ended 30 September	
	<b>2023</b> 2022		2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Total income tax for the period				

No provision has been made for Hong Kong profits tax as the Group has no assessable profit arising from Hong Kong subsidiaries during the current and prior periods.

In accordance with the PRC Enterprise Income Tax Law approved by the National People's Congress on 16 March 2007 and became effective from 1 January 2008, the Company's subsidiaries in the PRC are subject to enterprise income tax ("EIT") at the unified EIT rate of 25%.

#### 7. DIVIDEND

The board of directors does not recommend the payment of any dividend for the nine months ended 30 September 2023 (nine months ended 30 September 2022: Nil).

#### 8. LOSSES PER SHARE

The calculation of the basic and diluted losses per share attributable to owners of the Company is based on the following data:

	Three months ended 30 September		Nine months ended 30 September		
	<b>2023</b> 2022		2023	2022	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
Losses					
Losses for the period attributable to					
owners of the Company	(5,244)	(9,818)	(12,331)	(23,824)	
		nths ended tember	Nine mon 30 Sep	ths ended tember	
	-	of shares	-	Number of shares	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	
	'000	'000'	'000	'000	
Weighted average number of ordinary shares					
in issue	1,023,987	1,023,987	1,023,987	1,023,987	

The computation of diluted losses per share for the nine months ended 30 September 2023 and 2022 does not assume the exercise of the Company's outstanding share options during the periods since their exercise price exceeds average market price during 2023 and 2022.

Accordingly, the basic and diluted losses per share for the nine months ended 30 September 2023 and 2022 are the same.

# 9. UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

				Equity attributa	ible to owners	of the Company	1				
	Share capital HK\$'000	Share premium account HK\$'000	Statutory surplus reserve HK\$'000	Exchange translation reserve HK\$'000	Share option reserve HK\$'000	Property revaluation reserve HK\$'000	Financial assets at FVTOCI reserve HK\$'000	Accumulated losses HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000	Non- controlling interests <i>HK\$'000</i>	Total equity <i>HK\$</i> '000
Balance at 31 December 2021 and at 1 January 2022 (audited)	63,999	727,375	5,109	51,224	24,066	34,512	1,210	(584,109)	323,386	42,807	366,193
Loss for the period Other comprehensive income: Exchange differences on translation of	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(23,824)	(23,824)	(2,358)	(26,182)
foreign operations				(35,638)					(35,638)	(4,022)	(39,660)
Total comprehensive income				(35,638)				(23,824)	(59,462)	(6,380)	(65,842)
Capital contribution to a non-wholly owned subsidiary by a non-controlling Shareholder										1,807	1,807
Balance at 30 September 2022 (unaudited)	63,999	727,375	5,109	15,586	24,066	34,512	1,210	(607,933)	263,924	38,234	302,158
			]	Equity attributa	able to owner	s of the Compar					
	Share capital <i>HK\$'000</i>	Share premium account HK\$'000	Statutory surplus reserve HK\$'000	Exchange translation reserve HK\$'000	Share option reserve HK\$'000	Property revaluation reserve HK\$'000	Financial assets at FVTOCI reserve HK\$'000	Accumulated losses HK\$'000	Total <i>HK\$'000</i>	Non- controlling interests HK\$'000	Total equity <i>HK\$'000</i>
Balance at 31 December 2022 and at 1 January 2023 (audited)	63,999	727,375	5,109	19,620	-	34,512	5,261	(569,898)	285,978	49,440	335,418
Loss for the period Other comprehensive income:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(12,331)	(12,331)	(856)	(13,187)
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations				(15,404)					(15,404)	(2,319)	(17,723)
Total comprehensive income				(15,404)				(12,331)	(27,735)	(3,175)	(30,910)
Balance at 30 September 2023 (unaudited)	63,999	727,375	5,109	4,216	_	34,512	5,261	(582,229)	258,243	46,265	304,508

# MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS BUSINESS REVIEW AND FUTURE OUTLOOK

Total revenue of the Group for the nine months ended 30 September 2023 decreased approximately by 8.08% when compared to the corresponding period in 2022. Such decrease was mainly due to the reduced sale price of natural gas in 2023 when compared to the same period in 2022. With the total recovery from the impact of COVID-19 (the "Pandemic") of the People's Republic of China (the "PRC") and the whole world, our businesses in the PRC were benefited and were growing steadily. Moreover, the increase in demand of the clean energy in the PRC was an important factor that motivated the growth of the natural gas business.

The natural gas business is still the core business of the Group. Operating scale of the natural gas business segment continued to be stable in 2023. The government of the PRC is implementing the policies to encourage the use of clean energy in the PRC and the board (the "Board") of directors (the "Director(s)") considered the prospect of natural gas business is bright. Those policies included the use of natural gas for vehicles and industrial users, the set up of the natural gas network department, etc. The Group operated the natural gas business in various areas and provinces in the PRC in 2023. Our customers are mostly industrial customers.

The biomass gasification heating supply business in Huaining County, Anhui Province grew stable in 2023. With the great demand of heat supply in the relevant area in Huaining County, the Group expects the segment will generate considerable revenue for the Group. Since part of the factory construction and operation was not yet finished, the revenue generated was not able to cover the operating costs yet. At such, loss incurred in 2023 for this segment. The situation will be improved with the proceed of the construction.

The property investment business in Yichang provide stable cash inflow during the period under review. The area of our investment properties is the industrial park for manufacturing of vehicle which was developed by the Yichang government. Therefore, all of our tenants are manufacturers of vehicle parts. Since the industry is supported and developed by the Yichang government, we believe the property investment business will continue to be one of the major segments of the Group.

The negative effect of the outbreak of the Pandemic continued to affect the global economy and to most of the industries. The recovery of the world economy takes time. Luckily, the impact of the Pandemic to the Group was not so direct and significant as our business of natural gas distribution and property investment relied more on customers' internal demand and natural gas is necessity. Nevertheless, the Company will closely monitor the situation and assess if there is any impact on the Group's operations and operating results.

In view of the unstable global economy, the Board and management will be more careful and prudent in managing the operations of the Group. In the meantime, the Board has been exploring possible investing opportunities to increase the Company's value.

# FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total revenue was approximately HK\$123,468,000 for the nine months ended 30 September 2023, which represented a decrease of approximately 8.08% when compared with approximately HK\$134,325,000 in the corresponding period of last year's total revenue. The Board believes that revenue of the Group will be improved with the growing of the clean energy business.

For the nine months ended 30 September 2023, unaudited loss before income tax was approximately HK\$13,187,000 (nine months ended 30 September 2022: loss of approximately HK\$26,182,000). The loss attributable to owners of the Company was approximately HK\$12,331,000 (nine months ended 30 September 2022: loss of approximately HK\$23,824,000). The loss was decreased when compared to the corresponding period of last year because of the improved performance and profit margin of the business segments of the Group. In the current economic environment, the Board will continue to exercise stringent cost control and maintain a low and effective overheads structure and prudently utilise the Group's corporate resources to create wealth for the shareholders.

# **BUSINESS OUTLOOK AND PROSPECTS**

From 2023 onwards, the Board is optimistic that the Group will perform much better with the expansion of the energy segment. Currently, the energy segment mainly consists of the natural gas business and biomass gasification heating business. The Group has developed a natural gas sales network of certain scale. The network is still expanding and with the clean energy policy carried out by the PRC government, the management believes the natural gas business will grow steadily under the current economic environment and significant revenue will be contributed by the natural gas business. The energy segment will expand and continue to be the core business segment of the Group.

The land and properties in Yichang will continue to be let out to generate rental income.

# Liquidity and financial resources

As at 30 September 2023, the Directors anticipated that the Group has adequate financial resources to meet its ongoing operations and future development.

# DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVES' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN THE SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES AND DEBENTURES OF THE COMPANY OR ANY ASSOCIATED CORPORATION

As at 30 September 2023, the interests and short positions of the directors and the chief executive of the Company in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (the "SFO")), as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under Section 352 of the SFO, or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Rule 5.46 of the GEM Listing Rules, were as follows:

The approximate percentage of interests set out below is based on 1,023,987,439 ordinary shares in issue as at 30 September 2023.

Long position in the ordinary shares of HK\$0.0625 each in the Company as at 30 September 2023:

	Number of ordi	Number of ordinary shares held				
Name of Directors	Type of interests	Number of ordinary shares	Approximate percentage of interests			
Ms. Ma Zheng	Beneficial	372,051,632	36.33%			
Mr. Yuan Geng	Beneficial	20,350,633	1.99%			

Save as disclosed above, as at 30 September 2023, none of the Directors and chief executive of the Company had any other interests or short positions in the shares or underlying shares in, or debentures of, the Company or its associated corporations, within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO, or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Rule 5.46 of the GEM Listing Rules.

## **SHARE OPTION**

A share option scheme (the "Share Option Scheme") was adopted by the shareholders of the Company at the annual general meeting of the Company (the "2022 AGM") held on 17 May 2022 (the "Adoption Date").

The Share Option Scheme which complies with Chapter 23 of the GEM Listing Rules. The Share Option Scheme is valid and effective for a period of ten years commencing on the Adoption Date.

The purpose of the Share Option Scheme is to provide incentives and/or rewards to Eligible Participants (as defined below) for their contribution to the growth of the Group and continuing efforts to promote the interests of the Group, and to provide the Group with a more flexible means to reward, remunerate, compensate and/or provide benefits to the Eligible Participants.

The definition of Eligible Participants in the Share Option Scheme include full time or part time employees of the Group (including any directors, whether executive or non-executive and whether independent or not, of the Company or any subsidiary) and any suppliers, consultants, agents and advisers who, in the reasonable discretion of the Board, has contributed or may contribute to the Group eligible for options (the "Options") under the Share Option Scheme.

Whilst the scope of the Eligible Participants does not limit to the employees and directors of the Group, the Company considers that there can be circumstances when the other Eligible Participants would make contribution to the Group. As the purpose of the Share Option Scheme is to recognise contributions made and to be made to the growth and development of the Group, the Company is of the view that the wide scope of Eligible Participants will allow flexibility to provide incentives to those Eligible Participants who will contribute to the Group. Granting Options to suppliers and agents of the Group will assist the Group to build its business network and consultants and advisers of the Group may provide valuable advices to the Group and they can be eligible to the Options in light of such advices. The Company will not grant Options to persons who would not or may not contribute to the Group.

The rules of the Share Option Scheme provide that the Company may specify the Eligible Participants to whom Options shall be granted, the number of Shares subject to each Option and the date on which the Options shall be granted. The basis for determining the subscription price is also specified precisely in the rules of the Share Option Scheme. There is no performance target specified in the Share Option Scheme. The Directors consider that the aforesaid criteria and rules will serve to preserve the value of the Company and encourage Eligible Participants to acquire proprietary interests in the Company.

Subject to the obtaining of Shareholders' approval with respect to the adoption of the Share Option Scheme at the 2022 AGM, the total number of Shares which may be issued upon exercise of all Options to be granted under the Share Option Scheme and another other schemes must not in aggregate exceed 10% of the total number of Shares in issue as at the Adoption Date unless the Company obtains a fresh approval from Shareholders to renew the 10% Scheme Mandate Limit (as defined in the Share Option Scheme) on the basis that the maximum number of Shares in respect of which Options may be granted under the Share Option Scheme together with any Options outstanding and yet to be exercised under the Share Option Scheme and any other schemes shall not exceed 30% of the issued share capital of the Company from time to time. Having taken into accounts of the outstanding Options, which are less than 10% of the total number of shares in issue, the Company is of the view that the 30% threshold requirement can be met.

The exercise price for shares under the Share Option Scheme may be determined by the Board at its absolute discretion but in any event will not be less than the highest of: (i) the closing price of the shares as stated in the daily quotations sheet of the Stock Exchange on the date of grant, which must be a Business Day, (ii) the average of the closing prices of the shares as stated in the daily quotations sheets of the Stock Exchange for the five Business Days immediately preceding the date of grant; and (iii) the nominal value of the share on the date of grant. The life of the Share Option Scheme shall be for ten years commencing from the Adoption Date. A nominal value of HK\$1.00 is payable on acceptance of each grant of share options.

No Options were granted by the Company and no Options were exercised during the period under review.

# SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN THE SHARES AND UNDERLYING SHARES OF THE COMPANY

The register of substantial shareholders maintained under Section 336 of the SFO shows that as at 30 September 2023, the Company had been notified that the following substantial shareholders having the following interests and short positions, being 5% or more of the nominal value of any class of share capital carrying rights to vote in all circumstances at general meetings of the Company, in the Company. These interests are shown in addition to those disclosed above in respect of the Directors and chief executives:

The approximate percentage of interests set out below is based on 1,023,987,439 ordinary shares in issue as at 30 September 2023.

Long position in the ordinary shares of HK\$0.0625 each in the Company as at 30 September 2023:

Name of shareholders	Type of interests	Number of the shares held	Approximate percentage of interests
Ms. Guo Xiuqin	Corporate	123,867,678	12.10%
Tung Shing Energy Investment Limited	Corporate	123,867,678	12.10%
Excel Sino Investments Limited	Beneficial (Note 1)	123,867,678	12.10%
Mr. Ji Shengzhi	Corporate	110,000,000	10.74%
Ms. Lu Ke	Corporate	110,000,000	10.74%
Ultra Vantage Holdings Limited	Beneficial (Note 2)	110,000,000	10.74%
萬科企業股份有限公司	Corporate	93,089,767	9.09%
成都萬科房地產有限公司	Corporate	93,089,767	9.09%
Chogori Investment (Hong Kong) Limited	Corporate	93,089,767	9.09%
Winsteria (BVI) Company Limited	Corporate	93,089,767	9.09%
Winmaxi (BVI) Company Limited	Beneficial (Note 3)	93,089,767	9.09%

Notes:

- 1. Excel Sino Investments Limited, a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands with limited liability, is beneficially owned as to 80% by Tung Shing Energy Investment Limited, a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands (which in turn is 100% beneficially owned by Ms. Guo Xiuqin), and as to the remaining 20% by an independent investor. Tung Shing Energy Investment Limited and Ms. Guo Xiuqin are deemed to be interested in these underlying shares under SFO.
- 2. Ultra Vantage Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in Samoa with limited liability, is jointly owned by Ms. Lu Ke and Mr. Ji Shengzhi. Ms. Lu Ke and Mr. Ji Shengzhi are deemed to be interested in these underlying shares under SFO.
- 3. Winmaxi (BVI) Company Limited ("Winmaxi") is a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands with limited liability and is a subsidiary of China Vanke Co., Ltd.\* (萬科企業股份有限公司), a company listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

Winmaxi is wholly-owned by Winsteria (BVI) Company Limited, which in turn is wholly-owned by Chogori Investment (Hong Kong) Limited, which in turn is wholly-owned by 成都萬科房地產有限 公司, while 成都萬科房地產有限公司 is a controlling subsidiary of 萬科企業股份有限公司.

Save as disclosed above, as at 30 September 2023, the Directors are not aware of any other person (other than the Directors or chief executive of the Company) who had an interest or short position in the shares and underlying shares which would fall to be disclosed to the Company under Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO, or who had an interest, directly or indirectly, in 5% or more of the nominal value of any class of share capital carrying rights to vote in all circumstances at general meetings of the Company, or any other substantial shareholders whose interests or short position were recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under Section 336 of the SFO.

# DIRECTORS' RIGHTS TO ACQUIRE SHARES

Save as disclosed above, at no time during the period was the Company or any of its subsidiaries a party to any arrangement to enable the Directors or their respective spouse or children under 18 years of age to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in, or debentures of, the Company or any other body corporate.

# **COMPETITION AND CONFLICT OF INTERESTS**

During the period under review, none of the Directors, significant shareholders, substantial shareholders and any of their respective associates had engaged in any business that competed or might compete directly or indirectly, with the business of the Group, or had or might have any other conflicts of interest with the Group.

# AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Company established an audit committee (the "Audit Committee") with written terms of reference in compliance with Rules 5.28 and 5.29 of the GEM Listing Rules and code provisions D.3.3 and D.3.7 of the Corporate Governance Code. The primary role and function of the Audit Committee, among other things, are to (i) review the financial controls, internal controls and risk management systems of the Group; (ii) review and monitor the external auditors' independence and objectivity and the effectiveness of the audit process in accordance with applicable standards; and (iii) review the financial statements and the quarterly, interim and annual reports of the Group. During the period under review, the Audit Committee comprises three members, Mr. Wan Tze Fan Terence, Mr. Chung Chin Keung and Mr. Sung Ren Keh who are the independent non-executive Director of the Company on 1 March 2023. Mr. Wang Xiao Bing, independent non-executive Director of the Group's unaudited results for the nine months ended 30 September 2023 and has provided advice and comments thereon.

# **REMUNERATION COMMITTEE**

The remuneration committee of the Company (the "Remuneration Committee") was established on 1 June 2005. The primary role and function of the Remuneration Committee is to consider and recommend to the Board on the Group's remuneration policy and structure for the remuneration of all executive Directors and senior management and to review and determine the remuneration packages of the executive Directors and senior management. During the period under review, the Remuneration Committee comprises three members, Mr. Chung Chin Keung, Mr. Wan Tze Fan Terence and Mr. Sung Ren Keh who are the independent non-executive Directors of the Company on 1 March 2023. Mr. Wang Xiao Bing, independent non-executive Director of the Company, resigned on 1 March 2023.

# NOMINATION COMMITTEE

The nomination committee of the Company (the "Nomination Committee") was established on 22 March 2012. The primary role and function of the Nomination Committee, among other things, are to (i) review the structure, size and composition of the Board at least once a year and make recommendations on any proposed changes to the Board to complement the Company's corporate strategy; (ii) assess the independence of the independent non-executive Directors; and (iii) make recommendations to the Board on appointment and re-appointment of Directors. During the period under review, the Nomination Committee comprises three members, Mr. Chung Chin Keung, Mr. Wan Tze Fan Terence and Mr. Sung Ren Keh who are the independent non-executive Directors of the Company. Mr. Sung Ren Keh appointed as independent non-executive Director of the Company on 1 March 2023. Mr. Wang Xiao Bing, independent non-executive Director of the Company, resigned on 1 March 2023.

# PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF SECURITIES

The Company had not redeemed any of its ordinary shares during the nine months ended 30 September 2023. Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries had purchased or sold any of the Company's ordinary shares during the nine months ended 30 September 2023.

By Order of the Board China Primary Energy Holdings Limited Ma Zheng Chairman

Hong Kong, 9 November 2023

\* For identification only

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Ms. MA Zheng and Mr. YUAN Geng who are the executive Directors, Mr. JI Jianghua who is the non-executive Director, and Mr. WAN Tze Fan Terence, Mr. CHUNG Chin Keung and Mr. SUNG Ren Keh who are the independent non-executive Directors.

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