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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)/(Stock Code: 5986)

INSIDE INFORMATION AND RESUMPTION OF TRADING

This announcement is made by Haitong Securities Co., Ltd. (the “**Company**”) pursuant to the Inside Information Provisions (as defined under the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Listing Rules**”) under Part XIVA of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong) and Rule 13.09(2) of the Listing Rules.

The Company’s wholly-owned subsidiary, Haitong International Holdings Limited, is currently in negotiations with Novo Banco, S.A. (“**Novo Banco**”) with a view to enter into a sale and purchase agreement in respect of the possible acquisition of the whole share capital of Banco Espírito Santo de Investimento, S.A. (“**BESI**”), which is owned by Novo Banco (the “**Possible Acquisition**”). BESI provides various financial products and services across various segments such as corporate finance, capital markets, project finance, acquisition finance, private equity, asset management, etc., in Portugal and internationally. The Company believes that the Possible Acquisition, if proceeded with, will enhance the internationalisation of the Company’s business strategy and will expand its geographical coverage.

As at the date of this announcement, the Company and Novo Banco have not entered into any formal agreement regarding the Possible Acquisition. The Company understands that the execution of the sale and purchase agreement is subject to the prior authorisation of the Bank of Portugal in relation to Novo Banco and subject to the parties’ internal corporate approval(s). Furthermore, the completion of the Possible Acquisition, if entered into by the parties, will also be subject to various authorisations, such as authorisations from the Bank of Portugal, relevant European Union institutions, competition authorities and relevant regulatory authorities in China, etc. The Company will make further announcement(s) pursuant to the requirements of the Listing Rules if the parties enter into a formal agreement relating to the Possible Acquisition.

As the Possible Acquisition may or may not proceed, shareholders of the Company and potential investors are advised to exercise caution when dealing in the securities of the Company.

At the request of the Company, trading in the H shares (stock code: 6837) and debt securities (stock code: 5986) of the Company was halted with effect from 9.30 a.m. on 4 December 2014 pending the release of this announcement. An application has been made to the Stock Exchange for the resumption of trading in the Shares with effect from 9:00 a.m. on 5 December 2014.

By order of the board of directors
Haitong Securities Co., Ltd.
WANG Kaiguo
Chairman

Shanghai, the PRC
4 December 2014

As at the date of this announcement, the executive directors of the Company are Mr. WANG Kaiguo and Mr. QU Qiuping; the non-executive directors are Mr. ZHUANG Guowei, Mr. ZHOU Donghui, Mr. HE Jianyong, Mr. ZHANG Jianwei, Mr. XU Chao, Mr. WANG Hongxiang, Mr. LI Gewei and Mr. FENG Huang; and the independent non-executive directors are Mr. XIA Bin, Mr. CHEN Qiwei, Mr. ZHANG Huiquan, Mr. ZHANG Ming, Mr. DAI Genyou, Mr. LIU Chee Ming and Mr. XIAO Suining.

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