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# 中國交通建設股份有限公司

# CHINA COMMUNICATIONS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED

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

(Stock Code: 1800)

# ANNOUNCEMENT CONTINUING CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS FINANCIAL SERVICES AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO BETWEEN CCCC FINANCE AND CCCG

Reference is made to the announcement of the Company dated 12 August 2016. On 12 August 2016, CCCC Finance (a subsidiary of the Company) entered into the Original Financial Services Agreement with CCCG, pursuant to which CCCC Finance agreed to provide financial services to CCCG Group for the period from 12 August 2016 to 31 December 2016.

In order to renew the transactions under the Original Financial Services Agreement, on 28 March 2017, CCCC Finance and CCCG entered into the Financial Services Agreement for the period from 28 March 2017 to 31 December 2017.

As at the date of this announcement, CCCG is the controlling shareholder holding approximately 63.84% equity interests in the Company, and is therefore a connected person of the Company under the Hong Kong Listing Rules. Accordingly, the transactions contemplated under the Financial Services Agreement between CCCC Finance and CCCG Group constitute continuing connected transactions of the Company under Chapter 14A of the Hong Kong Listing Rules.

The provision of deposit services by CCCC Finance to CCCG Group is to be made on normal commercial terms or more favourable terms which is in the Group's interests, and no assets of the Group are to be pledged as security for such deposit services in favour of CCCG Group. Therefore, pursuant to Rule 14A.90 of the Hong Kong Listing Rules, the provision of deposit services by CCCC Finance to CCCG Group under the Financial Services Agreement is exempt from the announcement, annual review and independent shareholders' approval requirements under Chapter 14A of the Hong Kong Listing Rules.

As estimated by the Company, during the effective term of the Financial Services Agreement, the daily balance of loans provided by CCCC Finance to CCCG Group (including the interests accrued thereon) will not exceed RMB1,044 million. Since the highest applicable percentage ratio is more than 0.1% but less than 5%, the provision of loan services by CCCC Finance to CCCG Group is subject to the announcement and annual review requirements but is exempt from the independent shareholders' approval requirement under Chapter 14A of the Hong Kong Listing Rules.

#### **BACKGROUND**

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# FINANCIAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

The principal terms of the Financial Services Agreement are set out as follows:

#### **Date**

28 March 2017

#### **Parties**

- (1) CCCC Finance; and
- (2) CCCG

#### Term

From 28 March 2017 to 31 December 2017

## **Principal Services**

Pursuant to the Financial Services Agreement, CCCC Finance agreed to provide deposit services, loan services and other financial services to CCCG Group pursuant to the principal terms as below.

## (a) Deposit Services

CCCC Finance will provide deposit services to CCCG Group. The deposit interest rates shall be determined through negotiation on an arm's length basis between the parties in accordance with market principles for their own interests and in compliance with interest rate requirements of the PBOC on such type of deposits. The cap and floor deposit rates shall be in accordance with requirements of the PBOC on deposits of the same term and same category and shall not be higher than the interest rates applicable to deposit services of the same term and same category provided by major domestic commercial banks.

#### (b) Loan Services

CCCC Finance will provide loans to CCCG Group. The lending interest rates shall be determined through negotiation on an arm's length basis between the parties in accordance with market principles for their own interests and with reference to the benchmark interest rate provided by the PBOC for such type of loans. The lending rates shall not be lower than the interest rates applicable to loan services of the same term and same category provided by major domestic commercial banks.

## (c) Other Financial Services

CCCC Finance will, upon requests from CCCG Group and based on its capacities, provide other financial services subject to the Financial Services Agreement and within its business scope to CCCG Group. Provision of such other financial services by CCCC Finance to CCCG Group is subject to a separate contract/agreement between the parties to stipulate the specific transaction terms, which shall be in accordance with the principles and terms of the Financial Services Agreement and relevant legal requirements. The Company and CCCC Finance will fulfil compliance requirements of the Hong Kong Listing Rules for other financial services in due course, including the announcement, annual review and independent shareholders' approval requirements (if applicable). Fees charged by CCCC Finance for the provision of other financial services shall be in accordance with the rates provided by the PBOC or China Banking Regulatory Commission for such type of services.

#### THE PROPOSED CAPS UNDER THE FINANCIAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

# Maximum Daily Loan Balance for Loan Services and the Basis for Determination

During the effective term of the Financial Services Agreement, the daily balance of loans provided by CCCC Finance to CCCG Group (including the interests accrued thereon) shall not exceed 75% of the average daily balance of deposits of CCCG Group with CCCC Finance and shall not exceed RMB1.044 million.

In arriving at the cap of daily loan balance above, the Board has taken into account the following factors: (i) relevant guidelines and regulations of the PBOC; and (ii) estimated financial needs for loan services.

## **Internal Control and Corporate Governance Measures**

To safeguard the rights and interests of the Shareholders, the Company and CCCC Finance have adopted the following internal control procedures and corporate governance measures in relation to the continuing connected transactions under the Financial Services Agreement:

(1) CCCC Finance has formulated certain internal rules and policies related to management and control of operational risk and credit risk in accordance with relevant PRC laws and regulations on financial services, with a relatively sound internal control system already in place;

- (2) CCCC Finance has established a systematic corporate governance structure to ensure effective internal control, including implementation of the general manager accountability system under the leadership of its board of directors, establishment of its institutional structure based on the decision-making, execution and monitoring systems, and formulation of different work procedures and risk control systems based on different job duties;
- (3) CCCC Finance has adopted centrally managed, safe and effective business systems for timely monitoring of transactions;
- (4) CCCC Finance will submit to the Company reports on its provision of deposit services, loan services and other financial services to CCCG Group on a monthly basis, its financial statements on a quarterly basis, and copies of its regulatory reports submitted to the China Banking Regulatory Commission; and
- (5) The independent non-executive Directors and auditors of the Company will conduct annual review of the continuing connected transactions under the Financial Services Agreement.

The Board believes that the internal control procedures and corporate governance measures above are appropriate and can give the Shareholders an adequate assurance that the continuing connected transactions under the Financial Services Agreement will be properly overseen by the Company.

## **REASONS AND BENEFITS**

CCCC Finance is a non-banking financial institution offering comprehensive financial services to enterprises. The Company also expects to benefit from the revenue generated by the loan services provided by CCCC Finance. Furthermore, the provision of financial services by CCCC Finance to CCCG Group is conducive for the Group to improve the efficiency of utilizing its capital and enhance the capacities of CCCC Finance in providing professional and comprehensive financial services, which is in line with the Group's business development needs.

#### HONG KONG LISTING RULES IMPLICATIONS

As at the date of this announcement, CCCG is the controlling shareholder holding approximately 63.84% equity interests in the Company, and is therefore a connected person of the Company under the Hong Kong Listing Rules. Accordingly, the transactions contemplated under the Financial Services Agreement between CCCC Finance and CCCG Group constitute continuing connected transactions of the Company under Chapter 14A of the Hong Kong Listing Rules.

The provision of deposit services by CCCC Finance to CCCG Group is to be made on normal commercial terms or more favourable terms which are in the Group's interests, and no assets of the Group are to be pledged as security for such deposit services in favour of CCCG and its subsidiaries. Therefore, pursuant to Rule 14A.90 of the Hong Kong Listing Rules, the provision of deposit services by CCCC Finance to CCCG Group under the Financial Services Agreement is exempt from the announcement, annual review and independent shareholders' approval requirements under Chapter 14A of the Hong Kong Listing Rules.

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#### **CONFIRMATION BY THE BOARD**

The Directors, including the independent non-executive Directors, are of the view that the Financial Services Agreement is on normal commercial terms, which are fair and reasonable and are in the interest of the Company and the Shareholders as whole. The Directors, including the independent non-executive Directors, also believe that the terms and relevant maximum daily loan balance of the transactions thereunder are fair and reasonable and are in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

Mr. Liu Qitao and Mr. Chen Fenjian, both being directors of CCCG, are deemed as materially interested in the continuing connected transactions above and have abstained from voting on the relevant resolutions of the Board. Save as such Directors above, none of the Directors is or is deemed to be materially interested in the above transactions.

#### BACKGROUND AND GENERAL INFORMATION OF RELEVANT COMPANIES

As a leading transportation infrastructure group in the PRC, the Company is principally engaged in infrastructure construction, infrastructure design, dredging and heavy machinery manufacturing. CCCC Finance, a subsidiary of the Company, is a non-banking financial institution.

CCCG, a state-owned enterprise established under the laws of the PRC, is the controlling shareholder holding approximately 63.84% equity interests in the Company as at the date of this announcement. CCCC Group is principally engaged in shipbuilding, ship chartering and maintenance, ocean engineering, technical consultation services for ships and ancillary equipment of ports, import and export, property development and other businesses.

#### DEFINITIONS

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"Board"	the board of directors of the Company
"CCCC Finance"	CCCC Finance Company Limited (中交財務有限公司), a limited liability company incorporated under the laws of the PRC
"CCCG"	China Communications Construction Group (Limited) (中國交通建設集團有限公司), a state-owned enterprise established under the laws of the PRC and the controlling shareholder of the Company
"CCCG Group"	CCCG and its subsidiaries (excluding the Group)
"Company"	China Communications Construction Company Limited, a joint stock company incorporated in the PRC with limited liability, the H shares of which are listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited under stock code 1800 and the A shares of which are listed on the

Shanghai Stock Exchange under stock code 601800

"Directors" the directors of the Company

"Financial Services the financial services agreement entered into between CCCC Finance

Agreement" and CCCG on 28 March 2017

"Group" the Company and its subsidiaries

"Hong Kong Listing Rules" the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock

Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

"Original Financial the financial services agreement entered into between CCCC Finance

Services Agreement" and CCCG on 12 August 2016

"PBOC" the People's Bank of China

"PRC" the People's Republic of China, for the purpose of this

announcement, excluding Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan Region

"RMB" Renminbi, the lawful currency of the PRC

"Shareholders" shareholders of the Company

By order of the Board

China Communications Construction Company Limited Liu Wensheng

Company Secretary

Beijing, the PRC 28 March 2017

As at the date of this announcement, the Directors of the Company are LIU Qitao, CHEN Fenjian, FU Junyuan, LIU Maoxun, LIU Zhangmin<sup>#</sup>, LEUNG Chong Shun<sup>#</sup> and HUANG Long<sup>#</sup>.

<sup>\*</sup> Independent non-executive Directors of the Company