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## **Yingde Gases Group Company Limited**

**盈德氣體集團有限公司**

*(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)*

**(Stock Code: 02168)**

### **CHANGE IN BOARD LOT SIZE**

In order to reduce share administration fee in the interest of all shareholders, the Board announces that the board lot size of the Shares for trading on the Stock Exchange will be changed from 500 Shares to 850,000 Shares with effect from Tuesday, 18 July 2017.

Reference is made to (i) the March 1 Announcement issued by the Company dated 1 March 2017; (ii) the Rule 3.5 Announcement issued by the Offeror dated 7 March 2017; (iii) the Offer Document issued by the Offeror dated 10 March 2017; and (iv) the announcements jointly issued by the Company and the Offeror dated 4 May 2017 in relation to, amongst others, close of the Offers and the results of the Offers (the “**Final Closing Announcement**”) and dated 11 July 2017 in relation to despatch of the compulsory acquisition notice (the “**Notice Despatch Announcement**”). Unless otherwise stated, capitalised terms used herein shall have the same meanings as those defined in the Offer Document, Final Closing Announcement and/or the Notice Despatch Announcement. Unless otherwise stated, all time references contained in this announcement are to Hong Kong times.

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## **BENEFIT TO ALL SHAREHOLDERS**

As stated in the Final Closing Announcement, the Offeror has acquired not less than 90% of the total number of Offer Shares by way of the Offers. The Offeror intends to exercise its right under section 88 of the Cayman Islands Companies Law to compulsorily acquire those Offer Shares not already owned by the Offeror as at 4 May 2017 (the “**Compulsory Acquisition**”).

The change in the board lot size of the Shares will minimise administrative expenses for the benefit of all shareholders in the privatisation process, including (i) the stock withdrawal fee for registered eligible securities per board lot in the case that Remaining Offer Shareholders wish to surrender their Shares deposited in CCASS to the Offeror pursuant to the Compulsory Acquisition under progress; and (ii) the corporate action fee for registered non-debt securities per board lot should the Remaining Offer Shareholders choose not to surrender their Remaining Offer Shares deposited in CCASS before 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, 10 August 2017, charged by the HKSCC.

The above mentioned fees are chargeable to Remaining Offer Shareholders with their Remaining Offer Shares held through CCASS on a per board lot basis during the course of the Compulsory Acquisition. Remaining Offer Shareholders holding more than 500 Remaining Offer Shares through CCASS will benefit from the change in board lot size since the number of board lots chargeable to them when they surrender their Remaining Offer Shares to the Offeror before 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, 10 August 2017 will be decreased.

## **EXPECTED TIMETABLE FOR THE CHANGE IN BOARD LOT SIZE**

Effective date of the change in board lot size

From 500 Shares to 850,000 Shares ..... Tuesday, 18 July, 2017

## **ODD LOT TRADING ARRANGEMENT AND PARALLEL TRADING**

At the request of the Company, trading in the Shares on the Stock Exchange was suspended from 9:00 a.m. on Friday 5 May 2017 up to the withdrawal of listing of the Shares. It is expected that the withdrawal of listing of the Shares from the Stock Exchange will take place with effect from 9:00 a.m. on Monday, 21 August 2017, conditional upon completion of the Compulsory Acquisition.

As trading in the Shares on the Stock Exchange continues to be suspended up to the withdrawal of listing of the Shares and the Offeror is entitled and bound to acquire the Remaining Offer Shares pursuant to the Cayman Islands Companies Law, the Shares held by the odd lot holders are bound to be disposed of to the Offeror pursuant to the Compulsory Acquisition. The Board considers it reasonable and expedient not to contemplate odd lot matching arrangements. There will be no parallel trading arrangement.

## **ARRANGEMENT ON SHARE CERTIFICATES**

All existing share certificates in board lot of 500 Shares will continue to be evidence of title to such Shares and be valid for delivery, transfer and settlement purposes. Therefore, no exchange of existing share certificates will be required and no arrangement for free exchange of existing share certificates will be provided.

By order of the board  
**Yingde Gases Group Company Limited**  
盈德氣體集團有限公司  
**Qiu Zhongwei**  
Chairman

Hong Kong, 12 July 2017

*As at the date of this announcement, the executive Director is Mr. Qiu Zhongwei; the non-executive Directors are Mr. Wong Tak-Wai, Mr. Xiao Suining and Mr. He Hui David; and the independent non-executive Directors are Mr. Zheng Fuya, Dr. Wang Ching and Mr. Rawen Zhi Hong Huang.*