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## **BIRMINGHAM SPORTS HOLDINGS LIMITED**

伯明翰體育控股有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability) (Stock Code: 2309)

## VOLUNTARY ANNOUNCEMENT APPEAL AGAINST THE DECISION OF THE DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION BY EFL

This announcement is made by the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Birmingham Sports Holdings Limited (the "Company", and together with its subsidiaries, the "Group") on a voluntary basis.

Reference is made to announcement of the Company dated 10 March 2020 (the "Announcement") in relation to the decision of an independent Disciplinary Commission of the EFL dismissing the charge of EFL against BCFC (the "Decision"). Unless otherwise specified, capitalised terms used herein shall have the same meanings as those defined in the Announcement.

The Board announced that BCFC received a notice and ground of appeal from EFL bringing an appeal against the Decision to the League Arbitration Panel.

Below is the statement released by BCFC:

"The EFL has notified the Club of its intention to appeal the decision of the independent Disciplinary Commission in March 2020 dismissing the misconduct charge brought against the Club by the EFL.

The decision was made by an independent and experienced tribunal. We are therefore very disappointed that the EFL has refused to accept the Commission's decision and decided to appeal.

The Club's position has not changed and we will now turn to defending the appeal."

The Company will publish further updates regarding the appeal in accordance with the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited as and when appropriate.

By Order of the Board Birmingham Sports Holdings Limited Zhao Wenqing Chairman

Hong Kong, 8 April 2020

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises nine Directors, namely Mr. Zhao Wenqing (Chairman), Mr. Huang Dongfeng (Chief Executive Officer), Mr. Yiu Chun Kong, Mr. Hsiao Charng Geng and Dr. Guo Honglin as Executive Directors; Mr. Sue Ka Lok as Nonexecutive Director; and Mr. Pun Chi Ping, Ms. Leung Pik Har, Christine and Mr. Yeung Chi Tat as Independent Non-executive Directors.