

# China MeiDong Auto Holdings Limited 中國美東汽車控股有限公司

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**ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE REPORT** 

2020

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### **ABOUT THE REPORT**

China MeiDong Auto Holdings Limited (the "Company", together with its subsidiaries, the "Group") is delighted to publish its annual Environmental, Social and Governance ("ESG") report ("Report") for year ended 31 December 2020, presenting our continuous commitment to corporate social responsibility. This Report is prepared in accordance with ESG Reporting Guide set out in Appendix 27 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and has complied with the "comply or explain" provisions. This Report covers the sustainability performance and initiatives of the Group during the Reporting Period (as defined below), covering the Group's core businesses — the provision of 4S dealership business in the People's Republic of China (the "PRC"). Certain key performance indicators ("KPIs") considered as material by the Group during the Reporting Period are disclosed in this Report. The Group will continue to optimise and improve the disclosure of KPIs. The opening of 5 new stores during 2020 lead to the change in the scope of the Report when compared with the ESG report for last year. Please refer to the 2020 Annual Report of the Company for more information.

This Report shall be published both in Chinese and English. Should there be any discrepancy between the Chinese and the English versions, the English version shall prevail.

Unless otherwise stated, this Report covers the period from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020 (the "Reporting Period"). It includes disclosure of significant environmental and social impacts of our operation in the PRC.

Starting from 2016, the Group adhered to the concept of cherishing environment and ecology, and the policy of "Observe laws and regulations and value integrity" in respect of environmental and social performance. With the advancement in our employees' awareness of environment and social responsibilities, the Group achieved significant improvements in those two aspects. We took emission reduction, energy conservation and natural resource maintenance as our missions, and put them into practice in operation. In terms of social responsibility, the Group took employees' development as a core, and strived to allow our employees to keep pace with the Group. We kept good communications with our stakeholders based on a principle of mutual benefits, shared information about environmental and social responsibilities with them, and also established a long-term partnership with them.

# **COMMUNICATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS**

To understand the needs and expectations of stakeholders is the driving force of the Group's development. The Group regularly held annual general meetings and issued annual reports in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Listing Rules, so as to provide stakeholders with information on the Group's development and visions and boost their confidence in us. We were pleased to interact with and keep two-way communications with our customers and suppliers in daily operation, so that we can understand their requirements and satisfaction to maintain a smooth cooperation with them.

### 1. Environment

# 1.1 Environmental protection and emission reduction

Environmental protection and emission reduction are the concerns of the whole world at present and in the future, and the Group has firmly adhered to this key point of development. We undertook the responsibilities as a conscientious enterprise by formulating many policies and systems on environmental protection in operation, including the Management Policy on Greenhouse Gas ("GHG") Emission for gas emission and the Bidding Management Policy to support purchasing from local suppliers. To respond to the requirements of the society for conservation and waste reduction, we formulated the Green Office Management Policy, Energy Conservation Management Regulations, Management Regulations on Reduction of Hazardous Wastes and other regulations. During the Reporting Period, the Group is not aware of any material non-compliance with relevant environmental laws and regulations that has a significant impact on the Group.

Major air pollutant emission from gaseous fuel consumption and vehicles during the Reporting Period and the period from 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019 (the "2019 Reporting Period") are as follows:

| Air Pollutants Emission |                |                |  |  |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|--|--|
| 2020                    |                |                |  |  |
|                         | Air Pollutants | Air Pollutants |  |  |
| Type of Air Pollutants  | Emission (kg)  | Emission (kg)  |  |  |
| Sulphur Dioxide         | 0.73           | 1.99           |  |  |
| Nitrogen Oxides         | 3.00           | 6.02           |  |  |
| Particulate Matter      | 0.51           | 1.60           |  |  |
| Carbon Monoxide         | 39.29          | 123.04         |  |  |
| Hydrocarbon             | 4.78           | 14.98          |  |  |

Note: Decrease in 2020 air pollutants emission is mainly due to the gradually switching of petrol cars to hybrid cars during the Reporting Period resulting the decrease in both fuel consumed and kilometer travelled by vehicles.

During the Reporting Period and the 2019 Reporting Period, the GHG emission from the operation is set out below:

| GHG Emis                         | sion                       |                            |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
|                                  | 2020                       | 2019                       |
|                                  | Equivalent CO <sub>2</sub> | Equivalent CO <sub>2</sub> |
| Type of GHG emissions            | emission (kg)              | emission (kg)              |
|                                  |                            |                            |
| Scope 1 Direct emission          | 2,107,074.78               | 1,996,238.79               |
| Scope 2 Indirect emission        | 773,615.91                 | 732,155.21                 |
| Total                            | 2,880,690.69               | 2,728,394.00               |
| Intensity (kg/Revenue RMB'000)   | 0.14                       | 0.17                       |
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### Note:

The calculation of the GHG is based on the "Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard" from GHG protocol.

Scope 1: Direct emission from sources that are owned by the Group

Scope 2: Indirect emission from the generation of purchased electricity and purchased gas consumed by the Group

During the Reporting Period and the 2019 Reporting Period, the waste generated is summarised as below:

| Wastes                         |             |             |  |  |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--|--|
|                                | 2020        | 2019        |  |  |
| Type of wastes                 | Wastes (kg) | Wastes (kg) |  |  |
| Total hazardous waste          | 21,799      | 16,517      |  |  |
| Total non-hazardous waste      | 20,173      | 13,053      |  |  |
| Total                          | 41,972      | 29,570      |  |  |
| Intensity (kg/Revenue RMB'000) | 0.0021      | 0.0018      |  |  |

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The specific management practices our Group adopted include:

- 1) For GHG emission, we set out the methods of using air conditioning equipment, lighting equipment and office equipment, as well as the methods of reducing and recycling wastes and avoiding chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) to reduce GHG emission.
- 2) We sorted out and treated all the hazardous waste (mainly engine oil) and nonhazardous waste generated (mainly office garbage) in official business, production, transportation, warehousing, sales, services and other operation processes, and kept the relevant records for traceability purpose.
- 3) We provided lectures on green and healthy environmental protection to our employees to strengthen their awareness of green environmental protection and improve their physical and psychological health.
- 4) We carried out management measures on electric lamps and electrical equipment, ventilation devices and air conditioners, water conservation, waste reduction, office supplies recycling and work environment improvement in offices.
- 5) We grew plants in offices to create a green working environment. The Group adhered to the laws and regulations on emissions, so no violations against the relevant laws and regulations that have a great impact on the Group occurred in 2020.

### 1.2 Resource utilization

The Group advocated resource conservation, and we formulated the Requirements for Green Manufacturing Management. With the application of green materials and green packaging as our principle, we used recyclable materials as much as possible. In terms of automobile packaging, we strived for simplification to decrease waste of resources, environmental pollution and discarded materials. We put forward "Green concept" in offices and workshops to encourage our employees to save electricity, water and paper. We did a good practice in water collecting, delivery, distribution and usage, so as to slow down the use of water resources and avoid waste.

Energy consumption by the Group during the Reporting Period and the 2019 Reporting Period are set out below:

| Energy Consum                          | ption    |          |
|----------------------------------------|----------|----------|
|                                        | 2020     | 2019     |
|                                        | Energy   | Energy   |
|                                        | consumed | consumed |
| Type of energy                         | (mWh)    | (mWh)    |
| Petrol                                 | 7,121.75 | 6,730.86 |
| Diesel                                 | 337.58   | 328.30   |
| Purchased gas                          | 0.01     | 0.01     |
| Purchased electricity                  | 1,150.29 | 1,088.64 |
| Liquefied petroleum gas                | 1,217.12 | 1,161.05 |
| Total                                  | 9,826.75 | 9,308.86 |
| Energy intensity (mWh/Revenue RMB'000) | 0.00049  | 0.00057  |

Water consumption by the Group during the Reporting Period and the 2019 Reporting Period are set out below:

| Water Consumption                    | n       |         |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|
|                                      | 2020    | 2019    |
| Total Water consumption (m³)         | 207,281 | 195,088 |
| Water intensity (m³/Revenue RMB'000) | 0.010   | 0.012   |

# 1.3 Environment and ecology protection

It is known to us all that natural resources are limited, and the immoderate utilisation of natural resources will cause serious damage to the global environment. To reduce the damage done to environment and natural resources, the Group established a green education policy, and advocated an environmental protection idea among our employees and stakeholders. In addition, we also implemented the Green Procurement Management Policy as a response to our environmental protection responsibility. Starting from 2016, the Group made responses to the environment and ecology protection, including: 1) Encourage employees to drive their own cars less but take public transport carriers, or go on foot or ride bicycles for short distances to reduce gasoline consumption and exhaust emissions. 2) Establish green supply chains and comprehensively consider the environmental protection factors such as product design, purchasing, production, packaging, logistics, sales, service, recycling and reuse and other links, so as to perform environmental protection, energy conservation, emission reduction and other social responsibilities together with the upstream and downstream enterprises. 3) Educate employees to practise the concept of environmental protection and resource conservation in their daily lives and work.

# 2. Employee-oriented

### 2.1. Employment

This Group views employees as our capital and core of development. We have always endeavoured to guarantee the entitlements of our employees, and have strived to provide them with a secure working environment, so that they can grow with the Group. Therefore, we formulated various employment policies, including Human Resource Policy, Employee Welfare and Incentive Policy and Labour Contract and the like. This way, the rights and obligations, promotion and welfare as well as employee diversity can be formulated and regulated to safeguard the legitimate rights and interests of employees. We firmly believed in the idea of "Equality in employees", so we created a non-discriminatory employment and work-life balance environment in which they can work and develop on an equal footing. The Group adopted an employee-oriented principle and eradicated any violations of the laws and regulations on employment, so no such violation cases occurred during the Reporting Period.

Below is a detailed breakdown of our employees by gender, age group and employment category as at 31 December 2020 and 2019:

|                        | 2020      |            | 2019      |            |
|------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|
|                        | Number of |            | Number of |            |
|                        | staff     | % of total | staff     | % of total |
| By gender              |           |            |           |            |
| Male                   | 2,872     | 56         | 2,713     | 57         |
| Female                 | 2,281     | 44         | 2,035     | 43         |
| Total                  | 5,153     | 100        | 4,748     | 100        |
| By age group           |           |            |           |            |
| 30 or below            | 2,683     | 52         | 2,544     | 53         |
| 31–40                  | 2,090     | 41         | 1,832     | 39         |
| 41–50                  | 293       | 5          | 285       | 6          |
| 51 or above            | 87        | 2          | 87        | 2          |
| Total                  | 5,153     | 100        | 4,748     | 100        |
| By employment category |           |            |           |            |
| Contract/Short term    | 53        | 1          | 98        | 2          |
| Normal                 | 4,190     | 82         | 3,807     | 80         |
| Middle                 | 836       | 16         | 770       | 16         |
| Senior                 | 74        | 1          | 73        | 2          |
| Total                  | 5,153     | 100        | 4,748     | 100        |

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Below is a detailed breakdown of our employee turnover rate by gender and age group as at 31 December 2020 and 2019:

|                            | 2020        | 2019 |
|----------------------------|-------------|------|
|                            |             |      |
| Turnover rate by gender    |             |      |
| Male                       | 46%         | 53%  |
| Female                     | 44%         | 58%  |
| Turnover rate by age group |             |      |
| 30 or below                | 49%         | 63%  |
| 31–40                      | 43%         | 48%  |
| 41–50                      | <b>33</b> % | 35%  |
| 51 or above                | <b>33</b> % | 32%  |

### 2.2 Health and safety

It is the basic responsibility of the Group to protect employees' health and safety, so we strictly observed the relevant laws and regulations, and provided publicity and training on "Occupational Health and Safety" to employees. We provided employees with personal protective equipment in workshops, and meanwhile appointed a safety representative to monitor the safety working performance, so as to ensure that the health and safety measures can be effectively implemented to guarantee the safety of employees at workplace. We did not violate the relevant laws and regulations on health and safety during the Reporting Period.

# 2.3 Development and training

The Group attached great importance to talent retention and cultivation, and paid attention to mutual progress between employees and the Group, therefore, the Group provided employees with lots of opportunities to learn. Coordination and sustainability are two principles of vocational development of employees, therefore, we determined the career development intentions for employees coordinated with the Group while formulating vocational development schemes for them. We also arranged tutors, who were responsible for guiding employees in their career development, to deal with the training, review and promotion matters for employees, enabling employees to develop solidly and steadily in their careers.

Below is a detailed breakdown of the percentage of employees trained by gender and employment category as at 31 December 2020 and 2019:

|                                         | 2020        | 2019 |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------|------|
|                                         |             |      |
| Employee trained by gender              |             |      |
| Male                                    | <b>55</b> % | 56%  |
| Female                                  | 45%         | 44%  |
| Employee trained by employment category |             |      |
| Contract/Short term                     | 83%         | 100% |
| Normal                                  | 38%         | 100% |
| Middle                                  | 22%         | 25%  |
| Senior                                  | 22%         | 22%  |

The average training hours for employees by gender and employment category during the Reporting Period and the 2019 Reporting Period are as follows:

|                        | 2020<br>Hours per<br>employee | 2019<br>Hours per<br>employee |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| By gender              |                               |                               |
| Male                   | 8.64                          | 22.04                         |
|                        | 8.83                          | 23.15                         |
| Female                 | 8.83                          | 23.15                         |
| By employment category |                               |                               |
| Contract/Short term    | 19.92                         | 24.24                         |
| Normal                 | 9.23                          | 26.06                         |
| Middle                 | 5.34                          | 5.89                          |
| Senior                 | 10.38                         | 10.52                         |

# 2.4 Labour rules

We abided by the Employment Ordinance of Hong Kong and the Labour Contract Law of the PRC, and never employed child labour or forced labour. For effective regulation, we formulated the Policy on Preventing of Child Labours and Forced Labours, and informed our employees of the importance of the labour rules via e-mail and notification. Meanwhile, we also installed suggestion boxes and implemented a whistle-blowing mechanism. With our efforts made on regulation, no case of violation against the labour rules occurred during the Reporting Period.

# 3. Supplier management

The Group deemed its suppliers as partners, and endeavoured to keep a long-term and friendly relationships with them. In order to achieve a common development with our suppliers, we provided them with our rules on environmental protection and social responsibility to require them to strictly observe those rules and provide qualified products and services. Meanwhile, we established a review mechanism for our suppliers, by which their performances were assessed on a regular basis, so as to ensure that they can provide products and service that meet the requirements of environmental protection, quality and social responsibility.

# 4. Product liability

Product quality is the lifeline of the Group, therefore, we put forward strict requirements on our products, and formulated the relevant management policies and measures meeting laws and regulations. In terms of product quality and safety supervision, we strictly followed the requirements of product conformity, and required all the products to be tested for safety. Furthermore, we insisted that all products can be sold only when their technical certification on quality control and 3C certification for safe product are provided. We advocate fair publicity of information. All sales and service representatives must provide customers with accurate and true information when selling goods. As for after-sales services and product recall, we developed an interactive and open communication channel with customers through regular visits. Customers can query details from us about products and provide feedbacks, so that we can handle and recall the products in real time when we receive complaints about non-conforming products from customers. We attached great importance to product liability and effective implementation of the relevant policies, so no case of violation against the laws and regulations on service responsibility occurred during the Reporting Period.

# 5. Integrity maintenance

The Group established a good corporate governance and integrity mechanism, and held a zero tolerance attitude towards corruption, so we formulated various policies against corruption, including bribery and fraud prevention policy, open tender policy, whistle-blowing policy and policy on financial audit by an independent party. In the employment contract, we required our employees to declare conflict of interests, and provided specific trainings to those employees who have a high possibility of conflict of interests, so as to prevent corruption behaviours by mistake. We signed the Supplier Integrity Agreement with our suppliers, and in this agreement, they were asked to be honest and trustworthy, so as to ensure integrity in our supply chain. The Group has been in strict compliance with law and regulation related to anti-corruption. During the Reporting Period, there was no legal case regarding corrupt practices, extortion and money laundering brought against the Group or its employees.

# 6. Caring about community

The Group cared much about our community, and actively responded to the program, education and publicity on GHG held by local environmental protection groups. In March 2016, we participated in the annual Tree-planting Day activity and low-carbon activity held by Dongguan Tian'an Cyber Park, whereby our employees were educated to drive less and use more environment friendly and low-carbon tools such as bicycles, electric cars or public buses, so as to promote the sense of environmental protection and social responsibility in enterprise and employees.

# 7. Brand image

The Group kept its commitment on quality, safety, environmental protection and social responsibility in terms of its products and services, and strived to make sustainable improvements. In respect of operation, we endeavoured to build our enterprise brand by following the principle of satisfying and pleasing our customers.

# **PROSPECT**

During the Reporting Period, the Group actively improved its ESG performance, held an attitude of "Open up and listen to every word", and regularly communicated with our stakeholders to improve governance effect. We supported our business partners' environmental protection activities, such as the Tree-planting Day activity organised by Dongguan Tian'an Cyber Park, and encouraged our employees to participate in such activity. We encouraged our employees to develop in various aspects, so we launched a long-term tutor plan. We attentively met our customers' expectations and only sold high-quality and qualified products on the market. When looking into the future, the Group will continue its efforts to feed back the society with actions, touch the industry and stakeholders with sincerity, and join hands to build a green home.