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New Hope Service Holdings Limited
新希望服務控股有限公司
(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)
(Stock code: 3658)

**CHANGE OF INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
AND CHAIRMAN OF AUDIT COMMITTEE**

This announcement is made by New Hope Service Holdings Limited (the “**Company**”, together with its subsidiaries, the “**Group**”) pursuant to Rule 13.51(2) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Listing Rules**”).

**PASSING AWAY OF INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CHAIRMAN
OF AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The board (the “**Board**”) of directors (the “**Directors**” and each a “**Director**”) of the Company is deeply saddened to learn on 16 February 2022 that Mr. Yan Lap Kei Isaac (“**Mr. Yan**”), an independent non-executive Director and chairman of the audit committee of the Company, has unfortunately passed away. Before that, Mr. Yan has signed his resignation tender due to his health condition, which was in the process of being forwarded but had not been delivered to the Company before his passing away.

Mr. Yan was appointed as an independent non-executive Director and the chairman of audit committee of the Company in April 2021. Mr. Yan had made a tremendous contribution to the growth and development of the Group and his wisdom and contribution will be missed.

On behalf of the Company, the Board would like to express its deepest grief for Mr. Yan’s departure and express its sincere condolences to his family. The Board would also like to express its sincere appreciation for Mr. Yan’s remarkable and valuable contribution to the Company during his tenure of office. Mr. Yan will be long remembered by his fellow directors, management team and staff of the Company.

APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CHAIRMAN OF AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Board is pleased to announce that Mr. Kong Chi Mo (“**Mr. Kong**”) has been appointed as an independent non-executive Director and the chairman of the audit committee of the Company with effect from 16 February 2022.

The biographical details of Mr. Kong is set out as follows:

Mr. Kong Chi Mo (江智武)

Mr. Kong, aged 46, has more than 20 years of experience in accounting and audit, corporate finance, investor relations, company secretarial and governance with an additional focus on enterprise sustainability. Mr. Kong currently holds several directorships in listed companies including serving as an independent non-executive director and chairman of audit committee of AK Medical Holdings Limited (stock code: 01789), an independent non-executive director and chairman of audit committee of Beijing Capital Jiaye Property Services Co., Limited (stock code: 02210), and an independent non-executive director and chairman of audit committee of ZACD Group Ltd. (stock code: 08313). All of the above-mentioned public companies are listed on the The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Stock Exchange**”).

Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Kong started his career as a finance trainee in Hutchison Telecommunications (Hong Kong) Limited, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Hutchison Telecommunications Hong Kong Holdings Limited (stock code: 00215), from June 1997 to March 1998. Mr. Kong worked as a tax associate in PricewaterhouseCoopers, an international accounting firm from March 1998 to October 1999 and worked in KPMG, another international accounting firm from October 1999 to December 2007, during which his last position held in KPMG was audit senior manager. Mr. Kong successively served as an executive director, chief financial officer, company secretary and authorized representative during his employment with China Vanadium Titano-Magnetite Mining Company Limited (stock code: 00893) from May 2008 to March 2020. Mr. Kong served as an independent non-executive director of Huazhang Technology Holding Limited (stock code: 01673) from May 2013 to December 2021, an independent non-executive director of Aowei Holding Limited (formerly known as Hengshi Mining Investments Limited) (stock code: 01370) from June 2013 to March 2021, and an independent non-executive director of Starlight Culture Entertainment Group Limited (formerly known as Jimei International Entertainment Group Limited) (stock code: 01159) from May 2017 to May 2019. All of the above-mentioned public companies are listed on the Stock Exchange.

Mr. Kong is accredited as (i) an European Federation of Financial Analysts Societies (EFFAS) Certified ESG Analyst, the first internationally recognized ESG Professional Accreditation in Hong Kong and (ii) a Value Reporting Foundation’s (VRF) Fundamentals of Sustainability Accounting Credential Holder.

Aside from the above-mentioned ESG- and sustainability-related qualifications, in aspects of accounting, company secretarial and governance, Mr. Kong is also admitted as (i) a Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) in the United Kingdom, (ii) a Certified Public Accountant of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (HKICPA), (iii) a Fellow of both The Chartered Governance Institute (CGI) (formerly known as The Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators) in the United Kingdom and The Hong Kong Chartered Governance Institute (HKCGI) (formerly known as The Hong Kong Institute of Chartered Secretaries) with the designations of Chartered Secretary and Chartered Governance Professional, (iv) a Fellow of The Hong Kong Institute of Directors (HKIoD), and (v) an Ordinary Member of Hong Kong Securities and Investment Institute (HKSI). Mr. Kong graduated from The Chinese University of Hong Kong with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration in December 1997.

Mr. Kong has entered into a letter of appointment with the Company in respect of the appointment as an independent non-executive Director for a term of three years commencing from 16 February 2022. He is entitled to a director's fee of RMB220,000 per annum for his directorship in the Company, which was determined by the Board on the recommendation of the remuneration committee of the Company with reference to his qualifications, experience, duties and responsibilities, as well as the prevailing market conditions.

Pursuant to the articles of association of the Company, Mr. Kong shall hold office until the first general meeting of the Company after his appointment and shall be subject to re-election at the meeting and thereafter, shall be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years.

Save as disclosed above, as at the date of this announcement, Mr. Kong (i) does not hold any other positions with any members of the Group; (ii) does not, nor did he in the past three years, hold any directorships in any other public companies the securities of which are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas; (iii) does not have any relationships with any Directors, senior management or substantial shareholders or controlling shareholders (as defined in the Listing Rules) of the Company; and (iv) does not have any interests in the shares or underlying shares of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong).

Mr. Kong has confirmed that there is no other information relating to his appointment that is required to be disclosed pursuant to the requirements of Rules 13.51 (2)(h) to 13.51 (2)(v) of the Listing Rules and there are no other matters in connection with his appointment that need to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Company.

The Board would like to take this opportunity to express its warmest welcome to Mr. Kong for joining the Board.

By order of the Board
New Hope Service Holdings Limited
Zhang Minggui
Chairman

Hong Kong, 16 February 2022

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Ms. Wu Min and Ms. Chen Jing as executive Directors, Mr. Zhang Minggui (chairman of the Board), Mr. Jiang Mengjun, Mr. Dong Li and Ms. Huang Kun as non-executive Directors and Mr. Cao Qilin, Mr. Li Zhengguo and Mr. Kong Chi Mo as independent non-executive Directors.