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### Weibo Corporation 微博股份有限公司

(A company controlled through weighted voting rights and incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 9898)

# ANNOUNCEMENT OF FIRST QUARTER 2022 FINANCIAL RESULTS

We hereby announce our unaudited financial results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2022 (the "Q1 2022 Financial Results").

The Q1 2022 Financial Results are available for viewing at the website of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited at <a href="https://ir.weibo.com">www.hkexnews.hk</a> and our website at <a href="http://ir.weibo.com">http://ir.weibo.com</a>.

By order of the Board
Weibo Corporation
Mr. Charles Guowei Chao
Chairman of the Board

Hong Kong, June 1, 2022

As at the date of this announcement, the board of directors of the Company comprises Mr. Charles Guowei Chao, Mr. Gaofei Wang, Ms. Hong Du and Mr. Pen Hung Tung, as the directors, and Mr. Pochin Christopher Lu, Mr. Pehong Chen and Mr. Yan Wang as the independent directors.

#### Weibo Reports First Quarter 2022 Unaudited Financial Results

BEIJING, China – June 1, 2022 – Weibo Corporation ("Weibo" or the "Company") (NASDAQ: WB and HKEX: 9898), a leading social media in China, today announced its unaudited financial results for first quarter ended March 31, 2022.

"We delivered a solid start to 2022," said Gaofei Wang, CEO of Weibo. "In the first quarter, our user base and traffic continued to grow nicely with disciplined marketing spending, which demonstrated our core value in public conversation and enriched content ecosystem. On monetization, Weibo has delivered a relatively resilient performance of advertising business in the first quarter, despite disruptions from COVID-19 resurgence in China."

### First Quarter 2022 Highlights

- Net revenues were \$484.6 million, an increase of 6% year-over-year or an increase of 3% year-over-year on a constant currency basis<sup>1</sup>.
- Advertising and marketing revenues were \$427.1 million, an increase of 10% year-over-year.
- Value-added service ("VAS") revenues were \$57.5 million, a decrease of 17% year-over-year.
- Income from operations was \$102.8 million, representing an operating margin of 21%.
- Net loss attributable to Weibo was \$67.5 million and diluted net loss per share was \$0.29.
- Non-GAAP income from operations was \$141.7 million, representing a non-GAAP operating margin of 29%.
- Non-GAAP net income attributable to Weibo was \$132.9 million and non-GAAP diluted net income per share was \$0.56.
- Monthly active users ("MAUs") were 582 million in March 2022, a net addition of approximately 51 million users on a year-over-year basis. Mobile MAUs represented 95% of MAUs.
- Average daily active users ("**DAUs**") were 252 million in March 2022, a net addition of approximately 22 million users on a year-over-year basis.
- On a constant currency (non-GAAP) basis, we assume that the exchange rate in the first quarter of 2022 had been the same as it was in the first quarter of 2021, or RMB6.48=US\$1.00.

### First Quarter 2022 Financial Results

For the first quarter of 2022, Weibo's total net revenues were \$484.6 million, an increase of 6% compared to \$458.9 million for the same period last year.

Advertising and marketing revenues for the first quarter of 2022 were \$427.1 million, an increase of 10% compared to \$390.0 million for the same period last year. Advertising and marketing revenues excluding ad revenues from Alibaba were \$401.2 million, an increase of 12% compared to \$356.7 million for the same period last year, which represented a relatively resilient performance of our advertising business this quarter, despite macro uncertainties, and disruption from COVID-19 resurgence and subsequent restrictions and lockdowns in major areas of China since mid-March.

VAS revenues for the first quarter of 2022 were \$57.5 million, a decrease of 17% year-over-year compared to \$68.9 million for the same period last year. The decrease of VAS revenues was mainly due to less revenue contribution from membership service and decrease of live streaming revenues.

Costs and expenses for the first quarter of 2022 totaled \$381.8 million, an increase of 9% compared to \$350.3 million for the same period last year. The increase was primarily attributable to (i) higher personnel related costs; (ii) increases in content costs primarily associated with the Winter Olympic Games; and (iii) recognition of cultural business construction fee with the lapse of exemption policy in 2022. The increase was primarily offset by a decrease of sales and marketing expenses, with disciplined channel investments and reduced offline events.

Income from operations for the first quarter of 2022 was \$102.8 million, compared to \$108.6 million for the same period last year. Operating margin was 21%, compared to 24% last year. Non-GAAP income from operations was \$141.7 million, compared to \$137.5 million for the same period last year. Non-GAAP operating margin was 29%, compared to 30% last year.

Non-operating loss for the first quarter of 2022 was \$163.5 million, compared to a loss of \$44.7 million for the same period last year. Non-operating loss for the first quarter of 2022 mainly included (i) a \$163.7 million net loss from fair value change of investments, primarily resulted from net loss from fair value change of investments in Didi Global Inc. (NYSE: DIDI) and INMYSHOW Digital Technology (Group) Co., Ltd. (SHH: 600556), which was excluded under non-GAAP measures; (ii) a \$14.2 million investment related impairment, which was excluded under non-GAAP measures; and (iii) a \$14.4 million net interest and other income.

Income tax expense were \$11.7 million, compared to \$14.9 million for the same period last year.

Net loss attributable to Weibo for the first quarter of 2022 was \$67.5 million, compared to an income of \$49.8 million for the same period last year. Diluted net loss per share attributable to Weibo for the first quarter of 2022 was \$0.29, compared to a diluted net income per share attributable to Weibo of \$0.22 for the same period last year. Non-GAAP net income attributable to Weibo for the first quarter of 2022 was \$132.9 million, compared to \$130.7 million for the same period last year. Non-GAAP diluted net income per share attributable to Weibo for the first quarter of 2022 was \$0.56, compared to \$0.57 for the same period last year.

As of March 31, 2022, Weibo's cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments totaled \$3.3 billion. For the first quarter of 2022, cash provided by operating activities was \$248.6 million, capital expenditures totaled \$8.5 million, and depreciation and amortization expenses amounted to \$15.0 million.

#### **Conference Call**

Weibo's management team will host a conference call from 7:00 AM to 8:00 AM Eastern Time on June 1, 2022 (or 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM Beijing Time on June 1, 2022) to present an overview of the Company's financial performance and business operations.

Please register in advance of the conference call using the link provided below. Upon registering, you will be provided with dial-in numbers, passcode and unique registrant ID by email. To join the conference, please use the conference access information provided in the email received at the point of registering.

### PRE-REGISTER LINK: <a href="http://apac.directeventreg.com/registration/event/3399110">http://apac.directeventreg.com/registration/event/3399110</a>.

Additionally, a live webcast of the call will be available through the Company's corporate website at http://ir.weibo.com.

A telephone replay will be available from 22:00 China Standard Time on June 1, 2022 to 21:59 China Standard Time on June 9, 2022. To access the recording, please use the following dial-in information listed below:

United States: +1 855 452 5696 Hong Kong: 800 963 117 Mainland China: 400 820 9035 International: +61 2 8199 0299

Replay PIN: 3399110

#### **Non-GAAP Financial Measures**

This release contains the following non-GAAP financial measures: non-GAAP income from operations, non-GAAP net income attributable to Weibo's shareholders, non-GAAP diluted net income per share attributable to Weibo's shareholders and adjusted EBITDA. These non-GAAP financial measures should be considered in addition to, not as a substitute for, measures of the Company's financial performance prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

The Company's non-GAAP financial measures exclude stock-based compensation, amortization of intangible assets resulting from business acquisitions, non-cash compensation cost to non-controlling interest shareholders, net results of impairment on, gain/loss on sale of and fair value change of investments, non-GAAP to GAAP reconciling items on the share of equity method investments, non-GAAP to GAAP reconciling items for the income/loss attributable to non-controlling interests, income tax expense related to the amortization of intangible assets resulting from business acquisitions and fair value change of investments (other non-GAAP to GAAP reconciling items have no tax effect), and amortization of convertible debt and senior notes issuance cost. Adjusted EBITDA excludes interest income, net, income tax expenses, and depreciation expenses.

The Company's management uses these non-GAAP financial measures in their financial and operating decision-making, because management believes these measures reflect the Company's ongoing operating performance in a manner that allows more meaningful period-to-period comparisons. The Company believes that these non-GAAP financial measures provide useful information to investors and others in the following ways: (i) in comparing the Company's current financial results with the Company's past financial results in a consistent manner, and (ii) in understanding and evaluating the Company's current operating performance and future prospects in the same manner as management does, if they so choose. The Company also believes that the non-GAAP financial measures provide useful information to both management and investors by excluding certain expenses, gains (losses) and other items (i) that are not expected to result in future cash payments or (ii) that are non-recurring in nature or may not be indicative of the Company's core operating results and business outlook.

Use of non-GAAP financial measures has limitations. The Company's non-GAAP financial measures do not include all income and expense items that affect the Company's operations. They may not be comparable to non-GAAP financial measures used by other companies. Accordingly, care should be exercised in understanding how the Company defines its non-GAAP financial measures. Reconciliations of the Company's non-GAAP financial measures to the nearest comparable GAAP measures are set forth in the section below titled "Unaudited Reconciliation of Non-GAAP to GAAP Results."

#### **About Weibo**

Weibo is a leading social media for people to create, share and discover content online. Weibo combines the means of public self-expression in real time with a powerful platform for social interaction, content aggregation and content distribution. Any user can create and post a feed and attach multi-media and long-form content. User relationships on Weibo may be asymmetric; any user can follow any other user and add comments to a feed while reposting. This simple, asymmetric and distributed nature of Weibo allows an original feed to become a live viral conversation stream.

Weibo enables its advertising and marketing customers to promote their brands, products and services to users. Weibo offers a wide range of advertising and marketing solutions to companies of all sizes. The Company generates a substantial majority of its revenues from the sale of advertising and marketing services, including the sale of social display advertisement and promoted marketing offerings. Designed with a "mobile first" philosophy, Weibo displays content in a simple information feed format and offers native advertisement that conform to the information feed on our platform. To support the mobile format, we have developed and continuously refining our social interest graph recommendation engine, which enables our customers to perform people marketing and target audiences based on user demographics, social relationships, interests and behaviors, to achieve greater relevance, engagement and marketing effectiveness.

#### **Safe Harbor Statement**

This press release contains forward-looking statements that relate to, among other things, Weibo's expected financial performance and strategic and operational plans (as described, without limitation, in the "Business Outlook" section and in quotations from management in this press release. Weibo may also make forward-looking statements in the Company's periodic reports to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), in announcements, circulars or other publications made on the website of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Hong Kong Stock Exchange"), in press releases and other written materials and in oral statements made by its officers, directors or employees to third parties. Statements that are not historical facts, including statements about the Company's beliefs and expectations, are forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements can be identified by terminology, such as "will," "expects," "anticipates," "future," "intends," "plans," "believes," "confidence," "estimates" and similar statements. Forward-looking statements involve inherent risks and uncertainties. A number of important factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statement. Potential risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, Weibo's limited operating history in certain new businesses; failure to grow active user base and the level of user engagement; the uncertain regulatory landscape in China; fluctuations in the Company's quarterly operating results; the Company's reliance on advertising and marketing sales for a majority of its revenues; failure to successfully develop, introduce, drive adoption of or monetize new features and products; failure to compete effectively for advertising and marketing spending; failure to successfully integrate acquired businesses; risks associated with the Company's investments, including equity pick-up and impairment; failure to compete successfully against new entrants and established industry competitors; changes in the macro-economic environment, including the depreciation of the Renminbi; and adverse changes in economic and political policies of the PRC government and its impact on the Chinese economy. Further information regarding these and other risks is included in Weibo's annual report on Form 20-Fs and other filings with the SEC and the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. All information provided in this press release is current as of the date hereof, and Weibo assumes no obligation to update such information, except as required under applicable law.

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# WEIBO CORPORATION UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(In thousands of U.S. dollars, except per share data)

	Three months ended			
	March	31,	December 31,	
	2022	2021	2021	
Net revenues:				
Advertising and marketing	\$427,121	\$390,011	\$550,826	
Value-added service	57,501	68,885	65,461	
Net revenues	484,622	458,896	616,287	
Costs and expenses:				
Cost of revenues <sup>(1)</sup>	104,801	79,770	128,545	
Sales and marketing <sup>(1)</sup>	125,311	143,975	152,475	
Product development(1)	112,434	96,566	113,867	
General and administrative <sup>(1)</sup>	39,227	29,981	38,878	
Total costs and expenses	381,773	350,292	433,765	
Income from operations	102,849	108,604	182,522	
Non-operating loss: Impairment on, gain/loss on sale of and fair value change of				
investments, net	(177,950)	(58,200)	(41,976)	
Interest and other income, net	14,416	13,504	5,161	
	(163,534)	(44,696)	(36,815)	
Income (loss) before income tax expenses	(60,685)	63,908	145,707	
Income tax expenses	(11,716)	(14,945)	(45,581)	
Net income (loss) Less: Net loss attributable to	(72,401)	48,963	100,126	
non-controlling interests	(4,877)	(857)	(15,607)	
Net income (loss) attributable to				
Weibo's shareholders	\$(67,524)	\$49,820	\$115,733	

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	March 31,		December 31,	
	2022	2021	2021	
Basic net income (loss) per share attributable to Weibo's shareholders	\$(0.29)	\$0.22	\$0.50	
Diluted net income (loss) per share attributable to Weibo's shareholders	\$(0.29)	\$0.22	\$0.50	
Shares used in computing basic net income (loss) per share attributable to Weibo's shareholders  Shares used in computing diluted	235,206	227,771	230,679	
net income (loss) per share attributable to Weibo's shareholders	235,206	229,302	231,506	
(1) Stock-based compensation in each category: Cost of revenues Sales and marketing Product development General and administrative	\$2,337 4,615 13,336 6,763	\$1,413 2,251 8,076 4,013	\$2,422 5,043 14,362 4,911	

### WEIBO CORPORATION UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In thousands of U.S. dollars)

	March 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
Assets		
Current assets: Cash and cash equivalents Short-term investments Accounts receivable, net	\$2,501,799 792,725 604,469	\$2,423,703 711,062 723,089
Prepaid expenses and other current assets Amount due from SINA <sup>(1)</sup>	466,018 494,120	450,726 494,200
Current assets subtotal	4,859,131	4,802,780
Property and equipment, net Goodwill and intangible assets, net Long-term investments Other non-current assets	65,850 291,811 1,112,439 1,139,677	68,396 297,335 1,207,651 1,143,360
Total assets	\$7,468,908	\$7,519,522
Liabilities, Redeemable Non-controlling Interests and Sharehold	ers' Equity	
Liabilities: Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable Accrued expenses and other current liabilities Deferred revenues Income tax payable Convertible debt	\$197,324 799,877 94,739 155,104 897,576	\$197,643 828,952 91,136 144,747 896,541
Current liabilities subtotal	2,144,620	2,159,019
Long-term liabilities: Unsecured senior notes Other long-term liabilities	1,538,991 125,175	1,538,415 134,068
Total liabilities	3,808,786	3,831,502
Redeemable non-controlling interests	68,796	66,622
Shareholders' equity: Weibo shareholders' equity Non-controlling interests	3,564,488 26,838	3,593,821 27,577
Total shareholders' equity	3,591,326	3,621,398
Total liabilities, redeemable non-controlling interests and shareholders' equity	\$7,468,908	\$7,519,522

<sup>(1)</sup> Included short-term loans to and interest receivable from SINA of \$474.3 million as of March 31, 2022 and \$479.6 million as of December 31, 2021.

# WEIBO CORPORATION UNAUDITED RECONCILIATION OF NON-GAAP TO GAAP RESULTS

(In thousands of U.S. dollars, except per share data)

	Three months ended			
	March 31,		December 31,	
	2022	2021	2021	
Income from operations	\$102,849	\$108,604	\$182,522	
Add: Stock-based compensation	27,051	15,753	26,738	
Amortization of intangible assets				
resulting from business acquisitions	5,751	4,519	5,716	
Non-cash compensation cost to				
non-controlling interest shareholders	6,074	8,631	4,826	
Non-GAAP income from operations	\$141,725	\$137,507	\$219,802	
Net income (loss) attributable to				
Weibo's shareholders	\$(67,524)	\$49,820	\$115,733	
Add: Stock-based compensation	27,051	15,753	26,738	
Amortization of intangible assets	27,031	13,733	20,730	
resulting from business acquisitions	5,751	4,519	5,716	
Non-cash compensation cost to	- ,	,	- , -	
non-controlling interest shareholders	6,074	8,631	4,826	
Net results of impairment on,				
gain/loss on sale of and fair value				
change of investments	177,950	58,200	41,976	
Non-GAAP to GAAP reconciling items				
on the share of equity method				
investments	(2,654)	(1,075)	4,343	
Non-GAAP to GAAP reconciling items				
for the income/loss attributable to	(4 (21)	250	(16.044)	
non-controlling interests	(4,631) (10,771)	359	(16,844)	
Tax effects on non-GAAP adjustments <sup>(1)</sup> Amortization of convertible debt and	(10,771)	(7,148)	11,405	
unsecured senior notes issuance cost	1,611	1,612	1,611	
Non-GAAP net income attributable to	<b>4422 055</b>	<b>4130 (11</b>	<b>440 70 4</b>	
Weibo's shareholders	<u>\$132,857</u>	\$130,671	\$195,504	
Non-GAAP diluted net income per share				
attributable to Weibo's shareholders	\$0.56*	\$0.57*	\$0.83*	

	Three months ended			
_	March 31,		December 31,	
	2022	2021	2021	
Shares used in computing GAAP diluted				
net income (loss) per share attributable to				
Weibo's shareholders	235,206	229,302	231,506	
Add: The number of shares for dilution				
resulted from convertible debt(2)	6,753	6,753	6,753	
The number of shares for dilution resulted				
from unvested restricted share units <sup>(2)</sup>	447			
Shares used in computing non-GAAP				
diluted net income per share attributable				
to Weibo's shareholders	242,406	236,055	238,259	
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Adjusted EBITDA:				
Net income (loss) attributable to				
Weibo's shareholders	\$(67,524)	\$49,820	\$115,733	
Non-GAAP adjustments	200,381	80,851	79,771	
Non-GAAP net income attributable to				
Weibo's shareholders	132,857	130,671	195,504	
Interest income, net	(10,986)	(3,939)	,	
Income tax expenses	22,487	22,093	34,176	
Depreciation expenses	8,730	7,909	8,593	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$153,088	\$156,734	\$234,042	

- (1) To exclude the income tax expenses primarily related to amortization of intangible assets resulting from business acquisitions and fair value change of investments. The Company considered the tax implication arising from the reconciliation items. Part of these items were recorded in entities established in tax free jurisdictions and there were no relevant tax implications. For impairment on investments, valuation allowances were made for those differences as the Company does not expect they can be realized in the foreseeable future.
- (2) To adjust the number of shares for dilution resulted from convertible debt and unvested restricted share units which were anti-dilutive under GAAP measures.
- \* Net income attributable to Weibo's shareholders is adjusted for interest expense of convertible debt for calculating diluted EPS.

# WEIBO CORPORATION UNAUDITED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

(In thousands of U.S. dollars)

	Three months ended			
	March 31,		December 31,	
	2022	2021	2021	
Net revenues Advertising and marketing				
Non-Ali advertisers	\$401,196	\$356,711	\$505,333	
Alibaba – as an advertiser	25,925	33,300	45,493	
Subtotal	427,121	390,011	550,826	
Value-added service	57,501	68,885	65,461	
	\$484,622	\$458,896	\$616,287	