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## **CNNC INTERNATIONAL LIMITED**

**中核國際有限公司**

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

**(Stock Code: 2302)**

### **INSIDE INFORMATION FULLY EXEMPT CONNECTED TRANSACTION RELATING TO FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM PARENT GROUP COMPANY**

This announcement is made by CNNC International Limited (the “**Company**”, together with its subsidiaries shall be referred to as the “**Group**”) pursuant to Rule 13.09(2) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the “**Listing Rules**”) and the Inside Information Provisions (as defined in the Listing Rules) under Part XIVA of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong).

On 17th June, 2022 (after trading hours), CNNC Treasury Management Co. Limited (“**CNNCTM**”) entered into a loan agreement (the “**Loan Agreement**”) with the Company, pursuant to which CNNCTM agreed to provide a revolving loan for a maximum principal amount of US\$50,000,000 (the “**Trade Loan**”) to the Company with a drawdown period of one year, during which the Company can make multiple drawdowns in accordance with the terms of the Trade Loan. CNNCTM is a subsidiary of China National Nuclear Corporation (“**CNNC**”, together with its subsidiaries but excluding the Group, the “**Parent Group**”), which in turn is the ultimate controlling shareholder (has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules) of the Company holding an indirect interest in approximately 66.72% of the issued share capital of the Company.

Under the terms of the Loan Agreement, the interest rate of any amount drawn down from the Trade Loan shall be subject to an interest rate charge of LIBOR + 1.60% per annum, which is the same as the interest rate under similar bank facilities the Group had obtained in recent years (prior to the repayment in full of its last outstanding trade loan in November 2020), and shall be utilized solely for the purpose of the Group’s uranium trading business. No financial or other covenants are required to be given by the Group, and the Trade Loan would not be secured by assets of the Group.

The provision of the Trade Loan and its terms (including the interest rates and other terms) have been agreed and determined through arm’s length negotiation between CNNCTM and the Company. Having considered the additional liquidity afforded to the Group for its uranium trading business, the prevailing lending rate of banks and the terms (including the interest rates)

under the Trade Loan, the Board (including the independent non-executive Directors) is of the view that the Trade Loan is conducted on normal commercial terms or better, fair and reasonable, and the transactions contemplated thereunder are in the interests of the Company and the shareholders of the Company as a whole.

The Trade Loan demonstrates the commitment and full support of the Parent Group towards the Group in its future development in the uranium trading business. The Directors believed the Trade Loan would provide financial support to the Group to enlarge its uranium trading business.

## **IMPLICATIONS UNDER THE LISTING RULES IN RESPECT OF THE TRADE LOAN**

As at the date of this announcement, CNNC, as the ultimate controlling shareholder (has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules) of the Company, holds an indirect interest in approximately 66.72% of the issued share capital of the Company, and hence CNNCTM, being a subsidiary of CNNC, is a connected person of the Company pursuant to the Listing Rules. As such, the Trade Loan constituted a connected transaction for the Company under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

Pursuant to Rule 14A.90 of the Listing Rules, financial assistance received by the Company from a connected person is fully exempt if it is conducted on normal commercial terms or better and it is not secured by the assets of the Group. As such, the Trade Loan would be fully exempt from all disclosure, annual review, circular and independent shareholders' approval requirements under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

## **CONTINUED SUSPENSION OF TRADING**

Pursuant to Rule 13.50 of the Listing Rules, the Stock Exchange will normally require suspension of trading in an issuer's securities if an issuer fails to publish periodic financial information in accordance with the Listing Rules, and the suspension will normally remain in force until the issuer publishes the requisite financial information. At the request of the Company, trading in the shares of the Company on the Stock Exchange has been suspended with effect from 9:00 a.m. on 30th April, 2021, and will remain suspended until further notice.

The Company will publish further announcement(s) to keep the Company's shareholders and potential investors informed of the status and development of the Company as and when appropriate, as well as announce quarterly updates on its development pursuant to Rule 13.24A of the Listing Rules.

By Order of the Board  
**CNNC International Limited**  
中核國際有限公司  
Li Philip Sau Yan  
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 17th June, 2022

*As of the date of this announcement, the Board comprises non-executive Director and chairman, namely, Mr. Zhong Jie, executive Director and chief executive officer, namely, Mr. Zhang Yi, non-executive Director, namely, Mr. Wu Ge and independent non-executive Directors, namely, Mr. Cui Liguang, Mr. Zhang Lei and Mr. Chan Yee Hoi.*