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JX Energy Ltd.

(吉星新能源有限責任公司)*

(incorporated under the laws of Alberta with limited liability)

(Stock code: 3395)

PROPOSED ISSUE OF NEW SHARES UNDER GENERAL MANDATE

The Board is pleased to announce that, on 18 November 2022 (after trading hours), the Company entered into the Subscription Agreement with the Subscriber, pursuant to which the Company has conditionally agreed to allot and issue, and the Subscriber has conditionally agreed to subscribe for, 10,000,000 Subscription Shares at the Subscription Price of HK\$1.11 per Subscription Share.

The Subscription Shares represent (i) approximately 2.22% of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of this announcement; and (ii) approximately 2.17% of the issued share capital of the Company as enlarged by the allotment and issue of the Subscription Shares (assuming there is no change in the issued share capital of the Company between the date of this announcement and the Closing Date save for the allotment and issue of the Subscription Shares).

The Subscription Shares will be allotted and issued under the General Mandate. The gross proceeds of the Subscription are expected to be C\$1.88 million (equivalent to approximately HK\$11.1 million). After deducting the related expenses, the net proceeds of the Subscription will amount to approximately C\$1.86 million (equivalent to approximately HK\$11.0 million). The net Subscription Price, after deduction of all related expenses, is estimated to be approximately HK\$1.10 per Subscription Share. The Company intends to apply the net proceeds from the Subscription in the manner set out in the paragraph headed “REASONS FOR AND BENEFITS OF THE ISSUE OF THE SUBSCRIPTION SHARES” in this announcement.

An application will be made to the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange for the listing of, and permission to deal in, the Subscription Shares on the Stock Exchange.

Shareholders and potential investors should note that Closing of the Subscription is subject to fulfilment of the conditions under the Subscription Agreement. As the Subscription may or may not proceed, Shareholders and potential investors are reminded to exercise caution when dealing in the securities of the Company.

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THE SUBSCRIPTION AGREEMENT

The Board is pleased to announce that on 18 November 2022 (after trading hours), the Company and the Subscriber entered into the Subscription Agreement, pursuant to which the Company has conditionally agreed to issue to the Subscriber, and the Subscriber has conditionally agreed to subscribe for, the Subscription Shares. The principal terms of the Subscription Agreement are summarized as follows:

Date

18 November 2022 (after trading hours)

Parties

- (1) the Company; and
- (2) the Subscriber.

Subscription Shares

Pursuant to the Subscription Agreement, the Company has conditionally agreed to allot and issue, and the Subscriber has conditionally agreed to subscribe for, 10,000,000 Subscription Shares at the Subscription Price of HK\$1.11 per Subscription Share.

The number of 10,000,000 Subscription Shares represents (i) approximately 2.22% of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of this announcement; and (ii) approximately 2.17% of the issued share capital of the Company as enlarged by the allotment and issue of the Subscription Shares (assuming there is no change in the issued share capital of the Company between the date of this announcement and the Closing Date save for the allotment and issue of the Subscription Shares).

Subscription Price

The Subscription Price of HK\$1.11 per Subscription Share represents:

- (1) a premium of approximately 143.96% to the closing price of HK\$0.455 per Share as quoted on the Stock Exchange on 18 November 2022; and
- (2) a premium of approximately 133.68% to the average closing price of HK\$0.475 per Share for the last five consecutive trading days up to and including the Last Trading Day.

The Subscription Price was determined after arm's length negotiations between the Company and the Subscriber after considering, among other things, the Company's past performance, the then prevailing market price of the Shares and the future prospects of the Company.

Within five days after satisfaction or waiver of the Conditions Precedent, or such date as the Company and the Subscriber may agree in writing, the Subscriber shall make full payment of the Subscription Price by way of wire transfer of immediately available funds to the Company.

The Company and the Subscriber have agreed that the Subscriber will pay for the Subscription Shares in C\$ using the exchange rate of the higher of (i) HK\$1.00 to C\$0.169, and (ii) the HK\$ to C\$ exchange rate as quoted and reported by the Bank of Canada for the five days preceding the payment for the new Shares. Given that the Company is a Canadian company and incurs costs in C\$, this arrangement helps to eliminate foreign exchange risk which the Company and the Shareholders otherwise would be exposed to if the HK\$ to C\$ exchange rate was not fixed.

Conditions Precedent

The obligations of the Subscriber to subscribe and pay for, and the obligations of the Company to issue, the Subscription Shares are subject to the fulfilment of the following Conditions Precedent:

- (1) the passing of the resolutions of the Board approving (i) the Subscription Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereunder, and (ii) the allotment and issue of the Subscription Shares under the Subscription Agreement;
- (2) the purchase of the Subscription Shares being in compliance with the requirements of the Listing Rules and the Takeovers Code, as applicable;
- (3) all necessary consents and approvals required to be obtained by the Company in respect of the Subscription having been obtained;
- (4) all necessary consents, filings, approvals and registrations from or with any relevant governmental or regulatory authorities required to be obtained or completed by the Subscriber, including, but not limited to, the Ministry of Commerce of the PRC and the State Administration of Foreign Exchange of the PRC (or their respective local branch or the designated local banks) that are necessary for the Subscriber to consummate the Subscription having been obtained or completed, including compliance with the “Circular on Relevant Issues Concerning Foreign Exchange Administration of Overseas Investment and Financing and Return Investments Conducted by Domestic Residents Through Overseas Special Purpose Vehicles”; and
- (5) delivery by the Subscriber to the Company of evidence satisfactory to the Company, in its sole discretion, that the Subscriber has sufficient funds available to purchase the Subscription Shares.

As at the date of this announcement, aside from the first condition, none of the other conditions set forth above has been fulfilled.

The Company will not allot and issue the Subscription Shares to the Subscriber until payment by the Subscriber, and the receipt by the Company of, the subscription price corresponding to the Subscription Shares in full.

Closing

Closing is subject to the satisfaction of the Conditions Precedent on or before 31 January 2023, or such other date as may be determined by the Company in its sole discretion.

Ranking

The Subscription Shares, when issued and fully paid, will rank *pari passu* in all respects among themselves and with all other Shares in issue at the time of allotment and issue of the Subscription Shares.

GENERAL MANDATE

The Subscription Shares will be allotted and issued under the General Mandate. The General Mandate entitles the Directors to issue, allot and deal with up to 86,577,304 Shares, representing 20% of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of the AGM, which was 432,886,520 Shares.

Since the date of the AGM and up to and including the date of this announcement, no Shares have been allotted and issued pursuant to the General Mandate. Accordingly, the General Mandate is sufficient for the allotment and issue of the Subscription Shares and the allotment and issue of the Subscription Shares will not be subject to the Shareholders' approval.

APPLICATION FOR LISTING

The Company will apply to the Listing Committee for the listing of, and permission to deal in, the Subscription Shares.

INFORMATION ON THE SUBSCRIBER

The Subscriber is a company incorporated under the laws of the PRC with limited liability. The Subscriber is principally engaged in the provision of cargo transport, logistic and warehousing services. It is directly wholly-owned by Mr. Changwen Zhu.

To the best knowledge, information and belief of the Directors, and having made all reasonable enquiries, the Subscriber and its ultimate beneficial owner are Independent Third Parties.

REASONS FOR AND BENEFITS OF THE ISSUE OF THE SUBSCRIPTION SHARES

The Company is principally engaged in natural gas and crude oil exploration and production, with a focus on natural gas resources. The Company focuses on long-term growth through acquisition, exploration, development and production in the Western Canadian Sedimentary Basin.

The gross proceeds of the Subscription are expected to be C\$1.88 million (equivalent to approximately HK\$11.1 million). The Company estimates it will incur total costs of approximately C\$20,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$0.1 million) in respect of the Subscription. After deducting the related expenses, the net proceeds of the Subscription will amount to approximately C\$1.86 million (equivalent to approximately HK\$11.0 million). The net Subscription Price, after deducting the related expenses, is estimated to be approximately HK\$1.10 per Subscription Share. The Company intends to apply the net proceeds of the Subscription toward the cost of a well in the Company's Basing area, which was completed in October 2022.

Having considered the above, the Board is of the view that (i) the Subscription Agreement is entered into upon normal commercial terms following arm's length negotiations between the Company and the Subscriber; (ii) the terms of the Subscription Agreement are on normal commercial terms and are fair and reasonable; and (iii) the Subscription is in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

As at the date of this announcement, other than the entering into of the Subscription Agreement, the Company has not entered into, or contemplated entering into, any other arrangements, agreements or understandings (whether formal or informal and whether express or implied) with the Subscriber. However, the proceeds from the Subscription may not satisfy the upcoming financial needs of the Company in full if there is any change of the Company's current circumstances or business plan of if there shall arise any potential business opportunities. Therefore, the Board does not rule out the possibility that the Company will conduct further debt or equity fund raising exercises when suitable fund raising opportunities, including but not limited to financing from the then Shareholders or other third-party sources, arise in order to support future developments of the Company. The Company will make further announcement in this regard in accordance with the Listing Rules as and when appropriate.

FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES IN THE PAST TWELVE MONTHS

The Company has conducted the following equity fund raising activities in the past twelve months before the date of this announcement:

Date of announcement	Event	Net proceeds	Intended use of proceeds	Actual use of proceeds as at the date of this announcement
3 September, 2021, 30 September 2021, 28 October 2021 and 5 December 2021 (Hong Kong time).	Issue of new Shares under general mandate.	The gross proceeds and net proceeds from the issuance of the new Shares amounted to HK\$12.8 million and HK\$12.5 million, respectively.	The net proceeds from the issue of the new Shares was intended to be applied towards the Company's subordinated debt.	All of the net proceeds were applied towards the Company's subordinated debt.
9 June 2021, 10 June 2021, 21 July 2021, 3 September 2021, 18 October 2021, 28 October 2021, 7 December 2021, 31 January 2022, 28 February 2022, 31 March 2022 and 29 April 2022 (Hong Kong time).	Issue of new Shares to a connected person under specific mandate.	The gross proceeds from the issuance of the new Shares to Dalian Yongli amounted to HK\$44 million.	The Company intended to apply the net proceeds from the issue of new Shares towards financing the drilling of new wells at the Basing area, partial repayment of the Company's subordinated debt, for additional working capital of the Company and other general corporate purposes.	Approximately HK\$16 million from the first tranche was applied towards financing the drilling of new wells at the Basing area.
		On 10 December 2021, the Company completed the first tranche of 20 million Shares for gross and net proceeds of HK\$16 million.		Approximately HK\$16 million from the second tranche was applied towards partial repayment of the Company's subordinated debt, and approximately HK\$10.5 million for additional working capital of the Company and other general corporate purposes.
6 May 2022, 2 June 2022, 23 June 2022 and 18 July 2022 (Hong Kong time).	Issue of new Shares to a connected person under specific mandate.	The gross proceeds and net proceeds from the issuance of the new Shares amounted to HK\$17 million and approximately HK\$16.5 million, respectively.	The Company intended to apply the net proceeds from the issue of new Shares to satisfy the C\$2.5 million principal payment in relation to the 2022 Restructuring.	All of the net proceeds were applied towards the Company's subordinated debt.

Save for the aforesaid, the Company did not raise funds on any issue of equity securities raising activities during the past twelve months immediately preceding the date of this announcement.

EFFECT ON SHAREHOLDING STRUCTURE

As at the date of this announcement, the Company has 449,886,520 Shares in issue. The shareholding structure of the Company (i) as at the date of this announcement; and (ii) immediately after the Closing (assuming that there will be no further changes in the issued share capital of the Company from the date of this announcement and up to the Closing Date save for the allotment and issue of the Subscription Shares):

	Immediately before issuance of the Subscription Shares		Immediately upon issuance of the Subscription Shares	
	<i>No. of Shares</i>	<i>Approximate percentage (%) (Note 5)</i>	<i>No. of Shares</i>	<i>Approximate percentage (%) (Note 5)</i>
Non-public Shareholders				
Aspen Investment Holdings Ltd. (Note 1)	181,194,306	40.28	181,194,306	39.40
Dalian Yongli (Note 2)	132,000,000	29.34	132,000,000	28.70
Jixing (Note 3)	23,600,000	5.25	23,600,000	5.13
Mr. Pingzai Wang (Note 4)	<u>593,167</u>	<u>0.13</u>	<u>593,167</u>	<u>0.13</u>
Subtotal	<u>337,387,473</u>	<u>74.99</u>	<u>337,387,473</u>	<u>73.36</u>
Other Shareholders				
Subscriber	—	—	10,000,000	2.17
Other public Shareholders (excluding the Subscriber)	<u>112,499,047</u>	<u>25.01</u>	<u>112,499,047</u>	<u>24.46</u>
Total	<u>449,886,520</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>459,886,520</u>	<u>100.00</u>

Notes:

- Aspen Investment Holdings Ltd. is owned as to approximately 80.78% by 吉林省弘原經貿集團有限公司 (Ji Lin Hong Yuan Trade Group Limited*) (“**JLHY**”) and 19.22% by 長春市麗源投資有限公司 (Changchun Liyuan Investment Co., Ltd.*) (“**Liyuan**”). JLHY is held as to 60% and 40% by Mr. Yuan Jing (“**Mr. Jing**”) and Mr. Guang Jing (being Mr. Jing’s brother), respectively. Liyuan is owned as to approximately 98%, 1% and 1% by JLHY, Zhou Li Mei and Jing Yue Li, respectively.
- Dalian Yongli is directly wholly-owned by Mr. Zhang Zhong (張鐘).
- Jixing is directly wholly-owned by CCJGSA, which is directly owned as to 66.70% and 33.30% by Mr. Liu and Ms. Zhang Lijun (Mr. Liu’s spouse), respectively.

4. Mr. Pingzai Wang (“**Mr. Wang**”) is an executive Director and holds 440,000 Shares. Ms. Li Wang (“**Ms. Wang**”), the spouse of Mr. Wang, holds 153,167 Shares. Accordingly, Mr. Wang is deemed, or taken to be, interested in the Shares which Ms. Wang is interested in for the purposes of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong).
5. Certain percentage figures in this table have been subject to rounding adjustments to the nearest 2 decimal places. Accordingly, the aggregate of the percentage figures in the above table may not add up to 100%.

Shareholders and potential investors should note that Closing of the Subscription is subject to fulfillment of the conditions under the Subscription Agreement. As the Subscription may or may not proceed, Shareholders and potential investors are reminded to exercise caution when dealing in the Shares.

DEFINITIONS

In this announcement, the following expressions shall have the following meanings, unless the context requires otherwise:

“AGM”	the annual general meeting of the Company held on 22 June 2022 (Calgary time)
“Board”	the board of the Directors
“C\$”	Canadian dollars, the lawful currency of Canada
“Canada”	Canada, its territories, its possessions and all areas subject to its jurisdiction
“CCJGSA”	長春市吉星車用氣有限公司 (Changchun City Jixing Gas Service for Auto Co. Ltd.*), a company incorporated under the laws of PRC with limited liability
“Company”	JX Energy Ltd. (formerly known as Persta Resources Inc.), a company incorporated with limited liability under the laws of Alberta on 11 March 2005 and whose shares are listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange
“Closing”	completion of the Subscription pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Subscription Agreement
“Closing Date”	the date on which Closing takes place
“Conditions Precedent”	the conditions precedent to the Closing, as more particularly set out under the paragraph headed “The Subscription Agreement — Conditions precedent”
“connected person(s)”	has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules

“Dalian Yongli”	大連永力石油化工有限公司 (Dalian Yongli Petrochemical Ltd.*), a company incorporated under the laws of PRC with limited liability
“Director(s)”	the director(s) of the Company
“General Mandate”	the mandate granted to the Directors by the Shareholders at the AGM to issue, allot and deal with up to 20% of the then issued share capital of the Company as at the date of the AGM
“HK\$”	Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong
“Hong Kong”	The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC
“Independent Third Party(ies)”	person(s) who or company(ies) together with its/their ultimate beneficial owner(s) which, to the best of the Directors’ knowledge, information and belief having made all reasonable enquiries, is/are third party(ies) independent of the Company and its connected person(s) in accordance with the Listing Rules
“Jixing”	Jixing Gas Holdings Limited, a company incorporated under the laws of the British Virgin Islands
“Last Trading Day”	17 November 2022, being the last Trading Day immediately prior to the entering into of the Subscription Agreement
“Listing Committee”	has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules
“Listing Rules”	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, as amended, supplemented or as otherwise modified from time to time
“Mr. Liu”	Mr. Yongtan Liu, an executive Director and chairman of the Board
“PRC”	the People’s Republic of China, for the purpose of this announcement, not including Hong Kong, the Macau Special Administrative Region of the PRC, and Taiwan
“Share(s)”	the common share(s) of no par value in the capital of the Company
“Shareholder(s)”	the holder(s) of the Shares of the Company
“Stock Exchange”	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
“Subscriber”	吉星物流(吉林)有限公司 (Jixing Logistics (Jilin) Co., Ltd.*), a company incorporated under the laws of PRC with limited liability

“Subscription”	the subscription of the Subscription Shares by the Subscriber at the Subscription Price pursuant to the Subscription Agreement
“Subscription Agreement”	the Subscription Agreement dated 18 November 2022 entered into between the Company and the Subscriber in relation to the Subscription
“Subscription Price”	the subscription price of HK\$1.11 per Subscription Share
“Subscription Shares”	10,000,000 new Shares to be allotted and issued by the Company to the Subscriber pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Subscription Agreement
“Takeovers Code”	the Code on Takeovers and Mergers issued by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong, as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time
“Trading Day(s)”	the day(s) on which the Stock Exchange is open for business
“%”	per cent.

Unless the context requires otherwise, in this announcement C\$ is converted into HK\$ at the rate of C\$1.00 = HK\$5.91 for illustrative purpose only.

By Order of the Board
JX Energy Ltd.
Yongtan Liu
Chairman

Calgary, 18 November 2022
Hong Kong, 18 November 2022

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises of two executive Directors, namely Mr. Yongtan Liu and Mr. Pingzai Wang; and three independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Richard Dale Orman, Mr. Peter David Robertson and Mr. Larry Grant Smith.

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