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ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTERIM RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

The board of directors (the "**Director(s)**" or the "**Board**") of Digital China Holdings Limited (神州數碼控股有限公司*)(the "**Company**" or "**DC Holdings**") is pleased to announce the unaudited condensed consolidated interim results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively the "**Group**") for the six months ended 30 June 2023 together with the comparative figures for the corresponding period for 2022 as follows:

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS			
	Six months end (Unau	led 30 June dited)	
	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000 (Restated)	Year-on-year change
Revenue Of which: Big Data Products and Solutions	6,677,315	7,248,947	(7.89%)
revenue Profit attributable to equity holders of the parent	1,109,908	988,279	12.31%
- Core Business Less: Share of losses of associates and joint	232,510	209,129	11.18%
ventures Profit attributable to equity holders of the parent	(192,155) 40,355	(18,995) 190,134	911.61% (78.78%)

The Board has declared an Interim Dividend of HK1.0 cent per Share for the six months ended 30 June 2023 to the Shareholders whose names appear on the register of members of the Company on Monday, 18 September 2023. The Interim Dividend will be payable on or about Monday, 16 October 2023.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSSFor the six months ended 30 June 2023

		Six months end (Unaudi	
		2023	2022
	Notes	RMB\$'000	RMB\$'000
		,	(Restated)
Revenue	3	6,677,315	7,248,947
Cost of sales and services	_	(5,568,210)	(5,961,660)
Gross profit		1,109,105	1,287,287
Other income and gains	3	241,069	240,284
Selling and distribution expenses		(372,930)	(381,554)
Administrative expenses		(155,245)	(161,512)
Other expenses, net		(462,135)	(612,096)
Finance costs		(59,413)	(58,732)
Share of losses of associates and joint ventures		(192,155)	(18,995)
Profit before tax	4	108,296	294,682
Income tax expense	5 _	(27,621)	(23,549)
Profit for the period	_	80,675	271,133
Attributable to:			
Equity holders of the parent		40,355	190,134
Non-controlling interests		40,320	80,999
Tron condoming interests		40,020	00,777
	=	80,675	271,133
Earnings per share attributable to equity			
holders of the parent	7		
Basic (RMB cents)	_	2.70	12.58
Diluted (RMB cents)	_	2.65	12.47

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME For the six months ended 30 June 2023

	(Unaudited)		
	2023 RMB'000	2022 <i>RMB</i> '000 (Restated)	
Profit for the period	80,675	271,133	
Other comprehensive (expense) income Other comprehensive expense that may be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods: Exchange differences arising on translation of financial			
statements of foreign operations Share of other comprehensive expense of associates	(25,611) (18,663)	(6,748)	
Share of other comprehensive expense of associates	(10,003)	(3,162)	
Net other comprehensive expense that may be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods	(44,274)	(9,910)	
Other comprehensive income (expense) that will not be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods: Net fair value changes on financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	25,157	(57,796)	
Income tax effect	1,069	9,425	
Net other comprehensive income (expense) that will not be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods	26,226	(48,371)	
Other comprehensive expense for the period, net of tax	(18,048)	(58,281)	
Total comprehensive income for the period	62,627	212,852	
Attributable to: Equity holders of the parent Non-controlling interests	5,299 57,328	150,901 61,951	
	62,627	212,852	
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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION As at 30 June 2023

	Notes	(Unaudited) 30 June 2023 <i>RMB</i> '000	(Audited) 31 December 2022 RMB'000
Non-current assets	110000	111/12 000	14.12 000
Property, plant and equipment		704,974	723,192
Right-of-use assets		184,206	173,395
Investment properties		5,031,723	4,975,169
Goodwill		1,586,840	1,586,840
Other intangible assets		217,698	197,782
Interests in joint ventures		67,866	63,166
Interests in associates		1,226,196	1,436,580
Financial assets at fair value through other		750.027	700.220
comprehensive income	8	750,927	780,328
Accounts receivables Other receivables	O	124,463 847,365	121,074 847,365
Deferred tax assets		290,603	251,399
Deferred tax assets	_	270,003	231,399
	_	11,032,861	11,156,290
Current assets			
Inventories		1,273,031	1,183,260
Completed properties held for sale		567,454	568,614
Accounts and bills receivables	8	3,531,656	3,743,787
Prepayments, deposits and other receivables		1,545,955	1,652,637
Contract assets		3,615,808	3,112,288
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		492,694	742,595
Finance lease receivables		31,405	31,405
Restricted bank balances		42,332	54,879
Cash and cash equivalents	_	1,672,651	2,522,006
Comment Pal Pletan		12,772,986	13,611,471
Current liabilities Accounts and bills payables	9	3,287,555	3,490,296
Other payables and accruals		1,125,167	1,695,319
Lease liabilities		64,831	68,404
Contract liabilities		2,184,463	2,116,469
Tax payable		46,251	74,295
Interest-bearing bank and other borrowings	_	1,472,112	1,832,046
		8,180,379	9,276,829
Net current assets		4,592,607	4,334,642
Total assets less current liabilities	_	15,625,468	15,490,932

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (continued) As at 30 June 2023

		(Unaudited)	(Audited)
		30 June 2023	31 December 2022
	Notes	RMB'000	RMB'000
Non-current liabilities			
Interest-bearing bank and other borrowings		1,867,401	1,783,612
Deferred tax liabilities		573,914	526,696
Deferred income		21,914	28,341
Lease liabilities		71,284	53,657
Other financial liability		806,982	786,155
		3,341,495	3,178,461
Net assets	_	12,283,973	12,312,471
Capital and reserves			
Share capital	10	163,826	163,826
Reserves		8,101,344	8,198,092
Equity attributable to equity holders of the parent		8,265,170	8,361,918
Non-controlling interests	_	4,018,803	3,950,553
Total equity		12,283,973	12,312,471

NOTES:

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

These unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements for the six months ended 30 June 2023 have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard ("HKAS") 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA"). In preparing the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements, the same basis of presentation, accounting policies and methods of computation as set out in the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 had been consistently applied except for adoption in the following new and revised Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") (which include all Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards, HKASs and interpretations). The Group has not early adopted any other standard, interpretation or amendment that has been issued but is not yet effective.

HKFRS 17 and related amendments Amendments to HKAS 1 and HKFRS Practice Statement 2 Amendments to HKAS 8 Amendments to HKAS 12

Insurance Contracts
Disclosure of Accounting Policies

Definition of Accounting Estimates Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction

The application of the new and amendments to HKFRSs in the current period has had no material effect on the Group's financial positions and performance for the current and prior periods and/or on the disclosures set out in these unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements.

2. SEGMENT INFORMATION

Information reported to the board of directors, being the chief operating decision maker ("CODM"), for the purposes of resource allocation and assessment of segment performance focuses on types of goods or services delivered or provided.

Segments information of the three business groups are summarised as follows:

- (a) The Big Data Products and Solutions business segment: provides sales of data software products focused on spatial-temporal big data and artificial intelligence capabilities categorized in three product suites (Data Fabric, Data Hub, Digital Twin) as well as data solutions for core use cases namely city digital transformation, supply chain digital transformation and fintech.
- (b) The Software and Operating Services business segment: provides end-to-end data-enabled supply chain operating services, as well as software development, testing, operating and maintenance services utilising cloud technology, automation and artificial intelligence. Such services provide important support for the continued deployment of our big data products and solution business.
- (c) The Traditional and Localization Services business segment: provides integration services as well as e-commerce supply chain services focused on integrated solutions, providing a vast sales channel which is critical for the Group's continued deployment of its big data products and solutions as well as software and operating services. The segment also includes business related to investments, property sales and rental, as well as others.

The accounting policies of the operating segments are the same as the Group's accounting policies. Segment results are evaluated based on the reportable segment profit, which is a measure of adjusted profit before tax. The segment results are measured consistently with the Group's profit before tax except that certain interest income, certain finance costs, unallocated corporate income and gains and unallocated corporate expenses are excluded from such measurement. This is the measure reported to the chief operating decision maker for the purposes of resource allocation and performance assessment.

Intersegment sales and transfers are transacted with reference to the selling prices used for sales made to third parties at the then prevailing market prices.

The following table presents revenue and results for the Group's operating segments for the six months ended 30 June 2023 and 2022:

		Products olutions	Softwa Operating		Traditio Localizatio		Elimir	nations	To	tal
	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000 (Restated)	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000 (Restated)	RMB'000	2022 RMB'000 (Restated)	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000 (Restated)	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000 (Restated)
Segment revenue: External Inter-segment	1,091,815 18,093	976,882 11,397	2,172,104 25,233	2,260,614 42,897	3,413,396 10,319	4,011,451 11,281	(53,645)	(65,575)	6,677,315	7,248,947
	1,109,908	988,279	2,197,337	2,303,511	3,423,715	4,022,732	(53,645)	(65,575)	6,677,315	7,248,947
Segment gross profit	385,220	374,488	287,858	415,024	436,027	497,775			1,109,105	1,287,287
Segment results	21,897	(4,877)	107,219	130,644	114,246	288,785			243,362	414,552
Unallocated Interest income Income and gains Unallocated expenses									6,969 43,508 (126,130)	4,377 75,148 (140,663)
Profit from operating activities Finance costs									167,709 (59,413)	353,414 (58,732)
Profit before tax									108,296	294,682

Note: For the Big Data Products and Solutions segment, research and development costs, and amortization of intangible assets amounted to RMB193,032,000 in the six months ended 30 June 2023. Excluding such costs and expenses, the Big Data Products and Solutions segment realized a profit of RMB214,929,000, an increase of 24% over the same period in the prior year.

3. REVENUE, OTHER INCOME AND GAINS

(i)

Revenue represents revenue arising on the sale of goods after allowances for returns and trade discounts; provision of services, net of value-added tax and government surcharges; and rental income received and receivable from investment properties for the period.

An analysis of the Group's revenue, other income and gains are as follows:

	(Unaudited) Six months ended 30 June		
	2023	2022	
	RMB'000	RMB'000	
		(Restated)	
Revenue from contracts with customer within the scope of HKFRS 15			
Disaggregated by major products or service lines:			
Sales of software products business	27,661	54,189	
Software development and technical service business	2,500,584	2,156,607	
Supply chain operation and maintenance business	1,070,147	1,197,501	
System integration business	1,728,575	2,231,550	
E-commerce supply chain business	1,087,557	1,340,248	
Others	95,266	90,058	
Total revenue from contracts with customers	6,509,790	7,070,153	
Revenue from other sources Rental income from investment properties under operating lease Financial services business	157,267 10,258	165,928 12,866	
	10,20	12,000	
Total revenue from other sources	167,525	178,794	
Total revenue	6,677,315	7,248,947	
Revenue from contracts with customers			
Disaggregated of revenue by timing of recognition:			
Disaggregated of revenue by timing of recognition.	(Une	nudited)	
		ended 30 June	
	2023	2022	
	RMB'000	RMB'000	
	111/12 000	(Restated)	
Timing of revenue recognition		(1135,0000)	
At a point in time	2,939,059	3,716,045	
Over time	3,570,731	3,354,108	
	6,509,790	7,070,153	

(ii) Other income and gains

	(Unaudited)		
	Six months ended 30 June		
	2023	2022	
	RMB'000	RMB'000	
		(Restated)	
Other income			
Government grants	49,520	56,480	
Interest on bank deposits	6,969	4,377	
Income from wealth management financial products	8,444	12,644	
Dividend income from financial assets at fair value			
through profit or loss	-	510	
Others	13,219	51,590	
	78,152	125,601	
Gains			
Fair value gains on investment properties	55,314	108,214	
Net exchange gains	24,908	-	
Gain on deregistration of a joint venture	276	-	
Gain on disposal of equity interests in an associate	-	6,469	
Fair value gains on financial assets at fair value through			
profit or loss	82,419		
	162,917	114,683	
Total other income and gains	241,069	240,284	

4. PROFIT BEFORE TAX

The Group's profit before tax is arrived at after charging (crediting):

	(Unaudited)		
	Six months ended 30 Ju		
	2023	2022	
	RMB'000	RMB'000	
		(Restated)	
Share of losses of associates	196,172	13,844	
Share of (profit) losses of joint ventures	(4,017)	5,151	
_	192,155	18,995	
Amount of inventories recognised as an expense	2,623,025	3,162,195	
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	26,704	39,176	
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	48,806	56,680	
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	127	3,187	
Interest on discounted bills	7,531	9,939	
Interest on bank loans and other loans	27,997	23,337	
Interest on lease liabilities	3,058	4,629	
Interest on other financial liabilities	20,827	20,827	
Descends and development agets	200 702	272 820	
Research and development costs	289,782 25,704	272,829	
Amortisation of other intangible assets	35,704	24,506	
Provisions for inventories	6,578	70,801	
Impairment of accounts and bills receivables, other	101.046	146026	
receivables and contract assets	121,846	146,926	
Reversal of impairment of finance lease receivables	-	(4)	
Fair value loss on financial assets at fair value through			
profit or loss	-	41,643	
Net exchange loss	-	9,984	
Others _	8,225	45,411	
Other expenses, net	462,135	612,096	

5. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

	(Unaudited)		
	Six months emend 30 June		
	2023	2022	
	RMB'000	RMB '000	
		(Restated)	
Current – People's Republic of China ("PRC")			
Enterprise income tax ("EIT")	18,526	14,707	
Land appreciation tax ("LAT")	12	96	
	18,538	14,803	
Current – Hong Kong	-	81	
Deferred tax	9,083	8,665	
	9,083	8,746	
Total tax charge for the period	27,621	23,549	

- (a) PRC EIT represents tax charged on the estimated assessable profits arising in Mainland China. In general, the Group's subsidiaries operating in Mainland China are subject to the PRC EIT rate of 25% except for certain subsidiaries which are entitled to preferential tax rates.
- (b) PRC LAT is levied at progressive rates ranging from 30% to 60% on the appreciation of the land value, being the proceeds from sales of properties less deductible expenditures including cost of land use rights, borrowing costs and all property development expenditures.
- (c) Hong Kong Profits Tax is charged under the two-tiered profits tax rates regime, the first HK\$2 million of profits of qualifying corporation will be taxed at 8.25%, and profits above HK\$2 million will be taxed at 16.5%. For the six months ended 30 June 2023 and 2022, Hong Kong profits tax of the qualified entity of the Group is calculated in accordance with the two-tiered profits tax rates regime. The profits of other Group entities in Hong Kong not qualifying for the two-tiered profits tax rates regime will continue to be taxed at the flat rate of 16.5% of the estimated assessable profits.
- (d) The share of tax charge attributable to joint ventures of approximately RMB1,861,000 (six months ended 30 June 2022: tax credit of RMB839,000) and the share of tax credit attributable to the associates of approximately RMB587,000 (six months ended 30 June 2022: tax charge of RMB4,197,000) are included in "Share of losses of associates and joint ventures", in the condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss.

6. **DIVIDENDS**

During the six months ended 30 June 2023, the shareholders of the Company ("**Shareholders**") approved the payment of a final dividend of HK4.5 cents per ordinary share of the Company in respect of the year ended 31 December 2022 at the annual general meeting of the Company held on 28 June 2023. The final dividend of approximately HK\$75,312,000 was paid on 19 July 2023.

Subsequent to the 30 June 2023, the directors of the Company declared an interim dividend of HK1.0 cent per ordinary share of the Company for the six months ended 30 June 2023 to the Shareholders, absorbing a total amount of approximately HK\$16,736,000. Such interim dividend declared has not been recognised as liabilities in the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements for the six months ended 30 June 2023.

7. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of the basic earnings per share is based on the profit for the six months ended 30 June 2023 attributable to equity holders of the parent, and the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue less shares held under the restricted share award scheme (the "**RSA Scheme**") of 1,493,622,071 (six months ended 30 June 2022: 1,511,327,687) during the six months ended 30 June 2023.

The calculation of the diluted earnings per share is based on the profit for the six months ended 30 June 2023 attributable to equity holders of the parent with an adjustment on effect of dilutive potential ordinary shares of a subsidiary. The weighted average number of ordinary shares used in the calculation is the number of ordinary shares in issue less shares held under the RSA scheme during the six months ended 30 June 2023 as used in the basic earnings per share calculation and the weighted average number of ordinary shares assumed to have been issued at no consideration on the deemed exercise of all the dilutive potential ordinary shares related to the Group's share-based incentive schemes into ordinary shares.

The calculations of basic and diluted earnings per share are based on the following data:

	(Unaudited) Six months ended 30 Jun		
	2023 <i>RMB'000</i>	2022 RMB'000	
Earnings		(Restated)	
Profit for the period attributable to equity holders of the			
parent, used in the basic earnings per share calculation Effect of dilutive potential ordinary shares of a subsidiary	40,355 (562)	190,134 (1,081)	
Effect of undirect potential ordinary shares of a subsidiary	(302)	(1,001)	
Earnings for the purpose of diluted earnings per share	39,793	189,053	
	Number	naudited) r of shares hs ended 30 June 2022	
Shares Weighted average number of shares in issue less shares			
held under the RSA Scheme during the period, used in the basic earnings per share calculation Effect of dilution potential ordinary shares:	1,493,622,071	1,511,327,687	
Share-based incentive schemes	6,429,937	4,686,768	
Weighted average number of shares during the period			
used in the diluted earnings per share calculation	1,500,052,008	1,516,014,455	

8. ACCOUNTS AND BILLS RECEIVABLES

	(Unaudited) 30 June 2023 <i>RMB'000</i>	(Audited) 31 December 2022 <i>RMB</i> '000
Receivables at amortised cost comprise:		
Accounts and bills receivables	4,412,131	4,574,653
Less: loss allowance	(756,012)	(709,792)
Total	3,656,119	3,864,861
Analysis by:		
Current portion	3,531,656	3,743,787
Non-current portion	124,463	121,074
	3,656,119	3,864,861

The Group's trading terms with its customers are mainly on credit, except for new customers, where payment in advance is normally required. The credit period is generally from 15 to 720 days. The Group seeks to maintain strict control over its outstanding receivables and has a credit control department to minimise credit risk.

The following is an aged analysis of accounts and bills receivables net of allowance for impairment of accounts and bills receivables present based on the invoice date, which approximates the respective revenue recognition dates, at the end of the reporting period.

	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
	30 June 2023	31 December 2022
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Within 30 days	1,212,505	2,090,733
31 to 60 days	154,934	196,663
61 to 90 days	119,602	80,762
91 to 180 days	472,043	579,322
181 to 360 days	1,018,680	328,216
Over 360 days	678,355	589,165
	3,656,119	3,864,861

9. ACCOUNTS AND BILLS PAYABLES

The following is an aged analysis of the accounts and bills payables presented based on the invoice date at the end of the reporting period.

	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
	30 June 2023	31 December 2022
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Within 30 days	1,083,950	1,541,516
31 to 60 days	232,294	106,654
61 to 90 days	285,490	69,054
Over 90 days	1,685,821	1,773,072
	3,287,555	3,490,296

The average credit period on purchase of goods is ranging from 30 to 180 days. The Group has financial risk management policies in place to ensure that all payables settled within the credit timeframe.

10. SHARE CAPITAL

	(Unaudited) 30 June 2023 <i>HK\$</i> '000	(Audited) 31 December 2022 <i>HK\$</i> '000
Authorised:	,	·
2,500,000,000 (31 December 2022:		
2,500,000,000) ordinary shares of HK\$0.1		
(31 December 2022: HK\$0.1) each	250,000	250,000
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
	30 June 2023	31 December 2022
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Issued and fully paid:		
1,673,607,386 (31 December 2022:		
1,673,607,386) ordinary shares of HK\$0.1		
(31 December 2022: HK\$0.1) each	163,826	163,826

A summary of the movements in the Company's issued share capital and share premium account during the six months ended 30 June 2023 and 2022 is as follows:

	Number of ordinary shares in issue	Issued capital <i>RMB'000</i>	Share premium account RMB'000	Total <i>RMB'000</i>
At 1 January 2022 Exercise of share options (Note)	1,673,526,386	163,820	4,139,368	4,303,188
	81,000	6	323	329
At 30 June 2022	1,673,607,386	163,826	4,139,691	4,303,517
At 1 January 2023	1,673,607,386	163,826	4,139,709	4,303,535
At 30 June 2023	1,673,607,386	163,826	4,139,709	4,303,535

Note:

During the six months ended 30 June 2022, 81,000 share options were exercised at the exercise price of HK\$4.04 to HK\$4.48 per share. The total cash consideration received from the issuance of 81,000 shares was approximately HK\$331,000. An amount of RMB57,000 was transferred from the employee share based compensation reserve to the share premium account upon exercise of the share options.

INTERIM DIVIDEND

The Board has declared an interim dividend of HK1.0 cent per ordinary share of the Company ("Share(s)") for the six months ended 30 June 2023 ("Interim Dividend") to the Shareholders whose names appear on the register of members of the Company on Monday, 18 September 2023. The Interim Dividend will be payable on or about Monday, 16 October 2023.

CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The register of members of the Company will be closed from Monday, 18 September 2023 to Thursday, 21 September 2023, both days inclusive for ascertaining Shareholders' entitlement to the Interim Dividend. No transfer of Shares will be registered during such period. In order to qualify for the Interim Dividend, all transfer forms, accompanied by the relevant share certificates, must be lodged with the Company's branch share registrar and transfer office in Hong Kong, Tricor Abacus Limited, at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong, not later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, 15 September 2023 for registration.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

I. Continued rapid growth in the big data core business

In the first half of 2023, China's big data industry continued to expand quickly as favorable new policies are introduced. DC Holdings has been capitalizing on such industry expansion by deploying its proprietary cutting-edge technology, executing its core strategy, and accelerating the development of artificial intelligence technology that is proliferated via "Knowledge Graph" as well as "Large Language Models".

During the six months ended 30 June 2023 (the "Reporting Period"), revenue from big data products and solutions amounted to approximately RMB1.11 billion, representing a year-on-year increase of 12%, with a 3year cumulative annual growth rate ("CAGR") of 30%. Gross profit amounted to approximately RMB385 million, representing a year-on-year increase of 3%, with a 3-year CAGR of 26%. In light of the vast potential of the big data industry, the Company continues to optimize its business structure to support the rapid growth of its big data business. During the Reporting Period, big data products and solutions revenue accounted for 16% of total revenue of the Group, a significant increase from 9% of the Group's total revenue during the corresponding period of 2021. Compared with the three years ago, gross profit from big data products and solutions also increased from 18% to 35% of the Group's total gross profit. The Company continues to invest in research and development ("R&D") to strengthen its technological edge, and during the Reporting Period, big data related R&D expenses represented 17% of big data related revenues. The big data related R&D expenses amounted to approximately RMB193 million during the Reporting Period, representing a year-onyear increase of 8%, with a 3-year CAGR of 17%. Excluding R&D expenses, the Big Data Products and Solutions segment recorded a segment result of approximately RMB215 million for the Reporting Period, representing a year-on-year increase of 24% and a 3-year CAGR of 51%. In addition, the Group's project pipeline remains robust, with newly signed contracts amounting to RMB970 million, representing a 55% increase from the corresponding period of 2022 and unbilled contracts amounting to RMB2,103 million, representing an increase of 36% compared to the corresponding period of 2022.

Going forward, DC Holdings will continue to leverage its existing robust business ecosystem covering smart cities, supply chain and financial technology ("FinTech"). The Company's proprietary big data capabilities complimented by its robust ecosystem is poised to fully exploit the opportunities created from the digital economy.

Use Case: Smart Cities

The Company positions itself as a "City CTO" to be fully engaged in the city's digital upgrade initiatives. Often, focus areas include city water management, transportation management, education, environmental protection, amongst others. In collaboration with local governments, DC Holdings aims not only to enhance the city's level of digital governance, and its digital services quality, but also explore new use cases for urban digital transformation and operations.

During the Reporting Period, the Company actively participated in the construction of a provincial-wide digitalization initiative ("**Digital Jilin**") and subsequently won various tenders and signed multiple contracts worth over RMB250 million. These contracts include the "Changchun City Intelligent Computing Centre" and the "Changchun Yitong River Intelligent Water Project".

Multiple factors including global warming have contributed to weather abnormalities in China. In particular, urban flooding, environmental pollution from rapid urbanization and frequent extreme rainstorms have attracted attention. For the Changchun City Yitong River Intelligent Water Project, the Company deployed its proprietary core technologies and products, including "Data Hub", its internet-of-things ("IoT") management platform, and "Knowledge Graph". Through the deployment of such technologies, various data sets from different government departments can be integrated to one central location, the Company can then assist city managers to resolve a variety of water-related issues such as waterlogging and flooding. By developing a comprehensive water services application, the Company has helped Changchun City improve their response capabilities to water-related disasters such as developing pre-emptive disaster warning and forecasting capabilities. The water services application also contains intelligent piping network analysis which enhances the quality and effectiveness of wastewater treatment. This is done by integrating the scheduling of urban drainage plants, stations and networks, resulting in improved facility efficiency. Going forward, by integrating more heterogeneous data from various sources, a more comprehensive water management knowledge base can be created. The improvement in water management knowledge and expertise, together with the integration of big data tools such as "Knowledge Graph" and digital twin, the city's water management capabilities shall see a significant improvement. Given the Company's deep-rooted business in Jilin province, we expect to continue expanding and broadening our digitalization initiatives which we believe shall serve as best practice for other provinces and municipalities to deploy.

Use Case: Digital Supply Chain

Through its history, the Company has a long-standing presence in the information technology, consumer electronics and fast-moving consumer goods industries. DC Holdings continues to provide one-stop supply chain service to key clients such as China Mobile, China Unicom, Huawei, Honor, Dell, Yishang Yujie, and many others. More recently, the Company is accelerating its expansion in the green and low-carbon industries such as electric vehicles, and has shown significant results in a short time frame. One of the key wins was the tender from BYD worth over hundreds of millions in Renminbi, and further collaborated with industry leaders such as FAW, Geely, Tesla, CATL to implement digital supply chain solutions.

The Company adopts an enterprise Chief Supply Chain Officer ("Enterprise CSO") approach to its supply chain business with an ultimate objective to improve efficiency and lower operating costs for its clients. At the core of the Company's offering is an integrated supply chain decision making platform that covers supply chain planning and design, management and execution. Through the inclusion of big data analytics, clients are better informed during their decision-making process. For example, one of the Company's clients, a leading child content developer, has expanded its offerings from audio storytelling content to hardware toys, merchandise, and third-party IP products. Similarly, its distribution channels have expanded to cover both offline and online multi-channels. Given such expansion, the client anticipates the need for resource integration and optimization to enhance efficiency, cut costs, and ultimately support its rapid expansion. The Company assisted the client in integrating its business flows, logistics operations, working capital control, and

operational information by deploying DC Holdings' proprietary solutions covering ordering, warehouse management, transportation management and big data analytics. This in turn allowed for multichannel inventory management which improved inventory turnover and optimized costs, and also allowed for supply chain efficiency improvements. Post deployment, the client was able to focus on driving order volume growth while ensuring that business operations remained streamlined, thereby improving their overall bottom line.

Going forward, DC Holdings will further refine and enhance its supply chain offering via collaboration with partners in the warehousing and logistics industry. The Company intends to assist more cities and corporate clients in establishing flexible and resilient supply chain systems which will facilitate the digital transformation and supply chain modernization of traditional businesses.

Use Case: Financial Technology

In the financial industry, data has become increasingly seen as an asset. In light of this, the Company has developed a comprehensive set of services and products focused on financial data assets and focuses on capability enhancement services to different types of commercial banks in an effort to improve the quality and the utilization of financial data.

One particular client was a state-owned major commercial bank, and had tasked the Company to create a data operation platform that focuses on implementing a data asset management system and allow for data collection and consolidation. The primary purpose of this platform is to enable data assets to be visible, understandable and user-friendly for bank staff to utilize in different scenarios.

During the Reporting Period, the Company also successfully signed contracts for data asset services with financial clients such as China CITIC Bank, CITIC Financial Holdings, Chongqing Rural Commercial Bank, Bank of Qingdao, Ordos Bank, Bank of Xi'an, Guangdong Nanyue Bank, Chang'an Bank and State Power Investment Corporation as well as others. Furthermore, the Company assists a variety of financial institutions in achieving operational digitalization and decision-making optimization. The Company has developed integrated financial and credit services that cover credit underwriting and financial risk control. It has successfully won bids from several banks, including Bank of Ningbo, Guangdong Rural Credit Union, CITIC AiBank, Zhongbang Bank and China Resources Bank of Zhuhai. The Company has successfully disrupted the traditional approach on financial risk control and allowed banks to better serve their clients such as small-medium enterprises who generally lack complete credit information.

II. Continued support from existing business drives growth in the big data core business

Since the implementation of the Company's big data strategy in 2018, big data products and solutions have gradually become the core offering of the Group, where its software and operating services, together with its traditional services, provide a vast client base for deployment. This client base not only allows for an accelerated deployment of the Group's core offering, it also generates stable cash flow that is essential for a long-term, sustained development of the Group.

The economic environment remained challenging during the first half of 2023 and given such headwinds, the Company's management team took proactive steps to strictly control costs, optimize the usage of resources within its business ecosystem in order to ensure the stability of the Company's overall operations and achieve growth. During the Reporting Period, the Group's total revenue was approximately RMB6.677 billion and gross profit was approximately RMB1.109 billion. Adjusted net profit attributable to the parent company was approximately RMB233 million, representing a year-on-year growth of 11%. The adjustment excluded the share of losses of associates and joint ventures of approximately RMB192 million. The management team is of the view that such accounting loss is unrelated to the Group's actual business and core operating performance during the Reporting Period.

During the Reporting Period, the Group has signed new contracts worth RMB5,403 million, representing a year-on-year increase of 36%. The total value of unbilled contracts reached RMB7,695 million, representing a year-on-year increase of 26%. This provides a solid foundation for the Company's long-term and sustainable business development.

III. Empowering progress through digitization and data intelligence

Data is now seen as a new factor of production, and can have a significant impact on an individual's productivity, livelihood and also on a wider scale, social governance. It is also seen as a critical element in China's national growth. On 27th of February 2023, the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and the State Council released the "Overall Plan for the Construction of a Digital China" and proposed that data elements and digital infrastructure serve as two "pillars" of a "Digital China", providing a foundation for a variety of applications.

As a technology enterprise that has been committed to the mission of creating a "Digital China", DC Holdings is accelerating the development of its latest products such as "Knowledge Graph", and actively exploring and participating in pilot projects for public data operation in collaboration with provinces and cities. Based on years of in-depth understanding of data elements and continuous R&D investment, the Company has independently developed digital intelligent products that cover the entire lifecycle of data. These products provide a comprehensive toolkit that includes functions such as data aggregation, data governance, data processing, and data analysis. Focusing on the whole value chain from public data collection through to data commercialization, DC Holding's product and solution suite provides one-stop data products and services for both data users and data suppliers, ensuring the secure circulation of data.

During the Reporting Period, the Company officially launched its "Knowledge Graph" product, which essentially is a knowledge mining tool that integrates four major functions: data management, data model construction, data relationship analysis, and spatial analysis with visualization.

This product serves as a comprehensive data analytics tool and artificial intelligence (A.I.) algorithm platform where the product's relationship analysis engine and comprehensive A.I. algorithms enable data collection, integration and subsequent in-depth analysis, creating meaningful insights for city managers and business owners.

By deploying this product, the Company effectively tackles the key challenge behind data analytics, which is the perpetual increase of data volume. Through "mapping" technology, the relationships between different data sets become easily understandable, and the value of such data can be better realized and extracted which in turn strengthens the foundation of the future data architecture. For its cutting-edge capabilities, this product has won with the "2023 Knowledge Graph Technology Innovation Award" jointly presented by the Chinese Academy of Sciences' Internet Weekly, Deben Consulting, and ENET Research Institute. Future versions of this product will further integrate large language models and natural language processing ("NLP") technologies to construct industry knowledge graphs automatically and rapidly. It will develop comprehensive business applications by integrating with enterprise business systems, leveraging underlying NLP technologies, as well as geographic spatial computing and machine learning capabilities.

In the future, the Company will take the public data empowerment as a focal point, combining knowledge graphs, operations research algorithms, digital twins, and other intelligent technological innovations as core capabilities, and offering end-to-end solutions for the industrialization of data assets across the entire industry. The company will continue to enhance both the "City CTO" and "Enterprise CSO" approaches and strive to be the best partner for the digital transformation of both private and public sectors. Our flagship product Yan Cloud DaaS, which won the first price of the National Technology Invention Award in China, has been widely used in more than 300 cities across the country. We will continue to deploy this product in order to connect

disparate data silos between different sources, and provide underlying data integration support. In addition, by leveraging over two decades of extensive experience and accumulation in the supply chain industry, the Company can also provide enterprises with integrated intelligent supply chain operational support. We will continue to adhere to the original purpose of Digital China, make breakthroughs in the new era, and strive to become a leader in big data technology, thereby increasing value for shareholders and society.

IV. Update on the settlement plans regarding certain wealth management products purchased by the Group (the "WMP")

As of 30 June 2023, the outstanding unpaid principal of the WMP was approximately RMB1,631 million. The Group has obtained the right to proactively dispose of the ultimate underlying assets involved in the WMP and has formulated disposal plans and specific action plans in relation thereto. The Group pushed forward with the disposal of the real estate residential project (the amount of the principal and interest involved was approximately RMB193 million), one of the ultimate underlying assets involved in the WMP, in accordance with the action plans and is currently awaiting the court's issuance of such asset restructuring completion procedures. Following the completion of the disposal of the operation and management rights of the project, the Group is expected to be able to recover the outstanding amount owed to the Group from the sale proceeds. Based on the value of the assets of the project, it is expected that the proceeds can fully cover the Group's claims in the project.

The remaining ultimate underlying assets of the WMP, which involve investments in a market and a commercial complex, amounts to approximately RMB1,438 million. Assets worth approximately RMB 970 million are being planned to be divested into a new corporate entity. The Group is intended to obtain a controlling interest in the new corporate entity in order to facilitate asset disposal. The Group is also actively laying a good foundation for the subsequent disposal.

Based on its judgment of the recoverable amount of the relevant ultimate underlying assets of the WMP and understanding of the progress of disposal of assets, the Company's management is of the view that the corresponding amount of the WMP as set out in the interim financial statements of the Group for the six months ended 30 June 2023 is reasonable and appropriate. The Group will continue to push forward the implementation of the action plans. The Company will make further announcement as and when appropriate in the event of any material development on the action plans.

Capital Expenditure, Liquidity and Financial Resources

The Group mainly finances its operations with internally-generated cash flows, bank borrowings and banking facilities.

The Group had total assets of approximately RMB 23,806 million as at 30 June 2023 which were financed by total liabilities of approximately RMB 11,522 million, non-controlling interests of approximately RMB 4,019 million and equity attributable to equity holders of the parent of approximately RMB 8,265 million. The Group's current ratio as at 30 June 2023 was 1.56 as compared to 1.47 as at 31 December 2022.

During the six months ended 30 June 2023, capital expenditure of approximately RMB 40 million was incurred mainly for the additions of property, plant and equipment and other intangible assets.

As at 30 June 2023, the Group had cash and cash equivalents of approximately RMB 1,673 million, of which approximately RMB 1,622 million were denominated in Renminbi.

The Group's foreign currency exposures mainly arise from net monetary assets in currencies other than the functional currencies of approximately RMB 86,608,000 as at 30 June 2023. The Group currently does not have a foreign exchange hedging policy. However, the management of the Group monitors foreign exchange

exposure and will consider hedging significant foreign exchange should the need arise.

The gearing ratio, being the aggregate borrowings of the Group as a ratio of equity attributable to equity holders of the parent, was 0.40 as at 30 June 2023 compared to 0.43 at 31 December 2022. The computation of the said ratio was based on the total interest-bearing bank and other borrowings of approximately RMB 3,340 million (31 December 2022: approximately RMB 3,616 million) and equity attributable to equity holders of the parent of approximately RMB 8,265 million (31 December 2022: approximately RMB 8,362 million).

As at 30 June 2023, the denomination of the interest-bearing bank and other borrowings of the Group were shown as follows:

	Denominated in Hong Kong dollars RMB'000	Denominated in Renminbi RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Current			
Interest-bearing bank borrowings, unsecured Interest-bearing bank borrowings,	92,357	623,680	716,037
secured	59,986	652,589	712,575
Other borrowings	<u> </u>	43,500	43,500
Non-current	152,343	1,319,769	1,472,112
Interest-bearing bank borrowings, secured	33,067	1,834,334	1,867,401
Total	185,410	3,154,103	3,339,513

Certain of the Group's bank borrowings of:

- 1. Approximately RMB 1,877 million extended by financial institutions to certain subsidiaries of the Group were secured by mortgages over the Group's buildings, investment properties and land use rights with an aggregate carrying amount of approximately RMB 3,768 million as at 30 June 2023; and
- 2. Approximately RMB 586 million extended by financial institutions to certain subsidiaries of the Group were secured by pledge of 138,800,000 issued shares of Digital China Information Service Company Ltd. ("**DCITS**"), a non-wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, directly held by a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, with an aggregate fair value of approximately RMB 1,707 million as at 30 June 2023.

Included in the Group's current and non-current bank borrowings of approximately RMB 122 million and RMB 1,867 million respectively are long-term loans repayable between 2023 and 2036. As at 30 June 2023, approximately RMB 1,299 million and RMB 2,041 million of the Group's bank borrowing were charged at fixed interest rates and floating interest rates respectively.

The total available bank credit facilities for the Group as at 30 June 2023 amounted to approximately RMB 13,819 million, of which approximately RMB 2,063 million were in long-term loan facilities and approximately RMB 11,756 million were in trade lines, short-term loans and cash advance. As at 30 June 2023, the total amount drawn down by the Group was approximately RMB 2,048 million in long-term loan facilities and approximately RMB 2,713 million in trade lines, short-term loans and cash advance.

Under the normal course of business, the Group has issued performance bonds to some customers for potential claims of non-performance in order to satisfy the specific requirements of these customers. As no material claims had been made by the customers under such performance bonds in the past, the management considers that the possibility of realisation of any actual material liabilities arising from such performance bonds is remote.

Contingent Liabilities

As at 30 June 2023, the Group did not have material contingent liabilities.

Commitments

At 30 June 2023, the Group had the following commitments:	RMB '000
Contracted, but not provided for, in the unaudited condensed consolidated interim	
financial statements:	
Capital contributions payable to joint ventures	81,580
Capital contributions payable to associates	20,472
Capital contributions payable to financial assets at fair value through other	
comprehensive income	429
	102,481

Significant Investments, Material acquisitions or disposals of subsidiaries and associated companies

There was no significant investment and material acquisition or disposal of subsidiaries and associated companies during the six months ended 30 June 2023.

Events After the Reporting Period

There has been no significant event of the Group after the Reporting Period and up to the date of this announcement.

Human Resources and Remuneration Policy

As at 30 June 2023, the Group had 16,033 (30 June 2022: 14,596) full-time employees. The majority of these employees work in the PRC. The Group offers remuneration packages in line with industry practice. Employees' remuneration includes basic salaries and bonuses. The Group has recorded an increase by 7.78% in staff costs of approximately RMB 1,520 million for the six months ended 30 June 2023 as compared to approximately RMB 1,410 million for the corresponding period of the last financial year. In order to attract and retain a high caliber of capable and motivated workforce, the Company offers share-based incentive schemes to staff based on the individual performance and the achievements of the Company's targets. The Group is committed to providing its staff with various in-house and external training and development programs.

The remuneration of the directors and senior management are determined with reference to the economic situation, the market condition, the responsibilities and duties assumed by each director and senior management member as well as their individual performance.

Update on the use of proceeds from the Rights Issue

In September 2017, the Company completed a rights issue (the "**Rights Issue**") and raised funds of approximately RMB1,149 million. The table below set out the use of net proceeds (the "**Net Proceeds**") from the Rights Issue:

	Intended use of the net proceeds from the Rights Issue	Net proceeds RMB'million	Utilised amount as at 1 January 2023 RMB'million	Actual application during the six months ended 30 June 2023 RMB million	Un-utilised amount as at 30 June 2023 RMB'million	Expected to be utilised by 30 June 2024 RMB'million
(i)	Financing the Healthcare Big Data Investment or any other potential investments and acquisitions as and when any suitable opportunity is identified (Note)	664	(427)	(27)	210	210
(ii)	Repayment of debt and interest expenses (a) Repayment of principal and interest expenses to Bank of Jiangsu Co., Ltd. (江蘇銀行股份有限公司)					
	due in October 2017 (b) Repayment of principal and interest expenses to Western Securities Co., Ltd. (西部證券股份有限公司)	160	(160)	-	-	-
(iii)	due in October 2017 General working capital purposes	250 75	(250) (75)	_	-	_
Tota	-	1,149	(912)	(27)	210	210

Note: As at the date of this announcement, the Healthcare Big Data Investment is still at its preliminary discussion stage and no legally binding agreement has been entered into by the Group.

The Company does not have any intention to change the purposes of the Net Proceeds as set out in the Rights Issue prospectus dated 23 August 2017, and will gradually utilise the un-utilised amount of the Net Proceeds in accordance with the intended purpose mentioned above. As at 30 June 2023, an aggregate of approximately RMB 939 million of the Net Proceeds has been utilised.

As at 30 June 2023, the un-utilised Net Proceeds from the Rights Issue amounted to approximately RMB 210 million. During the Reporting Period, due to the lasting impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the investment atmosphere was relatively sluggish, and the management of the Company became more cautious in investing in mergers and acquisitions. Therefore, the un-utilised Net Proceeds had not been utilised in full as at 30 June 2023. Despite the fact that the COVID-19 epidemic is gradually subsiding, it will take time for the socioeconomic activities to resume. It is expected that the un-utilised Net Proceeds would not be fully utilised by 31 December 2023. All of such un-utilised Net Proceeds will be utilised for financing the Healthcare Big Data Investment or any other potential investments and acquisitions as and when any suitable opportunity is identified. It is expected that the un-utilised Net Proceeds will be fully utilised by 30 June 2024.

For further details of the Rights Issue, please refer to the announcements dated 21 July 2017, 24 August 2017 and 15 September 2017, the rights issue prospectus dated 23 August 2017 and the annual report for the year ended 31 December 2017 and 31 December 2018 and 31 December 2019, 31 December 2020, 31 December 2021 and 31 December 2022 of the Company.

REVIEW BY AUDIT COMMITTEE

The audit committee of the Company (the "Audit Committee") currently comprises three independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. WONG Man Chung, Francis (who is the Chairman of the Audit Committee), Miss NI Hong (Hope) and Mr. KING William. The Audit Committee has reviewed the unaudited condensed consolidated interim results of the Group for the six months ended 30 June 2023 and discussed with the senior management of the Company on their respective findings, the accounting treatment, principles and practices adopted by the Group, legal and regulatory compliance, as well as other auditing, internal control, risk management and financial reporting matters. The Audit Committee did not have any disagreement on the accounting treatment adopted by the Group in its unaudited condensed consolidated interim results of the Group for the six months ended 30 June 2023.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Company has complied with the code provisions (the "Code Provision(s)") set out in the "Corporate Governance Code" contained in Part 2 of Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules throughout the Reporting Period, except the following deviations from certain Code Provisions with considered reasons as given below:

Code Provision C.2.1 stipulates that the roles of chairman and chief executive should be separate and should not be performed by the same individual. The division of responsibilities between the chairman and chief executive should be clearly established and set out in writing.

Mr. GUO Wei, the Chairman of the board of directors of the Company (the "**Board**") has been taking up the dual role as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of the Company since 8 June 2018. Mr. GUO Wei has extensive experience in business strategic development and management and is responsible for overseeing the whole business, strategic development and management of the Group. The Board believes that the dual role of Mr. GUO Wei will enable the consistency between the setting up and the implementation of the business strategy and benefit the Group and the Shareholders as a whole.

Code Provision B.2.2 stipulates that every director, including those appointed for a specific term, should be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years.

Under the amended and restated bye-laws of the Company adopted on 28 June 2023, at each annual general meeting one-third of the directors of the Company ("**Directors**") for the time being or, if their number is not three or a multiple of three, the number nearest to one-third shall retire from office, save that the Chairman of the Board and the Managing Director shall not, whilst holding such office, be subject to retirement by rotation. Therefore, Mr. GUO Wei, the Chairman of the Board, shall not be subject to retirement by rotation. Given the existing number of Directors, not less than one-third of the Directors are subject to retirement by rotation at each annual general meeting, by which each Director (other than the Chairman of the Board) will retire by rotation once every three years at the minimum.

Code Provision C.3.3 stipulates that directors should clearly understand delegation arrangements in place. Listed company should have formal letters of appointment for directors setting out the key terms and conditions of their appointment.

The Company has not entered into any written letter of appointment with any of its non-executive Directors or independent non-executive Directors and their terms of office are not subject to a fixed term of service. However, the Board recognises that (i) the relevant Directors have already been subject to the laws and regulations applicable to directors of a company listed on the Stock Exchange, including the Listing Rules as well as the fiduciary duties to act in the best interests of the Company and its Shareholders; (ii) all of them are well established in their professions and/or currently hold or have held directorships in other listed companies; and (iii) the current arrangement has been adopted by the Company for years and has proved to be effective. Therefore, the Board considers that the relevant Directors are able to carry out their duties in a responsible and effective manner under the current arrangement.

COMPLIANCE WITH THE MODEL CODE

The Company has adopted the "Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers" contained in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules (the "Model Code") as its code of conduct for Directors' securities transactions. Having made specific enquiry with the Directors, all of the Directors confirmed that they have complied with the required standards as set out in the Model Code throughout the Reporting Period.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF THE COMPANY'S LISTED SECURITIES

During the six months ended 30 June 2023, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries had purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities.

SUFFICIENCY OF PUBLIC FLOAT

Based on information that is publicly available to the Company and within the knowledge of the Directors, the Company has maintained a sufficient public float as required under the Listing Rules during the six months ended 30 June 2023.

By Order of the Board **Digital China Holdings Limited**(神州數碼控股有限公司*) **GUO Wei**Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Hong Kong, 30 August 2023

At the publication of this announcement, the Board comprises nine Directors, namely:

Executive Directors: Mr. GUO Wei (Chairman and Chief Executive Officer) and Mr. LIN Yang (Vice Chairman)

Non-executive Directors: Mr. ZENG Shuigen and Ms. CONG Shan

Independent Non-executive Directors: Mr. WONG Man Chung, Francis, Miss NI Hong (Hope), Dr. LIU Yun, John, Mr. KING William and Mr. Timothy CHEN Yung-cheng

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