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四川成渝高速公路股份有限公司
Sichuan Expressway Company Limited*

(a joint stock company incorporated in the People's Republic of China with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 00107)

CONTINUING CONNECTED TRANSACTION
RENEWAL OF REFINED OIL FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT

Reference is made to the announcement of the Company dated 12 December 2022 in relation to, among other things, the Previous Refined Oil Framework Agreement entered into between Zhonglu Energy and PetroChina Sichuan Sales Branch on 12 December 2022.

REFINED OIL FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT

As the Previous Refined Oil Framework Agreement will be expired on 31 December 2023, Zhonglu Energy, a subsidiary of the Company, and PetroChina Sichuan Sales Branch agreed to renew the transaction terms and entered into the Refined Oil Framework Agreement on 12 December 2023. Pursuant to the Refined Oil Framework Agreement, Zhonglu Energy, a subsidiary of the Company, agreed to purchase refined oil from and accept refined oil carriage service (if necessary) provided by PetroChina Sichuan Sales Branch (for itself and on behalf of PetroChina Sichuan Group) for the period from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024.

LISTING RULES IMPLICATIONS

As at the date of this announcement, PetroChina holds 49% equity interest in Zhonglu Energy, a subsidiary of the Company. Therefore, PetroChina and its branch, PetroChina Sichuan Sales Branch, are connected persons at the subsidiary level of the Company under Rule 14A.06(9) of the Listing Rules. As (i) the Board has approved the transactions contemplated under the Refined Oil Framework Agreement; and (ii) the independent non-executive Directors have confirmed that the terms of each of the transactions contemplated under the Refined Oil Framework Agreement are fair and reasonable, on normal commercial terms and in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole; the Refined Oil Framework Agreement is only subject to the reporting, announcement and annual review requirements, but is exempted from the circular, independent financial advisor's advices and independent shareholders' approval requirements under Rule 14A.101 of the Listing Rules.

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The major terms of the Refined Oil Framework Agreement are as follows:

Date:	12 December 2023
Term of the agreement:	1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024
Parties:	Zhonglu Energy, a subsidiary of the Company, as purchaser; and PetroChina Sichuan Sales Branch (for itself and on behalf of PetroChina Sichuan Group) as supplier and provider of the relevant refined oil carriage service (if necessary)
Nature of transaction:	Zhonglu Energy shall purchase specified types of refined oil from PetroChina Sichuan Group (including possible carriage service) during the term of the Refined Oil Framework Agreement

- Pricing policy:** The prices for all the transactions (except for self collection of goods) under the Refined Oil Framework Agreement were determined by adding transportation fees to the selling price of the refined oil. Such selling price is the most favourable selling price of refined oil offered by PetroChina Sichuan Group to Zhonglu Energy, which shall not be higher than the price offered by PetroChina Sichuan Group to its affiliated gas stations within Sichuan Province during the same period. Specific price shall be subject to the price as at the corresponding date of sales invoice (tax-inclusive price, with the value-added tax rate of 13%, subject to adjusted tax rate in case of a national tax rate adjustment).
- Payment term:** When Zhonglu Energy purchases oil products in advance, the goods shall be delivered only after the payment thereof has been settled. The payment terms shall not be less favourable than those between PetroChina Sichuan Group and other independent third parties.
- Conditions precedent:** The Refined Oil Framework Agreement will come into effect upon the following conditions being satisfied:
- (i) the Refined Oil Framework Agreement has been duly executed and sealed by both Zhonglu Energy and PetroChina Sichuan Sales Branch; and
 - (ii) the Company has complied with the requirements in relation to the continuing connected transaction under the relevant listing rules of the Stock Exchange and the SSE, which include but are not limited to reporting, announcement and/or independent shareholders' approval requirements (if applicable).

HISTORICAL TRANSACTION AMOUNT

The total historical transaction amounts recognised by the Group/Zhonglu Energy for purchase and carriage (if applicable) of refined oil are as follows:

	RMB <i>(RMB'000)</i>
For the period from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022 (audited)	985,902
For the six months ended 30 June 2023 (unaudited)	543,239

ANNUAL CAP AND BASIS FOR DETERMINING THE ANNUAL CAP

Having considered the following factors, the annual cap for the Refined Oil Framework Agreement for the year from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024 shall be as follows:

Annual Cap
(RMB'000)

For the year ending 31 December 2024 1,430,000

In determining the annual cap for the Refined Oil Framework Agreement, the Directors have considered a number of factors including: (i) the historical transaction amount for the purchase of refined oil and carriage service (if applicable) by Zhonglu Energy from PetroChina Sichuan Group; (ii) the expected sales volume of refined oil of Zhonglu Energy for the year from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024; and (iii) the current average unit price of refined oil.

REASONS AND BENEFITS FOR ENTERING INTO THE REFINED OIL FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT

The Group is principally engaged in the investment, construction, operation and management of expressways infrastructure projects in Sichuan Province, the PRC as well as the operation of other businesses related to toll roads within Sichuan Province. The Group also engages in gas stations operation through its non-wholly owned subsidiary Zhonglu Energy.

The Refined Oil Framework Agreement is entered into in order to realize the sustainable and sound development of the energy business of the Group, to obtain a steady supply of refined oil and to meet the ordinary business needs of Zhonglu Energy.

DIRECTORS' VIEW ON THE CONTINUING CONNECTED TRANSACTION

The Directors (including the independent non-executive Directors) consider that the Refined Oil Framework Agreement was entered into in the ordinary and usual course of business of the Group and the terms as contained therein are normal commercial terms, which are arrived at after arm's length negotiations between the parties, the annual cap and transaction terms for the Refined Oil Framework Agreement are fair and reasonable and in the interests of the Group and the Shareholders as a whole.

DIRECTORS' OPINION ON INTERNAL CONTROL PROCEDURES OF TRANSACTIONS TERMS SUCH AS PRICING POLICY AND PAYMENT METHOD OF CONTINUING CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS

The Directors consider that in respect of the Refined Oil Framework Agreement, the Group has implemented complete internal control procedures and steps in practicing the transactions terms such as pricing policy and payment method of the continuing connected transaction. Meanwhile, in order to safeguard the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole, the Company has adopted the following measures in monitoring the transactions under the Refined Oil Framework Agreement. Details of these internal control procedures and steps and the measures adopted for safeguarding the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole are as follows:

1. After the above continuing connected transaction was proposed and reported by the department responsible for connected transaction business, the Directors (including the independent non-executive Directors) of the Company conducted review on the necessity, reasonableness and fairness of pricing of the continuing connected transaction, and considered that the terms of the continuing connected transaction are fair and reasonable, on normal commercial terms and in the interests of the Company and its Shareholders as a whole.
2. The Supervisory Committee of the Company has effectively supervised the consideration of and voting on the continuing connected transaction and also considered and approved the foresaid continuing connected transaction.
3. The Board Office (董事會辦公室) and the Internal Control and Audit Supervisory Department (內控審計監事部) of the Company will review the continuing connected transaction under the Refined Oil Framework Agreement on a regular basis, to consider (i) effective implementation of the pricing policies and the payment methods and evaluation of balances of annual caps; and (ii) identification of management weakness, and recommendation of improvement measures to ensure that the internal control measures in respect of the continuing connected transaction remain complete and effective and where any weaknesses are identified, the Company will take measures to address them as soon as practicable.
4. The Internal Control and Audit Supervisory Department (內控審計監事部) of the Company will conduct internal review at least twice a year to ensure that internal control measures in respect of the transactions under the Refined Oil Framework Agreement remain complete and effective.
5. The Company will engage the auditor to carry out annual review on the continuing connected transactions (including but not limited to the relevant pricing policies and annual caps) every year in accordance with the requirement of Rule 14A.56 of the Listing Rules.

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING ON BOARD RESOLUTIONS

None of the Directors of the Company has any material interest in the transactions contemplated under the Refined Oil Framework Agreement and was required to abstain from voting on the Board resolutions to approve the same.

INFORMATION ON THE COMPANY, ZHONGLU ENERGY, A SUBSIDIARY OF THE COMPANY, AND PETROCHINA SICHUAN SALES BRANCH

The business of the Company mainly includes the investment, construction, operation and management of expressways infrastructure projects in Sichuan Province, the PRC, as well as the operation of other businesses related to toll roads.

The business of Zhonglu Energy, a subsidiary of the Company, mainly includes operation related to refined oil, investment in energy projects, business information consulting, commodity wholesale and retail as well as hazardous chemicals operation (subject to license).

PetroChina Sichuan Sales Branch is a branch of PetroChina. It principally engages in commissioned exploration, production and sale of onshore oil and natural gas; refining, production and sale of oil; and operation and management of oil and gas pipelines. PetroChina is a subsidiary of China National Petroleum Corporation, which is wholly-owned by the State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the State Council.

LISTING RULES IMPLICATIONS

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DEFINITIONS

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

“A Share(s)”	ordinary shares of the Company denominated in RMB with a nominal value of RMB1.00 each, which are issued in the PRC, subscribed for in RMB and listed on the SSE
“associate(s)”	has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules
“Board”	the board of Directors of the Company
“Company”	Sichuan Expressway Company Limited* (四川成渝高速公路股份有限公司), a joint stock company incorporated in the PRC with limited liability and the H Shares of which are listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange (stock code: 00107) and the A Shares of which are listed on the SSE (stock code: 601107)
“connected person(s)”	has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules
“Director(s)”	the director(s) of the Company
“Group”	the Company and its subsidiaries
“H Share(s)”	overseas listed foreign shares of the Company with a nominal value of RMB1.00 each, which are issued in Hong Kong, subscribed for in Hong Kong dollars and listed on the main board of the Stock Exchange
“Hong Kong”	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC
“Listing Rules”	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange and/or the Rules Governing the Listing of Stocks on the SSE, as the case may be
“PetroChina”	PetroChina Company Limited (中國石油天然氣股份有限公司), a joint stock limited company incorporated in the PRC with limited liability which is listed on the Stock Exchange (stock code: 857) and the SSE (stock code: 601857), and the holder of 49% equity interest in Zhonglu Energy

“PetroChina Sichuan Group”	PetroChina Company Limited Sichuan Sales Branch* (中國石油天然氣股份有限公司四川銷售分公司) and its subsidiaries
“PetroChina Sichuan Sales Branch”	PetroChina Company Limited Sichuan Sales Branch* (中國石油天然氣股份有限公司四川銷售分公司), a subsidiary of PetroChina
“PRC”	the People’s Republic of China, for the purpose of this announcement, excluding Hong Kong, the Macao Special Administrative Region of the PRC and Taiwan
“Previous Refined Oil Framework Agreement”	the Framework Agreement of Connected Transaction for the Sale and Purchase of Refined Oil entered into between Zhonglu Energy and PetroChina Sichuan Sales Branch on 12 December 2022, details of which are set out in the announcement of the Company dated 12 December 2022
“Refined Oil Framework Agreement”	the Framework Agreement of Connected Transaction for the Sale and Purchase of Refined Oil entered into between Zhonglu Energy and PetroChina Sichuan Sales Branch on 12 December 2023 for the purchase of refined oil by Zhonglu Energy from and the provision of refined oil carriage service (if necessary) by PetroChina Sichuan Group during the period from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024
“RMB”	renminbi, the lawful currency of the PRC
“Share(s)”	A Share(s) and/or H Share(s) (as the case may be)
“Shareholders”	registered holder(s) of the Shares
“SSE”	Shanghai Stock Exchange
“Stock Exchange”	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
“Supervisor(s)”	the supervisors of the Company
“Zhonglu Energy”	Sichuan Zhonglu Energy Company Limited (四川中路能源有限公司), a non-wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, which is owned as to 51% by the Company and 49% by PetroChina

“%”

per cent

By order of the Board
Sichuan Expressway Company Limited*
Yao Jiancheng
Joint Company Secretary

Chengdu, Sichuan Province, the PRC
12 December 2023

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Mr. Li Wenhui (Vice Chairman), Madam Ma Yonghan and Mr. You Zhiming as executive Directors, Mr. Wu Xinhua (Vice Chairman), Mr. Li Chengyong and Mr. Chen Chaoxiong as non-executive Directors, Mr. Yu Haizong, Mr. Yan Qixiang, Madam Bu Danlu and Mr. Zhang Qinghua as independent non-executive Directors.

* *For identification purposes only*