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**江西銅業股份有限公司**  
**JIANGXI COPPER COMPANY LIMITED**

*(a Sino-foreign joint venture joint stock limited company incorporated in the People's Republic of China)*

(Stock Code: 0358)

**CONTINUING CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS RELATING TO  
THE NEW MUTUAL GUARANTEES AGREEMENT**

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Reference is made to the Announcement in relation to the Mutual Guarantees Agreement entered into among Heding Copper, Fuye Group and the Counter Guarantors on 30 December 2022, whereby Heding Copper and Fuye Group agreed that the maximum aggregated annual balance amount (which was also the maximum daily balance) of guarantees for each other's obligations in respect of loans which they may respectively obtain from financial institutions for the period from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2024 shall not exceed RMB2,550,000,000.

In order to meet the actual production and operation needs and lower the financing costs of Heding Copper, the Board announces that on 22 January 2024, Heding Copper, Fuye Group and the Counter Guarantors entered into the New Mutual Guarantees Agreement, which shall terminate the Mutual Guarantees Agreement on its effective date (i.e. 1 January 2024).

As at the date of this announcement, as confirmed by Heding Copper and so far as the Directors are aware, Fuye Group is a substantial shareholder of Heding Copper, holding 40% of the total issued share capital of Heding Copper. The Counter Guarantors are beneficially owned by Fuye Group. Therefore, Fuye Group and the Counter Guarantors are connected persons of the Company. Accordingly, the New Mutual Guarantees Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereunder constitute continuing connected transactions of the Company under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

As (i) the New Mutual Guarantees Agreement is entered into among Heding Copper and connected persons of the Company at the subsidiary level on normal commercial terms and (ii) has been approved by the Board, and (iii) the independent non-executive Directors are of the view that, the transactions contemplated under the New Mutual Guarantees Agreement are in the ordinary and usual course of business of Heding Copper, on normal commercial terms, the terms of which are fair and reasonable and in the interest of the Company and its Shareholders as a whole, the continuing connected transactions contemplated thereunder are subject to the annual review, reporting and announcement requirements but exempt from the circular, independent financial advice and independent shareholders' approval requirements pursuant to Rule 14A.101 of the Listing Rules.

## **BACKGROUND**

Reference is made to the Announcement in relation to the Mutual Guarantees Agreement entered into among Heding Copper, Fuye Group and the Counter Guarantors on 30 December 2022.

Pursuant to the Mutual Guarantees Agreement, Heding Copper and Fuye Group agreed that the maximum aggregated annual balance amount (which was also the maximum daily balance) of guarantees for each other's obligations in respect of loans which they may respectively obtain from financial institutions for the period from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2024 shall not exceed RMB2,550,000,000. Jiangxi Heli, Jiangxi Hefeng and Zhejiang Fuhe Zhiye acted as the counter-guarantors of Fuye Group. In order to meet the actual production and operation needs and lower the financing costs of Heding Copper, the Board announces that on 22 January 2024, Heding Copper, Fuye Group and the Counter Guarantors entered into the New Mutual Guarantees Agreement, which shall become effective on 1 January 2024, whereby the Mutual Guarantees Agreement shall be terminated on the same day.

## **THE NEW MUTUAL GUARANTEES AGREEMENT**

The principal terms of the New Mutual Guarantees Agreement are summarised as follows:

### **Date**

22 January 2024

## **Parties**

1. Heding Copper;
2. Fuye Group;
3. Jiangxi Heli;
4. Jiangxi Hefeng; and
5. Zhejiang Fuhe Zhiye.

## **Mutual Guarantees**

Heding Copper and Fuye Group agreed that the maximum aggregated annual balance amount (which is also the maximum daily balance) of guarantees for each other's obligations in respect of loans which they may respectively obtain from financial institutions for the period from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2025 shall not exceed RMB2,550,000,000 (which shall include the amount of guarantees that were provided by Heding Copper and Fuye Group for each other pursuant to the Mutual Guarantees Agreement prior to 1 January 2024 and are valid during the term of the New Mutual Guarantees Agreement), provided that each loan contract shall be executed during the period from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024 and the term of each loan shall not exceed 12 months. The Mutual Guarantees Agreement shall be terminated from the effective date of the New Mutual Guarantees Agreement (i.e. 1 January 2024), provided that the existing guarantee agreements which have not reached maturity shall still be valid.

## **Undertaking**

Fuye Group undertook that in the event that the debt-to-asset ratio of Fuye Group reaches 70%, Fuye Group shall forthwith cease to execute new loans pursuant to the New Mutual Guarantees Agreement and shall inform Heding Copper in writing immediately and Heding Copper shall not provide further guarantees for the additional loans obtained by Fuye Group after the debt-to-asset ratio of which reaches 70% until Heding Copper has performed relevant approval procedures.

## **Counter-guarantees**

Jiangxi Heli, Jiangxi Hefeng and Zhejiang Fuhe Zhiye agreed to act as the counter-guarantors of Fuye Group, as such, they shall jointly and severally provide counter-guarantees to Heding Copper with all their assets for the guarantees provided by Heding Copper for Fuye Group in respect of the bank loan contracts signed during the period from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024 under the New Mutual Guarantees Agreement. Heding Copper is entitled (i) to cease to provide guarantees for Fuye Group if the Counter Guarantors fail to provide counter-guarantees and (ii) to request Fuye Group to increase counter-guarantees in accordance with the actual circumstances.

## **Annual Cap**

As at 31 December 2023, the balance of guarantees provided by Heding Copper for Fuye Group was RMB1,400,700,000 and as Fuye Group voluntarily provided additional guarantees of RMB2,665,480,000 for Heding Copper, the balance of guarantees provided by Fuye Group for Heding Copper was RMB5,215,480,000.

The Proposed Cap, that is the proposed maximum aggregated annual balance amount (which is also the maximum daily balance) of guarantees to be provided by Heding Copper for Fuye Group for loans contemplated under the New Mutual Guarantees Agreement for each of the financial years ending 31 December 2024 and 31 December 2025, shall be RMB2,550,000,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$2,803,430,079) (which shall include the amount of guarantees that were provided by Heding Copper for Fuye Group prior to 1 January 2024 and are valid during the term of the New Mutual Guarantees Agreement). In arriving at the above annual cap, the Directors have considered the production and operation needs of Heding Copper for the period ending 31 December 2025 and the abovementioned historical amount of guarantees provided by Heding Copper for Fuye Group under the Mutual Guarantees Agreement.

## **Status of Guarantees Provided by the Group**

As at the end of December 2023, the total amount of external guarantees provided by the Group amounted to RMB1,400,700,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$1,539,907,652), representing approximately 1.96% of the Company's audited net assets attributable to the parent company for the latest period, and there were no overdue external guarantees provided by the Company.

## **REASONS FOR AND BENEFITS OF ENTERING INTO THE NEW MUTUAL GUARANTEES AGREEMENT**

It is a common practice for financial institutions in the PRC to request for corporate guarantee as a security for loans granted to borrowers. The entering into of the New Mutual Guarantees Agreement enables Heding Copper to obtain financing from lenders in order to support its ordinary and usual course of business. In order to meet the actual production and operation needs and lower the financing costs of Heding Copper, Heding Copper and Fuye Group thereby entered into the New Mutual Guarantees Agreement.

The Board has unanimously approved the board resolution relating to, among others, the New Mutual Guarantees Agreement on 22 January 2024. The Directors (including the independent non-executive Directors) are of the view that the terms of the transactions contemplated under the New Mutual Guarantees Agreement are fair and reasonable and in the interest of the Company and its Shareholders as a whole. The New Mutual Guarantees Agreement is entered in the ordinary and usual course of business of Heding Copper on normal commercial terms. The mutual guarantees under the New Mutual Guarantees Agreement do not affect the Company's independence and normal operations, are not prejudicial to the interests of the minority Shareholders and the Company is able to effectively control and prevent the relevant risks.

None of the Directors has a material interest in the New Mutual Guarantees Agreement or is required to abstain from voting on the board resolution relating to the New Mutual Guarantees Agreement.

## **LISTING RULES IMPLICATIONS**

As at the date of this announcement, as confirmed by Heding Copper and so far as the Directors are aware, Fuye Group is a substantial shareholder of Heding Copper, holding 40% of the total issued share capital of Heding Copper. The Counter Guarantors are beneficially owned by Fuye Group. Therefore, Fuye Group and the Counter Guarantors are connected persons of the Company. Accordingly, the New Mutual Guarantees Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereunder constitute continuing connected transactions of the Company under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

As (i) the New Mutual Guarantees Agreement is entered into among Heding Copper and connected persons of the Company at the subsidiary level on normal commercial terms and (ii) has been approved by the Board, and (iii) the independent non-executive Directors are of the view that, the transactions contemplated under the New Mutual Guarantees Agreement are in the ordinary and usual course of business of Heding Copper, on normal commercial terms, the terms of which are fair and reasonable and in the interest of the Company and its Shareholders as a whole, the continuing connected transactions contemplated thereunder are subject to the annual review, reporting and announcement requirements but exempt from the circular, independent financial advice and independent shareholders' approval requirements pursuant to Rule 14A.101 of the Listing Rules.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **Information of the Company**

The Company is a Sino-foreign joint venture joint stock limited company incorporated in the PRC on 24 January 1997. The Company's principal business includes: mining, dressing, smelting, processing and related technical services of non-ferrous metals and rare metals; smelting, pressing and processing and further processing of non-ferrous metal mine ores, rare metals, non-metal ores, non-ferrous metals and related by-products; sulphur chemical products and its extended products and fine chemical products related to the abovementioned operations; trading of non-ferrous metals and trading of precious metals; dressing chemicals, rubber products; production and processing of toxic chemicals, corrosives, compressed gases and liquefied gases; sale and after-sale services for self-produced products together with related consultation services and businesses; geotechnical projects, surveying and tunneling projects; repair and decoration for electrical and mechanical and civil engineering works; vehicles and engineering machinery repair, mobile crane repair; production of wire reinforced hydraulic type rubber hoses assemblies; casting of wear-resistant alloy products; manufacturing, processing for mining and smelting, installation, repair and sale of specialised equipment; painting, insulation and anticorrosion works; cleansing of industrial equipment; passenger and freight transportation (including transportation of dangerous goods), freight transportation agent, warehousing (except dangerous goods); property leasing; technical consulting and service; technical development and transfer; engaging in overseas futures hedging business; import and export agency services (the import and export of the abovementioned commodities do not involve commodities which are subject to and regulated under specific regulations such as state trading, import quota licence, export quota bidding and export quota licence).



## **Information of Heding Copper**

Since October 2015, the Company has possessed the right of control of Heding Copper through a parties acting in concert agreement dated 19 September 2015 entered into between the Company and a shareholder of Heding Copper and the results of Heding Copper have been consolidated into the audited financial statements of the Group. Therefore, Heding Copper is a subsidiary of the Company according to the Listing Rules.

Heding Copper is a limited liability company established in the PRC with a registered capital of RMB1,280,000,000. It is situated at Xindeng Industrial Function Zone, Fuyang District, Hangzhou City, Zhejiang Province, the PRC. The legal representative of Heding Copper is Mr. Ding Zhiyuan. The principal business of Heding Copper comprises the production, processing, sale and relevant technical services of copper cathode and sulphuric acid; investment and operation of non-ferrous metals and relevant industrial projects; sale of anode mud, water granulated slag, tailings, gypsum, nickel sulphate and zinc oxide; import and export business of goods and technologies (excluding projects prohibited by laws and administrative regulations, operations of projects restricted by laws and administrative regulations may only be carried out upon the obtaining of permission) (Projects requiring approval according to law may only be carried out upon approval by relevant authorities).

As at 31 December 2022, the audited total assets, total liabilities and net assets of Heding Copper were RMB9,887,190,000, RMB6,722,510,000 and RMB3,164,680,000, respectively. The audited realised revenue and realised net profit for the year ended 31 December 2022 were RMB29,761,950,000 and RMB474,530,000, respectively.

As at 30 November 2023, the unaudited total assets, total liabilities and net assets of Heding Copper were RMB10,758,050,000, RMB7,477,020,000 and RMB3,281,030,000, respectively. The unaudited realised revenue and realised total profit for the eleven months ended 30 November 2023 were RMB32,209,200,000 and RMB623,340,000, respectively.

## **Information of Fuye Group**

Fuye Group is a limited liability company established in the PRC with a registered capital of RMB102,200,000. It is situated at Xiejiaxi, Lushan Street, Fuyang District, Hangzhou City, Zhejiang Province, the PRC. The legal representative of Fuye Group is Mr. Luo Zhongping. As confirmed by Fuye Group, the principal business of Fuye Group comprises general items: smelting of common non-ferrous metals, smelting of precious metals, non-ferrous metals pressing processing, metal materials manufacturing, sale of high-performance non-ferrous metals and alloy materials, sale of metal materials, sale of gold and silver products, production of chemical products (excluding licensed chemical products), sale of chemical products (excluding licensed chemical products), solid waste treatment, renewable resources (except productive waste metals) recycling, productive waste metals recycling, processing of recycled

resources, sale of recycled resources, import and export of goods, import and export of technology, import and export agency, investment activities with own funds, research and development of new materials technology, promotion services of new materials technology, organisation of exchange activities of culture and art as well as information consultation services (excluding licensed information consultation services) (except for projects requiring approval according to laws, business activities shall be carried out independently with business licence according to laws); permitted items: import and export of gold and its products (projects requiring approval according to laws may only be carried out upon approval by relevant authorities, and the specific business projects shall be subject to results of the approval); the operation of the following items are restricted to the branches only: permitted items: production of hazardous chemicals, storage of hazardous chemicals and business of hazardous chemicals (projects requiring approval according to laws may only be carried out upon approval by relevant authorities, and the specific business projects shall be subject to results of the approval).

Fuye Group is owned as to approximately 36.28% by Mr. Luo Zhongping, the legal representative of Fuye Group, as to approximately 0.88% by Mr. Ding Zhiyuan, the legal representative of Heding Copper who also has approximately 5.3% shareholding interest in one of the shareholders of Fuye Group holding less than 10% interest in Fuye Group and as to the remaining 62.84% by 22 shareholders, each of which owns less than 10% of the entire issued share capital of Fuye Group respectively. Save for (i) their interests in Heding Copper through their respective shareholding interests in Fuye Group, and (ii) Mr. Ding Zhiyuan being the legal representative of Heding Copper, the ultimate beneficial owners of Fuye Group are third parties independent of and not connected with the Company and its connected persons.

As at 31 December 2022, the audited total assets, total liabilities and net assets of Fuye Group were RMB5,300,800,000, RMB3,696,040,000 and RMB1,604,760,000, respectively. The audited realised revenue and realised net profit for the year ended 31 December 2022 were RMB10,812,990,000 and RMB22,390,000, respectively.

As at 30 November 2023, the unaudited total assets, total liabilities and net assets of Fuye Group were RMB5,505,700,000, RMB3,822,680,000 and RMB1,683,020,000, respectively. The unaudited realised revenue and realised total profit for the eleven months ended 30 November 2023 were RMB12,088,850,000 and RMB178,260,000, respectively.



## **Information of Jiangxi Heli**

Jiangxi Heli is a limited liability company established in the PRC, the beneficial owner of which is Fuye Group. As confirmed by Jiangxi Heli, its principal business comprises the development, transfer and service of environmental equipment and technologies; the development, transfer and service of non-ferrous metal smelting technologies; the development, transfer and service of disposal technologies of wastes from surface treatment, wastes with copper content and solid wastes; the disposal and comprehensive use of industrial wastes; the recycling and sales of renewable resources (including productive scrap metals); the production, processing and sale of non-ferrous metals, precious metals and mineral products; the production and sale of construction materials and new materials; and the import and export of goods (excluding projects prohibited by laws and administrative regulations, operations of projects restricted by laws and administrative regulations may only be carried out upon the obtaining of permission) (Projects requiring approval according to laws may only be carried out upon approval by relevant authorities).

## **Information of Jiangxi Hefeng**

Jiangxi Hefeng is a limited liability company established in the PRC, the beneficial owner of which is Fuye Group. As confirmed by Jiangxi Hefeng, its principal business comprises the development, transfer and service of technologies; environmental protection equipment technologies, the smelting technologies of non-ferrous metals, the disposal technologies of wastes from surface treatment, wastes with copper content and solid wastes; the disposal and comprehensive use of industrial wastes; the recycling of renewable resources (including productive scrap metals); the production, processing and sales of non-ferrous metals, precious metals and mineral products; the production and sales of construction materials and new materials; warehousing services (excluding hazardous chemicals, refined oil and fuel gas); and the import and export of goods (excluding projects prohibited by laws and administrative regulations, operations of projects restricted by laws and administrative regulations may only be carried out upon the obtaining of permission) (the state has specific provisions to regulate the above-mentioned projects such that they can only be carried out with a permit or qualification certificate).

## Information of Zhejiang Fuhe Zhiye

Zhejiang Fuhe Zhiye is a limited liability company established in the PRC, the beneficial owner of which is Fuye Group. As confirmed by Zhejiang Fuhe Zhiye, its principal business comprises the development and management of real estate; property agency, property leasing, real estate information consultations, agency services for applying property ownership certificates; property management; investment management and consultancy (excluding securities and futures); industrial investment; and the import and export of goods (excluding projects prohibited by laws and administrative regulations, operations of projects restricted by laws and administrative regulations may only be carried out upon the obtaining of permission) (Projects requiring approval according to law may only be carried out upon approval by relevant authorities).

## DEFINITIONS

“Announcement”	the announcement of the Company dated 30 December 2022 in respect of the Mutual Guarantees Agreement
“Board”	the board of Directors
“Company”	Jiangxi Copper Company Limited, a Sino-foreign joint venture joint stock limited company incorporated in the PRC
“connected person(s)”	has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules
“Counter Guarantors”	Jiangxi Heli, Jiangxi Hefeng and Zhejiang Fuhe Zhiye and a Counter Guarantor means any one of them
“Director(s)”	the director(s) of the Company
“Fuye Group”	Zhejiang Fuye Group Co., Ltd.* (浙江富冶集團有限公司), a limited liability company established in the PRC
“Group”	the Company and its subsidiaries from time to time
“Heding Copper”	Zhejiang Jiangtong Fuye Heding Copper Co., Ltd.* (浙江江銅富冶和鼎銅業有限公司), a limited liability company established in the PRC, which is held as to 40%, 40%, 15% and 5% by the Company, Fuye Group, Xuancheng Quanxin Mining Co., Ltd.* (宣城全鑫礦業有限公司) and Hangzhou Fuyang Yuanhe Industrial Co., Ltd.* (杭州富陽緣和實業有限公司) (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Fuye Group), respectively

“HK\$”	Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong
“Jiangxi Hefeng”	Jiangxi Hefeng Environmental Technology Co., Ltd.* (江西和豐環保科技有限公司), a limited liability company established in the PRC, the beneficial owner of which is Fuye Group
“Jiangxi Heli”	Jiangxi Heli Environmental Protection Technology Co., Ltd.* (江西和立環保科技有限公司), a limited liability company established in the PRC, the beneficial owner of which is Fuye Group
“Listing Rules”	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange
“Mutual Guarantees Agreement”	the mutual guarantees agreement dated 30 December 2022 entered into among Heding Copper, Fuye Group and the Counter Guarantors for the provision of mutual guarantees between Heding Copper and Fuye Group
“New Mutual Guarantees Agreement”	the new mutual guarantees agreement dated 22 January 2024 entered into among Heding Copper, Fuye Group and the Counter Guarantors for the provision of mutual guarantees between Heding Copper and Fuye Group which replaces the Mutual Guarantees Agreement
“PRC”	the People’s Republic of China
“Proposed Cap”	the proposed maximum aggregated annual balance amount (which is also the maximum daily balance) of guarantees to be provided by Heding Copper and Fuye Group for each other for loans contemplated under the New Mutual Guarantees Agreement
“RMB”	Renminbi, the lawful currency of the PRC
“Share(s)”	the ordinary share(s) of RMB1.00 each in the share capital of the Company
“Shareholder(s)”	the holder(s) of the Shares
“Stock Exchange”	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

“substantial shareholder(s)”	has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules
“Zhejiang Fuhe Zhiye”	Zhejiang Fuhe Zhiye Co., Ltd.* (浙江富和置業有限公司), a limited liability company established in the PRC, the beneficial owner of which is Fuye Group
“%”	per cent

*In this announcement, the English translation of certain Chinese entities which are marked with “\*” is for identification purpose only.*

*Translation of Renminbi into Hong Kong dollars is based on the exchange rate of HK\$1.00 = RMB0.9096.*

By Order of the Board  
**JIANGXI COPPER COMPANY LIMITED**  
**Zheng Gaoqing**  
*Chairman*

Nanchang, Jiangxi, the PRC, 22 January 2024

*As at the date of this announcement, the executive Directors are Mr. Zheng Gaoqing, Mr. Zhou Shaobing, Mr. Gao Jian-min, Mr. Liang Qing, Mr. Liu Fangyun and Mr. Yu Tong; and the independent non-executive Directors are Mr. Liu Xike, Mr. Zhu Xingwen, Mr. Wang Feng and Mr. Li Shuidi.*