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## GRANT OF EXTENSION OF WAIVER FROM STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH THE MINIMUM PUBLIC FLOAT REQUIREMENT

References are made to (i) the composite offer and response document dated 13 October 2023 and jointly issued by CTFE, the Offeror and NWS Holdings Limited (the "**Company**") in relation to the NWS Offers; (ii) the announcement dated 23 November 2023 jointly issued by CTFE, the Offeror and the Company, in relation to the close of the NWS Offers; (iii) the announcement dated 5 December 2023 issued by the Company in respect of the grant of a temporary waiver from strict compliance with the minimum public float requirement (the "**Waiver**"); (iv) the announcement dated 19 April 2024 issued by the Company in respect of, among others, the update on the status of the public float of the Company; and (v) the announcement dated 23 May 2024 issued by the Company in respect of, among others, the update on the status of the public float of the company; and together with (i) to (iv), the "**Announcements**"). Unless otherwise defined, capitalised terms herein shall have the same meanings as those defined in the Announcements.

## **GRANT OF EXTENSION OF THE WAIVER**

As disclosed in the Waiver Extension Application Announcement, the Waiver expired on 23 May 2024 and the Company has made an application to the Stock Exchange for an extension of the Waiver.

On 30 May 2024, the Stock Exchange granted the extension of the Waiver for a period from 24 May 2024 to 31 December 2024, subject to the disclosure of such extension by way of an announcement.

The Company and the Offeror are taking appropriate steps to restore the required minimum public float as soon as reasonably practicable. Further announcement(s) will be made by the Company regarding the restoration of the public float as and when appropriate in compliance with the Listing Rules.

By Order of the Board Dr. Cheng Kar Shun, Henry Chairman

Hong Kong, 30 May 2024

As at the date of this announcement, (a) the executive Directors are Dr. Cheng Kar Shun, Henry, Mr. Cheng Chi Ming, Brian, Mr. Ho Gilbert Chi Hang, Mr. Lam Jim and Mr. Cheng Chi Leong, Christopher; (b) the non-executive Directors are Dr. Cheng Chi Kong, Adrian, Mr. William Junior Guilherme Doo (alternate director to Mr. William Junior Guilherme Doo: Mr. Lam Wai Hon, Patrick) and Mr. Tsang On Yip, Patrick; and (c) the independent non-executive Directors are Mr. Shek Lai Him, Abraham, Mr. Lee Yiu Kwong, Alan, Mrs. Oei Wai Chi Grace Fung, Mr. Wong Kwai Huen, Albert, Professor Chan Ka Keung, Ceajer and Ms. Ng Yuen Ting, Yolanda.

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