NEW TIMES ENERGY CORPORATION LIMITED

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(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 00166)

PROFIT WARNING

This announcement is made by New Times Energy Corporation Limited (the "**Company**", together with its subsidiaries, the "**Group**") pursuant to the Inside Information Provisions (as defined under the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "**Listing Rules**")) under Part XIVA of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong) and Rule 13.09(2)(a) of the Listing Rules.

The board of Directors (the "**Board**") of the Company wishes to inform the shareholders of the Company (the "**Shareholders**") and potential investors that based on the Board's preliminary assessment of the Group's unaudited consolidated management accounts for the six months ended 30 June 2024 and the information currently available to the Company, the Group is expected to record a loss after tax of approximately HK$15 million to HK$25 million for the six months ended 30 June 2024 as compared to a profit after tax of HK$57.9 million for the same period in 2023.

The expected loss after tax for the six months ended 30 June 2024 was primarily due to the net effect of the following factors:

(i) approximately 47% revenue decline from the Group's upstream business in Canada, which was adversely impacted by persistent low natural gas prices throughout the period. In addition, the Group's Northeast British Columbia production was severely impacted for about 80 days due to widespread wildfires and local evacuation orders. These fires affected a vast area surrounding approximately 800 natural gas wells operated by the Company and, on several occasions, swept through certain processing and gathering facilities, leading to substantial operational disruptions. The Group is in the process of restoring its damaged facilities and filing insurance claims. In response to depressed natural gas prices, the Group has elected to maintain shut approximately 2,000 barrels of oil equivalent production per day to preserve value until prices rebound. As of the date of this announcement, over 70% of its production capacity has been restored.

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(ii) a downturn in the financial performance of the Group's precious metals trading and refinery operations in Hong Kong, particularly in gold and silver, resulting from weakened trade volumes and margins in the region. This was partly due to record-high gold prices during the period and increased competition from the Middle East.

(iii) the recognition of an impairment reversal of approximately HK$111.8 million in relation to the Group's Canadian oil and gas assets following a technical and economic reassessment.

The information contained in this announcement only represents a preliminary assessment based on the information made available to the Board as at the date hereof and such information has not been reviewed by the independent auditor of the Company nor the audit committee of the Company. The interim results of the Group for the six months ended 30 June 2024 may differ from the information contained in this announcement. Shareholders and potential investors of the Company are advised to refer to the interim results announcement of the Company for six months ended 30 June 2024, which is expected to be published on 29 August 2024.

Shareholders and potential investors are advised to exercise caution when dealing in the shares of the Company.

By order of the Board
New Times Energy Corporation Limited
CHENG, Kam Chiu Stewart
Chairman

Hong Kong, 22 August 2024

At the date of this announcement, the Board comprises:

Executive Directors:
Mr. CHENG, Kam Chiu Stewart *(Chairman)*
Mr. TANG, John Wing Yan *(Chief Executive Officer)*

Non-executive Director:
Mr. LEE, Chi Hin Jacob

Independent Non-executive Directors:
Mr. YUNG, Chun Fai Dickie
Mr. CHIU, Wai On
Mr. HUANG, Victor