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

(Stock Code: 6837)

U.S.\$670,000,000 2.107 per cent. guaranteed bonds due 2025

(stock code: 40186)

CNY2,800,000,000 3.20 per cent. guaranteed notes due 2026

(stock code: 84429)

CNY3,500,000,000 3.30 per cent. guaranteed notes due 2027

(stock code: 84490)

TRADING HALT

At the request of Haitong Securities Co., Ltd. (the "**Company**"), trading in (i) the H shares of the Company, (ii) U.S.\$670,000,000 2.107 per cent. guaranteed bonds due 2025 issued by Haitong International Finance Holdings 2015 Limited and guaranteed by the Company (stock code: 40186), (iii) CNY2,800,000,000 3.20 per cent. guaranteed notes due 2026 issued by Haitong International Finance Holdings Limited and guaranteed by the Company (stock code: 84429) and (iv) CNY3,500,000,000 3.30 per cent. guaranteed notes due 2027 issued by Haitong International Finance Holdings Limited and guaranteed by the Company (stock code: 84490), each of which is listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "**Hong Kong Stock Exchange**"), will be halted with effect from 9:00 a.m. on 6 September 2024 (Friday) pending the issuance of an announcement pursuant to the Code on Takeovers and Mergers as well as Chapter 14 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited which contains inside information of the Company.

On 5 September 2024, a legally binding cooperation agreement has been entered into between the Company and Guotai Junan Securities Co., Ltd. ("**Guotai Junan Securities**", whose H shares are listed on the Main Board of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange with stock code 02611 and whose A shares are listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange with stock code 601211) to implement a merger by way of absorption and a share exchange by Guotai Junan Securities issuing (a) A shares that are to be listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange to holders of A shares of the Company that are listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange; and (b) H shares that are to be listed on the Main Board of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange to holders of H shares of the Company that are listed on the Main Board of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, and a placement of new A shares of Guotai Junan Securities for ancillary fundraising. The formal announcement of the proposed merger requires the prior agreement or clearance of competent regulatory authorities. The proposed merger is subject to approval by the board of directors and general meetings of the respective parties, and the implementation of which is subject to the approval of competent regulatory authorities.

In addition, trading in the Company's A shares listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange will be halted with effect from the opening of the morning trading session on 6 September 2024 (Friday), and the Company's relevant A shares announcement stated that such trading halt is expected to be no more than 25 A share-trading days as agreed by the Shanghai Stock Exchange.

WARNING: There is no assurance that the proposed merger will materialise or eventually be consummated, and any discussions between the Company and Guotai Junan Securities in relation to the proposed merger may or may not result in a merger with Guotai Junan Securities. Shareholders of the Company and potential investors are therefore advised to exercise caution when dealing in the shares and/or other securities of the Company. Persons who are in doubt as to the action they should take should consult their professional stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor or other professional adviser.

By order of the Board
Haitong Securities Co., Ltd.
ZHOU Jie
Chairman

Shanghai, the PRC
5 September 2024

As at the date of this announcement, the executive directors of the Company are Mr. ZHOU Jie, Mr. LI Jun and Mr. HAN Jianxin; the non-executive directors of the Company are Mr. TU Xuanxuan, Mr. SHI Lei, Ms. XIAO Hehua and Mr. XU Jianguo; the independent non-executive directors of the Company are Mr. ZHOU Yu, Mr. FAN Ren Da Anthony, Mr. MAO Fugen and Mr. MAO Huigang.

The directors of the Company jointly and severally accept full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in this announcement and confirm, having made all reasonable enquiries, that to the best of their knowledge, opinions expressed in this announcement have been arrived at after due and careful consideration and there are no other facts not contained in this announcement, the omission of which would make any statement in this announcement misleading.

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