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**CALB Group Co., Ltd.**

**中創新航科技集團股份有限公司**

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

**(Stock Code: 3931)**

## **ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE LITIGATION**

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### **I. BACKGROUND OF THE LITIGATION**

Reference is made to the prospectus of the Company dated 23 September 2022 (the “**Prospectus**”) in relation to the civil indictment ((2022) Min Min Chu No. 7) that the Company received in August 2022 from the Higher Court of Fujian Province (the “**Fujian Higher Court**”). According to the indictment, Contemporary Amperex Technology Co., Limited (“**CATL**”, a company listed on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange, stock code: 300750) filed infringement claims on intellectual property rights in respect of “Packaging components of EV battery” (動力電池封裝組件) (patent number: 201320059664.6) (the “**Patent Involved in the Litigation**”) against the Company, China Lithium Battery Technology (Luoyang) Co., Ltd. (中航鋰電(洛陽)有限公司) (“**China Lithium Battery Luoyang**”) and Fuzhou Dynamic Automobile Sales Service Co., Ltd. (福州動感汽車銷售服務有限公司) (an automobile seller independent of the Company) (the “**Case**”).

The litigation claims mainly comprise of:

1. requiring the Company and China Lithium Battery Luoyang to immediately cease all acts of infringement on the plaintiff’s rights of the Patent Involved in the Litigation, including ceasing manufacturing, selling or offering to sell the relevant products that infringe the plaintiff’s patent rights;
2. requiring the Company and China Lithium Battery Luoyang to jointly and severally compensate the plaintiff for economic losses amounting to RMB130 million and the reasonable costs incurred for stopping the infringement of RMB0.5 million.

## II. LITIGATION PROGRESS

The Case was heard in the Fujian Higher Court. The Company received the first-instance civil judgment (the “**Judgment**”) issued by the Fujian Higher Court on 16 October 2024, the key contents of which are as follows:

1. China Lithium Battery Luoyang and the Company shall immediately cease all acts of infringement on CATL’s utility model patent right (patent number: ZL201320059664.6) upon the effective date of the Judgment, namely, ceasing selling or offering to sell the products produced as of 18 July 2022 that infringe the Patent Involved in the Litigation;
2. China Lithium Battery Luoyang and the Company shall be liable to jointly and severally compensate CATL for RMB58,051,102 in economic losses and RMB500,000 in reasonable costs incurred for stopping the infringement, within 15 days from the effective date of the Judgment;
3. Other claims filed by CATL were rejected.

The acceptance fee for the Case was RMB694,300, of which CATL shall bear RMB260,000, China Lithium Battery Luoyang and the Company shall jointly bear RMB432,300, and Fuzhou Dynamic Automobile Sales Service Co., Ltd. shall bear RMB2,000.

Any party who is dissatisfied with the Judgment may, within 15 days from the date of delivery of the Judgment, appeal to the Supreme People’s Court by submitting an appeal along with copies thereof according to the number of the other parties or their representatives to the Fujian Higher Court.

## III. OTHER LITIGATION AND ARBITRATION MATTERS

As of the date of this announcement, save for the litigation matters disclosed in this announcement and the Prospectus, the Company is not aware of any other litigation or arbitration matters (as defendant) that should be disclosed but have not been disclosed.

#### IV. IMPACT OF THE LITIGATION ON THE COMPANY

1. With the rapid technological advancement and product iteration in the EV battery sector, the Company has adopted more advanced technologies and structural designs for its products. In addition, the Patent Involved in the Litigation has expired as at 1 February 2023. There is no circumstance where the Company is required to immediately cease selling or offering to sell the products that infringe the Patent Involved in the Litigation as mentioned in the Judgment. The Judgment is a first-instance judgment of the Fujian Higher Court and is not the final judgement, and the above compensation under the Judgement shall be jointly borne by the Company and China Lithium Battery Luoyang, the payment of which is not required currently. The Judgment will not have any adverse impact on the Company's production and operation.
2. The Company will appeal the first-instance judgment to the Supreme People's Court within the appeal period.
3. The Company will fulfill its information disclosure obligations depending on the progress of the litigation in accordance with information disclosure requirements.

By order of the Board  
**CALB Group Co., Ltd.**  
**Liu Jingyu**

*Chairwoman of the Board, executive Director and president*

Changzhou, PRC  
18 October 2024

*As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Ms. Liu Jingyu and Mr. Dai Ying as executive Directors, Mr. Zhou Sheng and Mr. Zhang Guoqing as non-executive Directors, Mr. Wu Guangquan, Mr. Wang Susheng and Mr. Chen Zetong as independent non-executive Directors.*