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APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CHANGE IN COMPOSITION OF BOARD COMMITTEES

APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The board (the “**Board**”) of directors (the “**Directors**” and each a “**Director**”) of HKE Holdings Limited (the “**Company**”, together with its subsidiaries, the “**Group**”) hereby announces that Ms. Xu Aijia (許艾嘉) (“**Ms. Xu**”) has been appointed as an independent non-executive Director with effect from 16 December 2024.

Ms. Xu Aijia, aged 31, has been appointed as an independent non-executive Director. She is professional in strategic business development with over seven years of experience in asset management, virtual assets and private equity. Ms. Xu’s expertise spans traditional finance and digital assets, with a proven track record in regulatory compliance and business development. She previously worked at various leading financial institutions where she served in different positions, including roles as manager in asset management, assistant vice president of credit and business development and assistant operations manager. Besides, Ms. Xu worked for licensed virtual asset trading platform in Hong Kong. From 2020 to 2022, she worked as a senior vice president in the investment and asset management department of Wisdom Bright Asset Management Limited, a subsidiary of Wisdom Education International Holdings Company Limited, the shares of which are listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (stock code: 6068). Ms. Xu obtained a degree of Bachelor in Information and Computing Science from Xi’an University of Posts and Telecommunications of the People’s Republic of China in 2015 and a degree of Master of Science in Advanced Technology and Management from the City University of Hong Kong in 2016.

A letter of appointment has been entered into between Ms. Xu and the Company, pursuant to which she was appointed for a term of one year as an independent non-executive Director and shall continue yearly thereafter until being terminated by not less than one month's written notice served by either party on the other. Ms. Xu will be subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the requirements of the second amended and restated memorandum and articles of association of the Company. The annual director's fee payable to Ms. Xu under the letter of appointment is HK\$180,000, which was determined by the Board upon recommendations by the remuneration committee of the Board (the "**Remuneration Committee**") with reference to her duties and responsibilities with the Company and the prevailing market conditions and practice.

Save as disclosed above, as at the date of this announcement, Ms. Xu (i) does not hold any positions with the Company or other members of the Group; (ii) did not hold other directorships in other public companies the securities of which are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas in the last three years; (iii) does not have any other major appointments and professional qualifications; (iv) does not have any relationships with any Directors, senior management, substantial shareholders or controlling shareholders (within the meaning of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("**Listing Rules**")) of the Company; and (v) does not have any interests in the shares of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap.571).

Save as disclosed above, and as at the date of this announcement, Ms. Xu confirmed her independence to the Company, that (i) she meets the independence factors as set out in Rule 3.13(1) to (8) of the Listing Rules; (ii) she did not and does not have any past or present financial or other interest in the business of the Group or did not and does not have any connection with any core connected person (as defined in the Listing Rules) of the Company; and (iii) there are no other factors that may affect her independence at the time of her appointment. In view of the above-mentioned factors, to the best knowledge of the Company, the Company confirms the independence of Ms. Xu.

Save as disclosed herein, there is no other information relating to the appointment of Ms. Xu as an independent non-executive Director that shall be disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules nor any matters which need to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Company as at the date of this announcement.

CHANGE IN COMPOSITION OF BOARD COMMITTEES

The Board hereby announces that with effect from 16 December 2024, Ms. Xu has been appointed as a member of each of the audit committee of the Board and the nomination committee of the Board and the Remuneration Committee.

The Board would like to take this opportunity to welcome Ms. Xu to join the Board.

By order of the Board
HKE Holdings Limited
Yip Chi Keung
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 16 December 2024

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises four executive Directors, namely Mr. Lin Ho Man, Mr. Tsang Wing Fung, Mr. Koh Lee Huat and Mr. Zhou Peng, two non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Cheng Yiu Mo and Mr. Lim Kai Jia Kesley, and four independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Siu Man Ho Simon, Prof. Pong Kam Keung, Mr. Cheung Kwok Yan Wilfred and Ms. Xu Aijia.