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HC GROUP INC.

慧聪集團有限公司

(incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 02280)

PROFIT WARNING

This announcement is made by HC Group Inc. (the “**Company**”, and together with its subsidiaries, the “**Group**”) pursuant to the Inside Information Provisions under Part XIVA of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong) and Rule 13.09(2) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Listing Rules**”).

The board (the “**Board**”) of directors (the “**Directors**”) of the Company wishes to provide shareholders and potential investors of the Company with an update on the financial performance of the Group. Based on a preliminary assessment of the unaudited management accounts of the Group and information currently available, the Group expects to record a loss attributable to equity holders of the Company in a range from approximately RMB255 million to RMB290 million for the year ended 31 December 2024 (“**FY2024**”), compared to a loss attributable to equity holders of the Company of approximately RMB1,830 million for the year ended 31 December 2023. Such loss for FY2024 was mainly attributable to, among other things, that it is expected that an impairment loss of approximately RMB130 million will be recognized in the Group’s profit or loss for FY2024 in relation to the Group’s investment in Guangdong Zhongmo Cloud Digital Technology Co., Limited. The management has assessed the impairment indicators with the assistance of the auditors and external valuer. In light of the financial position and business performance of the investee, a decline in fair value of the investment below its carrying amount was identified as objective evidence of impairment. The recoverable amount of the investment was determined using the fair value less costs of disposal method. The aforesaid loss for FY2024 was also attributable to the Group’s share of a post-tax loss of an associate engaging in micro-credit business that made further provision for impairment losses on its financial assets in FY2024.

As the Company is still in the process of preparing the financial results for FY2024, the information contained in this announcement is only based on a preliminary assessment of the unaudited management accounts of the Group and information currently available. It is not based on any data or information being audited or reviewed by the auditors or audit committee of the Company. Further information and other details of the Group's financial results for FY2024 will be disclosed in the forthcoming annual results announcement of the Company, which is expected to be published in March 2025.

Shareholders of the Company and potential investors should exercise caution when dealing in the securities of the Company.

By Order of the Board
HC Group Inc.
Liu Jun
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Hong Kong, 17 March 2025

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises:

Mr. Liu Jun (Chairman, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer)

Mr. Zhang Yonghong (Executive Director)

Mr. Liu Xiaodong (Executive Director and President)

Mr. Guo Fansheng (Non-executive Director)

Mr. Lin Dewei (Non-executive Director)

Mr. Xing Jingfeng (Non-executive Director)

Mr. Zhang Ke (Independent non-executive Director)

Mr. Zhang Tim Tianwei (Independent non-executive Director)

Ms. Qi Yan (Independent non-executive Director)