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CHINA STARCH HOLDINGS LIMITED

中國澱粉控股有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 3838)

PROFIT WARNING

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

The board of directors (the “**Board**”) of the Company wishes to inform its shareholders (the “**Shareholders**”) and potential investors that, based on the preliminary review of the unaudited consolidated management accounts of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2025 (the “**Year**”), the Group expects to record a total revenue of approximately RMB10,058 million, as compared to a total revenue of RMB11,415 million in 2024. As compared with a profit before taxation of RMB838 million for the year ended 31 December 2024, the Group expects to record a substantial decrease in profit before taxation by approximately 64% for the Year.

The expected decrease in revenue and profit before taxation for the Year was mainly attributable to the following factors.

- (i) The strong performance in 2024 was exceptionally well which was mainly driven by lower corn kernel cost. In contrast, corn kernel prices had increased for three consecutive quarters during the Year. Such rising cost pressure to the Group affected the profit margin adversely.
- (ii) The persistent oversupply in China's cornstarch and lysine sectors kept market prices under sustained downward pressure. In particular, lysine market prices slumped in the second half of the Year, which adversely affected the Group's profitability.
- (iii) During 2025, several countries launched anti-dumping investigations against Chinese-made lysine. As overseas buyers reduced their orders, a portion of the products originally intended for export was redirected to the domestic market, further intensified supply surplus and exerted additional downward pressure on lysine prices in China.
- (iv) The cornstarch production expansion project at the Linqing production complex affected the production capacity during the Year as one of the cornstarch production lines was demolished to pave way for expansion-related construction works. Details of the cornstarch production project was set out in the announcement of the Company dated 20 February 2025.
- (v) The expected traditional peak seasons (being the National holidays and summer months) for starch-based sweetener did not materialise during the Year.

The Company is still in the process of finalising the consolidated results of the Group for the Year. The information contained in this announcement is only a preliminary assessment by the Board mainly based on the unaudited consolidated management accounts of the Group for the Year with reference to information currently available, and is not based on any figures or information which have been reviewed or confirmed by the audit committee of the Board, or reviewed or audited by the auditors of the Company. The actual results of the Group for the Year may differ from those as disclosed in this announcement.

Shareholders and potential investors of the Company are advised to exercise caution when dealing in the shares of the Company and read carefully the announcement of the annual results of the Group for the Year, which is expected to be published in March 2026.

By order of the Board
CHINA STARCH HOLDINGS LIMITED
Tian Qixiang
Chairman

Shouguang, The People's Republic of China, 23 February 2026

As at the date of this announcement, the directors of the Company are:

Executive Directors:

Mr. Tian Qixiang (*Chairman*)
Mr. Gao Shijun (*Chief Executive Officer*)
Mr. Yu Yingquan
Mr. Liu Xianggang

Independent non-executive Directors:

Professor Chen Zhijun
Professor Hua Qiang
Ms. Sze Tak On