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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)

**INSIDE INFORMATION
POSSIBLE DELAY IN PUBLICATION
OF THE 2025 ANNUAL RESULTS
AND THE 2025 ANNUAL REPORT
AND
POSSIBLE SUSPENSION OF TRADING**

This announcement is made by HC Group Inc. (the “**Company**”, together with its subsidiaries, the “**Group**”) pursuant to Rule 13.09(2)(a) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities (the “**Listing Rules**”) on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Stock Exchange**”) 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).

Pursuant to Rule 13.49(1) of the Listing Rules, the Company is required to publish the preliminary results announcement for the year ended 31 December 2025 (the “**2025 Results**”) not later than three months after the end of the financial year (i.e. on or before 31 March 2026). Rule 13.46(2) of the Listing Rules requires the Company to publish the annual report for the year ended 31 December 2025 (the “**2025 Annual Report**”) not later than four months after the end of the financial year (i.e. on or before 30 April 2026).

The Company wishes to inform the shareholders and potential investors of the Company that it is expected that the Company would be unable to publish the 2025 Results on or before 31 March 2026, as additional time is required to, among other things, complete the Company’s relevant audit procedures and address requests from the auditor of the Company. Consequently, the publication of the 2025 Annual Report may also be delayed accordingly. Any delay in publication of the 2025 Results and/or the 2025 Annual Report would constitute non-compliance with Rule 13.49(1) and/or Rule 13.46(2) of the Listing Rules.

Rule 13.49(3) of the Listing Rules provides that where an issuer is unable to publish its preliminary results, it must announce its results based on the financial results which have yet to be agreed with the auditor (so far as the information is available). The Company, after due and careful consideration, is of the view that it would not be appropriate for the Company to publish its results based on the unaudited management accounts of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2025, as the currently available information may not accurately reflect its financial performance and position if the publication of the preliminary results is to be delayed.

The Company will announce separately in due course (i) the date of the board meeting to consider and approve the 2025 Results; (ii) the date of publication of the 2025 Results and/or the 2025 Annual Report; and (iii) significant developments.

Pursuant to Rule 13.50 of the Listing Rules, if the issuer fails to publish its financial information in accordance with the Listing Rules, the Stock Exchange will normally request suspension of trading in the issuer's securities and the suspension will normally continue until the issuer publishes an announcement containing the requisite financial information. If the Company fails to publish its 2025 Results on or before 31 March 2026, trading in the shares of the Company on the Stock Exchange may be suspended with effect from 9:00 a.m. on 1 April 2026 until the publication of the 2025 Results.

Shareholders and potential investors are reminded to 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 2026

As at the date of this announcement, the Directors are:

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

Mr. Zhang Yonghong (Executive Director)

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)