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RICI HEALTHCARE HOLDINGS LIMITED

瑞慈醫療服務控股有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 1526)

SUPPLEMENTAL ANNOUNCEMENT IN RELATION TO PROPOSED CHANGE OF AUDITOR

Reference is made to the announcement of the Company dated July 27, 2026 in relation to the Proposed Change of Auditor (the “**Announcement**”). Unless the context otherwise requires, the terms used in this announcement shall have the same meanings as those defined in the Announcement.

The Board of the Company announces that BDO resigned as the auditor of the Company (the “**Resignation**”) upon passing relevant resolution at the EGM. With the recommendation of the Audit Committee, subject to the Resignation becoming effective by way of passing an ordinary resolution at the EGM, the Board resolved to appoint Rongcheng as the new auditor of the Company (the “**Proposed Appointment**”, together with the Resignation, the “**Proposed Change of Auditor**”) to fill the casual vacancy following the resignation of BDO and hold office until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company. The Proposed Appointment is subject to, among other things, the passing of the relevant resolution at the EGM.

The Company wishes to provide the Shareholders and potential investors of the Company with supplemental information in relation to the Proposed Change of Auditor.

1. THE CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS LEADING TO THE PROPOSED CHANGE OF AUDITOR

The chronology of key events leading to the Proposed Change of Auditor is as follows:

Date	Events
May 18, 2026	The Company invited professional accounting firms with requisite listed-company audit experience, including BDO and Rongcheng, to provide interim review and audit fee proposals for FY2026.
May 27, 2026	The Company received an indicative fee quotation from Rongcheng.
May 28, 2026	The Company received an indicative fee quotation from BDO.
May 29, 2026	The Company received indicative fee quotations from two other professional accounting firms.
June 10, 2026	The Company received written fee quotation dated June 9, 2026 from BDO.
June 17, 2026	The Company held the Annual General Meeting at which BDO was re-appointed as the Company's auditor.
July 8, 2026	The Company received updated fee quotation from Rongcheng.
July 22, 2026	As part of its annual governance and cost-control review, the Board reassessed the level of professional fees of the Group, including audit fees, having regard to the Group's current operational scale, risk profile, cost-control strategy and prevailing market practices. Upon the completion of the reassessment, the Board formed the view that, the BDO's proposed interim review and audit fee was relatively higher compared to the other proposals received, having considered the Group's current operational scale and audit scope.
July 23, 2026	The Company's representative notified BDO of the Board's intention to propose the change of the auditors, subject to Shareholders' approval.
July 27, 2026	The Company received written resignation letter from BDO to resign as auditor of the company. Subsequently, an Audit Committee meeting and a Board meeting were held to resolve that the Board would propose a change in the appointment of the Company's auditor to the shareholders of the Company at an incoming Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company.

Date	Events
July 27, 2026	Following receipt of the indicative quotations, Rongcheng was invited to attend a meeting with the Audit Committee, at which it presented and discussed its proposed audit approach, audit plan and fee structure.
July 29, 2026	BDO issued a reply to the professional clearance letter from Rongcheng.

2. THE AUDIT FEE PROPOSAL AND THE REASONS FOR THE DIFFERENT FEES

BDO's proposed interim review and audit fee is RMB1,400,000 (inclusive of disbursement) and that proposed by Rongcheng is RMB1,340,000 (inclusive of disbursement) for FY2026.

The Audit Committee noted that, BDO did not provide a detailed breakdown of its proposed audit fee by reference to members of audit teams and supporting team, fee breakdown and budgeted hours by grade. In contrast, Rongcheng provided a more transparent resourcing plan and fee basis as detailed in below:

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| 1. Members of audit team comprising: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Partner with over 30 years of audit experience; • One key audit partner with over 19 years of audit experience; • One director with over 14 years of audit experience; • One senior manager with over 10 years of audit experience; • One manager with 10 years of audit experience; and • Six senior and staff associates. |
| 2. Supporting teams comprising: | IT team |

- 3. Fee breakdown:** The proposed interim review and audit fee proposed by Rongcheng of RMB1,340,000 (inclusive of disbursement) in performing audit for FY2026.
- 4. Budgeted hours by grade:** The total estimated audit hours by Rongcheng are approximately 3,240, comprising over 600 hours for the engagement partners and managers, along with over 160 hours for the IT team.

With reference to the quotations obtained from two other reputable CPA firms, the Audit Committee concluded that the reduced fee proposed by Rongcheng is not unreasonable. The Audit Committee further determined that this fee disparity, in itself, should not compromise audit quality. The Audit Committee further noted that this reduction is primarily attributable to operational efficiencies and strategic resource deployment of the Company rather than any reduction in audit scope or quality.

The reduction in the proposed audit fee for FY2026 compared to that of FY2025 is primarily attributable to two factors, namely, (i) a decrease in audit workload resulting from the reduction of the Company's general hospital business, and (ii) significant improvement of the efficiency of the Company's management system and the effectiveness of the Company's internal control system. In this regard, the Group has been continuously improving its operational and information systems in the following areas, which consequently the associated audit workload:

- **Management processes.** The Group has streamlined its management structure by centralizing functions previously handled separately by subsidiaries. Key initiatives include the establishment of a financial shared service centre. As a result of the above centralization efforts, certain clients and contracts within the Medical Examination segment, which were previously managed separately by various subsidiaries, are now consolidated at the Group headquarters, significantly reducing business complexity.
- **Information system.** The Group has upgraded its information technology infrastructure, including but not limited to Office Automation (OA) system, Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system, Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system, Cross-banking Cash Management (CBS) system and Artificial Intelligence assisted contract review systems. These enhancements have greatly enhanced management efficiency.

In addition, the reduced fee proposed by Rongcheng is supported by the following commitments to quality and efficiency:

- **Experienced and competent team composition.** The proposed audit team for FY2026 comprises a well-structured of experienced professionals, including an engagement partner, an engagement quality reviewer (EQR), a key audit partner, an audit director, a senior manager, a manager, and a dedicated audit team, ensuring that the engagement benefits from appropriate depth of expertise and adequate resource allocation tailored to specific needs for the engagement.
- **Efficient and strategic resource management.** Rongcheng has confirmed that cost efficiencies will be achieved through the strategic deployment of senior personnel in audit planning, supervision and review, with due consideration given to the nature, scope of the Group's operations. This approach ensures robust oversight, enhances the reliability of audit procedure, enables effective resolution of accounting issues, and mitigates potential risks, all while eliminating unnecessary duplication of work.
- **Proactive communication.** Rongcheng has undertaken to maintain regular communication with management and the Audit Committee throughout the audit process, providing timely updates on any issues identified to ensure transparency and avoid last-minute surprises. The Committee considers this proactive framework to be consistent with governance best practices and an additional safeguard of audit quality.

The Audit Committee noted that BDO and Rongcheng have comparable presence in the market of handling listed companies in Hong Kong and Mainland China with small-to-medium capitalization and professional standing. The Audit Committee has reviewed the transparent and detailed breakdown provided by Rongcheng in respect of the proposed staff plan, audit hours, and audit procedures, and considered these to be sufficient to support audit for the Company. The Audit Committee confirmed that Rongcheng's proposed team comprises a sufficient number at appropriate level of seniority, including partners or managers, throughout the audit process. The Audit Committee also met with Rongcheng to discuss its audit plan and methodology, and confirmed that its audit approach and the significant key audit matters highlighted are substantially similar to those of BDO. The Audit Committee is therefore satisfied that no audit procedures have been omitted or curtailed as a result of the lower fee proposed by Rongcheng. In addition, the Audit Committee noted that it is not uncommon for professional firms to offer more competitive pricing in order to demonstrate their eagerness to establish a new client relationship.

In view of the above, the Audit Committee considered that the audit quality would not be compromised notwithstanding the lower audit fee.

Assessment of Fee Transparency and Resource Visibility

While BDO did not provide a detailed breakdown of its proposed audit fee by reference to audit teams composition, supporting team structure, or budgeted hours by grade, Rongcheng has demonstrated its commitment to transparent audit planning and resourcing.

Rationale for Recommending Rongcheng

Given that the Company and BDO were unable to reach a consensus on the proposed audit fee for FY2026, notwithstanding the relatively modest fee differential, the Audit Committee considered it reasonable in the best interests of the Company to recommend the appointment of Rongcheng over BDO. This recommendation was based on Rongcheng's demonstrated commitment to the transparency in audit planning and resourcing as well as its ability to maintain continuous and effective communication with the Company throughout the audit process, a factor the Committee regards as essential to quality and audit procedural integrity.

Comparative Assessment and Committee Conclusion

The Audit Committee has conducted a comparative assessment of the proposals received and determined that Rongcheng's proposed fee and staffing plan are more commensurate with the Group's expected audit budget, and provide greater clarity on the audit plan, timetable and manpower allocation, thereby offering the Company greater transparency and planning certainty. The Audit Committee is satisfied that it has discharged its duty to evaluate the proposals by (i) focusing on audit quality and sufficiency of resources, (ii) comparing, to the extent practicable, the differences and the basis of resourcing, and (iii) ensuring that the recommended fee level would not compromise audit quality. The Audit Committee considers it reasonable for the Company to favour the proposal that offers the opportunity to achieve greater cost effectiveness without any diminution in audit quality. Accordingly, the Audit Committee recommends to the Board the appointment of Rongcheng as the Company's new auditor, following BDO's indication of its intention to resign due to the parties' inability to reach a consensus on the audit fee.

3. ASSESSMENT OF THE NEW AUDITOR

The Audit Committee has considered the suitability of Rongcheng as the new auditor following section 2 of the “Guidelines for Effective Audit Committees — Selection, Appointment and Reappointment of Auditors” issued by the AFRC in December 2021, including:

- **Governance and leadership:** The Audit Committee reviewed the partners’ profiles in Rongcheng’s firm introduction and the information on its website, and is satisfied that the firm’s governance structure and leadership demonstrate a firm-wide commitment to audit quality and the public interest. Rongcheng is an established firm with more than 15 years experience, governed by a group of partners possessing extensive audit experience and technical expertise. The audit team is structured with clearly defined roles, including a lead audit partner and a quality reviewer. The lead partner has over 30 years of experience auditing financial statements of Hong Kong listed companies across diverse sectors including pharmaceutical and medical devices, automotive, new energy, healthcare, technology, real estate, industrial and consumer goods. A dedicated quality control partner within Rongcheng will review the financial statements, ensuring accountability for audit quality and adherence to ethical requirements. The Audit Committee has reviewed Rongcheng’s organizational structure and is satisfied that it establishes clear reporting lines, effective delegation of authority, and robust accountability mechanisms. The Audit Committee has also critically assessed Rongcheng’s qualifications and internal resources, noting that many of its professional managers and staff previously worked at reputable international accounting firms and possess substantial experience in conducting annual audits for listed companies. Similar to other reputable accounting firms in the industry, Rongcheng’s governance arrangements align with public interest, ensuring that the audit function prioritizes accuracy, transparency, and integrity. The Audit Committee concludes that these governance arrangements, supported by appropriate independence safeguards and adequate resources, enable Rongcheng to perform its audit function effectively and in the public interest.
- **Compliance with relevant ethical requirements:** Rongcheng has committed to providing quality service and complying with all requirements of HKSQM 1, Quality Management for Firms that Perform Audits or Reviews of Financial Statements, or Other Assurance or Related Services Engagements, and to conducting independence assessments in accordance with the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certificate Public Accountants. Prior to its appointment as auditor, Rongcheng conducted internal conflict checks for all audit staff and performed independence assessments,

including necessary company and background searches, to ensure no potential conflicts of interest or threats exist between the firm and the Company. Rongcheng has confirmed to the Audit Committee that there are no proposed non-audit services, financial relationships, business relationships, or personal relationships between the audit engagement team members and the Company that might impair independence. The Audit Committee has also conducted its own background checks on Rongcheng through online verification, inquiries, and a review of Rongcheng's audit plan and is satisfied that no relationships or circumstances exist that could impair their independence.

- **Industry and technical competence:** The audit engagement will be led by a partner with more than 30 years of experience in auditing Hong Kong listed companies across a wide range of industries. The financial statements will undergo a secondary review by a Rongcheng quality control partner with substantial experience in reviewing financial statements of listed companies. Team members at managerial level and above are qualified CPAs, while other team members bring extensive audit backgrounds. The Audit Committee has reviewed the backgrounds of the proposed audit team and is satisfied that the team possesses sufficient technical knowledge and experience to audit the Company in compliance with applicable accounting standards and the Listing Rules.
- **Engagement performance:** The Audit Committee has discussed and reviewed Rongcheng's proposed audit plan, including its risk assessment approach, materiality thresholds, planned audit procedures, methodology, timetable, and the allocation of budgeted audit hours by staff seniority. The Audit Committee confirmed that the audit plan is designed to comply with applicable auditing standards. Rongcheng has confirmed that the engagement team will, as a minimum, comprise an audit in-charge, a second partner as engagement quality reviewer, and several team members including an audit manager, senior, and junior staff. Through inquiry, the Audit Committee noted that the seniority of staff assigned will be comparable to that of BDO. The partners in charge have over 30 years of audit experience, particularly with listed companies in businesses similar to the Company's. The Audit Committee is satisfied that Rongcheng's proposed team structure comprises sufficient professionals with appropriate oversight, technical rigour, and execution capacity to perform a high-quality audit.

- **Communication and interaction with the Audit Committee:** The Audit Committee has met with Rongcheng prior to its engagement. In addition, Rongcheng will meet with the Audit Committee to report key audit issues prior to the finalization of the financial statements.
- **Monitoring process:** The Audit Committee is not aware of any behaviour or activities of Rongcheng which would threaten its integrity, objectivity and independence, or that would have a material adverse effect on the audit.

Having assessed the aforementioned factors relevant to audit quality, the Audit Committee is satisfied that the incoming auditor is independent, competent and capable.

4. THE AUDIT PLAN AND TIMETABLE BY RONGCHENG

This annual audit shall adopt a risk-based audit approach. Special risk assessments will be carried out for core areas of the Company, including revenue recognition and impairment of property, plant and equipment as well as right-of-use assets. Group consolidation audit procedures will also be implemented concurrently, with coordinated audit work performed for each component under the Group.

Rongcheng's proposed timetable to complete the audit for FY2026 is as follows:

Phase	Timeline	Key procedures and steps	Status
Planning	November 1, 2026 to December 15, 2026	• Finalise the audit plan and meeting between the lead partner and the management of the Company.	• Yet to commence
Audit field work	December 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026	• Perform walkthrough analysis, test of control and inventory count supervision.	• Yet to commence
	January 2, 2027 to February 28, 2027	• Perform confirmation, test of details and other audit procedures.	• Yet to commence
	January 2, 2027 to February 28, 2027	• Engage in meeting with management to discuss key audit areas and audit queries	• Yet to commence

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Finalization	March 1, 2027 to March 25, 2027	Report audit results, findings and audit opinions to the Audit Committee during the audit completion meeting	Yet to commence
Announcement and reporting	March 26, 2027 to March 30, 2027	Sign off auditor's report	Yet to commence
	March 31, 2027	Issue of annual results announcement	Yet to commence

The Audit Committee has reviewed the timetable above. The audit progress remains on the track as at the date of this announcement.

IMPLICATIONS UNDER THE LISTING RULES

According to Article 46.2 of the Articles of Association of the Company (the “**Articles**”), the Shareholders may, at any general meeting convened and held in accordance with the Articles, by an ordinary resolution remove the auditor at any time before the expiration of his term of office and shall by an ordinary resolution at that meeting appoint another auditor in his stead for the remainder of his term. Under Rule 13.88 of the Listing Rules, (a) the Company must not remove its auditor before the end of the auditor's term of office without first obtaining Shareholders' approval at a general meeting; (b) the Company must send a circular proposing the removal of the auditor to Shareholders with any written representations from the auditor, not less than 10 business days before the general meeting; and (c) the Company must allow the auditor to attend the general meeting and make written and/or verbal representations to Shareholders at the general meeting.

In compliance with the Articles and the Listing Rules, the Resignation and the Proposed Change of Auditor will be proposed as ordinary resolutions at the EGM.

Accordingly, the Company will despatch a circular to the Shareholders who request printed copies, containing, among other things, further information on the Proposed Change of Auditor together with the notice of EGM, and also despatch a copy of the same to BDO to invite them to attend the EGM and make written or verbal representations (if any) to the Shareholders at the EGM.

The Board confirms that save as disclosed herein, there are no other matters in respect of the Proposed Change of Auditor that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

Save as disclosed above, all other information and contents set out in the Announcement remain unchanged. This announcement is supplemental to and should be read in conjunction with the Announcement.

By Order of the Board
Rici Healthcare Holdings Limited
Fang Yixin
Chairman

Shanghai, the PRC, August 28, 2026

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises four executive Directors, namely Dr. Fang Yixin, Dr. Mei Hong, Mr. Fang Haoze and Ms. Lin Xiaoying; and three independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Jiang Peixing, Ms. Wong Sze Wing and Mr. Tian Wenguo.