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河北建設集團股份有限公司

HEBEI CONSTRUCTION GROUP CORPORATION LIMITED

(A joint stock company incorporated in the People's Republic of China with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 1727)

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF DOMESTIC AUDITOR

This announcement is made by Hebei Construction Group Corporation Limited (the “**Company**”, and together with its subsidiaries, the “**Group**”) pursuant to Rule 13.51(4) of The Rules Governing the Listing of Securities (the “**Listing Rules**”) on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Stock Exchange**”).

References are made to the announcements of the Company dated 5 June 2026, 29 June 2026 and 7 July 2026 (the “**Announcements**”), and the notice and circular of the 2025 annual general meeting dated 8 June 2026 (the “**Circular**”), in relation to, among other things, the appointment of domestic auditor of the Company for 2026 and the progress. Unless otherwise defined, capitalized terms used herein shall have the same meanings as those defined in the Announcements and the Circular.

In view of the good reputation and influence of WUYIGE Certified Public Accountants LLP (“**WUYIGE**”) (one of the eight leading accounting firms in China and among the first to obtain H share audit qualification) in the Hong Kong capital market and its familiarity with the relevant regulatory requirements of the Hong Kong capital market, upon the recommendation of the Audit Committee, the Board has resolved to propose the appointment of WUYIGE as domestic auditor of the Company for 2026. WUYIGE will audit the financial statements of the Company prepared under the China Accounting Standards for Business Enterprises, and take over the duties that the overseas auditor is required to perform pursuant to the Listing Rules. Its term of office will be until the conclusion of the 2026 annual general meeting of the Company.

In assessing the appointment of WUYIGE as the Company’s domestic auditor, the Audit Committee has considered multiple factors, including but not limited to: (i) the scale of the Group’s business; (ii) WUYIGE’s extensive experience, appropriate industry knowledge and technical capabilities in providing audit services to companies listed on the Stock Exchange; (iii) its independence and objectivity in relation to the Group; (iv) its resources and capabilities; (v) its audit proposals and fee proposals in relation to the scope of audit services required by the Group and the Group’s current

scale of operations; and (vi) the relevant guidelines issued by the Accounting and Financial Reporting Council (the “AFRC”), including Part II of the Guidelines for Effective Audit Committees – Selection, Appointment and Reappointment of Auditors issued by the AFRC.

On 7 July 2026, the management of the Company communicated with the Audit Committee regarding the resignation of RSM and the resulting need for the Company to appoint a new domestic auditor. During the period from 8 July to 16 September 2026, the Company approached several accounting firms, including WUYIGE, and conducted preliminary assessments to identify a new domestic auditor of the Company. Following the preliminary assessments, the Company selected WUYIGE as its candidate domestic auditor, and intended to carry out further communications with the Audit Committee and WUYIGE. During the period from 17 September to 20 September 2026, the management of the Company and the Audit Committee engaged in substantive discussions with WUYIGE regarding the appointment of domestic auditor, including the scope of services and the estimated audit fees for the audit work of the Company for the year ending 31 December 2026. On 21 September 2026, the management of the Company conducted internal discussions and assessments, after considering factors including, without limitation, WUYIGE’s brand and audit experience, independence, resources and capabilities, proposed audit plan and fee quotation, it proposed to appoint WUYIGE as the Company’s domestic auditor. On 24 September 2026, the Company held a meeting of the Audit Committee to consider and approve the resolution on the proposed appointment of domestic auditor, and made a suggestion to the Board on the appointment of WUYIGE as the Company’s domestic auditor to conduct the audit work of the Company for the year ending 31 December 2026. On the same day, the Company held a Board meeting to consider and approve the resolution on the proposed appointment of domestic auditor, subject to approval by the Shareholders at the Shareholders’ general meeting and WUYIGE’s completion of its corresponding internal procedures.

In light of the above, the Board and the Audit Committee have assessed and considered WUYIGE qualified and suitable to serve as the Company’s domestic auditor. The Board and the Audit Committee consider that:

(I) Regarding the Commensurability of Audit Fees with the Scope of Audit Work

Having regard to the scale of the Group’s business operations and assets for the year ended 31 December 2025, including but not limited to the Group’s total assets of approximately RMB47.7 billion, revenue of approximately RMB15.4 billion, approximately 72 subsidiaries included in the scope of consolidated statements, approximately 20 principal places of business, as well as factors including the Group’s business segments, types of transactions, complexity of financial reporting, internal control and compliance requirements, the Board and the Audit Committee consider that the estimated audit fees negotiated with WUYIGE were determined based on arm’s length negotiation, after taking into comprehensive consideration the scope of audit, the estimated deployment of approximately 16 audit personnel, the estimated audit hours arrangements, on-site and off-site audit arrangements, the identification of key audit matters and response procedures, quality review requirements, and the level of audit fees of comparable listed companies in the market. Such audit fees are commensurate with the scope of audit work,

workload, professional responsibilities and resource commitment required by the Group, and the lowest quotation was not adopted as the main or sole consideration in the selection and appointment of the auditor;

(II) Regarding Maintaining High-quality Audit and Being in the Interests of the Shareholders as a Whole

The key considerations in the selection and appointment of the auditor are not merely to reduce audit costs, but to achieve an appropriate balance among audit quality, independence, professional capabilities, resource commitment, time arrangements and the reasonableness of audit fees. The audit plan proposed to be implemented by WUYIGE for the Company's audit work will cover the Group's major business segments, significant accounting items, material transactions, significant judgements and estimates, related party transactions (if applicable), going concern assessment, revenue recognition, asset impairment, financial instruments, fair value measurement and other areas that may constitute key audit matters, and WUYIGE proposes to deploy a project team with relevant experience and implement necessary review procedures on project quality. The Board and the Audit Committee consider that such arrangements will help ensure adequate audit coverage and an appropriate level of audit depth, maintain high-quality, independent and objective audit standards, thereby enhancing the reliability, transparency and comparability of the Company's financial reports and safeguarding the interests of the Company and its Shareholders as a whole, in particular those of small and medium-sized Shareholders; and

(III) Regarding the Independence, Qualifications, Resources and Capabilities of WUYIGE

- WUYIGE is a practising accounting firm recognised by the Ministry of Finance of the PRC and the China Securities Regulatory Commission, and is qualified to provide audit services to issuers incorporated in the Chinese mainland and listed in Hong Kong in accordance with the Auditing Standards of Chinese Certified Public Accountants. The Board and the Audit Committee have assessed WUYIGE in terms of its independence, practising qualifications, professional competence, project team composition, time commitment and quality control. To the best of the knowledge, information and belief of the Board, having made all reasonable enquiries, WUYIGE possesses the relevant practising qualifications required to provide domestic audit services to the Company, has experience in providing audit services to listed companies and enterprises of similar scale, and has confirmed its independence to the Company. The Audit Committee has considered and confirmed the independence of WUYIGE as the Company's auditor.
- WUYIGE has 33 offices and branches nationwide. As at August 2026, WUYIGE had more than 3,900 professionals and more than 1,000 certified public accountants. WUYIGE possesses various practising qualifications, including those for securities and futures-related business, financial-related audit services and audits of large state-owned enterprises, and also possesses the professional qualifications required to provide audit

services to listed companies. As at August 2026, WUYIGE had more than 218 listed company clients, including 213 A-share listed companies, and had provided audit services to more than 5 companies listed in Hong Kong.

- The project team proposed to be assigned by WUYIGE is expected to comprise 1 project partner, 2 signing certified public accountants, and approximately 14 project managers and on-site audit personnel in aggregate. The core members of the team possess years of audit experience with listed companies in the construction industry and will deploy additional resources in a timely manner based on the audit progress, significant matters and the complexity of the Group's business. WUYIGE has also explained to the Company its internal quality management system, independence management procedures, conflict-of-interest screening mechanism, project quality review arrangements and consultation mechanism for significant technical matters.
- Based on the above assessment, the Board and the Audit Committee consider that WUYIGE possesses sufficient independence, professional qualifications, human resources, industry experience, technical capabilities, time commitment and internal quality control capabilities to perform high-quality audit work for the Company.

The Company has preliminarily estimated that the audit fees for 2026 will be approximately RMB3.60 million (excluding tax). The estimated audit fees are preliminary and have been made on the assumption that there are no material changes in the scope of audit work for the Group's consolidated financial statements for the year ending 31 December 2026 as compared with that for the year ended 31 December 2025. Accordingly, the audit fees for 2026 may be adjusted during the course of business operations due to changes in the scope of audit work and other relevant factors. The final audit fees for 2026 will be submitted by the Board to the Shareholders' general meeting, at which the Board will be authorised and shall delegate the authority to the Company's president to handle the specific appointment and engagement matters.

The above preliminary estimated audit fees for 2026 are lower than the audit fees that the Group paid to Ernst & Young for the year ended 31 December 2025. In considering such difference, the Board and the Audit Committee have taken into account the level of the Company's audit fees, the market environment of the construction industry in 2026, the Group's principal business operations, scale of assets, the expected scope of audit work for the year ending 31 December 2026, and the quotations provided by WUYIGE and other candidate domestic auditors. The estimated audit fees for 2026 do not reflect any expected material reduction in the Group's business operations, any material reduction in the scope or extent of audit work, or any compromise in audit quality, independence or auditing standards. The Board and the Audit Committee consider that the above difference in fees is primarily attributable to differences among different audit firms in terms of pricing policies, personnel cost structures, project execution models, resource allocation and overall engagement cost-effectiveness, including the commercial pricing strategy adopted by WUYIGE. The Group did not make its decision on the selection and appointment of the auditor solely based on the level of audit fees. Instead, it

made the decision after comprehensively considering WUYIGE's independence, professional qualifications, relevant experience, resources and capabilities, quality control arrangements, expected scope of work and the reasonableness of its fees.

Based on the above, the Board and the Audit Committee consider that the estimated audit fees agreed with WUYIGE are in line with the average market price level of audit firms of a similar scale and are commensurate with the audit workload required for the Group. Accordingly, it is proposed that WUYIGE be appointed as the Group's domestic auditor, which, while maintaining audit quality, will help enhance the cost-effectiveness of the Group's audit work.

A circular containing, among other things, details of the proposed appointment of domestic auditor for 2026, together with the notice of the extraordinary general meeting, will be published on the HKEXnews website of the Stock Exchange (www.hkexnews.hk) and the Company's website (www.hebjs.com.cn), and will be dispatched to H Shareholders of the Company who have indicated that they wish to receive printed copies of the corporate communications of the Company in due course.

By order of the Board
Hebei Construction Group Corporation Limited
LI Baozhong
Chairman and Executive Director

Hebei, the PRC
24 September 2026

As of the date of this announcement, the executive directors are Mr. LI Baozhong, Mr. SHANG Jinfeng, Mr. ZHAO Wensheng, Mr. TIAN Wei and Mr. ZHANG Wenzhong; the non-executive director is Mr. LI Baoyuan; and the independent non-executive directors are Ms. HAU Pui Ying, Mr. LING Bin and Ms. WANG Bei.