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中國建築股份有限公司
CHINA STATE CONSTRUCTION ENGRG.CORP.LTD

Announcement on the Re-appointment of Accounting Firm for the Year 2024

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Important Notice:

- Name of the accounting firm proposed to be appointed: Ernst & Young Hua Ming LLP (Special General Partnership)

I. About the accounting firm proposed to be appointed

(I) Information on the institution

1. Basic information. Established in September 1992, Ernst & Young Hua Ming LLP (Special General Partnership) (hereinafter referred to as Ernst & Young Hua Ming) completed its localisation transformation from a Sino-foreign cooperative limited liability accounting firm to a special general partnership accounting firm in August 2012. Ernst & Young Hua Ming is headquartered in Beijing, with its registered address at Rooms 01-12, Level 17, Ernst & Young Tower, Oriental Plaza, No.1 East Chang'an Avenue, Dongcheng District, Beijing. By the end of 2023, it boasted 245 partners, with Mr. Mao Anning serving as its managing partner. Ernst & Young Hua Ming has consistently prioritized talent development. By the end of 2023, Ernst & Young had nearly 1,800 certified public accountants, over 1,500 of whom possessed experience in offering audit services for securities-related business. In 2022, Ernst & Young Hua Ming's total business revenue was RMB 5.906 billion, including RMB 5.669 billion from auditing business (RMB 2.497 billion from securities business). In 2022, it conducted audits for the annual reports of 138 A-share listed companies, generating a total service fee of RMB 901 million. These listed companies primarily operated in manufacturing, finance, wholesale and retail trade, information transmission, software and information technology services and real estate industries.

Ernst & Young Hua Ming has offered annual report and internal control audit services for the Company for four consecutive years starting from 2020. The previous year's audit opinion stands as a standard unqualified opinion. There is no such case that the Company appointed Ernst & Young Hua Ming to conduct some audits and then dismissed it.

2. Investor protection capability Ernst & Young Hua Ming has a strong investor protection capability, and has allocated the occupational risk funds and purchased occupational insurance covering Beijing headquarters and all its branches in accordance with relevant laws and regulations. The sum of the occupational risk funds allocated and the aggregate limit of indemnity of the purchased occupational insurance

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exceeds RMB 200 million. Ernst & Young Hua Ming has not been required to bear any civil liabilities due to civil litigation related to its practice in the past three years.

3. Integrity record. In the past three years, Ernst & Young Hua Ming and its practitioners have not been subject to any criminal penalties, administrative penalties, self-regulatory measures or disciplinary sanctions by self-regulatory organisations such as industry associations. It has received a warning letter from the securities regulator, involving two practitioners. But the warning letter is by nature a regulatory measure, rather than an administrative penalty. It has also received a written warning from the Shenzhen Stock Exchange, involving two practitioners without penalties. The warning serves as a self-regulatory measure. In accordance with the relevant laws and regulations, the above-mentioned regulatory measures will not affect Ernst & Young Hua Ming's ability to continue to provide services for the securities and other related business.

(II) About the Project

1. Basic information.

Ms. Shen Yan, a project partner/signatory certified public accountant, became a certified public accountant in 2010 and started providing audit services for listed companies in 2004. She joined Ernst & Young Hua Ming in 2001, and started to provide audit services for the Company in 2020. Over the past three years, she has signed/reviewed the annual reports/internal control of 5 listed companies operating in the construction, leasing and commercial services, and manufacturing industries.

Mr. Gao Jun, a project partner/signatory certified public accountant, became a certified public accountant in 2013 and started providing audit services for listed companies in 2008. He joined Ernst & Young Hua Ming in 2008, and started to provide audit services for the Company in 2020. Over the past three years, he has not signed/reviewed the annual reports/internal control of listed companies.

Ms. Zhang Ningning, a project quality control auditor, became a certified public accountant in 1999 and started providing audit services for listed companies in 1997. She joined Ernst & Young Hua Ming in 1997, and started to provide audit services for the Company in 2021. Over the past three years, she has signed/reviewed the annual reports/internal control of 10 listed companies operating in the construction, real estate, auto manufacturing, software and IT services, and gas production and supply industries.

2. Integrity record. During the past three years, none of the above-mentioned project partners, signatory certified public accountants or project quality control auditors has been subject to any criminal penalty or any administrative sanctions, supervisory or administrative measures by China Securities Regulatory Commission or its regional offices or the industry regulator, or any self-regulatory measures or disciplinary sanctions by self-regulatory organizations, such as stock exchanges and industry associations, for their professional conduct.

3. Independence. Neither Ernst & Young Hua Ming, nor the above project partners, signatory certified public accountants or project quality control auditors has violated the independence requirements of the Code of Ethics for Chinese Certified Public Accountants.

4. Audit fee. The Board of Directors of the Company has requested authorization at the annual general meeting to negotiate with Ernst & Young Hua Ming about the audit fee in accordance with the audit requirements and audit scope in 2024.

II. Procedures to re-appoint the accounting firm

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On April 17, 2024, the Audit and Risk Committee under the 3rd Board of Directors of the Company deliberated on and adopted the *Proposal on Re-engaging the Auditor for 2024 Financial Report for China State Construction Engineering Corporation Limited* and the *Proposal on Re-engaging the Auditor for Internal Controlling in 2024 for China State Construction Engineering Corporation Limited*, and submitted them to the Board of Directors for review.

After reviewing the basic information of Ernst & Young Hua Ming and information on its personnel, business scale, professional competence, investor protection capability, independence and integrity, the Audit and Risk Committee under the Board of Directors concludes that Ernst & Young Hua Ming has the statutory qualifications to provide audit services in Chinese mainland and relevant regions and countries, and demonstrates extensive experience in providing audit services for listed companies; Past audit projects attest to its ability to perform audits in an independent, fair and objective manner; it has fulfilled the responsibilities and obligations as an external auditor; additionally, the firm exhibits robust investor protection capability. After reviewing the resumes, professional qualifications, independence and integrity records, the Committee concludes that the project partners, signatory certified public accountants and quality control auditors have rich practical experience, have not violated the independence requirements of the Code of Professional Ethics for Chinese Certified Public Accountants, and have not been subject to criminal penalties, administrative penalties, administrative supervision measures or self-regulatory measures in the past three years. The Company's re-appointment of Ernst & Young Hua Ming as auditor of financial reports and internal control for the year 2024 is in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Company Law and the Articles of Association, and will not be prejudicial to the interests of shareholders, in particular minority shareholders.

According to the *Proposal on Re-engaging the Auditor for 2024 Financial Report for China State Construction Engineering Corporation Limited* and the *Proposal on Re-engaging the Auditor for Internal Controlling in 2024 for China State Construction Engineering Corporation Limited* respectively approved at the 56th meeting of the 3rd Board of Directors and the 29th meeting of the 3rd Board of Supervisors on April 18, 2024, Ernst & Young Hua Ming will be appointed to audit the 2024 annual financial report and the internal control for a period from the date of the Company's 2023 annual general meeting to the date of the next annual general meeting, with the audit fee to be determined by the Board of Directors as authorized by the annual general meeting of the Company.

The above proposals shall be subject to consideration by the Company's annual general meeting and shall take effect from the date of approval.

The above is hereby announced.

The Board of Directors of China State Construction Engineering Corporation Limited
April 18, 2024