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中国农业银行

AGRICULTURAL BANK OF CHINA

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中國農業銀行股份有限公司

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

(Stock Code: 1288)

CHANGE OF ASSISTANT TO COMPANY SECRETARY AND AGENT FOR ACCEPTANCE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS AND NOTICES IN HONG KONG

Agricultural Bank of China Limited (the “**Bank**”) announces that due to job re-allocation, Ms. Ho Wing Chi, Chris (“**Ms. Ho**”) tendered her resignation (the “**Resignation**”) as the assistant to the company secretary and the agent for the acceptance of service of process and notices on behalf of the Bank in Hong Kong with effect from 17 July 2017. Ms. Ho has confirmed that she has no disagreement with the board of the directors of the Bank (the “**Board**”) and there are no circumstances related to her Resignation which need to be brought to the attention of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Stock Exchange**”) and the shareholders of the Bank. The Bank would like to thank Ms. Ho for her contributions to the Bank during her tenure of service.

The Bank is also pleased to announce that Ms. Lai Siu Kuen (“**Ms. Lai**”) has been appointed in replacement of Ms. Ho as the assistant to the company secretary and the agent for the acceptance of service of process and notices on behalf of the Bank in Hong Kong with effect from 17 July 2017. The address for service of process on the Bank in Hong Kong remains unchanged at 25/F, Agricultural Bank of China Tower, 50 Connaught Road Central, Hong Kong.

Ms. Lai is a senior manager of TMF Hong Kong Limited. She has over 16 years of professional and in-house experience in the company secretarial field. She is a fellow member of the Hong Kong Institute of Chartered Secretaries and the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators in the United Kingdom. Ms. Lai has extensive knowledge and experience in corporate governance and compliance affairs of listed companies.

The Stock Exchange has granted a waiver to the Bank from strict compliance with the requirements under Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Listing Rules**”) in relation to the eligibility of Ms. Zhang Keqiu (“**Ms. Zhang**”) to act as the company secretary of the Bank on the condition that Ms. Zhang would be assisted by Ms. Lai to acquire the “relevant experience” within the meaning of Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules to discharge her duties as the company secretary of the Bank, for a period from the appointment of Ms. Lai to the date which is three years from the date of appointment of Ms. Zhang (i.e., from 17 July 2017 to 24 May 2018). The Bank will notify the Stock Exchange to revisit the relevant situation at the end of the period and expects to demonstrate that Ms. Zhang can satisfy the requirements under Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules such that a further waiver will not be necessary.

The Bank would like to welcome Ms. Lai's joining.

By Order of the Board
Agricultural Bank of China Limited
ZHANG Keqiu
Company Secretary

Beijing, the PRC
17 July 2017

As at the date of this announcement, our executive directors are Mr. ZHOU Mubing and Mr. ZHAO Huan, our non-executive directors are Mr. ZHAO Chao, Mr. ZHOU Ke, Mr. ZHANG Dinglong, Mr. CHEN Jianbo, Mr. HU Xiaohui and Mr. XU Jiandong; and our independent non-executive directors are Mr. WEN Tiejun, Mr. Francis YUEN Tin-fan, Ms. XIAO Xing and Mr. WANG Xinxin.