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# **ANNOUNCEMENT**

# MAJOR AND CONTINUING CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS

#### NEW FINANCIAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

Reference is made to the announcement of the Company dated 30 March 2022 in relation to the major and continuing connected transactions between the Company and Shandong Finance. As disclosed in such announcement, pursuant to the Existing Financial Services Agreement, Shandong Finance has agreed to provide, inter alia, certain deposit services to the Company in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in the Existing Financial Services Agreement. Shandong Finance is a non-banking financial institution with the approval of the NFRA.

As the Existing Financial Services Agreement will expire on 29 June 2025 and the Company intends to continue carrying out the relevant transactions under the Existing Financial Services Agreement, the Board announces that on 27 March 2025, the Company has entered into the New Financial Services Agreement as more particularly described in this announcement. The New Financial Services Agreement has a term of three years commencing from 30 June 2025 and ending on 29 June 2028.

## THE LISTING RULES IMPLICATIONS

Shandong Heavy Industry is a substantial shareholder of the Company indirectly holding approximately 16.30% of the issued share capital of the Company. As Shandong Heavy Industry holds 37.5% equity interest in Shandong Finance<sup>(note)</sup>, Shandong Finance is an associate of Shandong Heavy Industry and therefore a connected person of the Company under the Listing Rules. Accordingly, the New Financial Services Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereunder constitute continuing connected transactions of the Company under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

As certain of the applicable percentage ratios calculated in accordance with the Listing Rules for the deposit services under the New Financial Services Agreement exceed 25% but all of which are less than 100%, the provision of the deposit services by Shandong Finance to the Group constitutes a major transaction of the Company and is subject to the reporting, announcement and shareholders' approval requirements under Chapter 14 of the Listing Rules.

Further, as all of the applicable percentage ratios calculated in accordance with the Listing Rules for the deposit services under the New Financial Services Agreement for the three years ending 29 June 2028 exceed the 5% Threshold, the provision of the deposit services by Shandong Finance to the Group and the proposed New Caps for the relevant periods will be subject to the reporting, annual review, and independent shareholders' approval requirements under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

A circular containing, inter alia, (i) further details of the deposit services under the New Financial Services Agreement; (ii) a letter from the Independent Board Committee to the Independent Shareholders in relation to the terms of the deposit services under the New Financial Services Agreement; (iii) a letter of advice from the Independent Financial Adviser to the Independent Board Committee and the Independent Shareholders in relation to the terms of the deposit services under the New Financial Services Agreement; and (iv) a notice convening the general meeting of the Company, will be despatched to the Shareholders on or before 22 April 2025.

## I. INTRODUCTION

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The Group utilises the services of Shandong Finance on a voluntary, non-exclusive basis and is not under any obligations to engage Shandong Finance for any particular service. Shandong Finance is merely one of a number of financial institutions providing financial services to the Group.

## II. NEW FINANCIAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

Date: 27 March 2025

Parties: (1) the Company; and

(2) Shandong Finance

The transactions under the New Financial Services Agreement are non-exclusive and the Group has the right to decide whether it requires and accepts the financial services to be provided by Shandong Finance, and to have the discretion to engage other financial institutions to provide financial services with reference to its own business needs.

## Effective date and term

The New Financial Services Agreement shall become effective on the execution date of the New Financial Services Agreement and has a term of three years ending 29 June 2028, subject to the approval at a Shareholders' meeting of the transactions contemplated under the New Financial Agreement and the New Caps.

## **Deposit services**

Shandong Finance shall provide certain deposit services to the Group, the principal terms of which are as follows:

- (a) the interest rate for the deposit of the Group's funds with Shandong Finance shall be determined with reference to the relevant requirements of the People's Bank of China, and the actual interest rate shall be no less than the interest rate for the same type of deposit offered by other financial institutions in the PRC to members of the Group for the same period; and
- (b) the maximum daily balance (including interests) of the Group's deposit with Shandong Finance shall not exceed the following caps for each of the three years ending 29 June 2028:

	From 30 June 2025 to 29 June 2026	From 30 June 2026 to 29 June 2027	From 30 June 2027 to 29 June 2028
	$(RMB\ billion)$	(RMB billion)	(RMB billion)
New Caps	40	40	40

## Other terms of the Financial Services Agreement

In addition to the abovementioned deposit services, Shandong Finance has also agreed to provide the following financial services to the Group:

#### (1) Loan services

Shandong Finance shall provide certain loan services to the Group under the New Financial Services Agreement. As the said loan services to be provided by Shandong Finance to the Group are on normal commercial terms similar to or more favourable than those offered by other financial institutions for the provision of comparable services in the PRC and are for the benefit of the Group, and no security over the assets of the Group will be granted in respect of such loan services, the loan services to be provided by Shandong Finance to the Company under the New Financial Services Agreement are exempt from the reporting, announcement and independent shareholders' approval requirements under the Listing Rules according to Rule 14A.90 of the Listing Rules.

For completeness, the major terms of the said loan services to be provided by Shandong Finance to the Group are set out below for the Shareholders' information:

- (a) the loan services to be provided by Shandong Finance include the provision of loans, discounted notes and bill acceptance services, issuing of non-financing guarantee and the grant of credit facilities within the scope allowed by the laws, regulations and policies of the PRC;
- (b) the interest rate for the loan services to be provided by Shandong Finance to the Group shall, subject to the compliance of the relevant requirements of the People's Bank of China in relation to the interest of loans, not exceed the lowest interest rate for the same type and class of loan provided by other major commercial banks in the PRC to the Group for the same period;
- (c) the Group shall not be required to provide any security over its assets for the loan services; and
- (d) Shandong Finance shall provide a credit facility of up to RMB28 billion, RMB28 billion and RMB28 billion for each of the 12 months ending 29 June 2026, 29 June 2027 and 29 June 2028, respectively, to the Group and the amount of accumulated interest that shall accrue thereunder shall not exceed RMB0.87 billion, RMB0.87 billion and RMB0.87 billion for each of the 12 months ending 29 June 2026, 29 June 2027 and 29 June 2028, respectively.

## (2) Miscellaneous financial services

Shandong Finance shall also provide certain other miscellaneous financial services to the Group under the New Financial Services Agreement. In respect of the provision of such financial services by Shandong Finance to the Group, as they are conducted on normal commercial terms or better to the Group, and the Group expects that all the percentage ratios (if applicable) of the relevant annual fees payable by the Group to Shandong Finance in aggregate will be below 0.1%, the provision of such financial services by Shandong Finance to the Group will be exempt from the reporting, announcement and independent shareholders' approval requirements under the Listing Rules according to Rule 14A.76 of the Listing Rules.

For completeness, the major terms of the provision of such financial services to be provided by Shandong Finance to the Group are set out below for the Shareholders' information:

- (a) the miscellaneous financial services include (i) settlement services to be provided by Shandong Finance to the Group, pursuant to which Shandong Finance will provide payment and receipt services as well as other ancillary services related to such settlement services and (ii) other financial services within the business scope of Shandong Finance which includes but not limited to financial advisory services, credit reference and related consultation services, and entrusted loan services; and
- (b) the fees to be charged by Shandong Finance for (i) the provision of the settlement services shall not exceed the service fee rates for the same type of services provided by other financial institutions in the PRC, and shall not be higher than the settlement fee rates charged by Shandong Finance from other members to the Group; and (ii) the other financial services shall not exceed the fair market price or the standard rates imposed according to the PRC regulations, and shall not be higher than the level of fees charged by other financial institutions in the PRC.

## III. EXISTING ANNUAL CAPS AND HISTORICAL AMOUNT OF DEPOSIT

Pursuant to the terms of the Existing Financial Services Agreement, the existing annual caps, i.e. the maximum daily balance (including interests) of the Company's deposit with Shandong Finance for each of the 12 months ended 29 June 2023, 29 June 2024, and for the 12 months ending 29 June 2025 were RMB34 billion, RMB37 billion and RMB40 billion, respectively.

The maximum daily balance (including interests) of the Company's deposit with Shandong Finance during each of the 12 months ended 29 June 2023, 29 June 2024, and the eight months ended 28 February 2025 were approximately RMB30.0 billion, RMB31.0 billion and RMB33.4 billion, respectively.

## IV. PROPOSED ANNUAL CAPS AND REASONS

## **Deposit services**

The Board, having considered (i) the historical cash position of the Group; (ii) the expected growth of the business operations of the Group; and (iii) the expected amount of interest income from Shandong Finance, proposed that the maximum daily deposit balance (including interests) of the aggregated deposits placed by the Group with Shandong Finance pursuant to the New Financial Services Agreement shall not exceed the following caps for each of the three years ending 29 June 2028 (the "New Cap(s)"):

	From	From 30 June 2026 to	From 30 June 2027 to
	30 June 2025 to		
	29 June 2026	29 June 2027	29 June 2028
	(RMB billion)	(RMB billion)	(RMB billion)
New Caps	40	40	40

The Directors (excluding the independent non-executive Directors who will form their views after reviewing the advice of the Independent Financial Adviser) consider that the above New Caps in respect of the deposit services are fair and reasonable.

## Loan services and miscellaneous financial services

As disclosed above, the provision of loan services and miscellaneous financial services by Shandong Finance to the Company pursuant to the New Financial Services Agreement are exempt from the reporting, announcement and independent shareholders' approval requirements under the Listing Rules according to Rule 14A.90 and Rule 14A.76 of the Listing Rules, respectively.

## V. INTERNAL CONTROL PROCEDURES

To secure the Shareholders' interests, Shandong Finance has given certain undertakings under the New Financial Services Agreement and the Company has adopted certain internal control procedures, pursuant to which:

- 1. Shandong Finance shall ensure that it is in strict compliance with the requirements of the relevant PRC financial laws and regulations;
- 2. prior to the Group depositing funds with Shandong Finance, it shall obtain the latest audited reports of Shandong Finance for the three preceding years as well as the financial statements of Shandong Finance for the latest period;
- 3. the monthly report or financial statements of Shandong Finance for each month will be provided to the Group;

- 4. during the period when deposits were made by the Group with Shandong Finance, the Company shall regularly obtain and review Shandong Finance's monthly reports and audited annual reports; in order to assess the business of Shandong Finance and its financial risk and position; and
- 5. the Company shall be notified within three business days upon the occurrence of circumstances that may cause harm to the security of the Group's deposits or on the occurrence of any other circumstances that may jeopardise the security of the Group's deposits and Shandong Finance undertakes to take proactive measures to resolve such circumstances or prevent the diffusion and spread of such risks.

The Board considers that the above undertakings given by Shandong Finance and internal control procedures adopted by the Company in respect of the transactions under the New Financial Services Agreement are appropriate and that they will give sufficient assurance to the Shareholders that the transactions under the New Financial Services Agreement will be appropriately monitored by the Company.

# VI. REASONS FOR AND BENEFITS OF THE NEW FINANCIAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

The reasons for the Company to enter into the New Financial Services Agreement with Shandong Finance are as follows:

- 1. the interest rates offered by Shandong Finance for the deposit services, and the rates and fees charged by Shandong Finance for the loan services and miscellaneous financial services to be provided to the Company shall be equal to or more favourable than those offered or charged by other financial institutions in the PRC for the same type of financial services provided to the Company;
- 2. the activities of Shandong Finance are regulated by the NFRA and Shandong Finance provides services within its approved scope in accordance with its operational requirement; and
- 3. the Company currently directly holds 31.25%, and, through its 51% subsidiary, 陝西法士特齒輪有限責任公司 (Shaanxi Fast Gear Co., Ltd.\*), is interested in 6.25%, equity interest in Shandong Finance, and upon completion of the Capital Contribution, the Company will directly hold 19.53%, and, through its 51% subsidiary, Shaanxi Fast Gear Co., Ltd., be interested in 3.91%, equity interest in Shandong Finance, hence, the Company will be able to continue to benefit from the profits of Shandong Finance.

The transactions under the New Financial Services Agreement shall facilitate the Group to increase the efficiency of fund utilisation, and reduce the cost of financing. It will not be detrimental to the interests of the Company and will not affect the independency of the Company.

The Directors (excluding the independent non-executive Directors in respect of the provision of the deposit services under the New Financial Services Agreement who will form their views after reviewing the advice of the Independent Financial Adviser) consider that the New Financial Services Agreement has been negotiated on arm's length basis and is on normal commercial terms. The terms of the New Financial Services Agreement, the transactions contemplated thereunder, the proposed New Caps in respect of the deposit services and the estimated fees payable for the related financial services are fair and reasonable and are in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

The Company approved the New Financial Services Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereunder in the Board meeting held on 27 March 2025. At the aforesaid Board meeting, Mr. Ma Changhai had abstained from voting in respect of the resolution approving such transactions in view of his position in Shandong Heavy Industry. Save as disclosed above, none of the Directors has a material interest in such transactions and is required to abstain from voting.

## VII. LISTING RULES IMPLICATIONS

Shandong Heavy Industry is a substantial shareholder of the Company holding approximately 16.30% of the issued share capital of the Company. As Shandong Heavy Industry holds 37.5% equity interest in Shandong Finance<sup>(note)</sup>, Shandong Finance is an associate of Shandong Heavy Industry and therefore a connected person of the Company under the Listing Rules. Accordingly, the New Financial Services Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereunder constitute continuing connected transactions of the Company under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

As certain of the applicable percentage ratios calculated in accordance with the Listing Rules for the deposit services under the New Financial Services Agreement exceed 25% but all of which are less than 100%, the provision of the deposit services by Shandong Finance to the Group constitutes a major transaction of the Company and is subject to the reporting, announcement and shareholders' approval requirements under Chapter 14 of the Listing Rules.

Further, as all of the applicable percentage ratios calculated in accordance with the Listing Rules for the deposit services under the New Financial Services Agreement for the three years ending 29 June 2028 exceed the 5% Threshold, the provision of the deposit services by Shandong Finance to the Group and the proposed New Caps for the relevant periods will be subject to the reporting, annual review, and independent shareholders' approval requirements under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

## VIII. INFORMATION ON THE PARTIES

# The Company

The Company is principally engaged in the research and development, manufacture and sale of high-speed heavy-duty diesel engines and engine parts.

# **Shandong Finance**

Shandong Finance is principally engaged in the provision of enterprise group finance company services. As at the date of this announcement, Shandong Finance is held as to 37.5%, 31.25%, 12.5%, 12.5% and 6.25% by Shandong Heavy Industry, the Company, 潍集重機股份有限公司 (Weichai Heavy-duty Machinery Co., Ltd.\*), 山推工程機械股份有限公司 (Shantui Engineering Machinery Co., Ltd.\*) and 陝西法士特齒輪有限責任公司 (Shaanxi Fast Gear Co., Ltd.\*, a 51% subsidiary of the Company), respectively (note).

Note: Reference is also made to the Company's announcement dated 11 November 2024 (the "Capital Contribution Announcement") in respect of certain capital contributions to be made to Shandong Finance (the "Capital Contribution"). Insofar as the Company is aware, as at the date of this announcement, all relevant capital contributions have already been paid by the respective parties, and the Capital Contribution will be completed upon completion of the necessary filing and registration procedures with the relevant authorities. Please refer to the Capital Contribution Announcement for further details of the equity holding of Shandong Finance following completion of the Capital Contribution.

Weichai Heavy Machinery is principally engaged in the manufacture and sale of medium-speed diesel engines and diesel engine parts and components, power generator sets and related products, and the provision of repair processing services for machinery parts. Weichai Heavy-duty Machinery Co., Ltd. is a company whose shares are listed on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange (stock code: 000880) and is held as to approximately 30.59% by its single largest shareholder, 潍柴控股集團有限公司 (Weichai Group Holdings Limited\*), which is in turn a wholly-owned subsidiary of Shandong Heavy Industry.

Shantui Engineering Machinery Co., Ltd. is principally engaged in the research and development, production, sale, leasing, repair of, and the provision of technological consultation service in regard to construction work machinery, mining machinery, farmland basic construction machinery and harvesting machinery and the components. Shantui Engineering Machinery Co., Ltd. is a company whose shares are listed on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange (stock code: 000680) and is accounted for as a subsidiary of Shandong Heavy Industry.

To the best knowledge, information and belief of the Directors and having made all reasonable enquiries, Shandong Heavy Industry, and hence Shandong Finance, are ultimately governed and controlled by the State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of Shandong Provincial Government (山東省人民政府國有資產監督管理委員會).

# IX. INDEPENDENT BOARD COMMITTEE AND INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL ADVISOR

An Independent Board Committee comprising the independent non-executive Directors (namely, Ms. Jiang Yan, Mr. Chi Deqiang, Mr. Zhao Fuquan, Mr. Xu Bing and Mr. Tao Huaan) will be appointed to consider the terms of the deposit services under the New Financial Services Agreement and the relevant proposed New Caps.

An Independent Financial Adviser will be appointed to advise the Independent Board Committee and the Independent Shareholders on the fairness and reasonableness of the terms of the deposit services under the New Financial Services Agreement and the relevant proposed New Caps.

## X. DESPATCH OF CIRCULAR

A general meeting will be convened for the purpose of, amongst other things, considering, and if thought fit, approving the New Financial Services Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereunder. A circular containing, inter alia, (i) further details of the deposit services under the New Financial Services Agreement; (ii) a letter from the Independent Board Committee to the Independent Shareholders in relation to the terms of the deposit services under the New Financial Services Agreement; (iii) a letter of advice from the Independent Financial Adviser to the Independent Board Committee and the Independent Shareholders in relation to the terms of the deposit services under the New Financial Services Agreement; and (iv) a notice convening the general meeting of the Company, will be despatched to the Shareholders on or before 22 April 2025.

## XI. DEFINITIONS

Announcement"

In this announcement, the following expressions shall have the following meanings, unless the context requires otherwise:

"5% Threshold" the thresholds referred to in Rule 14A.76(2) of the

Hong Kong Listing Rules;

"associate" has the meaning ascribed thereto under the Listing

Rules;

"Board" the board of Directors;

"Capital Contribution" has the meaning as ascribed to it under the section

headed "VIII. Information on the parties – Shandong

Finance" of this announcement;

"Capital Contribution has the meaning as ascribed to it under the section

headed "VIII. Information on the parties – Shandong

Finance" of this announcement;

company established in the PRC with limited liability;

"connected person(s)"

has the meaning ascribed thereto under the Listing

Rules:

"Director(s)"

the director(s) of the Company;

"Existing Financial Services Agreement"

the financial services agreement entered into between the Company and Shandong Finance on 30 March

2022;

"Group"

the Company and its subsidiaries;

"Independent Board Committee"

a committee of the Board comprising Ms. Jiang Yan, Mr. Chi Deqiang, Mr. Zhao Fuquan, Mr. Xu Bing and Mr. Tao Huaan, being the independent non-executive Directors:

"Independent Financial Adviser"

the independent financial adviser to be appointed by the Company to advise the Independent Board Committee and the Independent Shareholders in respect of the provision of the deposit services by Shandong Finance to the Group under the New Financial Services Agreement and the proposed New Caps for the relevant periods;

"Independent Shareholders"

Shareholders who are not required to abstain from voting at the relevant general meeting of the Company held to consider, and if thought fit, approve the provision of the deposit services under the New Financial Services Agreement and the proposed New Caps;

"Listing Rules"

the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange;

"New Cap(s)"

has the meaning as ascribed to it under the section headed "IV. Proposed annual caps and reasons – Deposit services" of this announcement;

"New Financial Services Agreement"

the financial services agreement entered into between the Company and Shandong Finance on 27 March 2025:

"NFRA"

the 國家金融監督管理總局 (National Financial Regulatory Administration), formerly the 中國銀行保險監督管理委員會 (China Banking and Insurance Regulatory Commission);

"PRC"

the People's Republic of China;

"RMB"

Renminbi, the lawful currency of the PRC;

"Shandong Finance"

山東重工集團財務有限公司 (Shandong Heavy Industry Group Finance Co., Ltd.\*), a company established in the PRC with limited liability which is currently owned as to 37.5%, 31.25%, 12.5%, 12.5% and 6.25% by Shandong Heavy Industry, the Company, 潍柴重機股份有限公司 (Weichai Heavyduty Machinery Co., Ltd.\*), 山推工程機械股份有限公司 (Shantui Engineering Machinery Co., Ltd.\*) and 陝西法士特齒輪有限責任公司 (Shaanxi Fast Gear Co., Ltd.\*), respectively. For details of the equity holding of Shandong Finance following completion of the Capital Contribution, please refer to the Capital Contribution Announcement;

"Shandong Heavy Industry"

山東重工集團有限公司 (Shandong Heavy Industry Group Co., Ltd.\*), a substantial shareholder and connected person of the Company;

"Shareholders"

holders of the shares of RMB1.00 each in the capital of

the Company;

"Stock Exchange"

The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited; and

"%"

per cent.

By order of the Board of Directors
Weichai Power Co., Ltd.
Ma Changhai
Chairman

Hong Kong, 27 March 2025

As at the date of this announcement, the executive Directors of the Company are Mr. Ma Changhai, Mr. Wang Decheng, Mr. Huang Weibiao, Mr. Sun Shaojun, Mr. Yuan Hongming and Mr. Ma Xuyao; the non-executive Directors of the Company are Mr. Zhang Liangfu, Mr. Richard Robinson Smith and Mr. Michael Martin Macht; and the independent non-executive Directors of the Company are Ms. Jiang Yan, Mr. Chi Deqiang, Mr. Zhao Fuquan, Mr. Xu Bing and Mr. Tao Huaan.

<sup>\*</sup> For identification purposes only