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**中國地熱能產業發展集團有限公司**

**CHINA GEOTHERMAL INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT GROUP LIMITED**

*(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)*

**(Stock Code: 8128)**

## **CONTINUING CONNECTED TRANSACTION**

### **SALE AND PURCHASE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT**

The 2018 Sale and Purchase Framework Agreement expired on 31 December 2020 and HYY, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, and Sichuan Changhong wish to enter into an agreement to renew the principal terms of the 2018 Sale and Purchase Framework Agreement. As a result, the Board announces that on 28 January 2021, HYY and Sichuan Changhong entered into the Sale and Purchase Framework Agreement, pursuant to which, HYY and its associates intended to provide installation engineering services for air-conditioning appliance products to Sichuan Changhong and its associates, and Sichuan Changhong and its associates intended to sell air-conditioning appliance products to HYY and its associates, for a term commencing from the Effective Date to 31 December 2023.

### **GEM LISTING RULES IMPLICATIONS**

As at the date of this announcement, Hong Yuan Ground Source Heating Device Technology Co., Ltd. (宏源地能熱寶技術有限公司) is jointly invested by HYY and Sichuan Changhong, in particular, it is owned as to 51% by HYY and 49% by Sichuan Changhong. Under the definition of the GEM Listing Rules, Sichuan Changhong is a connected person of the Company at the subsidiary level. As such, the transaction contemplated under the Sale and Purchase Framework Agreement constitutes a continuing connected transaction of the Company under Chapter 20 of the GEM Listing Rules.

Given that (i) Sichuan Changhong is a connected person of the Company at the subsidiary level; (ii) the Board has approved the transaction contemplated under the Sale and Purchase Framework Agreement; and (iii) the independent non-executive Directors have confirmed that the terms of the transaction contemplated under the Sale and Purchase Framework Agreement are fair and reasonable, and that such transaction is entered into on normal commercial terms, and is in the interests of the Company and its Shareholders as a whole. As such, the transaction contemplated

under the Sale and Purchase Framework Agreement is subject to the reporting and announcement requirements, but is exempted from the circular, independent financial advice and Shareholders' approval requirements under Rule 20.99 of the GEM Listing Rules.

## **SALE AND PURCHASE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT**

- Date:** 28 January 2021
- Parties:**
1. HYY and
  2. Sichuan Changhong
- Subject matters:**
- HYY (on behalf of itself and its associates) agrees to provide to Sichuan Changhong (on behalf of itself and its associates), and Sichuan Changhong (on behalf of itself and its associates) agrees to purchase HYY Services under the Sale and Purchase Framework Agreement.
- Sichuan Changhong (on behalf of itself and its associates) agrees to sell to HYY (on behalf of itself and its associates), and HYY (on behalf of itself and its associates) agrees to purchase Changhong Products under the Sale and Purchase Framework Agreement.
- Both parties will enter into a definitive agreement specifying detailed terms for each continuing connected transaction pursuant to the terms and provisions set out in the Sale and Purchase Framework Agreement.
- Term:** For the period commencing from the Effective Date to 31 December 2023.
- Pricing:** The prices for the sale and purchase of the Products and Services in the definitive agreements will be determined after arm's length negotiations between both parties by fully considering the market conditions and on the basis of being fair and reasonable so far as the Shareholders of the Company are concerned. Both parties agree that the sale and purchase of the Products and Services under the Sale and Purchase Framework Agreement shall be conducted on the premise of compliance with the laws and fulfillment of both parties' business requirements, and meeting the business approval conditions and handling procedures.

The pricing terms of individual purchase orders will be determined in the following manner:

1. Prior to any purchase of Changhong Products under the Sale and Purchase Framework Agreement, the procurement department of HYY or its associates will review the quotations of relevant orders and ensure that such quotations will be no higher than the prices of the same or similar products sold by independent third party suppliers. If the prices of Changhong Products are higher than the prices provided by independent third party suppliers, HYY will opt not to accept such quotations; and
2. The prices of HYY Services provided by HYY or its associates to Sichuan Changhong or its associates will be no lower than the prices of the same or similar services provided to independent third parties in its ordinary course of business.

Payment terms:

The payment terms for the Expenses in the definitive agreements will be determined after arm's length negotiations between both parties by fully considering the market conditions and on the basis of being fair and reasonable so far as the Shareholders of the Company are concerned.

Annual caps:

Pursuant to the definitive agreements entered into under the terms and provisions set out in the Sale and Purchase Framework Agreement, as to the amounts payable by the Buyer to the Seller in respect of the Products and Services from the Effective Date to 31 December 2023, the total amount paid in each calendar year shall not exceed the following cap for the corresponding year:

	<b>From the Effective Date to 31 December 2021 (RMB'000)</b>	<b>From 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022 (RMB'000)</b>	<b>From 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023 (RMB'000)</b>
HYY			
Services	15,000	18,000	22,000
Changhong			
Products	120,000	140,000	165,000

## HISTORICAL TRANSACTION AMOUNTS

The annual caps of the connected transactions for the period from 2018 to 2020 and the historical transaction amounts for the period from 26 June 2018 to 31 December 2018, for the year ended 31 December 2019 and for period from 1 January 2020 to 30 September 2020 were set out as follow:

	From 26 June 2018 to 31 December 2018 (RMB'000)		From 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019 (RMB'000)		From 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020 (RMB'000)	From 1 January 2020 to 30 September 2020 (RMB'000)
	Annual cap	Historical transaction amount	Annual cap	Historical transaction amount	Annual cap	Historical transaction amount
HYY Services	65,990	4,473	72,590	9,553	79,850	6,530
Changhong Products	152,500	3,597	167,750	941	184,520	52,010

## BASIS OF THE PROPOSED ANNUAL CAPS

The proposed annual cap for the transaction from the Effective Date to 31 December 2023 is determined after taking into account of the following: (a) the historical amount of the transactions between HYY or its associates and Sichuan Changhong or its associates during the periods under the 2018 Sale and Purchase Framework Agreement; (b) the expectation of the Group's business plans for 2021; (c) the potential business growth of the Group in the future.

## REASONS FOR AND BENEFITS OF ENTERING INTO THE SALE AND PURCHASE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT

Sichuan Changhong is a home appliance manufacturer. We have commissioned Sichuan Changhong to manufacture air-conditioning appliance products that meet the needs of customers in accordance with our design and requirements through this cooperation. As such, we can make the sale to our customers after purchasing the relevant Changhong Products. On the other hand, the Directors believe that the provision of HYY Services to Sichuan Changhong could result in a growth in the overall revenue and profits of the Group. In addition, such move could also facilitate the business cooperation between the Group and Sichuan Changhong.

The Directors (including the independent non-executive Directors) confirm that entering into the Sale and Purchase Framework Agreement is in the ordinary and usual course of business of the Group, and believe that the terms of the Sale and Purchase Framework Agreement are entered into on normal commercial terms, and are determined after arm's length negotiations among all relevant parties, and are fair and reasonable and in the interests of the Company and its Shareholders as a whole.

## **INFORMATION ON THE GROUP AND HYY**

The Company is an investment holding company, whose subsidiary, HYY, is principally engaged in the research, development and promotion of shallow geothermal energy as alternative energy to provide heating for buildings and is committed to the industrialization development of the original technology which can accelerate the all-around upgrade and transformation of the traditional heating industry with combustion, emissions and pollution to an emerging industry of combustion-free integrated heating and cooling system with shallow geothermal energy.

## **INFORMATION ON SICHUAN CHANGHONG**

Sichuan Changhong, a home appliance company incorporated in the PRC, is principally engaged in the production, research and development, as well as the sale and operation of domestic air-conditioners, central air-conditioners and air-based water heaters (空氣源熱水器).

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Given that (i) Sichuan Changhong is a connected person of the Company at the subsidiary level; (ii) the Board has approved the transaction contemplated under the Sale and Purchase Framework Agreement; and (iii) the independent non-executive Directors have confirmed that the terms of the transaction contemplated under the Sale and Purchase Framework Agreement are fair and reasonable, and that such transaction is entered into on normal commercial terms, and is in the interests of the Company and its Shareholders as a whole, the transaction contemplated under the Sale and Purchase Framework Agreement is subject to the reporting and announcement requirements, but is exempted from the circular, independent financial advice and Shareholders' approval requirements under Rule 20.99 of the GEM Listing Rules.

To the best of the Directors' knowledge, information and belief having made all reasonable enquiries, none of the Directors is materially interested in the Sale and Purchase Framework Agreement and the transaction contemplated thereunder. As such, none of the Directors shall abstain from voting on the relevant Board resolutions in respect of the Sale and Purchase Framework Agreement and the transaction contemplated thereunder.

## **DEFINITIONS**

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

“2018 Sale and Purchase Framework Agreement”	the sale and purchase framework agreement entered into between HYY and Sichuan Changhong in respect of the sale and purchase of HYY Services and Changhong Products on 26 June 2018
“associate(s)”	has the meaning ascribed to it under the GEM Listing Rules
“Board”	the board of Directors of the Company
“Buyer”	(1) Sichuan Changhong or its associates who purchase HYY Services at any time in the sale and purchase of HYY Services; and (2) HYY or its associates who purchase Changhong Products at any time in the sale and purchase of Changhong Products
“Changhong Products”	air-conditioning appliance products
“Company”	China Geothermal Industry Development Group Limited, a company incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability and the shares of which are listed on the GEM
“connected person(s)”	has the meaning ascribed to it under the GEM Listing Rules
“continuing connected transaction”	has the meaning ascribed to it under the GEM Listing Rules
“Directors”	the directors of the Company
“Effective Date”	the date of entering into the Sale and Purchase Framework Agreement
“Expenses”	the costs or expenses payable for a certain sale and purchase contemplated under the Sale and Purchase Framework Agreement, and such costs or expenses shall be determined in accordance with the detailed terms specified in the definitive agreement entered into for such sale and purchase
“GEM”	the GEM of the Stock Exchange
“GEM Listing Rules”	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the GEM
“Group”	the Company and its subsidiaries
“Hong Kong”	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China

“Hong Yuan Ground Source Heating Device Technology Co., Ltd.”	Hong Yuan Ground Source Heating Device Technology Co., Ltd. (宏源地能熱寶技術有限公司), a company incorporated in the PRC, which is owned as to 51% by HYY and 49% by Sichuan Changhong
“HYY”	Ever Source Science and Technology Development Group Co., Ltd. (恒有源科技發展集團有限公司), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company
“HYY Services”	the installation engineering services for air-conditioning appliance products
“PRC”	the People’s Republic of China, which for the purpose of this announcement, excludes Hong Kong, the Macau Special Administrative Region of the PRC and Taiwan
“Products and Services”	HYY Services and Changhong Products
“RMB”	Renminbi, the lawful currency of the PRC
“Sale and Purchase Framework Agreement”	the framework agreement entered into between HYY and Sichuan Changhong in respect of the sale and purchase of HYY Services and Changhong Products on 28 January 2021
“Seller”	(1) HYY or its associates who provide HYY Services at any time in the sale and purchase of HYY Services; and (2) Sichuan Changhong or its associates who sell Changhong Products at any time in the sale and purchase of Changhong Products
“Shareholders”	the holders of the shares of the Company
“Sichuan Changhong”	Sichuan Changhong Air Conditioning Co., Ltd. (四川長虹空調有限公司), a company incorporated in the PRC
“Stock Exchange”	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
“subsidiaries”	has the meaning ascribed to it under the GEM Listing Rules

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By order of the Board  
**China Geothermal Industry Development Group Limited**  
**Xu Shengheng**  
*Joint Chairman & Executive Director*

Hong Kong, 28 January 2021

*As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Mr. Xu Shengheng, Ms. Wang Yan, Ms. Chan Wai Kay, Katherine, Mr. Wang Manquan, Ms. Hao Xia and Mr. Dai Qi as executive Directors, Mr. Yang Wei, Mr. Zhang Yiyang and Mr. Wang Michael Zhiyu (Ms. Liu Ening being his alternate Director) as non-executive Directors, Mr. Jia Wenzeng, Mr. Wu Desheng, Mr. Wu Qiang, Mr. Guo Qingui and Mr. Guan Chenghua as independent non-executive Directors.*

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