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CHANGE OF JOINT COMPANY SECRETARY AND WAIVER FROM STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH RULES 3.28 AND 8.17 OF THE LISTING RULES

RESIGNATION OF JOINT COMPANY SECRETARY

The board (the “**Board**”) of directors (the “**Directors**”) of Rizhao Port Jurong Co., Ltd. (the “**Company**”) hereby announces that due to adjustment in work arrangements, Mr. Zheng Shiqiang (“**Mr. Zheng**”) has tendered his resignation as a joint company secretary of the Company (the “**Joint Company Secretary**”) with effect from 21 January 2025.

Mr. Zheng has confirmed that he has no disagreement with the Board and there are no other matters that need to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Company and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Stock Exchange**”).

The Board would like to express its sincere gratitude to Mr. Zheng for his contributions to the Company during his tenure as a Joint Company Secretary.

APPOINTMENT OF JOINT COMPANY SECRETARY

The Board also announces that Mr. Gao Zhiyuan (“**Mr. Gao**”) has been appointed as the Joint Company Secretary with effect from 21 January 2025. Mr. Gao will jointly perform the duties of company secretary with Ms. Yung Mei Yee (“**Ms. Yung**”), who is currently the other Joint Company Secretary.

The biographical details of Mr. Gao are set out as follows:

Mr. Gao, aged 37, has rich experience in accounting and auditing. Mr. Gao served as the accountant of the financial department of the Company from June 2011 to October 2015, the deputy head of the business department of the Company from October 2015 to January 2017, the deputy captain of the operation team of the Company from January 2017 to April 2018, and the deputy captain of warehouse team of the Company from April 2018 to July 2019. Mr. Gao worked as the deputy director of the general office of the Company from July 2019 to October 2020 while also serving as the deputy director of the internal audit office of the Company from August 2019 to October 2020 and became the director of the general office of the Company (Shandong Port Group executive level) from October 2020 to October 2021. Mr. Gao was also a member of the Institutional Party Branch Committee of the Company from July 2019 to October 2021. From August 2022 to November 2024, Mr. Gao was also the employee representative supervisor and the chairman of the Supervisory Committee of the Company. Since October 2021, Mr. Gao has served as the secretary of the Institutional Party Branch Committee of the Company and the office manager of the Company (Shandong Port Group supervisor level), since August 2024, Mr. Gao has served as a member of the Party Committee of the Company, and since November 2024, Mr. Gao has served as the deputy general manager of the Company.

Mr. Gao graduated from Yanshan College of Shandong Economics University (山東經濟學院燕山學院) with a bachelor's degree in financial management in July 2010. In April 2021, Mr. Gao was awarded the master's degree of business administration by Shanghai Maritime University (上海海事大學). Mr. Gao obtained the qualification of junior accountant in 2015 and the qualification of intermediate economist in 2018.

The biographical details of Ms. Yung are set out as follows:

Ms. Yung is a vice president of SWCS Corporate Services Group (Hong Kong) Limited. She has over 20 years of experience in handling company secretarial, corporate governance and compliance affairs of listed companies. She has held various senior company secretarial positions in and acted as the company secretary or joint company secretary of a number of companies listed on the Stock Exchange. She is currently the company secretary or joint company secretary of a few listed companies on the Stock Exchange. She is a fellow of The Hong Kong Chartered Governance Institute and The Chartered Governance Institute in the United Kingdom. She obtained a bachelor's degree of arts in accountancy and a master's degree of arts in language and law from the City University of Hong Kong, and a bachelor's degree of laws from the University of London.

WAIVER FROM STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH RULES 3.28 AND 8.17 OF THE LISTING RULES

Pursuant to Rule 3.28 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the “**Listing Rules**”), an issuer must appoint a company secretary who, by virtue of his academic or professional qualifications or relevant experience, is, in the opinion of the Stock Exchange, capable of discharging the functions of company secretary. Pursuant to Rule 8.17 of the Listing Rules, an issuer must appoint a company secretary who satisfies Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules.

Although Mr. Gao does not possess the professional qualification as required under note 1 of the Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules, he joined the Company in June 2011 and has, through his holding of various managerial functions, gained extensive knowledge about and is therefore, familiar with the business operations and strategies of the Company. Being the deputy general manager of the Company as well as the secretary of the Institutional Party Branch Committee of the Company, the office manager of the Company (Shandong Port Group supervisor level) and a member of the Party Committee of the Company, Mr. Gao maintains a close working relationship with the Directors, supervisors and shareholders of the Company and is familiar with the board meeting, supervisory committee’s meeting and shareholders’ meeting procedures. Taking into account his knowledge, experience, in-depth understanding of the Company’s strategic development, corporate culture and business operations and experience in handling the Company’s corporate governance matters, the Company believes that Mr. Gao is capable of discharging his functions as a Joint Company Secretary.

In addition, Mr. Gao will be assisted by Ms. Yung, who has the qualification and experience of a company secretary as required under Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules, on matters concerning the Company’s ongoing compliance with the Listing Rules and the applicable laws and regulations. Mr. Gao has also confirmed that he will take no less than 15 hours of relevant professional training in each financial year in compliance with the Rule 3.29 of the Listing Rules.

On the basis of the foregoing, the Company has applied to the Stock Exchange, and the Stock Exchange has granted, a waiver from strict compliance with Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules (the “**Waiver**”) for a period of three years from the date of appointment of Mr. Gao as the Joint Company Secretary (the “**Waiver Period**”), on the conditions that:

- (a) Mr. Gao must be assisted by Ms. Yung as a Joint Company Secretary throughout the Waiver Period; and
- (b) The Waiver could be revoked if there are material breaches of the Listing Rules by the Company.

Before the end of the Waiver Period, the Company must demonstrate and seek confirmation from the Stock Exchange that Mr. Gao, having had the benefit of Ms. Yung’s assistance during the Waiver Period, has attained the relevant experience and is capable of discharging the functions of a company secretary under Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules such that a further waiver will not be necessary. The Stock Exchange may withdraw or change the Waiver if the Company’s situation changes.

The Board would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mr. Gao on his appointment.

By Order of the Board
Rizhao Port Jurong Co., Ltd.
Zhou Tao
Chairman

Rizhao, PRC, 21 January 2025

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Mr. Zhou Tao as Chairman and non-executive Director; Mr. Chen Zhou as executive Director; Mr. Seow Kok Leong Terence, Mr. Fang Lei and Ms. Liu Rong as non-executive Directors; and Mr. Zhang Zixue, Mr. Lee Man Tai and Mr. Wu Xibin as independent non-executive Directors.