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## CHINA BOTON GROUP COMPANY LTD: WHAT SHALL BE THE FLAVOUR OF THIS YEAR ?

On or about Friday, March 15, 2024, Mr Wang Ming Fan (王明凡), the Chairman of the Board of Directors of China Boton Group Company Ltd (中國波頓集團有限公司) (Code: 3318, Main Board, The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd), on behalf of the Board of Directors, caused to have published and disseminated in the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of The People's Republic of China (PRC), the following announcement, headlined: 'INSIDE INFORMATION.'

The following is a verbatim copy of this announcement:

'This announcement is made by China Boton Group Company Limited (the "Company" and together with its subsidiaries, the "Group") pursuant to the Inside Information Provision (as defined in the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules")) under Part XIVA of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong) and Rule 13.09(2) of the Listing Rules.

'The board of directors (the "Board") of the Company wishes to keep the shareholders and potential investors of the Company updated in relation to the unaudited consolidated management accounts of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2023 (the "Period"). Based on the information currently available to the Board, the net profit of the Group for the Period is comprised of, inter alia, (i) the deduction of the impairment on accounts receivable in the approximate amount of RMB156.9 million; and (ii) the one-off gain on disposal of subsidiaries in the approximate amount of (RMB) 62.8 million (the "Disposal"). Details of the Disposal were disclosed in the Company's announcements dated 31 May 2023 and 21 June 2023 and the Company's circular dated 10 July 2023. After excluding the gain on Disposal, the net profit of the Group was not more than RMB 80 million for the Period, representing a decrease of not more than 8% as compared to the net profit of the Group in the approximate amount of RMB84.5 million for the year ended 31 December 2022.

'The information contained in this announcement is only based on the preliminary assessment by the Company's management upon its review of the unaudited management accounts of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2023, which has not been audited or reviewed by the Company's auditors and may subject to finalization and necessary adjustments. The detailed audited financial information of the Group shall be disclosed in the annual results announcement of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2023 to be released in due course in accordance with the Listing Rules.

'Shareholders and potential investors are advised to exercise caution when dealing in the shares of the Company.'

The 2023 Annual Report of China Boton Group Company Ltd in respect of the Financial Year, ended December 31, 2023, was published and disseminated in the HKSAR on or about Friday, April 19, 2024.

At Page 57 of this 116-page Report, 'GENERAL INFORMATION' was presented, thusly:

'China Boton Group Company Limited (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (together the "Group") manufacture and sell flavors, fragrances and e-cigarettes products mainly in the People's Republic of China (the "PRC") and Asia. The Company was incorporated in the Cayman Islands on 9 March 2005 as an exempted company with limited liability under the Companies Law, Cap. 22 (Law 3 of 1961 as consolidated and revised) of the Cayman Islands. The address of its registered office is: Cricket Square, Hutchins Drive, P.O. Box 2681, Grand Cayman KY1-1111, Cayman Islands.

'On 9 December 2005, shares of the Company were listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

'These consolidated financial statements are presented in Renminbi ("RMB"), unless otherwise stated.

'These consolidated financial statements have been approved for issue by the Board of Directors on 22 March 2024.'

At Page Five of the 2023 Annual Report, under the heading, 'MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS,' a clearer understanding of the business of this Company was given as follows:

## 'PRINCIPAL BUSINESSES OF THE GROUP

'During the year ended 31 December 2023, the Group was principally engaged in the manufacturing, trading and selling of extracts, flavors and fragrances. It also engaged in design and manufacturing of high-quality electronic cigarettes and the related products as well.

'As one of the major flavors and fragrances manufacturers in the PRC, our flavors products are sold to wide range of manufacturers of different industries in the PRC and overseas, such as tobacco, beverages, daily foods, preserved food, savory and confectionery industries, and our fragrances products are sold to the manufacturers of cosmetics, perfumes, soaps, toiletries, hair care products, deodorant, detergent and air fresheners industries. For our electronic cigarette ("e-Cigarette") products, such as disposable e-Cigarettes, re-chargeable e-Cigarettes and e-Cigarette accessories, they are sold to the tobacco companies, independent e-Cigarette makers and other customers under various brands, covering end users from different countries globally.

## 'BUSINESS REVIEW

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