

CHINA ESSENCE GROUP LTD. (Incorporated in the Cayman Islands) (Company Registration No. CT-152302)

APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER RULE 1314 OF THE LISTING MANUAL (THE "LISTING MANUAL") OF THE SINGAPORE EXCHANGE SECURITIES TRADING LIMITED (THE "SGX-ST") TO EXIT FROM THE SGX-ST WATCH-LIST (THE "WATCH-LIST")

Capitalised terms used herein and not otherwise defined have the same meanings as set out in the Company's announcement dated 3 June 2014 (the "**Announcement**")

The board of directors (the "**Board**") of the Company refers to the Announcement, pursuant to which it was announced that the Company was placed on the SGX-ST Watch-List with effect from 4 June 2014.

In accordance with Rules 1314 and 1315 of the Listing Manual, the Company has to submit an application to SGX-ST for its removal from the Watch-List within 24 months of the date on which it was placed on the Watch-List, failing which the SGX-ST may either remove the Company from the Official List or suspend trading of the listed securities of the Company (without the agreement of the Company) with a view to removing the Company from the Official List.

The Board wishes to update shareholders that the Company has submitted an application to the SGX-ST for an extension of the aforementioned 24-month period to apply for its removal from the Watch-List (the "**Application**"). The Company has entered into a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding with a third party to put into place a rescue plan for the Company. The Board will update shareholders of the outcome of the Application in due course.

The Company would like to remind all shareholders that there is no assurance that the SGX-ST will grant the abovementioned extension. As such, shareholders of the Company are advised to exercise caution when dealing in the shares of the Company and to refrain from taking any action in relation to their shares which may be prejudicial to their interests. Persons who are in doubt, as to the action they should take, should consult their stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor, accountant or other professional advisers.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

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2 June 2016