

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE BONDHOLDERS OF THE
265,000,000 6.250% Guaranteed Bonds due 2019 issued by
China Energy Reserve and Chemicals Group International Holding Limited (the "Issuer")
and unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by
China Energy Reserve and Chemicals Group Company Limited (中國國儲能源化工集團股份公司)
(the "Guarantor" or the "Company")
(ISIN: XS1524892939 Common Code: 152489293)
(the "Bonds")**

1. DEFINITIONS AND INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This announcement is made by the Issuer and the Guarantor.
- 1.2 In this announcement, "**Bondholders**" means the holders of the Bonds.
- 1.3 In this announcement, "**CERCG Overseas**" means China Energy Reserve and Chemicals Group Overseas Company Limited.
- 1.4 In this announcement, "**CERCG Overseas Capital**" means China Energy Reserve and Chemicals Group Overseas Capital Company Limited.
- 1.5 In this announcement, "**US\$350,000,000 Bonds**" means the US\$200,000,000 5.25% guaranteed bonds due 2018 issued on 11 May 2015 and the US\$150,000,000 5.25% guaranteed bonds due 2018 issued on 29 May 2015 consolidated and forming a single series therewith issued by CERCG Overseas Capital.
- 1.6 In this announcement, "**US\$350,000,000 Bonds Hong Kong Proceedings**" means the legal proceedings commenced by Bank of Communications Trustee Limited (the "**Trustee**") on 21 September 2020 in the High Court of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region against CERCG Overseas Capital and the Guarantor in respect of all amounts due and payable in connection with the US\$350,000,000 Bonds and such legal proceedings.
- 1.7 In this announcement, "**2021 Bonds**" means the US\$400,000,000 5.55% guaranteed bonds due 2021 issued by China Energy Reserve and Chemicals Group Holding Limited.

2. UPDATE ON ENFORCEMENT ACTION IN RELATION TO US\$350,000,000 BONDS

- 2.1 On 5 October 2020, Debevoise & Plimpton filed an acknowledgment of service to contest the US\$350,000,000 Bonds Hong Kong Proceedings on behalf of CERCG Overseas Capital and the Guarantor.
- 2.2 The Trustee has also sent a statutory demand in respect of the US\$350,000,000 Bonds to the Guarantor (the "**US\$350,000,000 Bonds Statutory Demand**"). The Guarantor confirms that it intends to contest the issue of the US\$350,000,000 Bonds Statutory Demand.

3. UPDATE ON LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IN RELATION TO 2021 BONDS

- 3.1 Reference is made to the announcements dated 8 November 2019, 12 December 2019, 27 December 2019, 8 January 2020 and 2 September 2020 informing Bondholders of the legal proceedings instituted by the Trustee in the Fourth Intermediate People's Court of Beijing relating to the 2021 Bonds (the "**2021 Bonds PRC Proceedings**").
- 3.2 The 2021 Bonds PRC Proceedings were dismissed by the Fourth Intermediate People's Court of Beijing and the Trustee subsequently appealed to the High People's Court of Beijing (the "**High People's Court**"). The hearing in the High People's Court was held on 18 August 2020.

3.3 On 9 October 2020, the High People's Court ruled in favour of the Trustee in allowing the appeal and held that the Fourth Intermediate People's Court of Beijing had jurisdiction to consider the case.

3.4 The 2021 Bonds PRC Proceedings are ongoing and the Guarantor is taking legal advice in relation to the 2021 Bonds PRC Proceedings. The Guarantor is also considering with its legal advisors what impact this may have on the US\$350,000,000 Bonds Hong Kong Proceedings.

4. **UPDATE ON LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IN RELATION TO 2022 BONDS**

4.1 Reference is made to (i) the announcement dated 13 February 2019 informing Bondholders of a demand and acceleration notice received from the Trustee declaring the HK\$2,000,000,000 6.30% Guaranteed Bonds due 2022 issued by CERC Overseas (the "**2022 Bonds**") to be immediately due and payable at their principal amount together with accrued interest, (ii) the announcement dated 3 February 2020 informing Bondholders that the Trustee commenced legal proceedings in the Court of First Instance of the High Court of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region against CERC Overseas and the Guarantor in respect of the 2022 Bonds (the "**2022 Bonds Proceedings**"), (iii) the announcement dated 25 March 2020 informing Bondholders that CERC Overseas and the Guarantor took out a summons to apply for an extension of time for CERC Overseas and the Guarantor to file and serve a defence in relation to the 2022 Bonds Proceedings, (iv) the announcement dated 9 April 2020 informing Bondholders that the 2022 Bonds Proceedings had been delayed due to partial closure of the Hong Kong courts and (v) the announcement dated 2 September 2020 informing Bondholders that the Trustee has issued a summary judgment application in relation to the 2022 Bonds Proceedings (the "**Summary Judgment Application**"), that a call-over hearing for the Summary Judgment Application was held on 15 June 2020 and that the substantive hearing of the Summary Judgment Application was fixed for 6 October 2020.

4.2 The substantive hearing of the Summary Judgment Application commenced on 6 October 2020 and was adjourned part-heard to 14 October 2020 and 20 October 2020.

4.3 The 2022 Bonds Proceedings are ongoing and CERC Overseas and the Guarantor are taking legal advice in relation to the 2022 Bonds Proceedings.

5. **UPDATE ON REVISED UPDATED RESTRUCTURING PROPOSAL**

5.1 Reference is made to the announcements dated 25 March 2020, 9 April 2020, 2 September 2020 and 30 September 2020 informing Bondholders about the publication of the revised updated restructuring proposal dated 25 March 2020 (the "**Revised Updated Restructuring Proposal**") further to the proposal originally released by the Guarantor on 17 August 2018.

5.2 The Company continues to face financial and operating difficulties in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic and depressed international oil and gas prices. The Issuer and the Company continue to be engaged in discussions with various parties to facilitate a consensual restructuring of their debt.

5.3 Given the ongoing legal proceedings mentioned in this announcement and previous announcements, and the wide range of feedback received from Bondholders in relation to the Revised Updated Restructuring Proposal, the Issuer and the Company are currently considering these in order to present a further revised restructuring proposal to Bondholders. They will update Bondholders on the next steps of the restructuring in a further announcement.

6. **CONTINUED SUSPENSION OF COUPON AND PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS**

The Issuer and the Guarantor confirm that all interest and principal payments on the outstanding Bonds continue to be suspended pending further notice.

7. **TRUSTEE DISCLAIMER**

The Trustee takes no responsibility for the contents of this announcement.

By Order of the Boards of

China Energy Reserve and Chemicals Group International Holding Limited
China Energy Reserve and Chemicals Group Company Limited

14 October 2020

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