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# ANNOUNCEMENT ON RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT THE AGM

Zhejiang Expressway Co., Ltd. (the "**Company**") held its 2019 annual general meeting (the "**AGM**") at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 15, 2020 at 5/F, No. 2 Mingzhu International Business Center, 199 Wuxing Road, Hangzhou City, Zhejiang Province, the People's Republic of China (the "**PRC**").

Shareholders of the Company (the "**Shareholders**") who attended the AGM by proxy represented a total of 3,676,343,318 shares of the Company entitled to attend and to vote at the AGM, or 84.648% of the total issued share capital of the Company as at the date of the AGM. Chairman of the Company, Mr. YU Zhihong, chaired the AGM. Votings at the AGM took place by way of poll, with all proposed resolutions duly passed, details of which are as follows:

## AS ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS

- 1. Resolved to approve the report of the directors of the Company ("**Directors**") for the year 2019, with 3,675,379,318 shares voted in the affirmative (representing 99.974% of the total shares held by the Shareholders present at the AGM) and no shares voted in the negative;
- 2. Resolved to approve the report of the supervisory committee of the Company for the year 2019, with 3,675,379,318 shares voted in the affirmative (representing 99,974% of the total shares held by the Shareholders present at the AGM) and no shares voted in the negative;

- 3. Resolved to approve the audited financial statements of the Company for the year 2019, with 3,675,379,318 shares voted in the affirmative (representing 99.974% of the total shares held by the Shareholders present at the AGM) and no shares voted in the negative;
- 4. Resolved to approve the payment of a dividend of RMB35.5 cents per share in respect of the year ended December 31, 2019, with 3,676,343,318 shares voted in the affirmative (representing 100% of the total shares held by the Shareholders present at the AGM) and no shares voted in the negative;
- 5. Resolved to approve the final accounts of the Company for the year 2019 and the financial budget of the Company for the year 2020, with 3,238,998,688 shares voted in the affirmative (representing 88.104% of the total shares held by the Shareholders present at the AGM) and 412,672,149 shares voted in the negative (representing 11.225% of the total shares held by the Shareholders present at the AGM);
- 6. Resolved to approve the re-appointment of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Certified Public Accountants Hong Kong as the Hong Kong auditors of the Company, and authorize the board of directors of the Company (the "Board") to fix their remuneration, with 3,669,176,318 shares voted in the affirmative (representing 99.805% of the total shares held by the Shareholders present at the AGM) and 7,167,000 shares voted in the negative (representing 0.195% of the total shares held by the Shareholders present at the AGM);
- 7. Resolved to approve the re-appointment of Pan China Certified Public Accountants as the PRC auditors of the Company, and authorize the Board to fix their remuneration, with 3,669,756,318 shares voted in the affirmative (representing 99.821% of the total shares held by the Shareholders present at the AGM) and 6,587,000 shares voted in the negative (representing 0.179% of the total shares held by the Shareholders present at the AGM);
- 8. Resolved to elect Mr. CHEN Ninghui as an executive Director of the Company, with 3,606,164,065 shares voted in the affirmative (representing 98.091% of the total shares held by the Shareholders present at the AGM) and 70,179,253 shares voted in the negative (representing approximately 1.909% of the total shares held by the Shareholders present at the AGM);
- 9. Resolved to elect Mr. FAN Ye as a non-executive Director of the Company, with 3,588,529,497 shares voted in the affirmative (representing 97.611% of the total shares held by the Shareholders present at the AGM) and 83,899,340 shares voted in the negative (representing approximately 2.282% of the total shares held by the Shareholders present at the AGM);

10. Resolved to authorise the Board to approve the service contracts of proposed Directors of the Company and all other relevant documents and to authorise any one executive Director of the Company to sign such contracts and other relevant documents for and on behalf of the Company and to take all necessary actions in connection therewith, with 3,676,343,318 shares voted in the affirmative (representing 100% of the total shares held by the Shareholders present at the AGM) and no shares voted in the negative.

#### AS SPECIAL RESOLUTION

11. Resolved to approve the grant of a general mandate to the Board to issue, allot and deal with additional H Shares (as defined in the circular of the Company dated March 31, 2020) not exceeding 20% of the H Shares of the Company in issue and authorize the Board to make corresponding amendments to the articles of association of the Company ("Articles of Association") as it thinks fit so as to reflect the new capital structure upon the allotment or issuance of H Shares, with 3,007,706,709 shares voted in the affirmative (representing 81.812% of the total shares held by the Shareholders present at the AGM) and 668,636,609 shares voted in the negative (representing 18.188% of the total shares held by the Shareholders present at the AGM), the details are as follows:

## **"THAT**:

- (A) a. subject to paragraph (c) and in accordance with the relevant requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, the Articles of Association of the Company and the applicable laws and regulations of the People's Republic of China, the exercise by the Board during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with, either separately or concurrently, additional H Shares of the Company and to make or grant offers, agreements, options and rights of exchange or conversion which might require the exercise of such powers be hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
  - b. the approval in paragraph (a) shall authorize the Board during the Relevant Period to make or grant offers, agreements, options and rights of exchange or conversion which might require the exercise of such powers after the end of the Relevant Period;

- c. the aggregate nominal amount of H shares of the Company allotted, issued and dealt with or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted, issued and dealt with (whether pursuant to an option or otherwise) by the Board pursuant to the approval granted in paragraph (a) shall not exceed 20% of the aggregate nominal amount of H shares of the Company in issue on the date of passing this resolution, other than pursuant to (i) a Rights Issue (as hereinafter defined) or (ii) any scrip dividend or similar arrangement providing for allotment of shares in lieu of the whole or part of a dividend on shares of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company; and
- d. For the purpose of this special resolution:

"**Relevant Period**" means the period from the date of passing of this resolution until the earliest of:

- the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
- the expiration of the period with in which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the Articles of Association of the Company or other applicable laws to be held; or
- the date on which the authority set out in this resolution is revoked or varied by a resolution of the shareholders at any general meeting of the Company.

"**Rights Issue**" means an offer of shares open for a period fixed by the Directors to holders of shares on the register on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of such shares (subject to such exclusions or other arrangements as the Directors may deem necessary or expedient in relation to fractional entitlements or having regard to any restrictions or obligations under the laws of, or the requirements of any recognize d regulatory body or any stock exchange in any territory outside Hong Kong) and an offer, allotment or issue of shares by way of rights shall be construed accordingly.

- (B) The Board be authorized to make corresponding amendments to the Articles of Association of the Company as it thinks fit so as to reflect the new capital structure upon the allotment or issuance of shares as provided in sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (A) of this resolution.
- (C) The Board is authorized to grant the general mandate to the Chairman and General Manager to individually or jointly issue H Shares at their absolute discretion."

12. Resolved to approve the amendments to the Articles of Association in the manner as set out in the circular of the Company dated March 31, 2020 to the Shareholders and relevant authorization, with 3,444,636,239 shares voted in the affirmative (representing 93.697% of the total shares held by the Shareholders present at the AGM) and 231,707,079 shares voted in the negative (representing 6.303% of the total shares held by the Shareholders present at the AGM) and 231,707,079 shares present at the AGM).

At the time of the AGM, the total number of shares in issue of the Company as well as entitling the holders to attend and vote at the AGM in respect of the resolutions of the AGM was 3,676,343,318. There was no share requiring any holder to attend and vote only against the resolutions or to abstain from voting at the AGM. Ms. Huang Qin of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Certified Public Accountants was appointed and acted as scrutineers for the vote taking during the AGM.

# FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE PAYMENT OF THE DIVIDEND FOR THE YEAR 2019

The payment of a dividend of RMB35.5 cents per share in respect of the year ended December 31, 2019 was approved by more than half of the votes cast by the Shareholders at the AGM.

For determining the entitlement to the proposed dividend in respect of the year ended December 31, 2019, the register of members holding H shares of the Company (the "**H Shares**") will be closed from May 21, 2020 to May 26, 2020 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of H shares will be effected. Holders of H Shares who intend to qualify for the proposed 2019 dividend must deliver all transfer instruments and the relevant shares certificates to Hong Kong Registrars Limited at Rooms 1712-1716, 17/F, Hopewell Center, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong, no later than 4:30 p.m. on May 20, 2020. Shareholders whose names appear in the register of members of the Company on May 26, 2020 (the "**Record Date**") are entitled to the proposed dividend.

Pursuant to the relevant regulations and the Articles of Association, dividends for holders of H Shares (excluding Shareholders who are Chinese Mainland individual investors or enterprise investors investing in shares listed on the Stock Exchange through the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect or the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect) shall be paid in Hong Kong dollars according to the average closing exchange rate of Hong Kong dollars to Renminbi declared by the People's Bank of China in the five trading days prior to the date of the declaration of dividends. The applicable exchange rate for the purpose of the payment of the dividend for the year 2019 is therefore HK\$1.00 to RMB 0.91432.

Dividends payable to the Shareholders who are Chinese Mainland individual investors or corporate investors investing in the H Shares via the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect or the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect will be paid in Renminbi by the China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited Shanghai Branch or Shenzhen Branch as entrusted by the Company.

According to the Law on Corporate Income Tax of the People's Republic of China and the relevant implementing rules (the "**CIT Law**") which came into effect on January 1, 2008, the Company is obliged to withhold for payment the corporate profit tax, which is at the rate of 10%, from the payment of dividends to non-resident enterprises (as defined under the CIT Law, including HKSCC (Nominees) Limited, other nominees, trustees or other groups and organizations) who are holders of H Shares. Dividends paid to natural persons who are holders of H Shares are not subject to individual income tax for the time being.

According to the requirements of the "Notice on Taxation Policies Concerning the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect Pilot Program (Finance Tax [2014] No. 81) 《(關 於滬港股票市場交易互聯互通機制試點有關税收政策的通知》(財税[2014]81號)) and "Notice on Taxation Policies Concerning the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect Pilot Program (Finance Tax [2016] No. 127) 《(關於深港股票市場交易互聯互通機制試點有 關税收政策的通知》(財税[2016]127號)) jointly published by the Ministry of Finance, State Administration of Taxation and China Securities Regulatory Commission, the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect tax arrangements are as follows: (i) for Chinese Mainland individual investors who invest in the H Shares via the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect or the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect, the Company will withhold individual income tax at the rate of 20% in the distribution of the dividend for the year 2019. Individual investors may, by producing valid tax payment proofs, apply to the competent tax authority of China Securities Depository and Clearing Company Limited for tax credit relating to the withholding tax already paid abroad; and (ii) for Chinese Mainland securities investment funds that invest in the H Shares via the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect or the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect, the Company will withhold individual income tax in the distribution of the dividend for the year 2019 pursuant to the foregoing provisions.

For Chinese Mainland corporate investors that invest in the H Share via the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect or the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect, the Company will not withhold the income tax in the distribution of the dividend for the year 2019 and such investors shall file the tax returns on their own.

The dividend of HK\$38.827 cents per share (before tax) is expected to be paid to the H Shareholders of the Company on June 30, 2020.

Investors should read this announcement carefully. The Company will withhold for payment the corporate profit tax strictly in accordance with the relevant laws or requirements of the relevant governmental departments and strictly based on what has been registered on the H Share register of members on the Record Date. The Company will owe no liability whatsoever in respect of and will not entertain any claims arising from any delay in, or inaccurate determination of, the status of the Shareholders, or any disputes over the mechanism of withholding.

#### APPRECIATION

Mr. CHENG Tao and Mr. YU Ji no longer serve as executive Director and Non-executive Director of the Company upon the conclusion of the AGM, respectively. During their terms of service, they had performed their duties wholeheartedly to the benefit of the Company's continuous and healthy development. The Board would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their valuable contribution to the Company.

By order of the Board **Zhejiang Expressway Co., Ltd. Tony Zheng** *Company Secretary* 

Hangzhou, the PRC, May 15, 2020

As at the date of this notice, the Chairman of the Company is Mr. YU Zhihong; the executive directors of the Company are: Mr. CHEN Ninghui and Ms. LUO Jianhu; the other non-executive directors of the Company are: Mr. DAI Benmeng, Mr. YUAN Yingjie and Mr. FAN Ye; and the independent non-executive directors of the Company are: Mr. PEI Ker-Wei, Ms. LEE Wai Tsang, Rosa and Mr. CHEN Bin.