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## **HUAXIN CEMENT CO., LTD.\***

華新水泥股份有限公司

(a joint stock company incorporated in the People's Republic of China with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 6655)

## **DISTRIBUTION OF FINAL DIVIDEND FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

The Company will pay a final dividend of RMB1 (tax inclusive) in cash per 1 Share for the year ended 31 December 2021 to the H-share holders whose names appeared on the register of members of the Company on Tuesday, 31 May 2022. Dividend payable to the H-share holders will be paid in Hong Kong dollars or US dollars, which amounts to approximately HK\$ 1.175599 (tax inclusive) or USD 0.149799 (tax inclusive) per 1 H Share. Such Final Dividend will be paid by the receiving agent on Wednesday, 20 July 2022. In order to determine the list of H-share holders who are entitled to receive the Final Dividend for the year ended 31 December 2021, the H Share register of members of the Company will be closed from Thursday, 26 May 2022 to Tuesday, 31 May 2022 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of H Shares will be registered.

References are made to the announcement of Huaxin Cement Co., Ltd. (the "Company") dated 20 May 2022 on the poll results of the 2021 annual general meeting of the Company (the "Announcement") and the circular (the "Circular") and the notice (the "AGM Notice") of the 2021 annual general meeting (the "AGM") dated 28 April 2022 of the Company, which includes but not limited to final dividend of RMB1 (tax inclusive) in cash per 1 Share for the year ended 31 December 2021 (the "Final Dividend"). Unless otherwise indicated, terms used herein shall have the same meanings as those defined in the Announcement, the Circular and the AGM Notice.

## DISTRIBUTION OF FINAL DIVIDEND

The distirbution plan has been approved by shareholders of the Company (the "Shareholders") on the AGM. In order to determine the list of H-shares holders who are entitled to receive the final dividend for the year ended 31 December 2021, the H Share register of members of the Company will be closed from Thursday, 26 May 2022 to Tuesday, 31 May 2022 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of H Shares will be registered. The H-share holders who are listed on the shareholders register on Tuesday, 31 May 2022 are entitled to obtain the Final Dividend. In order to be entitled to receive the Final Dividend, the H-share holders of the Company whose transfers have not been registered shall lodge all transfer documents, together with the relevant share certificates, with the office of the Company's H-share registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Investor Services Limited at Level 54, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong, before 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, 25 May 2022.

Such Final Dividend will be paid by the receiving agent on Wednesday, 20 July 2022 to the H-shares holders whose names appear on the register of members of H Shares of the Company on 31 May 2022. The Final Dividend will be paid to the holders of H Shares in Hong Kong dollars ("HK\$"), unless the Shareholder chooses to receive the Final Dividend in US dollars ("USD"). In accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company, the actual amount is converted based on the average benchmark exchange rate for RMB to HK\$ or USD (i.e. RMB 0.85063 = HK\$ 1 and RMB 6.6756 = USD 1) as announced by the People's Bank of China on the first business day after the resolution of the AGM (i.e. 23 May 2022), being a final cash dividend of approximately HK\$ 1.175599 (tax inclusive) or USD 0.149799 (tax inclusive) per 1 H Share. To make such election, Shareholders should complete the Dividend Currency Election Form, which is expected to be dispatched to Shareholders on 9 June 2022 as soon as practicable after the record date of Tuesday, 31 May 2022 to make the relevant choices, and return it to the Company's H-share registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Investor Services Limited at Level 54, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong, before 4:30 p.m. on 24 June 2022. Shareholders who intend to elect to receive all or part of the Final Dividend in USD by cheques should note that (i) they should ensure that they have an appropriate bank account to which the USD cheques for dividend can be presented for payment; and (ii) there is no assurance that USD cheques can be cleared without material handling charges or delay in Hong Kong or that USD cheques will be honoured for payment upon presentation outside Hong Kong.

The Company is expected to pay the Final Dividend on 20 July 2022. The cheques are expected to be posted to the relevant Shareholders by ordinary post by the receiving agent at the Shareholders' own risk.

WITHHOLDING AND REMITTING THE ENTERPRISE INCOME TAX FOR OVERSEAS NON-RESIDENT ENTERPRISE H-SHARE HOLDERS IN RESPECT OF FINAL DIVIDEND FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

According to the Circular of the State Administration of Taxation on Issues Concerning Withholding and Remitting the Enterprise Income Tax on Dividends Paid by Chinese Resident Enterprises to

H-share Holders Which Are Overseas Non-Resident Enterprises (GSH [2008] No. 897), where a Chinese resident enterprise distributes dividends for year of 2008 or any year thereafter to its H-share holders which are overseas non-resident enterprises, it shall withhold the enterprise income tax thereon at the uniform rate of 10%. Therefore, when the Company distributes dividends for the year ended 31 December 2021 to its shareholders who are overseas non-resident enterprises listed on the H-share register, it is obliged to withhold the enterprise income tax at a rate of 10%. After receiving the dividends, a non-resident enterprise shareholder may, by itself or through an authorized agent or withholding agent, submit an application to the competent tax authorities for enjoying any treatment under a relevant tax agreement (arrangement), and provide proof that it is an actual beneficial owner satisfying the requirements of the tax agreement (arrangement). If the application is justified upon verification, the competent authority shall refund the difference between the tax paid and the tax payable calculated at the tax rate under the tax agreement (arrangement).

According to the *Circular on Some Policy Questions Concerning Individual Income Tax* (CSZ [1994] No. 020) issued by the Ministry of Finance and the State Administration of Taxation on 13 May 1994, overseas individuals are exempted from the individual income tax for the dividends and bonuses received from foreign-invested enterprises. When distributing dividends for the year ended 31 December 2021 to its shareholders who are foreign individuals listed on the H-share register, the Company, as a foreign-invested enterprise, will not withhold individual income tax of such shareholders.

## DISTRIBUTION OF FINAL DIVIDEND TO INVESTORS OF SOUTHBOUND TRADING

For mainland investors (including enterprises and individuals) investing in the H shares of the Company through Shanghai-Hongkong Stock Connect (the "Investors of Southbound Trading"), the Company has entered into the Agreement on Distribution of Cash Dividends of H shares traded under the Stock Connect with the China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited ("CSDCC"), pursuant to which the CSDCC, as the nominee holders for the Investors of Southbound Trading, will receive the Final Dividend distributed by the Company and distribute the Final Dividend to the relevant Investors of Southbound Trading through its depository and clearing system, expected that the CSDCC will complete the Final Dividend payment within three trading days after 20 July 2022.

In accordance with the *Notice on Taxation Policies concerning the Pilot Program of an Interconnection Mechanism for Transaction in the Shanghai and Hong Kong Stock Markets* (CS [2014] No. 81) implemented on 17 November 2014,

• for dividends received by mainland individual investors from investing in the Company's H shares through the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect, the Company is obliged to withhold personal income tax at a tax rate of 20%; for dividends received by mainland securities investment funds from investing in the Company's H shares through the Shanghai-Hong Kong

Stock Connect, individual income tax shall be calculated in accordance with the above requirements; and

• for dividends received by mainland enterprise investors from investing in the Company's H shares through the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect, the Company does not withhold tax on dividends, and the tax payable shall be declared and paid by such enterprises on their own.

In accordance with the *Notice of the Tax Policies concerning the Pilot Program of an Interconnection Mechanism for Transactions in the Shenzhen and Hong Kong Stock Markets* (CS [2016] No. 127) implemented on 5 December 2016,

- for dividends received by mainland individual investors from investing in the Company's H shares through the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect, the Company is obliged to withhold personal income tax at a tax rate of 20%; for dividends received by mainland securities investment funds from investing in the Company's H shares through the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect, individual income tax shall be calculated in accordance with the above requirements; and
- for dividends received by mainland enterprise investors from investing in the Company's H shares through the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect, the Company does not withhold tax on dividends, and the tax payable shall be declared and paid by such enterprises on their own.

Should the H-share holders of the Company have any doubt in relation to the aforesaid arrangements, they may consult their tax advisors about the relevant tax impact in Mainland China, Hong Kong and other countries (regions) on the possession and disposal of the H Shares of the Company.

By Order of the Board **Huaxin Cement Co., Ltd. Xu Yongmo** *Chairman* 

Wuhan City, Hubei Province, the PRC 24 May 2022

As at the date of this announcement, the Board of Directors of the Company comprises Mr. Li Yeqing (President) and Mr. Liu Fengshan (Vice President), as executive Directors; Mr. Xu Yongmo (Chairman), Ms. Geraldine Picaud, Mr. Lo Chi Kong and Ms. Tan Then Hwee, as non-executive Directors; Mr. Wong Kun Kau, Mr. Zhang Jiping and Mr. Jiang Hong, as independent non-executive Directors.

\* For identification purposes only