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香港金港商貿控股有限公司

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

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澳優乳業股份有限公司 (Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock code: 1717)

JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT DELAY IN DESPATCH OF COMPOSITE DOCUMENT

Exclusive financial adviser to Hongkong Jingang Trade Holding Co., Limited

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Reference is made to (i) the announcements jointly issued by Hongkong Jingang Trade Holding Co., Limited (the "Offeror") and Ausnutria Dairy Corporation Ltd (the "Company") dated 27 October 2021, 10 December 2021 and 28 January 2022; and (ii) the circular of the Company dated 15 December 2021 (the "Circular") in relation to, among others, the Share Purchase Agreement and the Subscription Agreement. Unless otherwise defined, capitalised terms used herein shall have the same meanings as those defined in the Circular.

Pursuant to the consent granted by the Executive on 16 November 2021 under Rule 8.2 of the Takeovers Code, the Composite Document is required to be despatched to the Shareholders within seven (7) days after the date of Completion, or 4 March 2022, whichever is earlier. As the Completion has taken place on 28 January 2022, the Composite Document is required to be despatched no later than 4 February 2022.

However, the Offeror and the Company are unable to meet the deadline stated in the Rule 8.2 consent granted by the Executive noting that the period from 1 February 2022 to 3 February 2022 is public holiday in Hong Kong. As for Mainland China, the period from 31 January 2022 to 6 February 2022 is public holiday.

The Offeror and the Company, after having checked with six financial printers on 28 January 2022, was unable to secure a financial printer to bulk print the Composite Document. All of the financial printers approached by the Offeror and the Company indicated that they could not meet the said deadline, as they would suspend working during the Chinese New Year holiday and not resume work until the 7th day of the Chinese New Year (i.e. 7 February 2022) and it normally takes at least two business days to complete the bulk print of the Composite Document after resumption of their printing service on 8 February 2022. Therefore, the earliest despatch date of the Composite Document will be 10 February 2022.

As stated under the announcement dated 28 January 2022, the Offeror and the Company will make an application to the Executive for its consent to extend the deadline for despatch of the Composite Document and such grant will be subject to the discretion of the Executive and may or may not be granted. The Offeror and the Company would like to update the Shareholders that an application has been made to the Executive pursuant to Rule 8.2 of the Takeovers Code for its consent to extend the deadline for the despatch of Composite Document to 10 February 2022, and the Executive has indicated that it is minded to grant its consent for such extension.

Going forward, the Offeror and the Company will use their best effort to ensure the requirements, including the timing of publication of documents, under the Takeovers Code are met and will attend to all matters under the Takeovers Code in a prudent manner.

A detailed timetable for the Offers will be set out in the Composite Document and in the announcement to be made upon despatch of the Composite Document.

By order of the Board

Hongkong Jingang Trade Holding Co., Limited

Wang Xiaogang

Director

By order of the Board **Ausnutria Dairy Corporation Ltd Yan Weibin** *Chairman*

The PRC, 4 February 2022

As at the date of this joint announcement, the Board comprises three executive Directors, namely Mr. Yan Weibin (Chairman), Mr. Bartle van der Meer (Chief Executive Officer) and Ms. Ng Siu Hung; three non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Shi Liang (Vice-Chairman), Mr. Qiao Baijun and Mr. Tsai Chang-Hai; and three independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Jason Wan, Mr. Lau Chun Fai Douglas and Mr. Aidan Maurice Coleman.

The Directors jointly and severally accept full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in this joint announcement (other than those relating to the Offeror, any of its associates or parties acting in concert with it), and confirm, having made all reasonable inquiries, that to the best of their knowledge, opinions expressed in this joint announcement (other than those expressed by the respective director(s) of the Offeror) have been arrived at after due and careful consideration and there are no other facts not contained in this joint announcement, the omission of which would make any statements in this joint announcement misleading.

As at the date of this joint announcement, the board of the Offeror comprises Mr. Pan Gang, Mr. Wang Xiaogang, Ms. Yuan Ping and Ms. Jiang Yuanzi; and the board of Yili Industrial comprises Mr. Pan Gang, Ms. Zhao Chengxia, Mr. Wang Xiaogang, Ms. Zhao Ying, Ms. Wang Aiqing, Mr. Zhang Junping, Mr. Lv Gang, Mr. Peng Heping, Ms. Ji Shao, Mr. Cai Yuanming, and Ms. Shi Fang.

The directors of the Offeror and Yili Industrial jointly and severally accept full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in this joint announcement (other than those relating to the Group), and confirm, having made all reasonable inquiries, that to the best of their knowledge, opinions expressed in this joint announcement (other than those expressed by the respective directors of the Group) have been arrived at after due and careful consideration and there are no other facts not contained in this joint announcement, the omission of which would make any statements in this joint announcement misleading.