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## **CHINA STARCH HOLDINGS LIMITED**

**中國澱粉控股有限公司**

*(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)*

**(Stock Code: 3838)**

### **APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

We are pleased to announce that Professor Hua Qiang (“**Professor Hua**”) is appointed as our independent non-executive director by our shareholders at the annual general meeting held on 17 May 2016. Apart from his appointment as our independent non-executive director, Professor Hua will also serve as a member of our audit committee, remuneration committee and nomination committee.

With the appointment of Professor Hua as our independent non-executive director on 17 May 2016, the resignation of Mr. Chen Zhijun (“**Mr. Chen**”) as our independent non-executive director and a member of each of our audit committee, remuneration committee and nomination committee became effective on the same day. Please refer to our announcement dated 11 January 2016 for further details of his resignation. Mr. Chen confirmed that he has no disagreement with our board of directors and there are no other matters relating to his resignation that need to be brought to our shareholders’ attention.

The personal details of Professor Hua are set out below:

Professor Hua, aged 44, has been a professor of the School of Biotechnology and the State Key Laboratory of Bioreactor Engineering of the East China University of Science and Technology since 2008. Professor Hua obtained a bachelor and a master degree in chemical engineering (major in biochemical engineering) from the Zhejiang University in 1993 and 1996 respectively. He also obtained a doctoral degree in information engineering from the Kyushu Institute of Technology (Japan) in 2000. He was appointed as an assistant professor of Institute for Advanced Biosciences of the Keio University (Japan) from 2001 to 2004, and was appointed as a postdoctoral scholar of the Department of Bioengineering of the University of California, San Diego from 2004 to 2007. He had also been a medical research scientist for Sanford Burnham Prebys Medical Discovery Institute (formerly known as “Burnham Institute for Medical Research”) of the United State of America from 2007 to 2008.

Professor Hua has entered into a letter of appointment with our company for his appointment as our independent non-executive director for a fixed term of one year commencing from 17 May 2016, which is automatically renewable for successive terms of one year each upon expiry of the then current term of his appointment, unless terminated in accordance with the terms of his letter of appointment. The proposed director's fee of RMB50,000 per annum payable to Professor Hua was determined by the board of directors upon the recommendation by our remuneration committee, taking into account factors including the prevailing market remuneration level in comparable companies, his duties and responsibilities in and time commitment to our company. Save for the director's fees, Professor Hua is not expected to receive any other remuneration for holding his office as our independent non-executive director.

Save as disclosed above and as at the date of this announcement, (a) Professor Hua did not hold any directorships in other listed public companies in the past three years; (b) he does not have any relationship with any of our directors, senior management, substantial or controlling shareholder and had no interests in our shares, underlying shares and debentures within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong); (c) there is no other information which is discloseable pursuant to paragraphs (h) to (v) of Rule 13.51(2) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited; and (d) there are no other matters that need to be brought to the attention of our shareholders.

We would like to extend our welcome to Professor Hua in joining our board of directors.

By order of the Board  
**CHINA STARCH HOLDINGS LIMITED**  
**Gao Shijun**  
*Chief Executive Officer*

Hong Kong, 17 May 2016

*As at the date of this announcement, our directors are as follows:*

***Executive Directors:***

*Mr. Tian Qixiang (Chairman)*  
*Mr. Gao Shijun (Chief Executive Officer)*  
*Mr. Liu Xianggang*  
*Mr. Yu Yingquan*

***Independent non-executive Directors:***

*Mr. Sun Mingdao*  
*Mr. Yue Kwai Wa, Ken*  
*Professor Hua Qiang*