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**Yangzhou Guangling District Taihe Rural Micro-finance Company Limited**

**揚州市廣陵區泰和農村小額貸款股份有限公司**

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

**(Stock Code: 1915)**

# (1) APPOINTMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT INTERNAL CONTROL CONSULTANT; AND (2) CONTINUED SUSPENSION OF TRADING

This announcement is made by Yangzhou Guangling District Taihe Rural Micro-finance Company Limited (the "**Company**", together with its subsidiaries, the "**Group**") in accordance with Rule 13.09(2)(a) of the Rules (the "**Listing Rules**") Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "**Stock Exchange**") and the Inside Information Provisions (as defined in the Listing Rules) under Part XIVA of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the laws of Hong Kong).

Reference is made to the announcement (the "**Announcement**") of the Company dated 30 June 2025 in relation to, among others, the resumption guidance (the "**Resumption Guidance**") imposed by the Stock Exchange for the resumption of trading in the Shares. Unless otherwise defined, capitalised terms used herein shall have the same meanings as those defined in the Announcement.

## APPOINTMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT INTERNAL CONTROL CONSULTANT

The Board announces that in light of the Resumption Guidance where the Company is required to engage an independent internal control consultant to conduct an independent internal control review and demonstrate that the Company has in place adequate internal controls and procedures to meet its obligations under the Listing Rules, the Company has engaged Cheng & Cheng Risk Advisory Services Limited ("**C&C**"), an independent internal control consultancy firm, to conduct an internal control review of the Group based on the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) framework (the "**Internal Control Review**"). The scope of the Internal Control Review will cover, including but not limited to, financial reporting and disclosure, compliance with financial disclosure requirements under the Listing Rules, filing and documentation of financial information, client background checks, due diligence, risk assessment, mortgage and guarantee management, and collection procedures for overdue settlement, seal management procedures, external guarantee management, cash and treasury management procedures, disclosure and compliance relating to notifiable and connected transactions and disclosure of material information and integrity and competence of the Group's management and/or any persons with substantial influence over the Company's management and operations.

In assessing the suitability of C&C as the independent internal control consultant to conduct the Internal Control Review, the Company has taken into account, among others, the following:

(1) C&C's background, credentials and track record – C&C is the risk advisory division of Cheng & Cheng Limited, Certified Public Accountants, an accounting firm headquartered in Hong Kong. The firm employs over 200 auditors, among whom more than 40 are certified accountants holding qualifications from the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants or other international accounting bodies. C&C has extensive experience in conducting internal control reviews for listing applicants and listed issuers. Since 2021, it has completed no fewer than five internal control review assignments relating to the resumption of trading of shares of companies listed on the Stock Exchange.

(2) C&C's independence – C&C maintains strict independence and objectivity in accordance with its policy of independence. Also, as informed by C&C, prior to accepting the engagement, C&C has conducted a comprehensive independence review to confirm its independence from the Company. To the best of the Directors' knowledge, information and belief, having made reasonable enquiry, C&C is independent of the Company and connected persons (as defined in the Listing Rules) of the Company. C&C does not have any business or other relationships with the Group that would reasonably be considered to impair its independence in performing the Internal Control Review.

(3) C&C's proposed allocation of human resources to undertake the Internal Control Review – As introduced by C&C, its dedicated team to conduct the Internal Control Review will comprise at least four qualified internal control professionals with relevant experience and expertise, whose responsibilities are based on their positions to optimize work and reporting efficiency.

In light of the above, the Company considers that C&C is suitable as the independent internal control consultant to conduct the Internal Control Review.

The Company will make further announcement(s) on the progress and findings of the Internal Control Review as and when appropriate.

## CONTINUED SUSPENSION OF TRADING

At the request of the Company, trading in the Shares on the Stock Exchange has been suspended with effect from 9:00 a.m. on 1 April 2025 and will remain suspended until the Company fulfils the Resumption Guidance. The Company will make further announcement(s) as appropriate or as required under the Listing Rules and the SFO.

**Shareholders and potential investors are advised to exercise caution when dealing in the securities of the Company.**

By Order of the Board
**Yangzhou Guangling District Taihe Rural Micro-finance Company Limited**
**Tian Zhenyong**
*Chairman*

Yangzhou, the People's Republic of China, 25 June 2026

*As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises three executive Directors, namely Mr. Tian Zhenyong, Ms. Huang Min and Mr. Zhang Zhuo; one non-executive Director, namely Mr. Lu Qi; and one independent non-executive Director, namely Mr. Chan Man Chun.*