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**China Hongqiao Group Limited**

**中國宏橋集團有限公司**

*(Incorporated under the laws of Cayman Islands with limited liability)*

**(Stock Code: 1378)**

## **VOLUNTARY ANNOUNCEMENT UPDATE ON LITIGATION PROGRESS**

This announcement is made by China Hongqiao Group Limited (the “**Company**”, together with its subsidiaries, the “**Group**”) on a voluntary basis. Reference is made to the three announcements of the Company dated 30 October 2017, 5 November 2017 and 27 November 2017 respectively (the “**Announcements**”). As disclosed in the Announcements, the Company has formally filed a lawsuit in court in Hong Kong (Action No. HCA 887/2017) against the 1st Defendant, Emerson Analytics Co Ltd.; the 2nd Defendant, Persons Unknown controlling over www.emersonanalytics.co and/or having published the Negative Reports against the Company; and the 3rd Defendant, Bluehost Inc..

The board of directors of the Company (the “**Board**”) would like to announce that on 11 December 2017 the Company has successfully obtained an injunction order from the High Court of Hong Kong in a hearing before Deputy High Court Judge Kent Yee under the HCA 887/2017 (the “**Said Hearing**”) and the Company obtains the sealed order today.

In the Said Hearing, it is ordered by Deputy High Court Judge Kent Yee, among other things, that

2. *The 1st, 2nd and 3rd Defendants be restrained, whether be its directors officers servants agents or any of them or otherwise howsoever, until the determination of this action, or other Order in the meantime:*
  - (a) *from further speaking of or publishing or causing the publication of and/or howsoever participating in the publication of or distribution of the Words of the Five Negative Reports marked Annexures 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 appended to the Re-Amended Statement of Claim hereof or similar defamatory words of and concerning the Plaintiff, or otherwise publishing and/or distributing any defamatory statements and/or injurious falsehoods of and concerning the Plaintiff, until after the trial of this action or until further order by this Court (the “Order”).*

And the Company would like to draw the public's attention that there is a penal notice attached to the Order for the notice of the Defendants of HCA 887/2017:

**NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANTS**

1. This Order compels/prohibits you from doing the acts set out in this Order. You should read the whole of this document carefully. You are advised to consult a solicitor as soon as possible. You have the right to ask the court to vary or discharge this Order.
2. If you disobey this Order you may be found guilty of contempt of Court and you may be sent to prison or fined or your assets may be seized.

The Company believes that it would be necessary to seek legal action to safeguard the interests of the Company and its shareholders and the Company would continue to adopt the legal action if there is any further malicious defamation/attack on the Company for the best interests of the Company and its shareholders as a whole. The Company would make further announcement if there is any material update.

By order of the Board  
**China Hongqiao Group Limited**  
**Zhang Shiping**  
*Chairman*

Shandong, the People's Republic of China  
12 December 2017

*As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises eleven Directors, namely Mr. Zhang Shiping, Ms. Zheng Shuliang, Mr. Zhang Bo and Ms. Zhang Ruilian as executive Directors, Mr. Yang Congsen, Mr. Zhang Jinglei and Mr. Chen Yisong (Mr. Zhang Hao as his alternate) as non-executive Directors, and Mr. Chen Yinghai, Mr. Xing Jian, Mr. Han Benwen and Mr. Dong Xinyi as independent non-executive Directors.*