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ANNOUNCEMENT PURSUANT TO RULE 13.09(2) OF THE LISTING RULES AND THE INSIDE INFORMATION PROVISIONS

REVIEW ON THE INVESTMENT IN NEWTON RESOURCES LTD

This announcement is made by the Company pursuant to Rule 13.09(2) of the Listing Rules and the Inside Information Provisions (as defined in the Listing Rules) under Part XIVA of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong).

The Board wishes to inform the Shareholders and potential investors that the Group will carry out a preliminary impairment assessment on its investment of 35.5% equity interest in Newton Resources, owing to the Possible Impairment as announced by Newton Resources on 30 November 2016. The Company will make further announcement if there is any material impairment loss to be made in respect of the Investment. Such impairment loss (if any) will be reflected in the interim results of the Group for the six months ending 31 December 2016, which is non-cash in nature and bears no impact on the cash flow or the operation of the Group. The Board considers that the impairment loss (if any) will not result in any material adverse change in the financial and trading position of the Group.

The Board would like to remind Shareholders and potential investors that the information contained in this announcement is based on the preliminary assessment by the Board with reference to the information currently available to it, which has not been audited or reviewed by the Company's auditor.

The Board also wishes to advise that the Company is carrying out a strategic review of the Investment, which includes a possible sale of its interest in Newton Resources. No decision has been made by the Company with regard to any strategic option and any such decision would depend on factors and circumstances that the Company considers relevant.

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

This announcement is made by NWS Holdings Limited (the “**Company**”, together with its subsidiaries, the “**Group**”) pursuant to Rule 13.09(2) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Listing Rules**”) and the Inside Information Provisions (as defined in the Listing Rules) under Part XIVA of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong).

Reference is made to the announcement of Newton Resources Ltd (“**Newton Resources**”) (stock code: 1231) dated 30 November 2016 in relation to profit warning and business update which disclosed, among other things, the possible impairment to be made by Newton Resources on the value of its group’s assets at Yanjiazhuang Mine in the region of approximately RMB500 million for the year ending 31 December 2016 (the “**Possible Impairment**”).

The board of directors of the Company (the “**Board**”) wishes to inform the shareholders of the Company (“**Shareholders**”) and potential investors that the Group will carry out a preliminary impairment assessment on its investment of 35.5% equity interest in Newton Resources (the “**Investment**”), owing to the Possible Impairment as announced by Newton Resources on 30 November 2016. The Company will make further announcement if there is any material impairment loss to be made in respect of the Investment. Such impairment loss (if any) will be reflected in the interim results of the Group for the six months ending 31 December 2016, which is non-cash in nature and bears no impact on the cash flow or the operation of the Group. The Board considers that the impairment loss (if any) will not result in any material adverse change in the financial and trading position of the Group.

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By order of the Board
Dr. Cheng Kar Shun, Henry
Chairman

Hong Kong, 30 November 2016

As at the date of this announcement, (a) the executive directors of the Company are Dr. Cheng Kar Shun, Henry, Mr. Tsang Yam Pui, Mr. Hui Hon Chung, Mr. Cheung Chin Cheung and Mr. Cheng Chi Ming, Brian; (b) the non-executive directors of the Company are Mr. To Hin Tsun, Gerald, Mr. Dominic Lai, Mr. Lam Wai Hon, Patrick and Mr. William Junior Guilherme Doo; and (c) the independent non-executive directors of the Company are Mr. Kwong Che Keung, Gordon, Dr. Cheng Wai Chee, Christopher, The Honourable Shek Lai Him, Abraham, Mr. Lee Yiu Kwong, Alan and Mrs. Oei Fung Wai Chi, Grace.

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