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

IMPAIRMENT LOSSES

This announcement is made by the Company pursuant to Rule 13.09(2) of the Listing Rules and the Inside Information Provisions.

The Board wishes to inform the Shareholders that based on the information currently available to the Board, the Group expects to record impairment losses in the aggregate amount of approximately HK\$1.6 billion for the Current Period. The Board would like to emphasize that the impairment losses would not have any material impact on the financial position and cash flow 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 the Board, which has not been audited or reviewed by the Company's auditor.

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).

The board of directors of the Company (the "**Board**") wishes to inform the shareholders of the Company ("**Shareholders**") that based on the information currently available to the Board, the Group expects to record impairment losses in the aggregate amount of approximately HK\$1.6 billion for the six months ended 31 December 2014 (the "**Current Period**").

During the six months ended 31 December 2013 (the “**Last Period**”), the Group recorded a one-off gain of HK\$594.3 million on deemed disposal in connection with the restructuring arising from the establishment of a joint venture company with other major port operators in Xiamen into which the Group had injected its then two port investments in Xiamen. Details of such restructuring were announced by the Company on 25 February 2013. During the Current Period, the Group has shared a gain of approximately HK\$1.5 billion as a result of the disposal of the Company’s indirect interest in Companhia de Electricidade de Macau – CEM, S.A., completion of which was announced by the Company on 15 July 2014. Without taking into account the aforesaid one-off gain recorded in the Last Period, and taking into account the aforesaid impairment losses and disposal gain during the Current Period, the profit attributable to Shareholders during the Current Period compared with that in the Last Period is expected to remain stable.

The expected impairment losses are non-cash items and bear no impact on the cash flow or the operation of the Group. They are: (i) impairment loss of approximately HK\$1.3 billion in the carrying value of the 48% of the total issued shares owned by the Group in Newton Resources Ltd (stock code: 1231), such impairment being primarily attributable to the substantial reduction in the market price of iron concentrates and the unfavourable future projection of the price of iron concentrates; and (ii) the share of the impairment loss of approximately HK\$0.3 billion for Guangzhou Dongxin Expressway (廣州市東新高速公路), primarily attributable to the lower actual traffic flow of the expressway than expected.

The Board would like to emphasize that the impairment losses would not have any material impact on the financial position and cash flow of the Group.

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

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

Hong Kong, 31 December 2014

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. Lam Wai Hon, Patrick, 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 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. Wilfried Ernst Kaffenberger (alternate director to Mr. Wilfried Ernst Kaffenberger: Mr. Yeung Kun Wah, David) and Mr. Lee Yiu Kwong, Alan.

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