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新創建 NWS

新創建集團有限公司*

NWS HOLDINGS LIMITED

(incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

(stock code: 659)

INSIDE INFORMATION ANNOUNCEMENT

POSITIVE PROFIT ALERT

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

The board of directors of the Company (the “**Board**”) is pleased to inform the shareholders of the Company (“**Shareholders**”) and potential investors that based on the Board’s preliminary assessment of the Group’s unaudited consolidated management accounts for the financial year ended 30 June 2021 (“**FY2021**”), the Group is expected to record the following results:

- (1) attributable operating profit (“**AOP**”) of not less than HK\$5.0 billion as compared to HK\$3.5 billion for the financial year ended 30 June 2020 (“**FY2020**”), representing a year-on-year increase by not less than 42%; and
- (2) profit attributable to Shareholders of not less than HK\$1.0 billion as compared to HK\$253 million for FY2020, representing a year-on-year increase by not less than 295%.

The substantial improvement in the performance of the Group’s AOP for FY2021 is primarily attributable to the following reasons:

- (1) the significant increase in the AOP of the Group’s Roads segment as FY2021 was not impacted by the toll fee exemption policy, which lapsed in May 2020, and the encouraging growth in the overall traffic volume of the Group’s roads portfolio as a result of the rapid recovery of the Chinese economy from the impact of COVID-19 since the second-half of 2020;

- (2) robust growth in the AOP contribution from FTLife Insurance Company Limited, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, as a result of full-year contribution and the solid performance of the life insurer's Hong Kong business which was benefited from its agile business strategy and innovative product portfolio; and
- (3) Strategic Investments segment under the Group's Strategic Portfolio recorded a strong recovery in AOP due to the return in performance of the underlying businesses of some of the investments and the increase in fair value of various investments brought about by the positive market conditions.

The Company believes that the substantial improvement in its AOP together with its current sound financial position is of paramount importance for supporting its sustainable and progressive dividend policy.

The Group is expected to record non-operating losses of a total of approximately HK\$2.5 billion for FY2021, attributable mainly to remeasurement, impairments and provisions which include certain non-operating losses of HK\$1.9 billion recorded during the interim results for the six months ended 31 December 2020.

The information contained in this announcement only represents a preliminary assessment based on the information made available to the Board as at the date hereof and such information has not been reviewed or audited by the independent auditor of the Company or reviewed by the Audit Committee of the Company. The Company is still in the process of finalizing the annual results for FY2021, which will be announced in accordance with the requirements of the Listing Rules.

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, 20 July 2021

As at the date of this announcement, (a) the executive directors of the Company are Dr. Cheng Kar Shun, Henry, Mr. Ma Siu Cheung, Dr. Cheng Chi Kong, Adrian, Mr. Cheung Chin Cheung, Mr. Cheng Chi Ming, Brian, Mr. Ho Gilbert Chi Hang, Mr. Chow Tak Wing and Mr. Cheng Chi Leong, Christopher; (b) the non-executive directors of the Company are Mr. To Hin Tsun, Gerald, Mr. Dominic Lai and Mr. William Junior Guilherme Doo (alternate director to Mr. William Junior Guilherme Doo: Mr. Lam Wai Hon, Patrick); 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, Mrs. Oei Fung Wai Chi, Grace and Mr. Wong Kwai Huen, Albert.

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