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GF SECURITIES CO., LTD.

廣發証券股份有限公司

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

(Stock Code: 1776)

POLL RESULTS OF THE 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, FINAL DIVIDEND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

The board of directors (the “**Board**”) of GF Securities Co., Ltd. (the “**Company**”) is pleased to announce the poll results of the resolutions proposed at the 2021 annual general meeting (the “**AGM**”) of the Company held on Friday, May 20, 2022. All of the resolutions were duly passed.

The final dividend for the year ended December 31, 2021 of the Company will be distributed to H Shareholders on Wednesday, July 13, 2022.

The AGM has approved to make corresponding amendments to the Articles of Association of the Company (the “**Articles of Association**”). The amended Articles of Association shall take effect after the AGM.

I. CONVENING AND ATTENDANCE OF THE AGM

The AGM of the Company was held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, May 20, 2022 at Conference Room 4008, 40th Floor, GF Securities Tower, 26 Machang Road, Tianhe District, Guangzhou, Guangdong, the PRC.

Unless the context otherwise requires, the capitalized terms used in this announcement shall have the same meanings as those defined in the circular of the Company dated April 27, 2022 (the “**AGM Circular**”).

The AGM was convened by the Board and chaired by Mr. Lin Chuanhui, Chairman of the Board of the Company, by way of an on-site meeting. No resolution was rejected or amended at the AGM, and no new resolution was proposed at the AGM for voting and approval.

As at the date of the AGM, the total number of issued Shares of the Company was 7,621,087,664 Shares, of which 15,242,153 A Shares in the Company's securities account designated for share repurchase were not entitled to vote at the AGM. The total number of Shares entitling the holders to attend and vote on the resolutions proposed at the AGM was 7,605,845,511 Shares. Shareholders holding an aggregate of 4,024,601,595 Shares, representing 52.8088% of the total issued share capital of the Company as at the date of the AGM and 52.9146% of the total voting Shares, attended the AGM.

	Number of persons	Total number of Shares with voting rights	Percentage of the total number of Shares with voting rights (%)
Number of Shareholders and proxies who were present at the AGM	21	3,909,089,900	51.3959%
Including: A Shareholders	17	3,216,809,201	42.2939%
H Shareholders	4	692,280,699	9.1020%
Number of A Shareholders who attended the AGM through online voting	56	115,511,695	1.5187%
Total:	77	4,024,601,595	52.9146%

Among Shareholders of the Company who attended the AGM, Jilin Aodong Pharmaceutical Group Co., Ltd. (“**Jilin Aodong**”), Liaoning Cheng Da Co., Ltd. (“**Liaoning Cheng Da**”) and Zhongshan Public Utilities Group Co., Ltd. (“**Zhongshan Public Utilities**”) are Shareholders holding more than 5% of the Company's Shares. The aforesaid Shareholders and their respective parties acting in concert are related/connected parties involved in the transactions (or transactions that may occur) listed in the ordinary resolution no. 8 “the resolution regarding the 2022 expected daily related party/connected transactions of the Company”, and the total number of Shares voting at the AGM held by such related/connected Shareholders is 3,304,506,171 Shares. Such related/connected Shareholders have abstained from voting on this resolution.

Save as mentioned above, no Shareholder was subject to any restriction on the voting of resolutions at the AGM. No Shareholder eligible to attend the AGM might only vote against the resolutions at the meeting. No Shareholder who was entitled to attend the AGM had to abstain from voting in favour of any resolution at the AGM as set out in Rule 13.40 of the Hong Kong Listing Rules. No party has indicated its intention in the AGM Circular to vote against or to abstain from voting on any resolutions at the AGM.

The AGM was duly convened and conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Company Law of the PRC, the applicable laws and regulations, the listing rules of the jurisdictions where the Company is listed and the Articles of Association.

The voting at the AGM was conducted by way of on-site voting and online voting (only applicable to A Shareholders), and the voting procedures were in compliance with the relevant requirements of laws and regulations and the Articles of Association.

The Company currently has 11 Directors, and all of them attended the AGM. Among the 5 existing Supervisors, all of them attended the AGM. Members of the senior management and the Secretary to the Board attended the AGM.

II. POLL RESULTS OF THE AGM

The poll results of the ordinary resolutions proposed at the AGM are as follows:

(I) Ordinary Resolutions

Ordinary Resolutions		Class of Shareholders	Number of Shares Voted/Percentage (%)		
			For	Against	Abstain
1.	To consider and approve the 2021 Directors' Report	A Share	3,332,060,296 (99.9922%)	54,100 (0.0016%)	206,500 (0.0062%)
		H Share	685,968,084 (99.0881%)	2,548,000 (0.3681%)	3,764,615 (0.5438%)
		Total	4,018,028,380 (99.8367%)	2,602,100 (0.0647%)	3,971,115 (0.0987%)
2.	To consider and approve the 2021 Supervisory Committee's Report	A Share	3,332,060,296 (99.9922%)	54,100 (0.0016%)	206,500 (0.0062%)
		H Share	685,968,084 (99.0881%)	2,548,000 (0.3681%)	3,764,615 (0.5438%)
		Total	4,018,028,380 (99.8367%)	2,602,100 (0.0647%)	3,971,115 (0.0987%)
3.	To consider and approve the 2021 Final Financial Report	A Share	3,332,061,196 (99.9922%)	54,000 (0.0016%)	205,700 (0.0062%)
		H Share	685,968,084 (99.0881%)	2,548,000 (0.3681%)	3,764,615 (0.5438%)
		Total	4,018,029,280 (99.8367%)	2,602,000 (0.0647%)	3,970,315 (0.0987%)
4.	To consider and approve the 2021 Annual Report	A Share	3,332,062,196 (99.9922%)	53,100 (0.0016%)	205,600 (0.0062%)
		H Share	685,968,084 (99.0881%)	2,548,000 (0.3681%)	3,764,615 (0.5438%)
		Total	4,018,030,280 (99.8367%)	2,601,100 (0.0646%)	3,970,215 (0.0986%)

Ordinary Resolutions		Class of Shareholders	Number of Shares Voted/Percentage (%)		
			For	Against	Abstain
5.	To consider and approve the 2021 Profit Distribution Plan	A Share	3,331,593,396 (99.9782%)	719,700 (0.0216%)	7,800 (0.0002%)
		H Share	687,205,884 (99.2669%)	3,096,400 (0.4473%)	1,978,415 (0.2858%)
		Total	4,018,799,280 (99.8558%)	3,816,100 (0.0948%)	1,986,215 (0.0494%)
6.	To consider and approve the resolution regarding engagement of auditors in 2022	A Share	3,327,104,336 (99.8435%)	5,204,560 (0.1562%)	12,000 (0.0004%)
		H Share	651,706,134 (94.1390%)	37,040,128 (5.3504%)	3,534,437 (0.5105%)
		Total	3,978,810,470 (98.8622%)	42,244,688 (1.0497%)	3,546,437 (0.0881%)
7.	To consider and approve the resolution regarding the authorization of proprietary investment quota of the Company for 2022	A Share	3,332,257,596 (99.9981%)	55,500 (0.0017%)	7,800 (0.0002%)
		H Share	689,648,284 (99.6197%)	654,000 (0.0945%)	1,978,415 (0.2858%)
		Total	4,021,905,880 (99.9330%)	709,500 (0.0176%)	1,986,215 (0.0494%)
8.	To consider and approve the resolution regarding the 2022 expected daily related party/ connected transactions of the Company	A Share	126,890,725 (88.6636%)	53,500 (0.0374%)	16,170,500 (11.2990%)
		H Share	574,348,284 (99.5438%)	654,000 (0.1133%)	1,978,415 (0.3429%)
		Total	701,239,009 (97.3814%)	707,500 (0.0983%)	18,148,915 (2.5203%)
As more than half of the votes were cast in favour of the resolutions no. 1 to no. 8 above, the above resolutions were duly passed as ordinary resolutions.					

(II) Special Resolutions

Special Resolutions		Class of Shareholders	Number of Shares Voted/Percentage (%)		
			For	Against	Abstain
9.	To individually consider and approve the resolution regarding the general mandate of issuances of onshore and offshore debt financing instruments by the Company, including:				
9.1	issuing entity, size of issuance and method of issuance	A Share	3,324,483,400 (99.7648%)	7,821,696 (0.2347%)	15,800 (0.0005%)
		H Share	639,928,628 (92.4377%)	50,373,656 (7.2765%)	1,978,415 (0.2858%)
		Total	3,964,412,028 (98.5045%)	58,195,352 (1.4460%)	1,994,215 (0.0496%)

Special Resolutions		Class of Shareholders	Number of Shares Voted/Percentage (%)		
			For	Against	Abstain
9.2	type of debt financing instruments	A Share	3,324,491,400 (99.7650%)	7,821,696 (0.2347%)	7,800 (0.0002%)
		H Share	639,928,628 (92.4377%)	50,373,656 (7.2765%)	1,978,415 (0.2858%)
		Total	3,964,420,028 (98.5047%)	58,195,352 (1.4460%)	1,986,215 (0.0494%)
9.3	term of debt financing instruments	A Share	3,324,492,400 (99.7651%)	7,820,696 (0.2347%)	7,800 (0.0002%)
		H Share	639,928,628 (92.4377%)	50,373,656 (7.2765%)	1,978,415 (0.2858%)
		Total	3,964,421,028 (98.5047%)	58,194,352 (1.4460%)	1,986,215 (0.0494%)
9.4	interest rate of the debt financing instruments	A Share	3,324,491,400 (99.7650%)	7,821,696 (0.2347%)	7,800 (0.0002%)
		H Share	639,928,628 (92.4377%)	50,373,656 (7.2765%)	1,978,415 (0.2858%)
		Total	3,964,420,028 (98.5047%)	58,195,352 (1.4460%)	1,986,215 (0.0494%)
9.5	security and other arrangements	A Share	3,324,491,400 (99.7650%)	7,821,696 (0.2347%)	7,800 (0.0002%)
		H Share	639,928,628 (92.4377%)	50,373,656 (7.2765%)	1,978,415 (0.2858%)
		Total	3,964,420,028 (98.5047%)	58,195,352 (1.4460%)	1,986,215 (0.0494%)
9.6	use of proceeds	A Share	3,324,491,400 (99.7650%)	7,821,696 (0.2347%)	7,800 (0.0002%)
		H Share	639,928,628 (92.4377%)	50,373,656 (7.2765%)	1,978,415 (0.2858%)
		Total	3,964,420,028 (98.5047%)	58,195,352 (1.4460%)	1,986,215 (0.0494%)
9.7	issuing price	A Share	3,324,491,400 (99.7650%)	7,821,696 (0.2347%)	7,800 (0.0002%)
		H Share	639,928,628 (92.4377%)	50,373,656 (7.2765%)	1,978,415 (0.2858%)
		Total	3,964,420,028 (98.5047%)	58,195,352 (1.4460%)	1,986,215 (0.0494%)

Special Resolutions		Class of Shareholders	Number of Shares Voted/Percentage (%)		
			For	Against	Abstain
9.8	targets of issue	A Share	3,324,490,500 (99.7650%)	7,821,696 (0.2347%)	8,700 (0.0003%)
		H Share	639,928,628 (92.4377%)	50,373,656 (7.2765%)	1,978,415 (0.2858%)
		Total	3,964,419,128 (98.5046%)	58,195,352 (1.4460%)	1,987,115 (0.0494%)
9.9	listing of the debt financing instruments	A Share	3,324,491,400 (99.7650%)	7,821,696 (0.2347%)	7,800 (0.0002%)
		H Share	639,928,628 (92.4377%)	50,373,656 (7.2765%)	1,978,415 (0.2858%)
		Total	3,964,420,028 (98.5047%)	58,195,352 (1.4460%)	1,986,215 (0.0494%)
9.10	safeguard measures for debt repayment of the debt financing instruments	A Share	3,324,491,400 (99.7650%)	7,821,696 (0.2347%)	7,800 (0.0002%)
		H Share	639,928,628 (92.4377%)	50,373,656 (7.2765%)	1,978,415 (0.2858%)
		Total	3,964,420,028 (98.5047%)	58,195,352 (1.4460%)	1,986,215 (0.0494%)
9.11	authorization for the issuances of the onshore and offshore debt financing instruments	A Share	3,324,403,300 (99.7624%)	7,909,796 (0.2374%)	7,800 (0.0002%)
		H Share	639,928,628 (92.4377%)	50,373,656 (7.2765%)	1,978,415 (0.2858%)
		Total	3,964,331,928 (98.5025%)	58,283,452 (1.4482%)	1,986,215 (0.0494%)
9.12	validity period of the resolution	A Share	3,324,492,400 (99.7651%)	7,820,696 (0.2347%)	7,800 (0.0002%)
		H Share	639,928,628 (92.4377%)	50,373,656 (7.2765%)	1,978,415 (0.2858%)
		Total	3,964,421,028 (98.5047%)	58,194,352 (1.4460%)	1,986,215 (0.0494%)
10.	To consider and approve the amendments to the Articles of Association	A Share	3,332,258,096 (99.9981%)	54,100 (0.0016%)	8,700 (0.0003%)
		H Share	689,648,284 (99.6197%)	654,000 (0.0945%)	1,978,415 (0.2858%)
		Total	4,021,906,380 (99.9330%)	708,100 (0.0176%)	1,987,115 (0.0494%)

As more than two-thirds of the votes were cast in favour of each of the items under the resolution no. 9 and resolution no. 10 above, the above resolutions were duly passed as special resolutions.

Pursuant to the requirements of the relevant laws and regulations of the PRC, voting on the above resolutions by the minority A Shareholders ^(Note 1) at the AGM was counted separately, and the poll results are as follows:

No.	Resolutions	Number of Shares Voted/Percentage (%)		
		For ^(Note 2)	Against ^(Note 2)	Abstain ^(Note 2)
1.	To consider and approve the 2021 Directors' Report	142,854,125 (99.8179%)	54,100 (0.0378%)	206,500 (0.1443%)
2.	To consider and approve the 2021 Supervisory Committee's Report	142,854,125 (99.8179%)	54,100 (0.0378%)	206,500 (0.1443%)
3.	To consider and approve the 2021 Final Financial Report	142,855,025 (99.8185%)	54,000 (0.0377%)	205,700 (0.1437%)
4.	To consider and approve the 2021 Annual Report	142,856,025 (99.8192%)	53,100 (0.0371%)	205,600 (0.1437%)
5.	To consider and approve the 2021 Profit Distribution Plan	142,387,225 (99.4917%)	719,700 (0.5029%)	7,800 (0.0055%)
6.	To consider and approve the resolution regarding engagement of auditors in 2022	137,898,165 (96.3550%)	5,204,560 (3.6366%)	12,000 (0.0084%)
7.	To consider and approve the resolution regarding the authorization of proprietary investment quota of the Company for 2022	143,051,425 (99.9558%)	55,500 (0.0388%)	7,800 (0.0055%)
8.	To consider and approve the resolution regarding the 2022 expected daily related party/connected transactions of the Company	126,890,725 (88.6636%)	53,500 (0.0374%)	16,170,500 (11.2990%)
9.	To individually consider and approve the resolution regarding the general mandate of issuances of onshore and offshore debt financing instruments by the Company, including:			
9.1	issuing entity, size of issuance and method of issuance	135,277,229 (94.5236%)	7,821,696 (5.4653%)	15,800 (0.0110%)
9.2	type of debt financing instruments	135,285,229 (94.5292%)	7,821,696 (5.4653%)	7,800 (0.0055%)
9.3	term of debt financing instruments	135,286,229 (94.5299%)	7,820,696 (5.4646%)	7,800 (0.0055%)
9.4	interest rate of the debt financing instruments	135,285,229 (94.5292%)	7,821,696 (5.4653%)	7,800 (0.0055%)
9.5	security and other arrangements	135,285,229 (94.5292%)	7,821,696 (5.4653%)	7,800 (0.0055%)
9.6	use of proceeds	135,285,229 (94.5292%)	7,821,696 (5.4653%)	7,800 (0.0055%)
9.7	issuing price	135,285,229 (94.5292%)	7,821,696 (5.4653%)	7,800 (0.0055%)
9.8	targets of issue	135,284,329 (94.5286%)	7,821,696 (5.4653%)	8,700 (0.0061%)

No.	Resolutions	Number of Shares Voted/Percentage (%)		
		For ^(Note 2)	Against ^(Note 2)	Abstain ^(Note 2)
9.9	listing of the debt financing instruments	135,285,229 (94.5292%)	7,821,696 (5.4653%)	7,800 (0.0055%)
9.10	safeguard measures for debt repayment of the debt financing instruments	135,285,229 (94.5292%)	7,821,696 (5.4653%)	7,800 (0.0055%)
9.11	authorization for the issuances of the onshore and offshore debt financing instruments	135,197,129 (94.4677%)	7,909,796 (5.5269%)	7,800 (0.0055%)
9.12	validity period of the resolution	135,286,229 (94.5299%)	7,820,696 (5.4646%)	7,800 (0.0055%)
10.	To consider and approve the amendments to the Articles of Association	143,051,925 (99.9561%)	54,100 (0.0378%)	8,700 (0.0061%)

Notes:

1. “minority A Shareholders” refer to A Shareholders other than Directors, Supervisors and senior management of the Company and A Shareholders who hold individually or in aggregate more than 5% of the Shares of the Company.
2. Percentage of votes for/against each resolution or abstention votes equals to (i) the number of Shares voting for/against or abstaining from voting by the minority A Shareholders, divided by (ii) the total number of voting Shares held by the minority A Shareholders present at the AGM (excluding the number of Shares abstaining from voting).

The scrutineers of the AGM were Mr. Ma Ze and Mr. Xu Youjun, the Shareholders’ representatives of the Company; Mr. Zhou Xitai, the chairman of Supervisory Committee; Mr. Su Dunyuan of Jia Yuan Law Offices, the PRC legal counsel of the Company; and Ms. Luo Fei of Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, the Company’s H Share registrar.

For details of the above resolutions, Shareholders may refer to the notice of AGM and the AGM Circular.

The Shareholders who attended the AGM have heard the 2021 Work Report of the Independent Directors, the 2021 Duty Performance Report of the Independent Directors, the Special Description of the Performance Assessment and Remuneration of the Directors for the Year of 2021, the Special Description of the Duty Performance Appraisal and Remuneration of the Supervisors for the Year of 2021 and the Special Description of the Duty Performance, Performance Assessment and Remuneration of the Management for the Year of 2021.

III. FINAL DIVIDEND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

As the profit distribution plan for the year ended December 31, 2021 proposed at the AGM has been approved, the Board is pleased to announce the following details regarding the distribution of the Company's final cash dividend for the year ended December 31, 2021 to the Shareholders:

- (1) Based on the number of Shares of the Company on the record date for dividend distribution, a cash dividend of RMB5.0 (tax inclusive) will be distributed for every 10 Shares held. Cash dividends of H Shares are distributed in Hong Kong dollars, the actual amount of which is calculated based on the average benchmark exchange rate for conversion between RMB and Hong Kong dollar as announced by the People's Bank of China for the five business days before the date of the AGM (i.e. Friday, May 13, 2022 to Thursday, May 19, 2022) (i.e. RMB0.86264 = HKD1.00). Accordingly, the final dividend payable per 10 H Share for the year ended December 31, 2021 is approximately HKD5.79616 (tax inclusive).
- (2) The Company will distribute the final dividend for the year ended December 31, 2021 to H Shareholders on Wednesday, July 13, 2022.
- (3) The final dividend for the year ended December 31, 2021 will be paid to H Shareholders whose names appear on the Company's register of members on Tuesday, May 31, 2022. To determine the identity of the Shareholders entitled to receive the final dividend, the H Share register of members of the Company will be closed during the period from Thursday, May 26, 2022 to Tuesday, May 31, 2022 (both days inclusive), during which no share transfer will be registered. In order to be entitled to receive the final dividend for the year ended December 31, 2021, all share certificates, together with the transfer documents, must be lodged with the Company's H Share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai, Hong Kong, by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25, 2022.
- (4) The Company has appointed Computershare Hong Kong Trustees Limited as the receiving agent (the "**Receiving Agent**") in Hong Kong and will pay to the Receiving Agent the declared dividends of the Company for payment to the H Shareholders of the Company. The dividends will be paid by the Receiving Agent and the dividend warrants will be posted by Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, the Company's H Share registrar, by ordinary mail to H Shareholders who are entitled to receive the dividends at their own risk on Wednesday, July 13, 2022.
- (5) Time arrangements of the record date, ex-entitlement date and final dividend payment date for investors of Northbound Trading of Shenzhen Connect are consistent with those for A Shareholders of the Company. Time arrangements of the record date, ex-entitlement date and final dividend payment date for Southbound Trading investors are consistent with those for H Shareholders of the Company. For details of dividend payout on A Shares, please refer to the announcement to be separately announced by the Company on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange. The relevant announcement will also be published on the website of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange in the form of an overseas regulatory announcement in accordance with Rule 13.10B of the Hong Kong Listing Rules.

(6) Matters relating to withholding and payment of income tax:

(I) Withholding and payment of enterprise income tax for non-resident enterprise Shareholders

Pursuant to the Enterprise Income Tax Law of the People's Republic of China (《中華人民共和國企業所得稅法》) and its implementation regulations and other relevant rules and regulations, the Company is required to withhold and pay enterprise income tax at the rate of 10% before distributing the final dividend for 2021 to non-resident enterprise Shareholders as appeared on the H Share register of members of the Company. Any Shares registered in the name of non-individual registered Shareholders, including HKSCC Nominees Limited, other nominees, trustees or other groups and organizations, will be treated as being held by non-resident enterprise Shareholders and therefore will be subject to the withholding of the enterprise income tax.

Upon receipt of such dividends, a non-resident enterprise Shareholder may apply to the competent tax authorities for relevant treatment under the tax treaties (arrangements) in person or through a proxy or a withholding agent and provide evidence in support of its status as a beneficial owner as defined in the tax treaties (arrangements). Upon verification by the competent tax authorities, the difference between the tax levied and the amount of tax payable as calculated at the tax rate under the tax treaties (arrangements) will be refunded.

(II) Withholding and payment of individual income tax for overseas resident individual Shareholders

Pursuant to the Individual Income Tax Law of the People's Republic of China (《中華人民共和國個人所得稅法》) and its implementation regulations and other relevant rules and regulations, the Company is required to withhold and pay individual income tax before distributing the final dividend for 2021 to individual Shareholders as appeared on the H Share register of members of the Company (the “**individual H Shareholders**”). However, individual H Shareholders may be entitled to certain tax preferential treatments pursuant to the tax treaties between the PRC and the countries (regions) in which the individual H Shareholders are domiciled and the tax arrangements between Mainland China and Hong Kong (Macau). In this regard, the Company will implement the following arrangements in relation to the withholding and payment of individual income tax for individual H Shareholders:

- for individual H Shareholders who are Hong Kong or Macau residents or domiciled in a country (region) which has entered into a tax treaty with the PRC stipulating a tax rate of 10% on dividends, the Company will withhold and pay individual income tax at the rate of 10% on behalf of the individual H Shareholders in the distribution of final dividend;
- for individual H Shareholders who are domiciled in a country (region) which has entered into a tax treaty with the PRC stipulating a tax rate of less than 10% on dividends, the Company will temporarily withhold and pay individual income tax at the rate of 10% on behalf of the individual H Shareholders in the distribution of final dividend;

- for individual H Shareholders who are domiciled in a country (region) which has entered into a tax treaty with the PRC stipulating a tax rate of more than 10% but less than 20% on dividends, the Company will withhold and pay individual income tax at the effective tax rate stipulated in the relevant tax treaty in the distribution of final dividend;
- for individual H Shareholders who are domiciled in a country (region) which has entered into a tax treaty with the PRC stipulating a tax rate of 20% on dividends, or a country (region) which has not entered into any tax treaties with the PRC, or under any other circumstances, the Company will withhold and pay individual income tax at the rate of 20% on behalf of the individual H Shareholders in the distribution of final dividend.

If individual H Shareholders consider that the tax rate adopted by the Company for the withholding and payment of individual income tax on their behalf is not the same as the tax rate stipulated in any tax treaties between the PRC and the country (region) in which they are domiciled, please submit promptly to the H Share registrar of the Company, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, a letter of entrustment and all application materials showing that they are residents of a country (region) which has entered into a tax treaty with the PRC. The Company will then submit the above documents to competent tax authorities who will proceed with subsequent tax related arrangements.

(III) Withholding of income tax for H Shareholders via Southbound Trading

Pursuant to the Notice on Relevant Taxation Policies Concerning the Pilot Inter-connected Mechanism for Trading on the Shenzhen Stock Market and the Hong Kong Stock Market (Cai Shui [2016] No. 127) (《關於深港股票市場交易互聯互通機制試點有關稅收政策的通知》(財稅[2016]127 號)) promulgated on December 5, 2016:

- for dividends received by Mainland individual investors from investing in the H Shares of the Company via Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect, the Company will withhold and pay individual income tax at the rate of 20% on their behalf. For dividends received by Mainland securities investment funds from investing in the H Shares of the Company via Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect, the tax payable will be the same as that for individual investors and will also be paid in the same way; and
- for dividends received by Mainland corporate investors from investing in the H Shares of the Company via Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect, the Company will not withhold and pay the income tax on their behalf and the Mainland corporate investors shall file the tax returns on their own. Dividends and bonus income of resident enterprises in the PRC obtained as they have continuously held H Shares for 12 months and enterprise income tax will be exempted according to laws.

Should the H Shareholders of the Company have any doubt in relation to the aforesaid arrangements, they are recommended to consult their tax advisors on relevant tax impact in Mainland China, Hong Kong and other countries (regions) on the possession and disposal of the H Shares of the Company.

IV. APPROVAL AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

The AGM has approved to make corresponding amendments to the Articles of Association. The amended Articles of Association shall take effect after the AGM. For the full text of the amended Articles of Association, please refer to the latest version of the Articles of Association, which has been uploaded on the websites of the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (www.hkexnews.hk) and the Company (www.gf.com.cn) as at the date of this announcement.

V. TESTIMONY OF LEGAL COUNSEL

Mr. Su Dunyuan and Mr. Zhang Zhou of Jia Yuan Law Offices, Beijing, the PRC legal counsel of the Company, were witnesses to the AGM, and in their opinion the procedures of calling and convening the AGM were in compliance with applicable laws, the eligibility of the convenor, Shareholders and proxies attending the meeting and the voting procedures have complied with the requirements of the relevant laws, regulations and the Articles of Association and were in compliance with applicable laws and valid, and the poll results of the AGM were in compliance with applicable laws and valid.

By order of the Board
GF Securities Co., Ltd.
Lin Chuanhui
Chairman

Guangzhou, the PRC
May 20, 2022

As at the date of this announcement, the Board of the Company comprises Mr. Lin Chuanhui, Mr. Ge Changwei, Ms. Sun Xiaoyan and Mr. Qin Li as executive Directors; Mr. Li Xiulin, Mr. Shang Shuzhi and Mr. Guo Jingyi as non-executive Directors; and Mr. Fan Lifu, Mr. Hu Bin, Ms. Leung Shek Ling Olivia and Mr. Li Wenjing as independent non-executive Directors.