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**Guangzhou Rural Commercial Bank Co., Ltd.\***

**廣州農村商業銀行股份有限公司\***

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

**(H Share Stock code: 1551)**

**(Preference Share Stock code: 4618)**

**ANNOUNCEMENT ON OBTAINING THE APPROVAL ON  
ISSUANCE OF FINANCIAL BONDS SPECIALIZED FOR  
SMALL AND MICRO ENTERPRISES FROM  
THE PEOPLE'S BANK OF CHINA**

References are made to (I) the announcement dated July 3, 2019 in relation to the proposed issuance of financial bonds; (II) the circular dated July 8, 2019 in relation to the 2019 second extraordinary general meeting; (III) the announcement dated August 22, 2019 in relation to the poll results of the 2019 second extraordinary general meeting; (IV) the circular dated August 4, 2022 in relation to the 2022 Second EGM; (V) the announcement dated August 19, 2022 in relation to the poll results of the 2022 Second EGM of Guangzhou Rural Commercial Bank Co., Ltd.\* (the “**Bank**”). Capitalized terms used in this announcement shall have the same meanings as those defined in the announcements and circulars unless the context otherwise requires.

The Bank has recently received the Administrative Approval Decision of the People's Bank of China (Yin Xu Zhun Yu Zi [2022] No. 156), pursuant to which, the public issuance of financial bonds of not exceeding RMB15 billion in the National Inter-Bank Bond Market of China (the “**Bonds Issuance**”) by the Bank has been approved, and the proceeds to be raised therefrom will be used for granting special loans to small and micro enterprises.

The Bank will make its due efforts in organizing the Bonds Issuance in accordance with the provisions of Administration Measures for the Issuance of Financial Bonds in the National Inter-Bank Bond Market and Operating Rules for the Administration of Issuance of Financial Bonds in the National Inter-Bank Bond Market, and will make its due efforts in information disclosure in accordance with relevant requirements.

By Order of the Board  
**Guangzhou Rural Commercial Bank Co., Ltd.\***  
**Cai Jian**  
*Chairman*

Guangzhou, the PRC,  
October 13, 2022

*As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises two executive directors, namely Mr. Cai Jian and Mr. Yi Xuefei; seven non-executive directors, namely Mr. Da Hengcheng, Mr. Zuo Liang, Ms. Feng Kaiyun, Mr. Zhang Junzhou, Mr. Zhuang Yuemin, Mr. Feng Yaoliang and Mr. Lai Zhiguang; and six independent non-executive directors, namely, Mr. Liao Wenyi, Mr. Du Jinmin, Mr. Tan Jinsong, Mr. Zhang Weiguo, Mr. Zhang Hua and Mr. Ma Hok Ming.*

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