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21世紀教育

21ST CENTURY EDUCATION

China 21st Century Education Group Limited

中國21世紀教育集團有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 1598)

APPLICATION FOR WAIVER FROM STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH RULE 14.41(a) OF THE LISTING RULES

References are made to the announcements of China 21st Century Education Group Limited (the “**Company**”) dated 6 September 2023 and 25 September 2023 in relation to the upward adjustment to the consideration of (1) the General Construction Contract for Comprehensive Teaching Buildings; and (2) the General Construction Contract for Canteens and Dormitory Buildings, both due to the change of construction plan and the incurrence of additional raw materials, machinery usage fee and labour cost, etc. (collectively the “**Announcements**”). References are also made to the announcements of the Company dated 26 September 2023 and 27 October 2023 in relation to the grant of waiver from strict compliance with Rule 14.41(a) of the Listing Rules (collectively the “**Waiver Announcements**”). Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalised terms used in this announcement shall have the same meanings as those defined in the Announcements and the Waiver Announcements.

As stated in the Waiver Announcements, the Company was granted with the waiver from strict compliance with Rule 14.41(a) of the Listing Rules to despatch the Circular within 15 business days after the publication of the announcement on 25 September 2023, and the deadline for despatch of the Circular was extended to 25 October 2023. The Company was further granted with the 2nd Waiver from strict compliance with Rule 14.41(a) of the Listing Rules, and the deadline for despatch of the Circular was further extended to 24 November 2023.

As additional time is required for the Company to prepare and finalize the information to be contained in the Circular, the Company has applied to the Stock Exchange for a waiver from strict compliance with Rule 14.41(a) of the Listing Rules for a further extension of the date of despatch of the Circular (the “**3rd Waiver**”). The Company will make a further announcement for the expected date of the despatch of the Circular after obtaining the 3rd Waiver from the Stock Exchange.

By order of the Board

China 21st Century Education Group Limited

Li Yasheng

Chairman

Hong Kong, 24 November 2023

As at the date of this announcement, the chairman of the Board and the non-executive director is Mr. Li Yasheng; the executive directors are Ms. Liu Hongwei, Mr. Ren Caiyin and Ms. Yang Li; and the independent non-executive directors are Mr. Guo Litian, Mr. Yao Zhijun and Mr. Wan Joseph Jason.