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YUNNAN WATER

雲南水務投資股份有限公司
Yunnan Water Investment Co., Limited*

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

(Stock code: 6839)

POTENTIAL TRANSACTION THROUGH PUBLIC TENDER

This announcement is made by the Company pursuant to the Inside Information Provisions (as defined in the Listing Rules) under Part XIVA of the Securities and Futures Ordinance and Rule 13.09 of the Listing Rules.

THE POTENTIAL DISPOSAL

The Company has resolved to dispose of the Disposal Interests. Since the Company is a state-owned enterprise, the Disposal Interests constitute state-owned assets, the disposal of which is required to undergo the process of Public Tender through an approved equity exchange in accordance with the relevant PRC laws and regulations governing the disposal of state-controlled assets. The Potential Disposal will be carried out through YNEX and the successful bidder will enter into the Equity Transaction Agreement with the Company according to the relevant rules and regulations of YNEX.

As at the date of this announcement, the Minimum Consideration (being the initial bidding price) for the Disposal Interests has not yet been determined, which will be announced when the process of the formal tender commenced, the final Consideration will be subject to the final bid price of the Public Tender, but will not be less than the Minimum Consideration in any event.

* For identification purposes only

POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE LISTING RULES

In view of the fact that the Minimum Consideration for the Disposal Interests has not yet been determined, using the pre-assessment net asset value of the Disposal Interests as of 31 May 2023 of RMB248,220,000 as the basis of calculation temporarily, the Company will make subsequent disclosures in due course in accordance with the relevant requirements of the Listing Rules. Upon completion of the Potential Disposal, the Company will cease to hold any equity interest in the Underlying Company which in turn will cease to be a subsidiary of the Company.

As the Potential Disposal may or may not proceed, shareholders and potential investors should exercise caution when dealing in the Shares.

BACKGROUND

The Company has resolved to dispose of the Disposal Interests. Since the Company is a state-owned enterprise, the Disposal Interests constitute state-owned assets, the disposal of which is required to undergo the public tender process through an approved equity exchange in accordance with the relevant PRC laws and regulations governing the disposal of state-controlled assets. The Potential Disposal will be carried out through the YNEX and the successful bidder will enter into the Equity Transaction Agreement with the Company according to the relevant rules and regulations of the YNEX.

THE POTENTIAL DISPOSAL THROUGH THE PUBLIC TENDER

1. The Disposal Interests

Hyflux NewSpring (Guanyun), established on 29 April 2007, is principally engaged in the production of tap water (projects subject to approval as required by laws shall be conducted upon approvals by relevant authorities). As at the date of this announcement, Hyflux NewSpring (Guanyun) is a subsidiary in which the Company indirectly holds 100% interest.

Set out below is the key unaudited financial information for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 and the key unaudited financial information for the financial year ended 31 December 2021 of Hyflux NewSpring (Guanyun), both prepared according to the PRC Accounting Standards.

	For the year ended	
	31 December 2021 RMB (unaudited)	31 December 2022 RMB (unaudited)
Operating revenue	56,389,104	27,943,392
Profit before tax	24,139,014	-275,267
Profit after tax	18,446,690	-662,597
Total assets	437,507,006	431,211,853
Total liabilities	214,982,800	209,350,242
Net assets	222,524,206	221,861,611

2. Major Terms of the Potential Disposal

A. Date and Procedures of the Public Tender

The Company will have to submit to YNEX the tender notice setting out, inter alia, (i) the Minimum Consideration, which will not be disclosed at the time of pre-tender and will be disclosed at the time of formal tender; (ii) the principal terms of the bidding; and (iii) descriptions and qualifications of the potential bidders. As the Company is the controlling shareholder of the Underlying Company, the tender process will include pre-tender and formal tender. The Company will submit the tender notice to YNEX as soon as practicable.

The Publication Period will be 20 Working Days from the date of the pre-tender notice and 20 Working Days from the date of the formal tender notice. During the Publication Period, qualified bidders may indicate their intention to purchase the Disposal Interests and register themselves as interested bidders. Upon the expiry of the Publication Period, YNEX will notify the Company of the identity of the successful bidder. Upon the notification of the successful bidder (being the highest bidder) by YNEX, the Company is required to enter into the Equity Transaction Agreement with such successful bidder.

As at the date of this announcement, material information of the Equity Transaction Agreement, including the bidder(s), final Consideration, payment, delivery and transfer time has not been determined. The Company will enter into the Equity Transaction Agreement upon confirmation of the successful bidder and perform its relevant approval procedures and information disclosure obligations. As at the date of this announcement, no agreement has been entered into between the Group and any other party in relation to the Potential Disposal.

B. Consideration

As at the date of this announcement, the Minimum Consideration (being the initial bidding price) for the Disposal Interests has not yet been determined, which will be announced when the process of the formal tender commences, the final Consideration will be subject to the final bidding price of the Public Tender, but will not be less than the Minimum Consideration in any event.

The payment of the Consideration shall be made in accordance with the time and method agreed in the Equity Transaction Agreement in the manner otherwise determined by the transferor and transferee of the Disposal Interests.

REASONS FOR AND BENEFITS OF THE POTENTIAL DISPOSAL

The Directors are of the view that the Potential Disposal and the transactions contemplated thereunder will be on normal commercial terms which are fair and reasonable and in the interest of the Company and the shareholders as a whole.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE GROUP

The Group is one of the leading integrated service providers in the municipal wastewater treatment and water supply industries in the PRC. The major business of the Company includes investment, construction and management services for urban water supply, wastewater treatment, solid waste treatment and environmental governance projects; sales of equipment and other environmental protection related services.

POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE LISTING RULES

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As the Potential Disposal may or may not proceed, shareholders and potential investors should exercise caution when dealing in the Shares.

DEFINITIONS

Unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions shall have the meanings below in this announcement:

“Company”	Yunnan Water Investment Co., Limited* (雲南水務投資股份有限公司), a joint stock limited liability company incorporated in the PRC, whose H Shares are listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange (stock code: 6839);
“Consideration”	the consideration for the Disposal Interests payable by the transferee under the Equity Transaction Agreement;
“Director(s)”	the director(s) of the Company;
“Disposal Interests”	100% equity interest in Hyflux NewSpring (Guanyun) held by the Company;
“Equity Transaction Agreement”	an equity transaction agreement to be entered into between the Company and the successful bidder of the Public Tender in respect of the Disposal Interests according to the rules and regulations of YNEX;
“Group”	the Company and its subsidiaries;
“Hong Kong”	Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC;
“Hyflux NewSpring (Guanyun)”	Hyflux NewSpring (Guanyun) Co., Ltd.* (凱發新泉自來水(灌雲)有限公司), a company incorporated in the PRC with limited liability. As at the date of this announcement, the Company indirectly held 100% equity interest;
“Listing Rules”	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange;
“Minimum Consideration”	the minimum consideration for the Disposal Interests, as of the date of this announcement, the Minimum Consideration has not yet been determined, which will be announced when the process of the formal tender commences;
“Potential Disposal”	the potential disposal of the Disposal Interests by the Group;
“PRC” or “State”	the People’s Republic of China, for the purpose of this announcement only, excluding Hong Kong, Macau Special Administrative Region and Taiwan;
“Public Tender”	the public tender for the Potential Disposal through YNEX;

“Publication Period”	the publication period (including the pre-tender period and the formal tender period) for the Public Tender during which qualified bidders may indicate their intention to purchase the Disposal Interests and register themselves as interested bidders;
“RMB”	Renminbi, the lawful currency of the PRC;
“Stock Exchange”	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited;
“Underlying Company”	Hyflux NewSpring (Guanyun), a subsidiary of Hyflux Utility WTP (GY) Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, which holds 100% of its equity interests;
“Working Day(s)”	a day other than Saturday, Sunday and statutory holiday in the PRC, on which commercial banks in the PRC are open for normal business;
“YNEX”	Yunnan Equity Exchange Co., Ltd.; and
“%”	per cent.

By order of the Board
Yunnan Water Investment Co., Limited*
Mei Wei
Chairman

Kunming, the PRC
5 January 2024

As at the date of this announcement, the executive Directors of the Company are Mr. Liu Jianjun (Vice-Chairman), Mr. Liu Hui and Mr. Zhou Zhimi, the non-executive Directors of the Company are Mr. Mei Wei (Chairman), Mr. Dai Richeng and Mr. Chen Yong, and the independent non-executive Directors of the Company are Mr. Liu Shuen Kong, Mr. Zhou Beihai and Mr. Zhong Wei.

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