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## **KING STONE ENERGY GROUP LIMITED**

**金山能源集團有限公司**

*(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)*

**(Stock Code: 00663)**

### **DELAY IN THE PUBLICATION OF THE 2023 ANNUAL RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT; AND POSTPONEMENT OF BOARD MEETING**

This announcement is made by King Stone Energy Group Limited (the “**Company**”, and together with its subsidiaries, the “**Group**”) pursuant to Rule 13.09(2)(a) and 13.49(3)(i) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities (the “**Listing Rules**”) on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Stock Exchange**”) and Inside Information Provisions under Part XIVA of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong).

#### **DELAY IN PUBLICATION OF THE 2023 ANNUAL RESULTS AND POSTPONEMENT OF MEETING OF THE BOARD**

The board (the “**Board**”) of directors (the “**Directors**”) of the Company wishes to inform the shareholders of the Company (the “**Shareholders**”) and potential investors of the Company that there will be a delay in the release of its preliminary results in respect of the financial year ended 31 December 2023 (“**2023 Annual Results**”) as the auditors of the Company (the “**Auditors**”) requires additional time for the Company to provide information on significant outstanding matters raised by the Auditors, among other matters, (i) the business rationale and commercial substances, and impairment assessment of outstanding prepayments made to suppliers (the “**Prepayment Matter**”); and (ii) the classification and valuation of investments in associates as at 31 December 2023 (the “**Investment In Associates Matter**”). Accordingly, the Board meeting to approve the publication of the 2023 Annual Results announcement will be postponed.

Pursuant to Rules 13.49(1) of the Listing Rules, the Company is required to publish an announcement in relation to its 2023 Annual Results not later than three months after the end of the financial year of the Company (i.e. on or before 31 March 2024). Under Rule 13.49(2) of the Listing Rules, the preliminary announcement in relation to the 2023 Annual Results shall be based on the Company's financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 which shall have been agreed with the Auditors. The delay in publishing the 2023 Annual Results, will constitute non-compliance with Rules 13.49(1) of the Listing Rules. The Board is working closely with the Auditors and has been using its best endeavours to resolve and provide information in relation to the Prepayment Matter and the Investment In Associates Matter and to cooperate with the Auditors in order complete the auditing process as soon as possible.

Rule 13.49(3) of the Listing Rules provides that where an issuer is unable to issue its preliminary results in accordance with Rules 13.49(1) and 13.49(2) of the Listing Rules, it must announce its results based on the financial results which have yet to be agreed with the Auditors (so far as the information is available). The Board, after due and careful consideration, is of the view that it would not be appropriate for the Company to publish the unaudited management accounts of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2023 at this stage as such management accounts may not accurately reflect the financial performance and position of the Group and may confuse or mislead the Shareholders and potential investors of the Company.

Pursuant to Rule 13.50 of the Listing Rules, the Stock Exchange will normally require suspension of trading in an issuer's securities if an issuer fails to publish periodic financial information in accordance with the Listing Rules, and the suspension will normally remain in force until the issuer publishes an announcement containing the requisite financial information. Accordingly, it is expected that trading in the shares of the Company on the Stock Exchange will be suspended with effect from 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 2 April 2024 until the publication of the 2023 Annual Results.

The Company will publish further announcement(s) to inform shareholders and potential investors of the Company any material developments in connection with the 2023 Annual Results as and when appropriate.

**Shareholders and potential investors of the Company are advised to exercise caution when dealing in the shares of the Company.**

By order of the Board  
**King Stone Energy Group Limited**  
**Xu Zhuliang**  
*Chairman*

Hong Kong, 28 March 2024

*As at the date of this announcement, the executive Directors are Mr. Xu Zhuliang, Mr. Zong Hao and Ms. He Qing, and the independent non-executive Directors are Mr. Chiu Sui Keung, Mr. Lee Ping and Mr. Lee Kwok Wan.*