Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited take no responsibility for the contents of this announcement, make no representation as to its accuracy or completeness and expressly disclaim any liability whatsoever for any loss howsoever arising from or in reliance upon the whole or any part of the contents of this announcement.



## CHINA COAL ENERGY COMPANY LIMITED\*

### 中國中煤能源股份有限公司

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

(Stock Code: 01898)

# PROPOSED DECLARATION OF SPECIAL DIVIDEND AND CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

#### PROPOSED DECLARATION OF SPECIAL DIVIDEND

Reference is made to the announcement of China Coal Energy Company Limited (the "Company") dated 30 May 2024 in relation to, among others, the convening of a meeting of the board of directors of the Company (the "Board") for the purposes of considering the recommendation for declaration and payment of a special dividend to shareholders (the "Shareholders") of the Company.

The Board is pleased to announce that at the board meeting held on 12 June 2024, the Board proposed to distribute a special dividend (the "Special Dividend") of RMB0.113 per share (tax inclusive) based on the Company's total issued share capital of 13,258,663,400 shares, after taking into account the proposal of the controlling shareholder of the Company and in order to better reward Shareholders, safeguard values of the Company and Shareholders, with the amount of cash dividend proposed to be distributed totaling RMB1.5 billion (tax inclusive). Such proposal is subject to consideration and approval by the Shareholders at the 2023 annual general meeting (the "AGM").

Pursuant to the Company's articles of association, the Special Dividend will be denominated and declared in RMB, with the dividend on A shares to be paid in RMB and the dividend on H shares to be paid in Hong Kong dollars. The amount of dividend payable in Hong Kong dollars will be calculated based on the average exchange rate of Hong Kong dollars to Renminbi as announced by the People's Bank of China for the five business days (exclusive of the declaration date) prior to the date of the declaration of dividend (i.e. the date of the AGM). The Special Dividend is expected to be paid on or about 26 August 2024 to holders of H shares whose names appear on the H share register of members of the Company on Thursday, 11 July 2024, subject to approval by the Shareholders at the AGM.

Investors should be aware that, in accordance with the relevant regulations of China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited Shanghai Branch and the market practice regarding dividend distribution for A shares, a separate dividend implementation announcement in respect of the distribution of the Special Dividend to holders of A shares of the Company will be issued.

#### **CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS**

In order to determine the entitlement of the Shareholders to receive the Special Dividend (subject to the approval by the Shareholders at the AGM), the Company's register of members will be closed from Monday, 8 July 2024 to Thursday, 11 July 2024 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares of the Company will be registered. In order to qualify for receiving the Special Dividend, all transfer documents of the holders of H shares of the Company must be lodged with Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, the H share registrar and transfer office of the Company in Hong Kong, at Rooms 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, 5 July 2024.

#### WITHHOLDING OF INCOME TAXES

Pursuant to the Enterprise Income Tax Law of the People's Republic of China and its implementing rules, the Company is required to withhold enterprise income tax at a rate of 10% before distributing the Special Dividend to non-resident enterprise Shareholders whose names appear on the Company's H share register of members. Any Shares registered in the name of the non-individual registered Shareholders, including HKSCC Nominees Limited, other nominees, trustees or other groups and organisations, will be treated as being held by non-resident enterprise Shareholders and therefore an enterprise income tax shall be withheld for their dividends receivables.

Pursuant to the "Notice on Matters Concerning the Levy and Administration of Individual Income Tax After the Repeal of Guo Shui Fa [1993] No.045" (Guo Shui Han [2011] No.348) issued by the State Administration of Taxation, the dividend received by the overseas resident individual Shareholders from the stocks issued by domestic non-foreign invested enterprises in Hong Kong is subject to individual income tax at a rate of 10% in general. If an individual H Shareholder considers that his/her individual income tax withheld by the Company does not comply with the tax rate stipulated in the tax treaties between country(ies) or region(s) in which he/she is domiciled and the PRC, he/she should engage or mandate agency after receiving the dividends according to requirements set out in tax treaties notice, register with the competent tax authority of the Company for subsequent taxation handling.

Pursuant to the "Notice on Taxation Policies concerning the Pilot Program of an Interconnection Mechanism for Transactions in the Shanghai and Hong Kong Stock Markets" (Cai Shui [2014] No. 81) and the "Notice on Taxation Policies concerning the Pilot Program of an Interconnection Mechanism for Transactions in the Shenzhen and Hong Kong Stock Markets" (Cai Shui [2016] No. 127) jointly promulgated by the Ministry of Finance, the State Administration of Taxation and the China Securities Regulatory Commission, for dividends derived by Mainland individual investors from investing in H-share listed on the HKSE through Shanghai Hong Kong Stock Connect or Shenzhen Hong Kong Stock Connect, the Company shall withhold individual income tax at a tax rate of 20% for the investors. For Mainland securities investment funds investing in shares listed on HKSE through Shanghai Hong Kong Stock Connect or Shenzhen Hong Kong Stock Connect, individual income tax shall be levied on dividends derived therefrom in accordance with the above rules. Dividends derived by Mainland enterprise investors from investing in shares listed on HKSE through Shanghai Hong Kong Stock Connect or Shenzhen Hong Kong Stock Connect shall be reported and paid by the enterprise investors themselves. The Company will not withhold or pay enterprise income tax on their behalf in the distribution of dividends.

The Company will have no liability in respect of any claims arising from any delay in, or inaccurate determination of the status of the Shareholders or any disputes over the mechanism of withholding.

By Order of the Board
China Coal Energy Company Limited
Wang Shudong
Chairman of the Board, Executive Director

Beijing, the PRC 12 June 2024

As at the date of this announcement, the executive directors of the Company are Wang Shudong, Liao Huajun and Zhao Rongzhe; non-executive director is Xu Qian; independent non-executive directors are Zhang Chengjie, Jing Fengru and Hung Lo Shan Lusan.

\* For identification purpose only