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Haitong International launches 2021 ESG report

Strives to become one of the world's renowned leading green investment banks focusing on sustainable finance

Hong Kong, 27 April 2022 – Haitong International Securities Group Limited ("Haitong International" or "the Group"; Stock Code: 665.HK) announced the launch of its 2021 Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Report, disclosing various tasks in ESG aspects and achievements of the Group over the past year. This Report gives a detailed picture of the Group's strategic philosophy, corporate governance, green finance practices in respect of ESG and how the Group identifies and manages various developments.

Haitong International is committed to maintaining a high standard of corporate governance practices and improving its ESG governance structure. The Group has published independent ESG reports for six consecutive years. In 2021, the Group engaged professional auditors to perform assurance engagement on its ESG disclosure, becoming one of the first peers in Hong Kong to publish an ESG assurance report.

The Group's outstanding achievements in ESG and sustainable finance were also recognised by financial institutions globally and the investment community. In 2021, the Group was granted an upgrade of its ESG rating to "A" level by the internationally recognised index agency, MSCI. It has also been included in the FTSE4Good Index by FTSE Russell of the London Stock Exchange. Furthermore, Haitong International was granted the Excellence in ESG Governance — Grand Award and Carbon Neutral Award — Commendation by Hong Kong ESG Reporting Awards ("HERA") in 2021, being the first Chinese financial institution awardee of the above awards.

Highlights of the Group's sustainability work include:

Sustainable and green finance

Haitong International is the first financial institution in Hong Kong to announce an ESG statement. It plans to deploy or provide USD 20 billion to support ESG and sustainable financing and investment by the end of 2025. The Group has underwritten a total of 40 green and sustainable bond issuance projects with an amount of over USD 11.2 billion. The number of projects and total underwriting amount increased over twofold as compared to 2020. Haitong International Asset Management also launched an innovative ESG product to promote the development of sustainable finance. It partnered with a British asset manager to launch the "Tabula Haitong Asia ex-Japan HY Corp USD Bond ESG UCITS ETF", which is the first-ever ESG-themed Asian (ex-Japan) corporate high yield USD bond ETF in the world.

The Group published the "Chinese Financial Institutions' Route to Achieving Carbon Neutrality" Report, as well as the "Hong Kong: the International Financial Centre for the Future" Report, as guidelines for Chinese financial institutions on the reduction of carbon emissions, advocating to develop Hong Kong as a global sustainable financial centre and ESG investment hub, contributing to the sustainable development of the Hong Kong and China financial markets and institutions.



ESG investment decisions making

Haitong International incorporates ESG factors, such as climate change-related considerations, into its investment decision-making process to effectively review the ESG risks of its investment portfolios. The Group has gradually turned away from heavily polluting and energy-consuming corporate financing and investment activities and will proactively support new energy and green industries to promote the development of clean and green industries. Currently, ratings given by two international rating agencies, MSCI and SusallWave, to target stocks for investment are shown in the research reports for investors' consideration of their ESG performance, when making investment decisions.

Energy-saving and carbon emission reduction

Carbon emissions of Haitong International decreased by approximately 45%, when compared with 2020. The Group has gradually cut its carbon emissions through reducing energy consumption and utilising renewable energy and will purchase carbon credits to offset any remaining carbon emissions to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by the end of 2025. The "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" concept has been advocated throughout the Group. In 2021, the Group purchased 590 kWh of renewable energy and aims to power its operations with 100% renewable energy by 2025.

Fulfilment of social responsibility

Haitong International has earnestly assumed corporate social responsibility for many years. Since its establishment in 2014, the Haitong International Charity Fund has given back to the society through community investments, benefiting many charitable organisations. The Group has supported the development of windsurfing in Hong Kong for five consecutive years and has also paid special attention to the cultivation of young athletes, including selecting potential athletes through the Haitong International Hong Kong Youth Windsurfing Training Programme in the hopes of nurturing talented windsurfers in Hong Kong. Two of the Hong Kong representatives that participated in the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games, are graduates of this programme.

For more details on the Haitong International 2021 ESG Report, please visit: <https://www.htisec.com/en-us/esg-reports>

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Haitong International Securities Group Limited

Haitong International Securities Group Limited ("Haitong International"; Stock Code: 665.HK) is an international financial institution with established presence in Hong Kong and a rapidly expanding network across the globe. It strives to serve as a bridge linking up the Chinese and overseas capital markets. The parent company of Haitong International is Haitong Securities Co. Ltd ("Haitong Securities", Stock Code: 600837.SH; 6837.HK).

Haitong International is well positioned to serve corporate, institutional, as well as high-net worth clients worldwide. Its well-established financial services platform provides a full spectrum of financial offerings including private wealth management, corporate finance, asset management, global markets (key



businesses include sales and trading of both equity and fixed income products, prime brokerage and risk management solutions, and research advisory) and investment businesses. Haitong International possesses a sound risk management system that is in line with international standards. The company has been assigned a "Baa2" long-term issuer rating by Moody's and a "BBB" long-term credit rating by Standard and Poor's. Haitong International is also a high performer in terms of ESG and corporate governance. It has been assigned "A" in ESG rating by MSCI and included in the FTSE4Good Index by FTSE Russell. Haitong International has a global financial servicing network covering the world's major capital markets including Hong Kong, Singapore, New York, London, Tokyo, Mumbai and Sydney, thereby making it a world-class Chinese financial institution with international competitiveness, systemic importance and brand influence.

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