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**WH Group Limited**  
**萬洲國際有限公司**

*(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)*  
**(Stock Code: 288)**

## **VOLUNTARY ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **DISCONTINUATION OF FILING OF PERIODIC REPORTS BY SMITHFIELD AND VOLUNTARY REPORTING OF QUARTERLY FINANCIAL RESULTS BY THE COMPANY**

This announcement is made by the Company on a voluntary basis.

#### **DISCONTINUATION OF FILING OF PERIODIC REPORTS BY SMITHFIELD**

On December 8, 2016 (U.S. Eastern Standard Time), Smithfield achieved the “investment grade status” under the indentures governing its senior notes. As a result, substantially all restrictive covenants under the indentures, including those that required Smithfield to file Periodic Reports with the SEC, are no longer in effect, and Smithfield will not be required to and will not voluntarily file Periodic Reports with the SEC.

The Company, which had adopted the practice of publishing corresponding announcements in relation to the filings that contain financial and other information of Smithfield and its subsidiaries, will not publish such corresponding announcements in the future.

For further details, please refer to the Form 8-K filed by Smithfield with the SEC on December 8, 2016 (U.S. Eastern Standard Time), which is available at <http://www.smithfieldfoods.com/investor-relations/sec-filings> or <http://www.sec.gov>.

#### **VOLUNTARY REPORTING OF QUARTERLY FINANCIAL RESULTS BY THE COMPANY**

The Board is pleased to announce that, in order to enhance transparency and corporate governance, the Company will publish quarterly financial results of the Group for the three months ending March 31 and the nine months ending September 30 of each financial year starting from 2017 on a voluntary basis in addition to the interim and annual financial results reporting as required under the Listing Rules.

## DEFINITIONS

Unless the context otherwise requires, capitalized terms used in this announcement shall have the following meanings:

“Board”	the board of Directors
“Company”	WH Group Limited (萬洲國際有限公司), a company incorporated under the laws of Cayman Islands with limited liability and whose shares are listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
“Directors”	the directors of the Company
“Group”	the Company and its subsidiaries
“Listing Rules”	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
“Periodic Reports”	annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and current reports on Form 8-K
“SEC”	the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
“Smithfield”	Smithfield Foods, Inc., a corporation incorporated in the Commonwealth of Virginia, the United States of America on July 25, 1997 and an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company

For and on behalf of the Board of  
**WH Group Limited**  
**Wan Long**  
*Chairman and Chief Executive Officer*

Hong Kong, December 9, 2016

*As at the date of this announcement, the executive Directors are Mr. WAN Long, Mr. GUO Lijun, Mr. ZHANG Taixi, Mr. SULLIVAN Kenneth Marc and Mr. YOU Mu; the non-executive Director is Mr. JIAO Shuge; and the independent non-executive Directors are Mr. HUANG Ming, Mr. LEE Conway Kong Wai and Mr. LAU, Jin Tin Don.*