

*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.*

*This announcement does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities in the United States or any other jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. The securities referred to herein will not be registered under the Securities Act, and may not be offered or sold in the United States except pursuant to an exemption from, or a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act. Any public offering of securities to be made in the United States will be made by means of a prospectus. Such prospectus will contain detailed information about the company making the offer and its management and financial statements. The Company does not intend to make any public offering of securities in the United States.*



## **China ZhengTong Auto Services Holdings Limited**

**中國正通汽車服務控股有限公司**

*(Incorporated under the laws of the Cayman Islands with limited liability)*

**(Stock Code: 1728)**

### **ISSUANCE OF US\$160,000,000 12.0% SENIOR NOTES DUE 2022**

On 16 January 2020, the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantors entered into the Purchase Agreement with Initial Purchasers in connection with the Notes Issue.

The Company intends to use the net proceeds of the Notes Issue to refinance certain of its existing indebtedness and for general corporate and working capital purposes.

The Company will seek a listing of the Notes on the Stock Exchange. A confirmation of the eligibility for the listing of the Notes has been received from the Stock Exchange for the listing of the Notes by way of debt issues to professional investors only as described in the offering memorandum. Admission of the Notes to the Stock Exchange is not to be taken as an indication of the merits of the Company or the Notes.

The Board is pleased to announce that on 16 January 2020, the Company, together with the Subsidiary Guarantors, entered into the Purchase Agreement with Initial Purchasers in connection with the Notes Issue.

## **THE PURCHASE AGREEMENT**

Date: 16 January 2020

### **Parties to the Purchase Agreement**

- (a) the Company;
- (b) the Subsidiary Guarantors;
- (c) J.P. Morgan;
- (d) Haitong International;
- (e) CCB International; and
- (f) China CITIC Bank International.

J.P. Morgan, Haitong International, CCB International and China CITIC Bank International are the joint global coordinators, joint bookrunners and joint lead managers of the Notes Issue. They are also the initial purchasers of the Notes. To the best of the Directors' knowledge, information and belief, having made all reasonable enquiries, each of J.P. Morgan, Haitong International, CCB International and China CITIC Bank International is an independent third party and not a connected person of the Company and its connected persons.

The Notes and the Subsidiary Guarantees have not been, and will not be, registered under the Securities Act. The Notes and the Subsidiary Guarantees will only be offered and sold by the Initial Purchasers of the Notes outside the United States in compliance with Regulation S under the Securities Act, and may not be offered or sold within the United States except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act. None of the Notes and the Subsidiary Guarantees will be offered to the public in Hong Kong.

### **Principal terms of the Notes**

The following is a summary of certain provisions of the Notes and the Indenture. This summary does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the provisions of the Indenture, the Notes and the Subsidiary Guarantees.

#### ***Notes Offered***

Subject to certain conditions to completion, the Company will issue the Notes in the aggregate principal amount of US\$160,000,000. The Notes will mature on 21 January 2022, unless earlier redeemed in accordance with the terms thereof.

#### ***Offering Price***

The offering price of the Notes will be 12.0% of the principal amount of the Notes.

### ***Interest and Interest Payment Dates***

The Notes will bear interest from and including 21 January 2020 at a rate of 12.0% per annum payable semi-annually in arrears on 21 January and 21 July of each year, commencing on 21 July 2020 (for the avoidance of doubt, there will be no interest payment anytime prior to 21 July 2020).

### ***Ranking of the Notes***

The Notes are (1) general obligations of the Company; (2) senior in right of payment to any existing and future obligations of the Company expressly subordinated in right of payment to the Notes; (3) at least *pari passu* in right of payment with all other unsecured, unsubordinated indebtedness of the Company (subject to any priority rights of such unsecured, unsubordinated indebtedness pursuant to applicable law); (4) guaranteed by the Subsidiary Guarantors on a senior basis, subject to certain limitations; (5) effectively subordinated to the secured obligations (if any) of the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantors, to the extent of the value of the assets serving as security therefor; and (6) effectively subordinated to all existing and future obligations of the subsidiaries of the Company which are not providing guarantees under the Notes.

### ***Events of Default***

The events of default under the Notes include, among others: (a) default in the payment of principal of (or premium, if any, on) the Notes when the same becomes due and payable at maturity, upon acceleration, redemption or otherwise; (b) default in the payment of interest or additional amounts on any Note when the same becomes due and payable, and such default continues for a period of 30 consecutive days; (c) default in the performance or breach of the provisions of certain covenants under the Indenture relating to consolidation, merger and sale of assets, or the failure by the Company to make or consummate an offer to purchase in the manner described in the Indenture; (d) default by the Company or certain of its subsidiaries in the performance of or breaches of any other covenant or agreement in the Indenture or under the Notes (other than a default specified in clause (a), (b) or (c) above) and such default or breach continues for a period of 30 consecutive days after written notice by the holders of 25% or more in aggregate principal amount of the Notes or by the trustee at the direction of such holders; (e) there occurs with respect to any indebtedness of the Company or certain of its subsidiaries having an outstanding principal amount of US\$20.0 million (or the dollar equivalent thereof) or more in the aggregate for all such indebtedness of all such persons, whether such indebtedness now exists or shall hereafter be created, (i) an event of default that has caused the holder thereof to declare such indebtedness to be due and payable prior to its stated maturity and/or (ii) the failure to make a principal payment when due (subject to any applicable grace period in the relevant documents); (f) one or more final judgments or orders for the payment of money are rendered against the Company or certain of its subsidiaries and are not paid or discharged, and there is a period of 60 consecutive days following entry of the final judgment or order that causes the aggregate amount for all such final judgments or orders outstanding and not paid or discharged against all such persons to exceed US\$20.0 million (or the dollar equivalent thereof), in excess of amounts which the Company's insurance carriers have unconditionally agreed to pay under applicable policies or the payment of which has not been denied by the Company's insurance carriers, during which a stay of enforcement, by reason of a pending appeal or otherwise, is not in effect; (g) an involuntary case or other

proceeding is commenced against the Company or certain of its subsidiaries with respect to it or its debts under any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law now or hereafter in effect seeking the appointment of a receiver, liquidator, assignee, custodian, trustee, sequestrator or similar official of the Company or certain of its subsidiaries or for any substantial part of the property and assets of the Company or certain of its subsidiaries and such involuntary case or other proceeding remains undismissed and unstayed for a period of 60 consecutive days; or an order for relief is entered against the Company or certain of its subsidiaries under any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law as now or hereafter in effect; (h) voluntary case under any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law now or hereafter in effect commenced by the Company or certain of its subsidiaries; or consents to the entry of an order for relief in an involuntary case under any such law; or consents to the appointment of or taking possession by a receiver, liquidator, assignee, custodian, trustee, sequestrator or similar official of the Company or certain of its subsidiaries or for all or substantially all of the property and assets of the Company or certain of its subsidiaries (other than any of the cases in this clause (h) that arises from any solvent liquidation or restructuring of a certain subsidiary of the Company in the ordinary course of business that shall result in the net assets of such a subsidiary being transferred to or otherwise vested in the Company or certain of its subsidiaries on a pro rata basis or on a basis more favorable to the Company); or effects any general assignment for the benefit of creditors; (i) except as permitted by the Indenture any Subsidiary Guarantor denying or disaffirming its obligations under its Subsidiary Guarantee or any Subsidiary Guarantee being determined to be unenforceable or invalid or for any reason ceasing to be in full force and effect.

If an event of default (other than the default specified in clause (g) or (h) above) occurs and is continuing under the Indenture, the trustee or the holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding, by written notice to the Company (and to the trustee if such notice is given by the holders), may, and the trustee at the written direction of such holders shall, subject to receiving indemnity and/or security to its satisfaction, declare the principal of, premium, if any, and accrued and unpaid interest on the Notes to be immediately due and payable. Upon a declaration of acceleration, such principal of, premium, if any, and accrued and unpaid interest shall be immediately due and payable. If an event of default specified in clause (g) or (h) above occurs with respect to the Company or any of its significant subsidiary, the principal of, premium, if any, and accrued and unpaid interest on the Notes then outstanding shall automatically become and be immediately due and payable without any declaration or other act on the part of the trustee or any holder.

## **Covenants**

The Notes and the Indenture governing the Notes will limit the Company's ability and the ability of certain of its subsidiaries to, among other things:

- (a) incur or guarantee additional indebtedness and issue disqualified or preferred stock;
- (b) make investments or other specified restricted payments;
- (c) issue or sell capital stock of certain of its subsidiaries;
- (d) guarantee indebtedness of certain of its subsidiaries;

- (e) sell assets;
- (f) create liens;
- (g) enter into sale and leaseback transactions;
- (h) engage in any business other than permitted business;
- (i) enter into agreements that restrict certain of its subsidiaries' ability to pay dividends, transfer assets or make intercompany loans;
- (j) enter into transactions with shareholders or affiliates; and
- (k) effect a consolidation or merger.

### ***Optional Redemption of the Notes***

- (1) At any time and from time to time prior to 21 January 2022, the Company may at its option redeem the Notes, in whole but not in part, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Notes redeemed plus the applicable premium as of, and accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to (but not including) the redemption date.
- (2) At any time and from time to time prior to 21 January 2022, the Company may redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes with the net cash proceeds of one or more sales of common stock of the Company in an equity offering at a redemption price of 112.0% of the principal amount of the Notes redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to (but not including) the redemption date; provided that at least 65% of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes originally issued on the original issue date remains outstanding after each such redemption and any such redemption takes place within 60 days after the closing of the related equity offering.

The Company will give not less than 30 days' nor more than 60 days' notice of any redemption.

### **Proposed use of proceeds**

The Company intends to use the net proceeds of the Notes Issue to refinance certain of indebtedness and for general corporate and working capital purposes.

## **Listing and rating**

The Company will seek a listing of the Notes on the Stock Exchange. A confirmation of the eligibility for the listing of the Notes has been received from the Stock Exchange for the listing of the Notes by way of debt issues to professional investors only as described in the offering memorandum. Admission of the Notes to the Stock Exchange is not to be taken as an indication of the merits of the Company or the Notes.

The Notes are expected to be rated B2 by Moody's Investors Service, Inc..

## **DEFINITIONS**

In this announcement, the following expressions shall have the meanings set forth below unless the context requires otherwise:

“Board”	the board of Directors
“CCB International”	CCB International Capital Limited
“China CITIC Bank International”	China CITIC Bank International Limited
“Company”	China ZhengTong Auto Services Holdings Limited, a company incorporated under the laws of the Cayman Islands with limited liability, the shares of which are listed on the main board of the Stock Exchange
“connected person(s)”	has the meaning ascribed to it under the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
“Directors”	the directors of the Company
“Haitong International”	Haitong International Securities Company Limited
“Hong Kong”	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China
“Indenture”	the written agreement entered into between the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors as guarantors and The Bank of New York Mellon, London Branch, as trustee, that specifies the terms and conditions of the Notes including the covenants, events of default, interest rate of the Notes and the maturity date
“Initial Purchasers”	J.P. Morgan, Haitong International, CCB International and China CITIC Bank International

“J.P. Morgan”	J.P. Morgan Securities plc
“Notes”	the 12.0% senior notes due 2022 in the aggregate principal amount of US\$160,000,000 to be issued by the Company
“Notes Issue”	the issue of the Notes by the Company
“Purchase Agreement”	the agreement dated 16 January 2020 entered into by and among Initial Purchasers, the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantors in relation to the Notes Issue
“Securities Act”	the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended
“Stock Exchange”	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
“Subsidiary Guarantees”	the guarantees provided by the Subsidiary Guarantors in respect of the Notes
“Subsidiary Guarantors”	certain subsidiaries of the Company that on the issue date of the Notes will provide guarantees to secure the Company’s obligations under the Notes
“United States”	the United States of America
“U.S. Dollars” or “US\$”	United States dollar(s), the lawful currency of the United States
“%”	per cent.

By order of the board  
**China ZhengTong Auto Services Holdings Limited**  
中國正通汽車服務控股有限公司  
**WANG Muqing**  
*Chairman*

Hong Kong, 16 January 2020

*As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Mr. WANG Muqing (Chairman), Mr. WANG Kunpeng, Mr. KOH Tee Choong, Mr. LI Zubo and Mr. WAN To as executive Directors; and Dr. WONG Tin Yau, Kelvin, Dr. CAO Tong and Ms. WONG Tan Tan as independent non-executive Directors.*