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**Chengdu Expressway Co., Ltd.**  
**成都高速公路股份有限公司**

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

**(Stock Code: 01785)**

**CONTINUING CONNECTED TRANSACTION**  
**ENTERING INTO THE NEW QIONGMING EXPRESSWAY**  
**ENTRUSTED OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT CONTRACT**

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**LISTING RULES IMPLICATIONS**

As of the date of this announcement, Operation Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, Chengdu Expressway Construction is a controlling shareholder of the Company and Chengming Company is held as to 51% and 49% by the Company and Chengdu Expressway Construction, respectively. Accordingly, Chengming Company is a connected subsidiary of the Company and the transactions contemplated under the New Entrusted Operation and Management Contract constitute continuing connected transactions of the Company.

As one or more of the applicable percentage ratios (as defined under Rule 14.07 of the Listing Rules) thereof exceeds 0.1% but all of such applicable percentage ratios are less than 5%, the transactions are subject to the reporting, announcement and annual review requirements under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules, but are exempted from circular and independent shareholders' approval requirements.

## **I. BACKGROUND**

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## **II. NEW ENTRUSTED OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT CONTRACT**

### **1. Principal Terms of the New Entrusted Operation and Management Contract**

The principal terms of the New Entrusted Operation and Management Contract are set out below:

Date	:	28 December 2022
Parties	:	(1) Chengming Company (as the principal) (2) Operation Company (as the trustee)
Scope of entrusted operation and management	:	Operation Company shall be entrusted by Chengming Company to take charge of the management of Qiongming Expressway and all of the operation and management of its supporting facilities, primarily including toll collection, mechanical and electrical system operation management and maintenance, road inspection and road property maintenance, daily road maintenance, road overhaul and medium repair and bidding, implementation and acceptance check of special engineering construction, fixed asset management, development and exploitation of inefficient and ineffective assets, accident wrecker and rescue, safety production matters, public information services, operation and financial management, performance appraisal and personnel management.

- Mode of entrustment : (1) Chengming Company shall entrust Operation Company with full authority to be responsible for the overall operation and management of Qiongming Expressway, and to, within the scope entrusted, independently formulate operating policies and management process in line with laws, regulations and government industry management requirements, and adopt advanced management philosophies and methods, so as to enhance the overall brand image and industry position of Qiongming Expressway, contribute to the long-term steady development and boom of Chengming Company. Personnel from Chengming Company who are involved in the work within the scope entrusted will be managed and assigned by Operation Company.
- (2) Chengming Company shall authorise Operation Company to go through daily work exchange and business negotiations on behalf of Chengming Company with its superiors, including but not limited to attending meetings, business engagements and accepting inspections from relevant departments. During the term of entrusted operation and management, unless as otherwise agreed between the two parties, Chengming Company shall follow and cooperate with Operation Company in centralised operation and management of Qiongming Expressway.

- (3) Resolution and approval procedures of matters and plans falling within the annual budget and final accounts of Chengming Company shall be implemented according to the policies and regulations of Operation Company without the need to obtain separate authorisation or approval from Chengming Company, and such procedures performed by Operation Company shall be deemed as resolved and approved by Chengming Company. Where cooperation from Chengming Company is required, it shall provide assistance based on the relevant procedures of Operation Company. Resolution and approval procedures of matters and plans not covered in the annual budget and final accounts of Chengming Company shall be implemented according to the policies and regulations of Operation Company after approval from Chengming Company is obtained, and such procedures performed by Operation Company shall be deemed as resolved and approved by Chengming Company.
- (4) Chengming Company shall recognise business operations conducted by Operation Company in its own name or in the name of Chengming Company representing Chengming Company within the scope entrusted and bear legal responsibilities thereof. Where Chengming Company suffers losses caused by Operation Company, Operation Company shall assume full responsibility and make compensations accordingly. Acts conducted by Operation Company beyond the entrusted scope are not related with Chengming Company and Operation Company alone shall be held accountable in this regard.

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From 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2025, which may be early terminated upon agreement by both parties due to change of controlling shareholder or actual controller of Chengming Company, and may be extended upon agreement by both parties after expiration, provided that requirements of the then applicable Listing Rules are complied with.

- Entrusted operation and management service fee and payment method :
- Operation Company shall charge a certain percentage of entrusted operation and management service fee based on the toll income (exclusive of tax) achieved after it is entrusted to take over relevant business of Chengming Company. Set out below is the detailed settlement and payment method:
- (1) 3% of the annual total toll income (exclusive of tax) shall be charged as the annual entrusted operation and management service fee;
  - (2) Payment method: on a monthly basis, Chengming Company shall pay Operation Company entrusted operation and management service fee of the previous month within three business days based on the cleared revenue (exclusive of tax) of Chengming Company as stated in the monthly “Toll Income Clearing Statement” (《通行費收入清分報表》) issued by Sichuan Intelligent Transportation System Management Co., Ltd. (四川智能交通系統管理有限責任公司); and
  - (3) Annual settlement method: Chengming Company shall, within 10 business days from completion of annual audit, pay Operation Company entrusted operation and management service fee of the previous year based on the annual toll income (exclusive of tax) as set out in the audited financial statements subject to the charge standard agreed in the New Entrusted Operation and Management Contract on a “make-even” basis.

Pricing policy : The entrusted operation and management service fee is determined after arm's-length negotiations between the two parties with reference to (i) the Group's operation and management experience of toll expressways and estimation of potential revenue, cost and expenses arising from operation and management of Qiongming Expressway; (ii) the charge standards applied to expressways invested in and operated by other subsidiaries of the Company which are under entrusted operation and management by Operation Company; and (iii) revenue forecast of Qiongming Expressway in the forthcoming years made by Master Alliance (China) Limited, an independent third party, in its Traffic Forecasting Study Report of Qiongming Expressway in Sichuan Province issued to the Company on 23 October 2019.

## 2. Annual Caps for the Three Years Ending 31 December 2025

### *Historical transaction amounts*

Set out below are the historical transaction amounts of the annual entrusted operation and management service fees paid to Operation Company by Chengming Company:

	<b>For the period from 1 May 2020 to 31 December 2020 (RMB million)</b>	<b>For the year ended 31 December 2021 (RMB million)</b>	<b>For the eleven months ended 30 November 2022 (RMB million)</b>
Annual entrusted operation and management service fee paid to Operation Company by Chengming Company	3.28	5.93	4.82

### ***Annual caps***

The annual caps determined by the Board for the three years ending 31 December 2023, 2024 and 2025 are set out below:

	<b>Annual cap for the year ending 31 December 2023 (RMB million)</b>	<b>Annual cap for the year ending 31 December 2024 (RMB million)</b>	<b>Annual cap for the year ending 31 December 2025 (RMB million)</b>
Annual entrusted operation and management service fee payable to Operation Company by Chengming Company	8.64	9.46	10.29

### ***Basis for determining the annual caps***

In determining the above annual caps, the Company has primarily taken into account the following factors:

- (i) historical transaction amounts of the entrusted operation and management service fees paid to Operation Company by Chengming Company;
- (ii) the expected increase in toll income of Chengming Company with the ease of COVID-19 pandemic, loosening of anti-COVID-19 measures and economic recovery;
- (iii) revenue forecast of Qiongmeng Expressway from 2023 to 2025 made by Master Alliance (China) Limited, an independent third party, in its Traffic Forecasting Study Report of Qiongmeng Expressway in Sichuan Province issued to the Company on 23 October 2019; and
- (iv) the charge standards applied to expressways invested in and operated by other subsidiaries of the Company which are under entrusted operation and management by Operation Company.

### **3. Reasons for and Benefits of Entering into the New Entrusted Operation and Management Contract**

Operation Company was established by the Company on 29 April 2020 as a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company which is designated to take over the management of, among others, toll collection, maintenance, asset operation and development business of Chengguan Expressway, Chengpeng Expressway, Chengwenqiong Expressway, Qiongming Expressway and Chengdu Airport Expressway, and with the proposal of gradually expanding management services to external expressways. Leveraging its professional operation and management model, clear market positioning, resource advantages and advanced expressway service and management philosophies, Operation Company will bring into full play of the scale advantages of centralised operation, management and maintenance, and is able to constantly boost operation standard and profitability of Qiongming Expressway and ensure its healthy development following entrusted operation and management.

Entering into the New Entrusted Operation and Management Contract will facilitate the Company to pool its resources for professional management, which is conducive to centralised resource allocation, management cost reduction, performance enhancement and competitiveness improvement of the Company in the expressway management and maintenance market.

The Directors (including independent non-executive Directors) are of the opinion that, the New Entrusted Operation and Management Contract is entered into in the usual and ordinary course of business of the Group on normal commercial terms, the terms of which are fair and reasonable and in the interests of the Company and its shareholders as a whole.

### **III. LISTING RULES IMPLICATIONS**

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As Mr. Ding Dapan, an executive Director, is also a director and general manager of Chengming Company, he is therefore deemed to be materially interested in the transactions contemplated under the New Entrusted Operation and Management Contract. Accordingly, Mr. Ding Dapan is required to abstain, and has accordingly abstained from voting on the relevant resolution at the Board meeting. Save as disclosed above, no other Director has a material interest in the transactions contemplated under the New Entrusted Operation and Management Contract and is required to abstain from voting on the relevant resolution at the Board meeting.



#### IV. GENERAL INFORMATION OF THE PARTIES

##### Operation Company

Operation Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, and is an expressway operation and management company which integrates operation and management as well as asset management of expressways. The Group is primarily engaged in the operation, management and development of expressways in and around Chengdu, Sichuan Province, carries out retail of refined oil and also expands into operation of natural gas. The ultimate controlling shareholder of the Company is Chengdu Communications Investment Group Co., Ltd. (成都交通投資集團有限公司), which is principally engaged in the investment, the financing of and the construction, development, operation and management of transportation infrastructure in Sichuan Province, and its ultimate beneficial owner is the State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of Chengdu Municipal Government (成都市國有資產監督管理委員會).

##### Chengming Company

Chengming Company is a subsidiary of the Company and is entitled to the service concession rights of Qiongming Expressway. It is primarily engaged in management and operation of Qiongming Expressway.

#### V. DEFINITIONS

In this announcement, unless otherwise indicated, the following terms shall have the meanings set out below:

“Board”	the board of Directors of the Company
“Chengdu Expressway Construction”	Chengdu Expressway Construction and Development Co., Ltd. (成都高速公路建設開發有限公司), a company incorporated in the PRC with limited liability, which is one of the controlling shareholders of the Company
“Chengming Company”	Sichuan Chengming Expressway Co., Ltd. (四川成名高速公路有限公司), a company incorporated in the PRC with limited liability and a subsidiary of the Company, which is held as to 51% and 49% by the Company and Chengdu Expressway Construction, one of the controlling shareholders of the Company, respectively
“Company”	Chengdu Expressway Co., Ltd. (成都高速公路股份有限公司), a joint stock company incorporated in the PRC with limited liability, the H Shares of which are listed and traded on the Stock Exchange
“connected person(s)”	has the meaning ascribed thereto under the Listing Rules
“controlling shareholder(s)”	has the meaning ascribed thereto under the Listing Rules

“Director(s)”	the director(s) of the Company
“Group”	the Company and its subsidiaries
“H Share(s)”	overseas listed foreign share(s) in the ordinary share capital of the Company with a nominal value of RMB1.00 each, which are subscribed for and traded in Hong Kong dollars and are listed and traded on the Stock Exchange
“Listing Rules”	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange
“New Entrusted Operation and Management Contract”	the Qiongming Expressway Entrusted Operation and Management Contract entered into between Operation Company and Chengming Company on 28 December 2022
“Operation Company”	Chengdu Expressway Operation Management Co., Ltd. (成都高速運營管理有限公司), a company incorporated in the PRC with limited liability and a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company
“Original Entrusted Operation and Management Contract”	the Qiongming Expressway Entrusted Operation and Management Contract entered into between Operation Company and Chengming Company on 20 May 2020
“PRC”	the People’s Republic of China, for the purpose of this announcement only, excluding the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC, Macao Special Administrative Region of the PRC and Taiwan
“Qiongming Expressway”	the section from Qionglai (邛崃) to Mingshan (名山) on the 318 national expressway
“RMB”	Renminbi, the lawful currency of the PRC
“Stock Exchange”	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
“%”	per cent

On behalf of the Board  
**Chengdu Expressway Co., Ltd.**  
**Xiao Jun**  
*Chairman*

Chengdu, the PRC, 28 December 2022

*As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Mr. Yang Tan, Mr. Luo Dan and Mr. Ding Dapan as executive Directors, Mr. Xiao Jun, Ms. Wu Haiyan and Mr. Yang Bin as non-executive Directors, and Mr. Leung Chi Hang Benson, Mr. Qian Yongjiu and Mr. Wang Peng as independent non-executive Directors.*