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TIANQI LITHIUM

Tianqi Lithium Corporation

天齊鋰業股份有限公司

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

(Stock Code: 9696)

PROFIT WARNING

The Board hereby informs the shareholders and potential investors of the Company that, the financial department of the Company conducted preliminary estimate in accordance with the Chinese Accounting Standards for Business Enterprises, and expected that, for the nine months ended 30 September 2024, (i) the net loss attributable to the shareholders of the Company is estimated to range from RMB5,450 million to RMB5,850 million (unaudited), as compared with the net profit attributable to the shareholders of the Company being RMB8,098.51 million for the corresponding period of last year; (ii) the net loss after deducting the non-recurring profit or loss is estimated to range from RMB5,470 million to RMB5,870 million (unaudited), as compared with the net profit after deducting the non-recurring profit or loss being RMB7,982.34 million for the corresponding period of last year; and (iii) the basic loss per share is estimated to range from RMB3.32 to RMB3.57, as compared with the basic earnings per share of RMB4.93 for the corresponding period of last year.

The financial department of the Company expected that, for the three months from 1 July 2024 to 30 September 2024, (i) the net loss attributable to the shareholders of the Company is estimated to range from RMB320 million to RMB640 million (unaudited), as compared with the net profit attributable to the shareholders of the Company being RMB1,646.05 million for the corresponding period of last year; (ii) the net loss after deducting the non-recurring profit or loss is estimated to range from RMB330 million to RMB650 million (unaudited), as compared with the net profit after deducting the non-recurring profit or loss being RMB1,572.48 million for the corresponding period of last year; and (iii) the basic loss per share is estimated to range from RMB0.20 to RMB0.39, as compared with the basic earnings per share of RMB1.00 for the corresponding period of last year.

This announcement is made by Tianqi Lithium Corporation (the “**Company**”, together with its subsidiaries, the “**Group**”) pursuant to the Inside Information Provisions under Part XIVA of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong) and Rule 13.09 and Rule 13.10B of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

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The board of directors (the “**Director(s)**”) of the Company (the “**Board**”) hereby informs the shareholders and potential investors of the Company that, the financial department of the Company conducted preliminary estimate in accordance with the Chinese Accounting Standards for Business Enterprises, and expected that, for the nine months ended 30 September 2024 (the “**Reporting Period**”), (i) the net loss attributable to the shareholders of the Company is estimated to range from RMB5,450 million to RMB5,850 million (unaudited), as compared with the net profit attributable to the shareholders of the Company being RMB8,098.51 million for the corresponding period of last year; (ii) the net loss after deducting the non-recurring profit or loss is estimated to range from RMB5,470 million to RMB5,870 million (unaudited), as compared with the net profit after deducting the non-recurring profit or loss being RMB7,982.34 million for the corresponding period of last year; and (iii) the basic loss per share is estimated to range from RMB3.32 to RMB3.57, as compared with the basic earnings per share of RMB4.93 for the corresponding period of last year.

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Based on the information currently available, the Board believes that the changes of the Company’s results for the Reporting Period were mainly attributable to that:

1. Affected by the volatility in the lithium product market, the overall market price of lithium products has shown a significant downward trend from the fourth quarter of 2023 to the third quarter of 2024. The Company witnessed a substantial decline in the sales price and the gross profit of its lithium products compared to the corresponding period of last year. Due to time cycle mismatch between the pricing mechanisms for the chemical-grade lithium concentrates of the Company’s holding subsidiary, Talison Lithium Pty Ltd (“**Talison**”), and that for the sales of the Company’s lithium chemical products, the Company’s operational performance experienced a temporary loss during the Reporting Period. In the first three quarters of 2024, the market price of chemical-grade lithium concentrates decreased, leading to a reduction in the prices of lithium concentrates newly procured from Talison. With the newly procured low-cost lithium concentrates gradually entering inventory and the existing lithium concentrates stock gradually being consumed, the costs of chemical-grade lithium concentrates used in production across the Company’s various plants are steadily approaching the latest procurement prices. This reduced the impact of the temporary mismatch in the lithium concentrates pricing mechanism, leading to a quarter-on-quarter decrease in the Company’s losses for the second and third quarter of 2024. Meanwhile, driven by the steady ramp-up in capacity at new plants, the production and sales volume of lithium compounds and derivatives in the first three quarters of 2024 and in the third quarter of 2024 achieved year-on-year and quarter-on-quarter growth respectively.

2. As of the date of this announcement, Sociedad Química y Minera de Chile S.A. (“SQM”), an important associate of the Company, has not released its third quarterly results report for 2024. After a thorough consideration of all the reliable information available, the Company, adhering to its consistent approach, adopted a financial calculation model, the forecast by Bloomberg on the earnings per share of SQM for the third quarter of 2024 and other information as the basis for calculating the estimated investment income from SQM generated by the Company during the corresponding period.

In addition, in its first quarterly results report for 2024, SQM announced that in April 2024, the Santiago Court of Appeal in Chile ruled on the tax claims for the 2017 and 2018 tax years, revoking the conclusion of the ruling of the Tax and Customs Court on the case on 7 November 2022, resulting in the recognition of approximately USD1.1 billion in income tax expenses and a corresponding reduction in net profit of approximately USD1.1 billion.

Based on the aforementioned forecast data by Bloomberg, and taking into account the disclosed results of SQM for the first half of 2024, SQM’s performance for the first three quarters of 2024 is expected to witness a substantial year-on-year decline. Consequently, the investment income from SQM recognized by the Company for the Reporting Period is also expected to decrease significantly compared with the corresponding period of last year.

RISK WARNING

1. The financial data published in this announcement are the preliminary estimates by the financial department of the Company, which have not been audited by any audit institution. Discrepancies may exist between the estimated results and the final data disclosed in the Company’s 2024 third quarterly report. Specific financial data will be disclosed in detail in the Company’s 2024 third quarterly report. Investors are advised to remain mindful of investment risks.
2. SQM, the important associate of the Company, is listed on the Santiago Stock Exchange of Chile and the New York Stock Exchange of the United States of America. According to the information disclosure rules of the two stock exchanges, SQM will release its quarterly financial report later than this announcement, and the Company cannot announce SQM’s financial results before SQM releases its quarterly financial information. In accordance with Article 9 of the Accounting Standards for Business Enterprises No. 32 – Interim Financial Reports, the Company estimates SQM’s operating profit or loss in the third quarter of 2024 through its financial calculation model combined with the earnings per share of the third quarter of 2024 forecast by Bloomberg and other information, and estimates the investment income from SQM based on the Company’s shareholding percentage therein. Such investment income may differ from the accrued investment income calculated by SQM’s actual reported net profit based on the Company’s shareholding percentage therein. The Company will timely apply accounting treatment and disclose information in strict compliance with the accounting standards for business enterprises and information disclosure rules based on the magnitude of the discrepancy and its impact on the Company’s financial information. For specific financial data, please refer to the 2024 third quarterly report to be disclosed by the Company.

Shareholders and potential investors of the Company should exercise caution when dealing in the securities of the Company.

By order of the Board
Tianqi Lithium Corporation
Jiang Anqi
Chairlady of the Board and Executive Director

Hong Kong, 24 October 2024

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Ms. Jiang Anqi, Mr. Jiang Weiping, Mr. Ha, Frank Chun Shing and Mr. Zou Jun as executive Directors, and Mr. Xiang Chuan, Ms. Tang Guoqiong, Ms. Huang Wei and Ms. Wu Changhua as independent non-executive Directors.