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(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)
(Stock code: 1431)

# PROPOSALS FOR GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE SHARES AND REPURCHASE SHARES; RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Capitalised terms used in the lower portion of the front and front cover inside page shall have the same respective meanings as those defined in the section headed "Definitions" of this circular.

A notice convening the 2017 AGM to be held at East Beijing, 3rd Floor, Workshop 2, No. 22 Jiuxianqiao Road, Chaoyang District, Beijing, the PRC on Monday, 26 June 2017 at 10:00 a.m. is set out on pages 15 to 20 of this circular.

A form of proxy for use in connection with the 2017 AGM is enclosed with this circular. If you do not intend to attend the 2017 AGM but wish to exercise your right as a Shareholder, you are requested to complete the form of proxy and return the same to the Company's branch share registrar and transfer office in Hong Kong, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong in accordance with the instructions printed thereon not later than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the 2017 AGM (i.e. on or before 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, 24 June 2017 (Hong Kong time) or its adjournment. Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude you from subsequently attending and voting in person at the 2017 AGM or its adjournment should you so wish. If you attend and vote at the 2017 AGM, the authority of your proxy will be revoked.

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# **DEFINITIONS**

In this circular, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions shall have the following respective meanings:

"2017 AGM" the AGM to be held at East Beijing, 3rd Floor, Workshop 2,

No. 22 Jiuxianqiao Road, Chaoyang District, Beijing, the PRC

on Monday, 26 June 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

"AGM" the annual general meeting of the Company

"associate(s)" has the meaning ascribed thereto under the Listing Rules

"Board" the board of Directors

"Bye-laws" the bye-laws of the Company as adopted by the Shareholders

on 7 November 2013 and as amended, supplemented or

otherwise modified from time to time

"close associate(s)" has the meaning ascribed thereto under the Listing Rules

"Company" YuanShengTai Dairy Farm Limited, a company incorporated in

Bermuda with limited liability, the issued Shares of which are listed and traded on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange

(Stock Code: 1431)

"controlling shareholder(s)" has the meaning ascribed thereto under the Listing Rules

"core connected person(s)" has the meaning ascribed thereto under the Listing Rules

"Directors" the directors of the Company

"Group" the Company and its subsidiaries

"HK\$" Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong

"Hong Kong" the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC

"INED(s)" independent non-executive Director(s)

"Issue Mandate" the general and unconditional mandate proposed to be granted

to the Directors at the 2017 AGM to allot, issue and deal with Shares not exceeding 20% of the aggregate number of the issued Share as at the date of passing the relevant resolution

for approving such mandate

# **DEFINITIONS**

"Latest Practicable Date" 13 April 2017, being the latest practicable date prior to the

printing of this circular for the purpose of ascertaining certain

information to be contained in this circular

"Listing Rules" the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock

Exchange as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified

from time to time

"Nomination Committee" the nomination committee of the Board

"PRC" the People's Republic of China and for the purposes of this

circular excluding Hong Kong, the Macau Special

Administration Region and Taiwan

"Remuneration Committee" the remuneration committee of the Board

"Repurchase Mandate" the general and unconditional mandate proposed to be granted

to the Directors at the 2017 AGM to repurchase Shares not exceeding 10% of the aggregate number of the issued Shares as at the date of passing the relevant resolution granting such

mandate

"SFO" the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws

of Hong Kong) as amended, supplemented or otherwise

modified from time to time

"Share(s)" ordinary share(s) with a nominal value of HK\$0.01 each in the

capital of the Company

"Shareholder(s)" holder(s) of the Share(s)

"Stock Exchange" The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

"subsidiary(ies)" has the meaning ascribed thereto under the Listing Rules

"substantial shareholder(s)" has the meaning ascribed thereto under the Listing Rules

"Takeovers Code" the Codes on Takeovers and Mergers and Share Buy-backs as

amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time and administered by the Securities and Futures

Commission of Hong Kong

"%" per cent.

# **EXPECTED TIMETABLE**

2017
Latest time for lodging transfer of Shares
Book closure period (both days inclusive)
Record Date
2017 AGM
Announcement on poll results of AGM
Re-opening of register of members



# YuanShengTai Dairy Farm Limited

# 原生態牧業有限公司

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)
(Stock code: 1431)

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Mr. Zhao Hongliang (趙洪亮)

Mr. Wang Shaogang (王紹崗)

Mr. Fu Wenguo (付文國)

Mr. Chen Xiangqing (陳祥慶)

Non-executive Director:

Mr. Lau Ho Fung (劉浩峰)

INEDs:

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21 April 2017

To the Shareholders

Dear Sir or Madam,

# PROPOSALS FOR

# GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE SHARES AND REPURCHASE SHARES; RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### INTRODUCTION

The Directors wish to seek the approval of the Shareholders at the 2017 AGM for, among other matters, the grant of the Issue Mandate and the Repurchase Mandate, the extension of the Issue Mandate and the proposed re-election of Directors.

The purpose of this circular is to give you (i) the information regarding the resolutions to be proposed at the 2017 AGM relating to the granting to the Directors the Issue Mandate and the Repurchase Mandate, the extension of the Issue Mandate and the re-election of the Directors; and (ii) the notice of the 2017 AGM.

#### ISSUE MANDATE

The Company's existing mandate to issue Shares was approved by its then Shareholders at the AGM held on 21 June 2016. Unless otherwise renewed, the existing mandate to issue Shares will lapse at the conclusion of the 2017 AGM.

An ordinary resolution will be proposed at the 2017 AGM to grant the Issue Mandate to the Directors. Based on 4,690,496,400 issued Shares as at the Latest Practicable Date and assuming that no further Shares are issued or no Shares are repurchased and cancelled after the Latest Practicable Date and up to the date of the 2017 AGM, the Directors will be able to allot, issue and deal with up to a total of 938,099,280 Shares if the Issue Mandate is granted at the 2017 AGM, which will remain in effect until the earliest of (i) the conclusion of the next AGM; (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next AGM is required to be held by the Bye-laws or any applicable laws of Bermuda; and (iii) the date on which such authority is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders in a general meeting of the Company.

#### REPURCHASE MANDATE

The Company's existing mandate to repurchase Shares was approved by its then Shareholders at the AGM held on 21 June 2016. Unless otherwise renewed, the existing mandates to repurchase will lapse at the conclusion of the 2017 AGM.

An ordinary resolution will be proposed at the 2017 AGM to grant the Repurchase Mandate to the Directors. The Repurchase Mandate, if granted, will be effective until whichever is the earliest of (i) the conclusion of the next AGM; (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next AGM is required to be held by the Bye-laws or any applicable laws of Bermuda; and (iii) the passing of an ordinary resolution by the Shareholders in a general meeting of the Company revoking or varying the authority given to the Directors.

An explanatory statement in connection with the Repurchase Mandate is set out in Appendix II to this circular. The explanatory statement contains all the requisite information required under the Listing Rules to be given to the Shareholders to enable them to make an informed decision on whether to vote for or against the resolution approving the Repurchase Mandate.

## EXTENSION OF GENERAL MANDATE TO ISSUE SHARES

Subject to the passing of the ordinary resolutions to grant the Issue Mandate and the Repurchase Mandate, an ordinary resolution will be proposed at the 2017 AGM to extend the Issue Mandate by the addition to the aggregate number of the issued Shares which may be allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted by the Directors pursuant to such general mandate of an amount

representing the aggregate number of the Shares repurchased by the Company pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate provided that such extended amount shall not exceed 10% of the aggregate number of the issued Shares as at the date of passing the resolution for approving the Issue Mandate.

#### RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

In accordance with bye-laws 108(A) and (B) of the Bye-laws, Mr. Wang Shaogang ("Mr. Wang"), an executive Director, Mr. Lau Ho Fung ("Mr. Lau"), the non-executive Director, and Mr. Wu Chi Keung ("Mr. Wu"), an INED, will retire from office by rotation at the 2017 AGM. All the above retiring Directors, being eligible, have offered themselves for re-election.

Details of each of the retiring Directors to be re-elected at the 2017 AGM are set out in Appendix I to this circular in accordance with the relevant requirements under the Listing Rules.

The Nomination Committee has assessed and reviewed each of the annual written confirmation of independence of the INEDs who held such offices on 31 December 2016 based on the independence criteria as set out in Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules and confirmed that all the INEDs, including Mr. Wu remain independent. Further, the Nomination Committee has also evaluated the performance of each of the retiring Directors during the year ended 31 December 2016 and found their performance satisfactory. Therefore, upon the nomination by the Nomination Committee, the Board has recommended that the retiring Directors, namely, Mr. Wang, Mr. Lau and Mr. Wu, to stand for re-election as Directors at the 2017 AGM. Each of Mr. Wang, Mr. Lau and Mr. Wu abstained from voting at the relevant Board meeting on the respective propositions of their recommendations for re-election by the Shareholders.

#### 2017 AGM

The notice of the 2017 AGM is set out on pages 15 to 20 of this circular. At the 2017 AGM, resolutions will be proposed to approve, among others, the granting of the Issue Mandate and the Repurchase Mandate, the extension of the Issue Mandate by the addition thereto of the number of Shares repurchased pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate and the re-election of Directors. A form of proxy for use in connection with the 2017 AGM is enclosed with this circular and such form of proxy is also published on the respective websites of the Stock Exchange (www.hkexnews.hk) and the Company (www.ystdfarm.com) and (www.ystdairyfarm.com). In order to be valid, the form of proxy must be completed and signed in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and deposited at the Company's branch share registrar and transfer office in Hong Kong, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited located at Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong, together with a power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which it is signed or a notarially certified copy of that power or authority, not later than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the 2017 AGM (i.e. on or before 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, 24 June 2017 (Hong Kong time) or its adjournment. Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude any Shareholder from attending and voting in person at the 2017 AGM or its adjournment should he/she/it so wishes. If the Shareholder attends and votes at the 2017 AGM, the authority of the proxy will be revoked.

#### **VOTING BY POLL**

Pursuant to Rule 13.39(4) of the Listing Rules, any vote of the Shareholders at a general meeting must be taken by poll except where the chairman, in good faith, decides to allow a resolution which relates purely to a procedural or administrative matter to be voted on by a show of hands. Therefore, all resolutions proposed at the 2017 AGM will be voted by poll and the Company will announce the results of the poll in the manner prescribed under Rule 13.39(5) of the Listing Rules.

#### RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

This circular, for which the Directors collectively and individually accept full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained herein, includes particulars given in compliance with the Listing Rules for the purpose of giving information with regard to the Company. The Directors, having made all reasonable enquiries, confirm that to the best of their knowledge and belief, the information contained in this circular is accurate and complete in all material respects and not misleading or deceptive, and there are no other matters the omission of which would make any statement herein or this circular misleading.

#### RECOMMENDATION

The Directors believe that the proposals for the granting of the Issue Mandate and the Repurchase Mandate, the extension of the Issue Mandate and the re-election of Directors as set out in the notice of 2017 AGM are in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole. Therefore, they recommend the Shareholders to vote in favour of the relevant resolutions to be proposed at the 2017 AGM as set out in the notice of the 2017 AGM on pages 15 to 20 of this circular.

Yours faithfully
For and on behalf of the Board
YuanShengTai Dairy Farm Limited
Zhao Hongliang
Chairman

The following are the particulars of the retiring Directors (as required by the Bye-laws and the Listing Rules) proposed to be re-elected at the 2017 AGM.

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

## Mr. Wang Shaogang (王紹崗)

Mr. Wang, aged 54, was appointed as an executive Director and the vice chairman of the Group with effect from 4 May 2012. Mr. Wang is a director of each of the following subsidiaries of our Company: Heilongjiang Kedong Heping YuanShengTai Dairy Farming Co., Ltd.\* (黑龍江克東和平原生態牧業有限公司), Zhenlai Ruixinda YuanShengTai Dairy Farming Co., Ltd.\* (鎮賚瑞信達原生態牧業有限公司), YST Heilongjiang, Qiqihar Sifang YuanShengTai Dairy Farming Joint Stock Co., Ltd.\* (齊齊哈爾四方原生態牧業股份有限公司), Qiqihar Honghai YuanShengTai Dairy Farming Joint Stock Co., Ltd.\* (齊齊哈爾紅海原生態牧業股份有限公司, Qiqihar Ruixinda ShengTai Dairy Farming Co., Ltd.\* (齊齊哈爾瑞信達生態養殖有限公司), Royal Dairy Farm Limited and Natural Dairy Farm Limited. He is primarily responsible for the overall corporate and business policies of the Group. Mr. Wang graduated from the Shanghai Light Industry Institute\* (上海輕工業專科學校) (now known as The Shanghai Institute of Technology\* (上海應用技術學院)) in 1989, majoring in food engineering.

Mr. Wang joined the Group since its establishment in September 2008 as the general manager thereof and was then in charge of the supervision of the daily business management of the Group (including the operation of the Group's farms). In June 2012, he was appointed as the vice chairman of the Group. He is also a member of the senior management of the Group. Mr. Wang has over 23 years of experience in the dairy farming industry.

Mr. Wang has entered into a service contract with the Company for a further term of three years commencing on 1 November 2016 and is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the 2017 AGM in accordance with the Bye-laws. He is entitled to a basic salary of HK\$125,000 per annum (subject to an annual increment of not more than 10% of the annual salary immediately prior to such increase after 31 December 2016 at the discretion of the Directors). In addition, he is also entitled to a discretionary management bonus provided that the aggregate amount of the bonuses payable to all the executive Directors for any financial year of the Company may not exceed 10% of the audited consolidated net profit of the Group (after taxation, minority interests and payment of such bonuses but before extraordinary items) in respect of that financial year of the Company. Mr. Wang shall not be counted in the quorum in respect of any resolution of the Board approving the amount of annual salary, management bonus and other benefits payable to him. Mr. Wang's emolument is determined by the Board upon the recommendation of the Remuneration Committee by reference to his experience and expertise, responsibilities and prevailing market conditions.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Wang beneficially owned share options entitling him to subscribe for a total of 9,500,000 Shares. Save as disclosed above, Mr. Wang (i) did not hold any position in the Group as at the Latest Practicable Date; (ii) has not been a director of any other publicly listed company in the three years immediately preceding the Latest Practicable Date; (iii) does not have

<sup>\*</sup> For identification purposes only

any relationship with any other directors, senior management, substantial shareholders or controlling shareholders of the Company; and (iv) had no other interests in the Shares or underlying Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO as at the Latest Practicable Date.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Wang confirmed that there are no other matters that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders in connection with his re-election and there is no other information that should be disclosed pursuant to paragraphs 13.51(2)(h) to 13.51(2)(v) of the Listing Rules.

#### NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## Mr. Lau Ho Fung (劉浩峰)

Mr. Lau, aged 35, was appointed as a non-executive Director on 30 April 2013. Mr. Lau is a director of Royal Dairy Farm Limited and Natural Dairy Farm Limited, both subsidiaries of the Company. Mr. Lau is a Vice President – Private Equities of VMS Investment Group where he is mainly engaged in deal screening, due diligence and execution of private equities transactions in the greater China region. He has been a Chartered Financial Analyst charter-holder since 2009 and received a bachelor's degree in information system and software engineering from The University of Hong Kong in 2005. Mr. Lau has around ten years of experience in the private equities and asset management industries. Prior to joining VMS Investment Group, he worked as a research analyst trainee at Phoenix Capital Asia Limited between October 2005 and October 2006 and received training on a broad range of fundamental analysis. From November 2006 to May 2010, Mr. Lau worked at Tempus Investment Group where he joined as an assistant analyst and was later promoted to a research analyst. During that period, Mr. Lau's responsibilities included conducting industry and company analyses in Hong Kong and China markets and recommending investments.

Mr. Lau has been appointed for a further term of three years commencing on 1 November 2016 and is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the 2017 AGM in accordance with the Bye-laws. He is not entitled to any director's fee. The emolument for Mr. Lau was determined by the Board by reference to Mr. Lau's responsibilities and duties within the Company and prevailing market conditions. Save as disclosed above, Mr. Lau has not held any directorship in any publicly-listed company in the past three years and has not held any other position within the Group.

Mr. Lau does not have any relationship with any Director, senior management, substantial shareholder or controlling shareholder of the Company. As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Lau did not have any interest or short position in the shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or its associated corporations within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Lau confirmed that there are no other matters that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders in connection with his re-election and there is no other information that should be disclosed pursuant to paragraphs 13.51(2)(h) to 13.51(2)(v) of the Listing Rules.

#### **INED**

## Mr. Wu Chi Keung (胡志強)

Mr. Wu, aged 60, was appointed as an INED on 7 November 2013. He is the chairman of the audit committee of the Board and a member of each of the Remuneration Committee and the Nomination Committee. Mr. Wu has more than 30 years of experience in financial audit and specializes in providing auditing and assurance services, financial due diligence reviews, support services for merger and acquisitions, corporate restructuring and fund raising engagements. He was a partner of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu until he retired in December 2008. Mr. Wu is currently the managing director of a family-owned private company engaging in property and other investment activities.

Mr. Wu is an associate of Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and a fellow of Association of Chartered Certified Accountants in the United Kingdom. He graduated from the Hong Kong Polytechnic (now known as the Hong Kong Polytechnic University) in 1980 with a high diploma in accountancy.

Currently, Mr. Wu is an independent non-executive director of Zhou Hei Ya International Holdings Company Limited (stock code: 1458), COFCO Meat Holdings Limited (stock code: 1610), Huajin International Holdings Limited (stock code: 2738), Huabao International Holdings Limited (stock code: 336), Jinchuan Group International Resources Co., Ltd. (stock code: 2362), Zhong Fa Zhan Holdings Limited (stock code: 475) and China Medical System Holdings Limited (stock code: 867), the shares of which are all listed on the Stock Exchange. In the last three years from the date of this circular, he was an independent non-executive director of each of China Wah Yan Healthcare Limited (formerly known as China Renji Medical Group Limited) (stock code: 648), GreaterChina Professional Services Limited (stock code: 8193) and Link Holdings Limited (stock code: 8237), the shares of which are listed on the Stock Exchange.

Mr. Wu has been appointed for a further term of three years commencing on 7 November 2016 and is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the 2017 AGM in accordance with the Bye-laws. He is entitled to a director's fee of HK\$200,000 per annum. The emolument for Mr. Wu was determined by the Board by reference to Mr. Wu's responsibilities and duties within the Company and prevailing market conditions. Save as disclosed above, Mr. Wu has not held any directorship in any publicly-listed company in the past three years and has not held any other position within the Group.

Mr. Wu does not have any relationship with any Director, senior management, substantial shareholder or controlling shareholder of the Company. As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Wu beneficially owned share options entitling him to subscribe for a total of 500,000 Shares.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Wu confirmed that there are no other matters that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders in connection with his re-election and there is no other information that should be disclosed pursuant to paragraphs 13.51(2)(h) to 13.51(2)(v) of the Listing Rules.

This appendix serves as an explanatory statement, as required by the Listing Rules, to provide the requisite information to you for your consideration of the proposed grant of the Repurchase Mandate.

#### 1. REPURCHASE OF SECURITIES FROM CONNECTED PARTIES

Under the Listing Rules, a company is prohibited from knowingly purchasing securities on the Stock Exchange from a "core connected person", that is, a director, chief executive or substantial shareholder of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or their respective close associates and a core connected person is prohibited from knowingly selling his/her/its securities to the Company.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, to the best knowledge of the Directors having made all reasonable enquiries, no core connected person of the Company had notified the Company that he/she/it had a present intention to sell any Shares to the Company nor had any such core connected person undertaken not to sell any of the Shares held by him/her/it to the Company in the event that the Repurchase Mandate was approved by the Shareholders.

#### 2. SHARE CAPITAL

As at the Latest Practicable Date, there were a total of 4,690,496,400 issued Shares. Subject to the passing of the ordinary resolution for the approval of the Repurchase Mandate and assuming that no further Shares are issued and no Shares are repurchased and cancelled after the Latest Practicable Date and up to the date of the 2017 AGM, the Directors would be authorised to repurchase up to a maximum of 469,049,640 Shares, representing 10% of the aggregate number of the issued Shares as at the 2017 AGM date up to (i) the conclusion of the next AGM; (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next AGM is required to be held by the Bye-laws or any applicable laws of Bermuda; or (iii) the revocation or variation of the Repurchase Mandate by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders in general meeting of the Company, whichever occurs first.

#### 3. REASONS FOR REPURCHASES

The Directors have no present intention to repurchase any Shares but consider that the Repurchase Mandate is in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole. An exercise of the Repurchase Mandate may, depending on the market conditions and funding arrangements at the time, lead to an enhancement of the net assets value per share and/or earnings per share and will only be made when the Directors believe that a repurchase will benefit the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

#### 4. FUNDING OF REPURCHASES

Pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate, repurchases would be funded entirely from the Company's available cash flow or working capital facilities which will be funds legally available under the Bermuda laws, the memorandum of association of the Company, the Bye-laws and the Listing Rules for such purpose.

## 5. IMPACT ON WORKING CAPITAL OR GEARING LEVEL

An exercise of the Repurchase Mandate in full would have a material adverse impact on the working capital or gearing position of the Company compared with that as at 31 December 2016, being the date of its latest published audited consolidated financial statements. The Directors do not, however, intend to make any repurchase in circumstances that would have a material adverse impact on the working capital or gearing position of the Company.

#### 6. SHARE PRICES

The highest and lowest market prices at which the Shares had been traded on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange during each of the twelve months preceding the Latest Practicable Date were as follows:

	Traded Prices (HK\$)		
Month	Highest	Lowest	
2016			
April	0.450	0.400	
May	0.470	0.425	
June	0.460	0.425	
July	0.460	0.435	
August	0.485	0.425	
September	0.580	0.450	
October	0.620	0.550	
November	0.730	0.550	
December	0.740	0.490	
2017			
January	0.570	0.510	
February	0.650	0.510	
March	0.620	0.500	
April (up to and including the Latest Practicable Date)	0.530	0.485	

#### 7. DIRECTORS AND THEIR CLOSE ASSOCIATES

None of the Directors or, to the best of their knowledge having made all reasonable enquiries, their close associates, have any present intention to sell to the Company or its subsidiaries any of the Shares if the Repurchase Mandate is approved at the 2017 AGM.

#### 8. UNDERTAKING OF THE DIRECTORS

The Directors have undertaken to the Stock Exchange that so far as the same may be applicable, they will exercise the powers of the Company to make repurchases pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate in accordance with the Listing Rules and the applicable laws of Bermuda.

#### 9. EFFECT OF TAKEOVERS CODE

If a Shareholder's proportionate interest in the voting rights of the Company increases as a result of the Company exercising its powers to repurchase Shares pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate, such an increase will be treated as an acquisition for the purpose of Rule 32 of the Takeovers Code. As a result, a Shareholder or a group of Shareholders acting in concert (as defined in the Takeovers Code) could obtain or consolidate control of the Company and become(s) obliged to make a mandatory offer in accordance with Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code.

According to the register of interests in Shares and short positions maintained by the Company under section 336 of the SFO, as at the Latest Practicable Date, the following Shareholders were interested or deemed to be interested in 5% or more the issued Shares:

Name of Shareholders	Capacity/ Nature of interest	Number of issued Shares held	Number of underlying Shares held	Total	Approximate percentage of shareholding	Approximate percentage of shareholding if Repurchase Mandate is exercised in full
Mr. Zhao Hongliang ("Mr. HL Zhao") (Note 1)	Interest in a controlled corporation and beneficial owner	1,150,900,000	10,400,000	1,161,300,000	24.76%	27.51%
Mr. Zhao Hongyu (Note 1)	Interest in a controlled corporation	170,200,000		170,200,000	3.63%	4.03%
Parties acting in concert with Mr. HL Zhao (Note 2)	Total	1,321,100,000	10,400,000	1,331,500,000	28.39%	31.54%
Ms. Li Shuxia (Note 3)	Interest of spouse	1,321,100,000	10,400,000	1,331,500,000	28.39%	31.54%

#### Notes:

- (1) 1,150,900,000 Shares were beneficially owned by ZHL Asia Limited ("ZHL"), which is solely owned by Mr. HL Zhao, the chairman of the Board and an executive Director. Therefore, Mr. HL Zhao is deemed or taken to be interested in all the Shares beneficially owned by ZHL by virtue of the SFO. In addition, Mr. HL Zhao beneficially held share options to subscribe for a total of 10,400,000 Shares.
  - 170,200,000 Shares were beneficially owned by ZHY Asia Limited ("**ZHY**"), which is solely owned by Mr. Zhao Hongyu, the brother of Mr. HL Zhao.
- (2) ZHL, ZHY, Mr. HL Zhao and Mr. Zhao Hongyu are parties acting in concert and on 29 October 2013, they entered into a deed to confirm, among others, their acting-in-concert agreement. As such, Mr. HL Zhao was also deemed to have interests in the Shares beneficially owned by ZHL, ZHY and Mr. Zhao Hongyu and owns an aggregate of approximately 28.39% beneficial and deemed interest in the share capital of the Company.
- (3) Ms. Li Shuxia is the wife of Mr. HL Zhao. Accordingly, Ms. Li Shuxia is deemed or taken to be interested in all the Shares in which Mr. HL Zhao is interested and deemed to have for the purpose of the SFO.

In the event that the Directors will exercise in full the Repurchase Mandate, the total interests of the above Shareholders would be increased to the respective approximate percentages shown in the last column of the above table. Accordingly, on the basis of 4,690,496,400 Shares in issue as at the Latest Practicable Date and assuming there is no further issue or repurchase of Shares during the period from the Latest Practicable Date up to and including the date of 2017 AGM, the interests in the Company of each of Mr. HL Zhao, Mr. Zhao Hongyu, ZHL and ZHY would be increased to approximately 31.54% respectively of the issued Shares.

Such increase would not result in the aggregate amount of the issued share capital of the Company in the public hands being reduced to less than 25%, but would give rise to an obligation under Rules 26 and 32 of the Takeovers Code for each of Mr. HL Zhao, Mr. Zhao Hongyu, ZHL and ZHY to make a mandatory offer in respect of all the issued Shares because they, being parties acting in concert, will be regarded as having acquired voting rights with the effect of increasing their collective holding of voting rights to 30% or more of the voting rights of the Company. However, the Directors do not have any plan or intend to repurchase Shares to such an extent as would result in any of such takeover obligations. Save as aforesaid, the Directors are not aware of any consequence which may arise under the Takeovers Code as a consequence of any repurchase of the Shares made under the Repurchase Mandate.

#### 10. SHARES REPURCHASE MADE BY THE COMPANY

No repurchases of Shares have been made by the Company (whether on the Stock Exchange or otherwise) in the six months immediately preceding the Latest Practicable Date.



# YuanShengTai Dairy Farm Limited

# 原生態牧業有限公司

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)
(Stock code: 1431)

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** the annual general meeting (the "**AGM**") of the members of YuanShengTai Dairy Farm Limited (the "**Company**") will be held at East Beijing, 3rd Floor, Workshop 2, No. 22 Jiuxianqiao Road, Chaoyang District, Beijing, the PRC on Monday, 26 June 2017 at 10:00 a.m. for the following purposes:

## As Ordinary Businesses

- 1. To consider and adopt the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries and the reports of the directors and independent auditor for the year ended 31 December 2016 (the "Year").
- 2. To re-elect the following directors of the Company (the "Directors"):
  - i. Mr. Wang Shaogang as an executive Director;
  - ii. Mr. Lau Ho Fung as the non-executive Director; and
  - iii. Mr. Wu Chi Keung as an independent non-executive Director.
- 3. To approve the Directors' remuneration for the Year and to authorise the board of Directors (the "Board") to fix the Directors' remuneration for the year ending 31 December 2017.
- 4. To re-appoint Ernst & Young, Certified Public Accountants ("**E&Y**") as the independent auditor of the Company for the ensuing year and authorise the Board to fix its remuneration.

#### **As Special Businesses**

5. To consider and, if thought fit, pass with or without amendments the following resolution as an ordinary resolution:

#### "That:

- (a) subject to paragraph (c) of this Resolution below, pursuant to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, the exercise by the directors of the Company (the "Directors") during the Relevant Period (as defined below) of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with unissued shares in the share capital of the Company (the "Shares") or securities convertible into the Shares, or options or warrants for similar rights to subscribe for any Shares and to make or grant offers, agreements and options, including warrants to subscribe for the Shares, which might require the exercise of such powers be and the same is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the approval in paragraph (a) of this Resolution above shall authorise the Directors during the Relevant Period to make or grant offers, agreements and options which might require the exercise of such powers after the end of the Relevant Period;
- (c) the aggregate number of Shares allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted (whether pursuant to options or otherwise) by the Directors pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above, otherwise than pursuant to (i) a Rights Issue (as defined below); or (ii) the exercise of any options granted under the share option scheme of the Company; or (iii) any scrip dividend or similar arrangements providing for the allotment and issue of Shares in lieu of the whole or part of a dividend on Shares in accordance with the bye-laws of the Company (the "Bye-laws") in force from time to time; or (iv) any issue of Shares upon the exercise of rights of subscription, conversion or exchange under the terms of any warrants of the Company or any securities which are convertible into or exchange for Shares, shall not exceed the aggregate of:
  - (aa) 20% of the aggregate number of the issued Shares as at the date of the passing of this Resolution; and
  - (bb) (if the Directors are so authorised by a separate ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company) the aggregate number of any Shares repurchased by the Company subsequent to the passing of this Resolution (up to a maximum equivalent to 10% of the aggregate number of the issued Shares as at the date of the passing of this Resolution),

and the authority pursuant to paragraph (a) of this Resolution above shall be limited accordingly; and

(d) for the purposes of this Resolution:

"Relevant Period" means the period from the date of the passing of this Resolution until whichever is the earliest of:

- (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
- (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required to be held by the Bye-laws, the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda or any other applicable laws of Bermuda; and
- (iii) the passing of an ordinary resolution by the shareholders of the Company in general meeting revoking or varying the authority given to the Directors by this Resolution.

"Rights Issue" means an offer of Shares, or offer or issue of warrants, options or other securities giving the rights to subscribe for Shares open for a period fixed by the Directors to the holders of Shares on the register on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of Shares (subject to such exclusion or other arrangements as the Directors may deem necessary or expedient in relation to fractional entitlements, or having regard to any restrictions or obligations under the laws of, or the requirements of, or the expense or delay which may be involved in determining the existence or extent of any restrictions or obligations under the laws of, or the requirements of, any jurisdiction outside Hong Kong or any recognized regulatory body or any stock exchange applicable to Hong Kong)."

6. To consider and, if thought fit, pass with or without amendments the following resolution as an ordinary resolution:

#### "That:

(a) subject to paragraph (b) of this Resolution below, the exercise by the directors of the Company (the "Directors") during the Relevant Period (as defined below) of all the powers of the Company to purchase the shares in the share capital of the Company (the "Shares") on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") or any other stock exchange on which the Shares may be listed and recognised by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong (the "Commission") and the Stock Exchange for this purpose, subject to and in accordance with the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda (as amended) (the "Companies Act") and all other applicable laws, the Code on Share Buy-backs administered by the Commission and the requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities of the Stock Exchange, be and the same is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;

- (b) the aggregate number of the Shares which may be repurchased by the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) of this Resolution above during the Relevant Period (as defined below) shall not exceed 10% of the aggregate number of the issued Shares as at the date of the passing of this Resolution and the authority pursuant to paragraph (a) of this Resolution above shall be limited accordingly; and
- (c) for the purpose of this Resolution:
  - "Relevant Period" means the period from the passing of this Resolution until whichever is the earliest of:
  - (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
  - (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required to be held by the bye-laws of the Company, the Companies Act or any other applicable laws of Bermuda; and
  - (iii) the passing of an ordinary resolution by the shareholders of the Company in general meeting revoking or varying the authority given to the Directors by this Resolution."
- 7. "THAT subject to the passing of Resolution nos. 5 and 6 set out in the notice convening the annual general meeting of the Company (the "Notice"), the authority of the directors of the Company pursuant to Resolution no. 5 set out in the Notice be and is hereby approved to extend to cover such amount representing the aggregate number of the issued shares of the Company repurchased pursuant to the authority granted pursuant to Resolution no. 6 set out in the Notice."

By Order of the Board

YuanShengTai Dairy Farm Limited

Zhao Hongliang

Chairman

Hong Kong, 21 April 2017

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#### Notes:

- 1. Any member of the Company (the "Member") entitled to attend and vote at the AGM convened by the Notice or its adjourned meeting (as the case may be) is entitled to appoint one (or, if he/she/it holds two or more Shares, more than one) proxy to attend and, on a poll, vote on his/her/its behalf subject to the provisions of the Bye-laws. A proxy need not be a Member but must be present in person at the AGM to represent the Member. If more than one proxy is so appointed, the appointment shall specify the number of Shares in respect of which such proxy is so appointed.
- 2. In order to be valid, the form of proxy must be deposited together with a power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which it is signed or a notarially certified copy of that power or authority, at the offices of the Company's branch share registrar and transfer office in Hong Kong, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong not later than 48 hours before the time for holding the AGM (i.e. on or before 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, 24 June 2017 (Hong Kong time) or its adjourned meeting. Completion and return of a form of proxy will not preclude a Member from attending in person and voting at the AGM or its adjournment should he/she so wish. In the event of a Member who has lodged a form of proxy attending the AGM, the form of proxy will be deemed to have been revoked.
- 3. For determining Members' entitlement to attend and vote at the AGM, the register of Members will be closed from Wednesday, 21 June 2017 to Monday, 26 June 2017 (both dates inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares will be effected. In order to qualify for attending the forthcoming AGM all transfers documents, accompanied by the relevant share certificates, must be lodged with the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar and transfer office in Hong Kong, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong for registration not later than 4: 30 p.m. on Tuesday, 20 June 2017.
- 4. In relation to the proposed Resolution no. 4 above, the Board concurs with the views of the audit committee of the Board and has recommended that E&Y be re-appointed as independent auditor of the Company.
- 5. In relation to the proposed Resolutions nos. 5 and 7 above, approval is being sought from the Members for the grant to the Directors of a general mandate to authorise the allotment and issue of Shares under the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the "Listing Rules"). The Directors have no immediate plans to issue any new Shares other than the Shares which may fall to be issued under the share option scheme of the Company.
- 6. In relation to the proposed Resolution no. 6 above, the Directors wish to state that they will exercise the powers conferred thereby to repurchase Shares in circumstances which they consider appropriate for the benefit of the Members. An explanatory statement containing the information necessary to enable the Members to make an informed decision to vote on the proposed resolution as required by the Listing Rules is set out in Appendix II to the Company's circular dated 21 April 2017.

- 7. In compliance with Rule 13.39(4) of the Listing Rules, voting on all proposed resolutions set out in the Notice will be decided by way of a poll.
- 8. The translation into Chinese language of this Notice is for reference only. In case of any inconsistency, the English version shall prevail.