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# Chifeng Jilong Gold Mining Co., Ltd.

## **Announcement on the Reappointment of Auditor for 2025**

The Board of Directors and all Director of the Company warrant that this announcement does not contain any false records, misleading statements or major omissions, and they will bear legal liabilities for the authenticity, accuracy and completeness of its contents.

#### **Important**

• the accounting firm to be reappointed: Ernst & Young Hua Ming Accounting Firm (Special General Partnership)

#### 1. The basic situation of the accounting firm

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Ernst & Young Huaming Accounting Firm (Special General Partnership) (hereinafter referred to as "EY Huaming") was established in September 1992 and completed the localization from a Sino-foreign cooperative limited liability firm to a special general partnership firm in August 2012. EY Huaming is headquartered in Beijing and its registered address is Room 0112, 17th floor, E&Y Building, Oriental Square, East Chang'an Avenue, Dongcheng District, Beijing. As of the end of 2022, it has 251 partners with Mr. Mao Anning as its Chief Partner. EY Huaming has always paid attention to talent training. By the end of 2024, there are more than 1,700 certified public accountant practitioners, of whom over 1,500 have the experience in the securities-related business and over 500 having signed off the audit report of the securities service business. The audited business revenue of EY Huaming in FY2023 was RMB 5.955 billion, of which RMB5.585 billion (including RMB2.483 billion from securities business) was from auditing business. We provide annual report audit service to 137 A-share listed companies in FY2023, with total fees of RMB 905 million. The main industries of these listed companies involve manufacturing, finance, wholesale and retail, mining, information transmission, software and information technology services, real estate, etc. Our firm also had 2 clients of listed companies engaging in the same business with the Company.

2 Investor protection consciousness

EY Huaming has sound investor protection consciousness and has accrued occupational

risk funds and purchased occupational insurance in accordance with relevant laws and regulations, covering Beijing head office and all branches. The accrued occupational risk fund and the cumulative compensation limit of the purchased occupational insurance exceeds RMB 200 million. In the past three years, EY Huaming has not incurred any civil liability due to civil litigation related to business conducts.

### (3) Integrity record

EY Huaming and its practitioners have received 0 criminal penalties, 0 administrative penalties, 1 self-regulatory measures, 0 disciplinary sanction from the regulatory organizations, 0 their professional misconduct in the past three years. The 13 principal practitioners received 0 criminal penalty, 1 administrative penalty, 4 regulatory penalty, 1 self-regulatory measures, 0 disciplinary sanction in the past three years. A warning letter from the securities regulatory authority, which involves 2 employees. The aforementioned decision to issue a warning letter is a supervision and management measure, not an administrative punishment. According to the relevant laws and regulations, the supervision and management measures will not affect the continued undertaking or execution of securities service business and other businesses by EY Hua Ming.

### (2) Project member

### (1) Basic Information

Ms. He Xin, the project partner, is a signatory certified public accountant. She became a certified public accountant in 2008, started to engage in the auditing works of listed companies in 2006 and began to practice at EY Huaming in 2006 and commenced auditing service for the Company in 2022. She had signed/reviewed a number of annual reports/internal control audits of listed companies in the past three years, covering the industries like mining, electricity, heat production and supply.

Mr. Zhang Yu, the signatory certified public accountant, became a certified public accountant in 2016, started to engage in the audit of listed companies in 2013, started to practice at EY Huaming in 2013, and started to provide audit services to the Company in 2022; he had reviewed a number of annual reports/internal control audits of listed companies in the past three years, covering industries including mining, electricity, heat production and supply.

Mr. Xie Yanfeng, the project quality controller, became a CPA in 2000, started to engage in the audit of listed companies in 2000, started to practice in EY Huaming in 2007, and started to provide audit services for the Company in 2022; he signed/reviewed the annual reports/internal control audits of a number of listed companies in the past three years, covering the industries of mining, electricity, manufacturing and life science.

### (2) Integrity records:

The above-mentioned relevant personnel of EY project team have not been subject to criminal penalties in the past three years, and have not been subject to administrative penalties, supervision and management measures by the CSRC and its regional office, the industry authorities, etc in the past three years., and have not been subject to self-regulatory measures and disciplinary sanctions by self-regulatory organizations such as stock exchanges and industry associations in the past three years.

## ③ Independence:

The above-mentioned relevant personnel of EYproject team including project partners, the signatory certified public accountants and project quality controller have not violated the independence requirements of the Code of Professional Ethics for Chinese Certified Public Accountants.

#### (3) Audit fees

EY Huaming provided the company with financial and internal control services for 2024 with a fee of RMB 3 million (including the auditing report for H share disclosure). The specific audit fees for 2025 will be negotiated with the audit agency in accordance with the principle of fair and reasonable pricing in the market, according to the authorization of the company's general meeting of shareholders, and by the company's management according to various factors such as the company's business scale, industry and accounting complexity after taking into consideration the workforce to be allocated for the company's annual audit, the workload invloved and the fee standards of the firm.

#### 2. Procedures to be performed to renew the accounting firm

### (1) The opinions by the Audit Committee

On the basis of careful investigation and evaluation of EY Huaming's professional competence, investor protection consciousness, independence and integrity record, the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company believes that this firm has the necessary qualifications and capabilities to undertake the Company's financial audit business, and is competent for the Company's annual audit work; EY Huaming has fully purchased occupational insurance, which can cover civil liability caused by audit failure, and has investor protection capabilities. In the 2024 audit services provided to the company, EY Huaming was able to provide independent audit for the Company in accordance with the practice standards of independence, fairness and objectivity. Accordingly, the Committee unanimously agreed to propose the reappointment of EY Huaming as the Company's auditor for 2025 and agreed to refer the matter to the Board for consideration.

### (2) The deliberation and voting by the board of directors

The 35th meeting of the 8th board of directors of the Company deliberated and adopted "the Proposal on the Reappointment of Audit Agency for 2025" with the results of 9 votes in favor, 0 vote against and 0 abstentions. The Board of Directors agreed to appoint E&Y Huaming as the Company's financial and internal control auditor for 2025 and the term of appointment is one year.

### (4) Effective Date

The reappointment of auditor agency needs to be submitted to the company's general meeting of shareholders for deliberation and will take effect from the date of deliberation and approval by the company's general meeting.

This is hereby announced.

Board of Directors Chifeng Jilong Gold Mining Co., Ltd. March 29, 2025