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## **DTXS Silk Road Investment Holdings Company Limited**

# 大唐西市絲路投資控股有限公司

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 620)

## **CHANGE OF AUDITOR**

The board of directors (the "Board") of DTXS Silk Road Investment Holdings Company Limited (the "Company") make this announcement pursuant to Rule 13.51(4) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

#### RESIGNATION OF AUDITOR

The Board announces that Ernst & Young ("EY") has resigned as the auditor of the Company with effect from 17 December 2020, as the Company could not reach consensus with EY on the audit fee for the year ending 31 December 2020 (the "2020 Financial Audit").

The Company has received a confirmation from EY that there is no matter that needs to bring to the attention of the holders of securities or creditors of the Company in relation to its resignation as auditor of the Company. The Board and the audit committee (the "Audit Committee") of the Company had also confirmed that there is no disagreement between EY and the Company, and there is no other matters in respect of the resignation of EY that need to be brought to the attention of the holders of securities or creditors of the Company.

The Board further confirmed that EY has not commenced any work on the 2020 Financial Audit. The Board and the Audit Committee believe that the change of auditor will not have any impact on the 2020 Financial Audit.

The Board would like to take this opportunity to express its sincere gratitude to EY for its professional and quality services rendered during the past years.

### APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

The Board further announces that, with the recommendation from the Audit Committee of the Company, Mazars CPA Limited ("Mazars") has been appointed as the auditor of the Company with effect from 17 December 2020 to fill the casual vacancy following the resignation of EY and to hold office until the conclusion of the forthcoming annual general meeting of the Company.

According to the code provision C.3.3 of Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules, the Audit Committee has performed the following duties: to be primarily responsible for (a) making recommendations to the Board on the appointment of Mazars; (b) to approve the remuneration and terms of engagement of Mazars; and (c) to address issues relating to the resignation of EY (if any). Specifically, the Audit Committee has:

- 1. evaluated and discussed the reasons for EY's resignation as the Company's auditor and the impact on the 2020 Financial Audit;
- 2. received quotations from a few audit firms for the 2020 Financial Audit and made a preliminary choice of Mazars after making comparative analysis on fees and experience, etc.;
- 3. conducted multiple teleconferences with the partner and audit manager of Mazars; and
- 4. conducted a further assessment of Mazars including its qualifications, industry experience, service capabilities and adjustment to future audit fees.

A meeting of the Audit Committee was held on 16 December 2020 and the Audit Committee considered that it is suitable to select Mazars in light of its relevant industry experience, fee quotation and other pertinent factors. A consensus was reached to recommend to the Board of the appointment of Mazars as the Company's auditor to fill the temporary vacancy following the resignation of EY.

The Board held a meeting on 16 December 2020 and agreed to adopt the recommendations of the Audit Committee to appoint Mazars as the Company's auditor with effect from 17 December 2020, to fill the vacancy following the resignation of EY, until the end of the forthcoming annual general meeting of the Company.

The Board would like to take this opportunity to extend its welcome to Mazars on its appointment as the auditor of the Company.

# By Order of the Board DTXS Silk Road Investment Holdings Company Limited Xu Lin

Executive Vice-Chairman

Hong Kong, 17 December 2020

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises five Executive Directors, namely Mr. Lu Jianzhong (Chairman), Mr. Xu Lin (Executive Vice-chairman), Mr. Yang Xingwen, Mr. Xu Zhihong (Chief Executive Officer) and Mr. Wong Kwok Tung Gordon Allan (Deputy Chief Executive Officer); one Non-executive Director, namely, Dr. Cheng Kar-Shun, Henry; and three Independent Non-executive Directors, namely and Mr. Tsang Yok Sing, Jasper, Mr. Tse Yung Hoi and Mr. Kwok Chi Shing..