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## **CHINA AGROTECH HOLDINGS LIMITED**

**浩倫農業科技集團有限公司\***

*(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)*

**(Stock code: 01073)**

### **PLACING OF NEW SHARES UNDER GENERAL MANDATE**

**Placing Agent**



**KINGSTON SECURITIES LIMITED**

#### **THE PLACING**

On 19 January 2010 (after trading hours), the Company and the Placing Agent entered into the Placing Agreement pursuant to which the Company has conditionally agreed to place, through the Placing Agent on a best effort basis, a maximum of 50,000,000 Placing Shares to not fewer than six Placees who and whose ultimate beneficial owners are third parties independent of and are not connected with the Company and its connected persons (as defined in the Listing Rules).

A maximum of 50,000,000 Placing Shares represent approximately 8.44% of the existing issued share capital of the Company of 592,665,216 Shares as at the date of this announcement and approximately 7.78% of the then issued share capital of 642,665,216 Shares as enlarged by the Placing. The aggregate nominal value of the Placing Shares will be HK\$5,000,000.

The Placing Price of HK\$0.95 represents a discount of approximately 19.49% to the benchmarked price of the Shares, which is the higher of (i) the closing price of HK\$1.12 per Share as quoted on the Stock Exchange on the date of this announcement; and (ii) the average closing price of HK\$1.18 per Share as quoted on the Stock Exchange for the last 5 trading days prior to the date of this announcement. The Placing Price of HK\$0.95 also represents a discount of approximately 18.80% to the average closing price of HK\$1.17 per Share as quoted on the Stock Exchange for the last 10 trading days prior to the date of this announcement.

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The Placing is conditional upon, among other things, the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange granting or agreeing to grant the listing of, and permission to deal in, the Placing Shares.

The maximum gross proceeds from the Placing will be HK\$47.5 million. The maximum net proceeds from the Placing will amount to approximately HK\$46.5 million which is intended to be used for general working capital of the Group. The maximum net proceeds raised per Share upon the completion of the Placing will be approximately HK\$0.93 per Share.

## **THE PLACING AGREEMENT**

### **Date**

19 January 2010 (after trading hours)

### **Issuer**

The Company

### **Placing Agent**

The Placing Agent has conditionally agreed to place, on a best effort basis, a maximum of 50,000,000 Placing Shares and will receive a placing commission of 2.0% on the gross proceeds of the actual number of Placing Shares being placed. The Directors are of the view that the placing commission of 2.0% is fair and reasonable.

To the best of the Directors' knowledge, information and belief, having made all reasonable enquiries, the Placing Agent and its ultimate beneficial owners are third parties independent of and are not connected with the Company and its connected persons (as defined in the Listing Rules).

### **Placees**

The Placing Agent will place the Placing Shares to not fewer than six Placees who and whose ultimate beneficial owners are third parties independent of and not connected with the Company, connected persons of the Company and any of the Directors, chief executive or substantial shareholder(s) of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or their respective associates (as defined in the Listing Rules). None of the Placees will become a substantial Shareholder (as defined in the Listing Rules) of the Company immediately after the Placing.

### **Number of Placing Shares**

A maximum of 50,000,000 Placing Shares represent approximately 8.44% of the existing issued share capital of the Company of 592,665,216 Shares as at the date of this announcement and approximately 7.78% of the then issued share capital of 642,665,216 Shares as enlarged by the Placing. The aggregate nominal value of the Placing Shares will be HK\$5,000,000.

## **Ranking of Placing Shares**

The Placing Shares will rank, upon issue, pari passu in all respects with the Shares in issue on the date of allotment and issue of the Placing Shares.

## **Placing Price**

The Placing Price of HK\$0.95 represents a discount of approximately 19.49% to the benchmarked price of the Shares, which is the higher of (i) the closing price of HK\$1.12 per Share as quoted on the Stock Exchange on the date of this announcement; and (ii) the average closing price of HK\$1.18 per Share as quoted on the Stock Exchange for the last 5 trading days prior to the date of this announcement. The Placing Price of HK\$0.95 also represents a discount of approximately 18.80% to the average closing price of HK\$1.17 per Share as quoted on the Stock Exchange for the last 10 trading days prior to the date of this announcement.

The Placing Price was determined with reference to the prevailing market price of the Share and was negotiated on an arm's length basis between the Company and the Placing Agent. The Directors consider that the terms of the Placing are fair and reasonable based on the current market conditions and in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

## **The Placing Shares**

The Placing Shares will be issued under the General Mandate to allot, issue and deal with Shares granted to the Directors by resolution of the Shareholders passed at the AGM subject to the limit of up to 20% of the then issued share capital of the Company as at the date of the AGM. Under the General Mandate, the Company is authorized to issue up to 118,313,043 Shares. Up to the date of this announcement, no Share has been issued under the General Mandate.

## **Conditions of the Placing Agreement**

Completion of the Placing Agreement is conditional upon:

- (i) the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange granting or agreeing to grant the listing of, and permission to deal in, the Placing Shares under the Placing; and
- (ii) the obligations of the Placing Agent under the Placing Agreement not being terminated in accordance with the terms of the Placing Agreement, including provisions regarding force majeure event.

## **Termination and force majeure**

- (i) **Unless otherwise agreed between the Company and the Placing Agent, the Placing Agent's appointment shall terminate upon the earlier of (a) the completion of the Placing and (b) termination of the Placing by the Placing Agent in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Placing Agreement, whereby the Company will be formally notified by the Placing Agent in writing in accordance with the terms of the Placing Agreement.**

- (ii) **The Placing Agent reserves its right to terminate the Placing Agreement by notice in writing prior to 10:00 a.m. on the date of completion of the Placing, if in the absolute opinion of the Placing Agent, the success of the Placing would be materially and adversely affected by any force majeure events (as defined below).**

**For this purpose, a “force majeure event” refers to**

- (a) the introduction of any new laws or regulations or any change in existing laws or regulations (or the judicial interpretation thereof) or other occurrence of any nature whatsoever which may, in the absolute opinion of the Placing Agent, materially and adversely affect the business or the financial or trading position or prospects of the Group as a whole; or**
  - (b) the occurrence of any local, national or international event or change (whether or not forming part of a series of events or changes occurring or continuing before and/or after the date of the Placing Agreement) of a political, military, financial, economic, currency (including a change in the system under which the value of the Hong Kong currency is linked to the currency of the United States of America) or other nature (whether or not sui generis with any of the foregoing), or in the nature of any local, national, international outbreak or escalation of hostilities or armed conflict, or affecting local securities market or the occurrence of any combination of circumstances which may, in the absolute opinion of the Placing Agent, materially and adversely affect the business or the financial or trading position or prospects of the Group as a whole or adversely prejudices the success of the Placing of the Shares by potential investor(s) or otherwise makes it inexpedient or inadvisable for the Company or the Placing Agent to proceed with the Placing; or**
  - (c) any change in market conditions or combination of circumstances in Hong Kong (including without limitation suspension or material restriction on trading in securities) occurs which affect the success of the Placing (such success being the placing of the Shares to potential investor(s)) or otherwise in the absolute opinion of the Placing Agent make it inexpedient or inadvisable or inappropriate for the Company or the Placing Agent to proceed with the Placing.**
- (iii) If, at or prior to 10:00 a.m. on the date of completion of the Placing;**
- (a) the Company commits any material breach of or omits to observe any of the obligations or undertakings expressed or assumed under the Placing Agreement; or**
  - (b) any suspension in the trading of the Shares on the Stock Exchange for more than ten consecutive trading days save for the purposes of clearing of the announcement relating to the Placing Agreement; or**

- (c) **the Placing Agent shall become aware of the fact that any of the representations or warranties contained in the Placing Agreement was, when given, untrue or inaccurate or would in any respect be untrue or inaccurate if repeated the Placing Agent shall determine that any such untrue representation or warranty represents or is likely to represent a material adverse change in the financial or trading position or prospects of the Group taken as a whole or will otherwise likely to have a material prejudicial effect on the Placing.**

**The Placing Agent shall be entitled (but not bound) by notice in writing to the Company to elect to treat such matter or event as releasing and discharging the Placing Agent from its obligations under the Placing Agreement.**

**Upon giving of notice pursuant to the paragraph above, all obligations of the Placing Agent hereunder shall cease and determine and no party shall have any claim against any other parties in respect of any matter or thing arising out of or in connection with the Placing Agreement, save for any antecedent breaches.**

The Directors are not aware of the occurrence of any of such events as at the date of this announcement.

### **Completion of the Placing**

Completion of the Placing will take place on or before the fourth business day after the fulfillment of the conditions set out in the Placing Agreement but not later than 31 March 2010 or such later date as may be agreed between the Company and the Placing Agent.

**The Placing may or may not proceed. Shareholders and potential investors are advised to exercise caution when dealing in the Shares.**

### **REASONS FOR THE PLACING AND USE OF PROCEEDS**

The Company was incorporated in Cayman Islands with limited liability. The principal business activities of the Group are trading of fertilizers, pesticides, other agricultural and non-agricultural resources products; manufacturing and selling of plant growth regulatory products, pesticides and fertilizers; and provision of plant protection technical services.

The maximum gross proceeds from the Placing will be HK\$47.5 million. The maximum net proceeds from the Placing will amount to approximately HK\$46.5 million which is intended to be used for general working capital of the Group. The maximum net proceeds raised per Share upon the completion of the Placing will be approximately HK\$0.93 per Share.

The Directors have considered different types of fund raising arrangement and consider that the Placing is the most efficient way in terms of cost for the Company. In the meantime, the Company can take this opportunity to broaden the capital base of the Company.

## FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES IN THE PAST TWELVE MONTHS

Apart from the fund raising activities mentioned below, the Company has not carried out other fund raising activities during the 12 months immediately preceding the date of this announcement.

<b>Date of initial announcement</b>	<b>Fund raising activity</b>	<b>Intended use of net proceeds</b>	<b>Actual use of proceeds</b>
5 June 2009	Placing of 42,900,000 new Shares at the price of HK\$0.70 per Share	Approximately HK\$29.58 million for general working capital of the Group	Used as intended
5 June 2009	Placing of convertible bonds in the principle amount of HK\$29,970,000	Approximately HK\$29.82 million for general working capital of the Group	Used as intended

## EFFECTS ON SHAREHOLDING STRUCTURE

The existing shareholding structure of the Company and the effect on the shareholding structure of the Company upon completion of the Placing (assuming the Placing Shares are placed in full) are set out as below:

	<b>As at the date of this announcement</b>		<b>Upon completion of the Placing</b>	
	<i>No. of Shares</i>	<i>Approx %</i>	<i>No. of Shares</i>	<i>Approx %</i>
Mr. Wu Shaoning ( <i>note</i> )	203,200,000	34.29	203,200,000	31.62
<b>Public:</b>				
Places	–	0.00	50,000,000	7.78
Other public shareholders	389,465,216	65.71	389,465,216	60.60
	<u>592,665,216</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>642,665,216</u>	<u>100.00</u>

*Note:* Mr. Wu Shaoning is the chairman of the Company and an executive Director.

As at the date of this announcement, the Company has 48,670,000 outstanding share options and convertible bonds in the principle amount of HK\$29,970,000 which is convertible into 33,300,000 Shares.

## GENERAL

Application will be made by the Company to the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange for the grant of the listing of, and permission to deal in, the Placing Shares.

## TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

“AGM”	the annual general meeting of the Company held on 4 December 2009
“Board”	the board of Directors
“Company”	China Agrotech Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability, the issued Shares of which are listed on the Stock Exchange
“Director(s)”	director(s) of the board of the Company
“General Mandate”	the mandate granted to the Directors by the Shareholders at the AGM to allot, issue and deal with up to 20% of the then issued share capital of the Company as at the date of the AGM
“Group”	the Company and its subsidiaries
“Hong Kong”	Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of PRC
“Listing Committee”	the listing sub-committee of the board for the main board of the Stock Exchange
“Listing Rules”	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange
“Placee(s)”	any professional, institutional or other investor(s) or any of their respective subsidiaries or associates procured by the Placing Agent to subscribe for any of the Placing Shares pursuant to the Placing Agreement
“Placing”	the placing of a maximum of 50,000,000 new Shares pursuant to the terms of the Placing Agreement
“Placing Agent”	Kingston Securities Limited, a licensed corporation to carry on business in type 1 regulated activity (dealing in securities) under the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong)

“Placing Agreement”	the conditional placing agreement entered into between the Company and the Placing Agent dated 19 January 2010 in relation to the Placing
“Placing Price”	HK\$0.95 per Placing Share
“Placing Share(s)”	a maximum of 50,000,000 new Share(s) to be placed by the Placing Agent pursuant to the Placing Agreement
“PRC”	the People’s Republic of China
“Share(s)”	ordinary share(s) of HK\$0.10 each in the share capital of the Company
“Shareholder(s)”	holder(s) of the Share(s)
“Stock Exchange”	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
“HK\$”	Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong
“%”	per cent.

By order of the Board  
**China Agrotech Holdings Limited**  
**Wu Shaoning**  
*Chairman*

Hong Kong, 19 January 2010

*The Board as of the date of this announcement comprises Mr. Wu Shaoning and Mr. Yang Zhuoya, who are the executive directors of the Company, and Mr. Lam Ming Yung, Mr. Zhang Shaosheng and Mr. Wong Chi Wai, who are the independent non-executive directors of the Company.*