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## **Announcement in respect of Dividend Distribution**

The board (the "Board") of directors ("Directors") of First Tractor Company Limited (the "Company") announces that in accordance with the dividend distribution policy of the Articles of Association of the Company, the Board recommended the following dividend distribution proposal for 2015: a cash dividend of RMB0.41 (tax inclusive) for every ten shares on the basis of the total share capital of the Company of 995,900,000 shares as at 31 December 2015. This proposal is subject to the approval at the 2015 annual general meeting of the Company to be held on 27 May 2016.

In respect of the dividend distribution for holders of H shares, the record date shall fall on 8 June 2016. In order to determine the list of holders of H shares who are entitled to receive the dividend, the H share register of members of the Company will be closed from 3 June 2016 to 8 June 2016, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of the Company's H shares will be effected. All transfers, accompanied by the relevant share certificates, must be lodged for registration with the Company's H shares registrar and transfer office, Hong Kong Registrars Limited, at Rooms 1712-1716, 17/F, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong, not later than 4:00 p.m. on 2 June 2016. Therefore, holders of H shares whose names appear on the H share register of members of the Company on 8 June 2016 will be entitled to receive the above dividend. Please note that the ex-entitlement date shall be 1 June 2016.

Pursuant to the Corporate Income Tax Law of the PRC and its implementing regulations, which came into force on 1 January 2008, and other relevant rules, the Company is required to withhold corporate income tax at the rate of 10% before distributing the dividend to non-resident enterprise (as defined in the Corporate Income Tax Law of the PRC) shareholders whose names appear on the H share register of members of the Company on 8 June 2016. Any H shares registered in the name of non-individual shareholders, including HKSCC Nominees Limited, other nominees, trustees or other groups and organizations, will be treated as being held by non-resident enterprise shareholders, thus, the Company will distribute the dividend to

such non-individual shareholders after withholding the 10% corporate income tax. The individual income tax will not be withheld from the dividend payable to any natural person shareholders whose names appear on the H share register of members of the Company on 8 June 2016.

Any natural person investor whose H shares are registered under the name of any such non-individual shareholders and who does not wish to have any corporate income tax to be withheld by the Company may consider transferring the legal title of the relevant H shares into his or her name, and duly lodge all transfer documents with the relevant H share certificates with the Company's H share registrar for registration. All investors should consider the above contents carefully. The Company will strictly comply with the relevant PRC tax laws and regulations to withhold for payment the 10% corporate income tax, and the dividend will only be payable to the shareholders whose names appear on the H share register of members of the Company on 8 June 2016.

Pursuant to the Notice on Relevant Taxation Policies Concerning the Pilot Inter-connected Mechanism for Trading on the Shanghai Stock Market and the Hong Kong Stock Market (Cai Shui [2014] No. 81) (《關於滬港股票市場交易互聯互通機制試點有關稅收政策的通知》(財稅[2014]81號)):

- For Mainland individual investors who invest in the H shares of the Company via the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect Program, the Company will withhold individual income tax at the rate of 20% in the distribution of dividend. Individual investors may, by producing valid tax payment proofs, apply to the competent tax authority of CSDC for tax credit relating to the withholding tax already paid abroad. For Mainland securities investment funds that invest in the H shares of the Company via the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect Program, the Company will withhold individual income tax in the distribution of dividend pursuant to the foregoing provisions; and
- For Mainland corporate investors that invest in the H shares of the Company via the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect Program, the Company will not withhold the income tax in the distribution of dividend and the Mainland corporate investors shall file the tax returns on their own.

The Company assumes no responsibility or liability whatsoever for confirming the identity of the shareholders of the Company and for any claims arising from any delay in or inaccurate determination of the identity of shareholders of the Company or any disputes over the withholding mechanism.

## By Order of the Board FIRST TRACTOR COMPANY LIMITED\* YU Lina

Company Secretary

Luoyang, the PRC 13 April 2016

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Mr. Zhao Yanshui (Chairman), Mr. Wang Erlong (vice Chairman) and Mr. Wu Yong as executive Directors; Mr. Li Hepeng, Mr. Xie Donggang, Mr. Li Kai and Mr. Yin Dongfang as non-executive Directors; and Ms. Yang Minli, Mr. Xing Min, Mr. Wu Tak Lung and Mr. Yu Zengbiao as independent non-executive Directors.

\* For identification purposes only