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## 中国平安保险(集团)股份有限公司

### Ping An Insurance (Group) Company of China, Ltd.

(A joint stock limited company incorporated in the People's Republic of China with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 2318)

# ELECTION OF MEANS AND LANGUAGE OF RECEIPT OF CORPORATE COMMUNICATION

The Company is making arrangements to ascertain the preferences of its H Shareholders with respect to the choice of means of receipt and language of its Corporate Communication in accordance with Rules 2.07A and 2.07B of the Listing Rules.

#### INTRODUCTION

In order to save costs and protect the environment, the Company is making the arrangements described below, in compliance with Rules 2.07A and 2.07B of the Listing Rules, to ascertain the H Shareholders' preferences as to the choice of means of receipt (in printed form or by electronic means) and language (in English only, in Chinese only or in both English and Chinese) of the Company's future Corporate Communication.

The Company recommends H Shareholders to take advantage of the Website Alternative (as defined below) in respect of the Company's future Corporate Communication. H Shareholders shall have the right at any time by reasonable notice in writing to the Company c/o the Company's H Share Registrar by post (Address: Rooms 1806-1807, 18th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong) or by email (Email address: pingan@computershare.com.hk) to change the choice of means of receipt and/or language of the Corporate Communication.

#### PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS

In accordance with Rules 2.07A and 2.07B of the Listing Rules, the following arrangements will be made by the Company:

- 1. The Company will send a letter on 10 July 2009 (the "First Letter") together with a reply form (the "Reply Form"), prepared in English and Chinese, with a mailing label to the H Shareholders to enable them to elect to receive the Company's future Corporate Communication:
  - (i) to read all future Corporate Communication published on the Company's website ("Website Alternative") in place of receiving printed copies, and receive a printed notification of the publication of the Corporate Communication on the Company's website; or
  - (ii) to receive a printed English version of all future Corporate Communication only; or

- (iii) to receive a printed Chinese version of all future Corporate Communication only; or
- (iv) to receive both the printed English and Chinese versions of all future Corporate Communication of the Company.

The First Letter explains that even if a H Shareholder has previously received a letter from the Company seeking his/her/its election regarding Corporate Communication and has made an election, such Shareholder is still requested to make an election again and his/her/its previous election will be disregarded. The First Letter further explains that if no reply is received from a H Shareholder by 6 August 2009, such H Shareholder will be deemed to have consented to reading the Corporate Communication published on the Company's website in place of receiving printed copies, and a notification of the publication of future Corporate Communication on the Company's website will be sent to him/her/it.

H Shareholders are entitled at any time to change their choice of means of receipt and language of the Corporate Communication by giving reasonable notice in writing (Address: Rooms 1806-1807, 18th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong) or by email (Email address: pingan@computershare.com.hk) to the Company (c/o Company's H Share Registrar).

- 2. For those H Shareholders who choose to receive the Corporate Communication in printed form, the Company will send the selected language version of the Corporate Communication to them unless and until they notify the Company's H Share Registrar in writing that they wish to receive the Corporate Communication in the other (or both) language(s), or by electronic means through the Company's website.
- 3. When each printed Corporate Communication is sent out in accordance with the arrangements described in paragraphs 1 and 2 above, a letter (the "Second Letter") and a change request form (the "Change Request Form"), prepared in English and Chinese, will also be sent out specifying that the Corporate Communication prepared in the other language will be available upon request, and that H Shareholders may change their choice of means of receipt and language of the Corporate Communication by completing the Change Request Form and returning it to the Company's H Share Registrar.
- 4. All Corporate Communication in both English and Chinese, and in accessible format, will be available on the Company's website at www.pingan.com and electronic copies of all such Corporate Communication will be filed with the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Listing Rules.
- 5. The Company is providing a dial-up hotline service (Tel: 852-2862 8688) during business hours (9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays) to enable H Shareholders to make enquiry of the Company's proposed arrangements set out above.
- 6. The First Letter and the Second Letter will mention that both languages of each Corporate Communication will be available on the Company's website and that the dial-up hotline service has been provided as mentioned in the arrangements described in paragraphs 4 and 5 above, respectively.

7. The amendment to the Articles of Association which allows the Company to send or supply Corporate Communications to H Shareholders by making them available on the Company's own website was approved by Shareholders at the annual general meeting of the Company held on 3 June 2009. Such amendment is still subject to the approval of the CIRC. Accordingly, even if the H Shareholders have consented, or deemed to have consented, to reading the Corporate Communications on the Company's website instead of receiving printed copies, the Company may only send or supply Corporate Communications to them in that manner upon receiving the approval of CIRC of the amendment to the Articles of Association.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

In this announcement, the following expressions have the meanings set out below unless the context requires otherwise:

"Articles of Association" the articles of association of the Company

"CIRC" China Insurance Regulatory Commission

"Company" Ping An Insurance (Group) Company of China, Ltd., a joint stock

limited company duly incorporated in the PRC with limited liability the A Shares of which are listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange and the H Shares of which are listed on The Stock Exchange of

Hong Kong Limited

"Corporate Communication" any document issued or to be issued by the Company for the

information or action of holders of any of the Company's securities

as defined in Rule 1.01 of the Listing Rules

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

of Hong Kong Limited

"H Shares" foreign shares of the Company which are listed on the Stock

Exchange, and subscribed for and traded in Hong Kong Dollars

"H Share Registrar" Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, Rooms

1806-1807, 18th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East,

Wanchai, Hong Kong

"H Shareholder(s)" Holder(s) of H Shares

"Stock Exchange" The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

By order of the Board
Yao Jun
Company Secretary

Shenzhen, PRC, 10 July 2009

As at the date of this announcement, the Executive Directors of the Company are Ma Mingzhe, Sun Jianyi, Cheung Chi Yan Louis, Wang Liping and Jason Bo Yao; the Non-executive Directors are Hu Aimin, Chen Hongbo, Wong Tung Shun Peter, Ng Sing Yip, Clive Bannister and Li Zhe; and the Independent Non-executive Directors are Chow Wing Kin Anthony, Zhang Hongyi, Chen Su, Xia Liping, Tang Yunwei, Lee Ka Sze Carmelo and Chung Yu-wo Danny.