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XINGDA'S 2021 INTERIM PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO OWNERS OF THE COMPANY GROWS SIGNIFICANTLY BY 58.7% TO RMB214.0 MILLION

BENEFITS FROM STRONG DOMESTIC DEMAND AND IMPROVING OPERATING ENVIRONMENT RADIAL TIRE CORD INDUSTRY KEEPS GROWING WITH GOOD MOMENTUM

(Hong Kong, 30 August 2021) – **Xingda International Holdings Limited** ("Xingda" or "the Group") (Stock Code: 1899.HK), one of the leading global manufacturers of radial tire cords, today announced its unaudited interim results for the six months ended 30 June 2021.

For the six months ended 30 June 2021, the Group recorded revenue of RMB5,275.2 million, representing a year-on-year increase of 63.1% (first half of 2020: RMB3,233.9 million (restated)). Gross profit rose by 72.4% year-on-year to RMB1,071.9 million (first half of 2020: RMB621.8 million (restated)) and gross profit margin also climbed, by 1.1 percentage points, against the same period last year to 20.3% (first half of 2020: 19.2% (restated)). Profit attributable to owners of the Company grew by 58.7% year-on-year to RMB214.0 million (first half of 2020: RMB134.8 million (restated)). Basic earnings per share were RMB13.37 cents (first half of 2020: RMB 8.86 cents (restated)).

Mr. Liu Jinlan, Chairman of Xingda, said, "In the first half of 2021, although there was no simple answer to where the pandemic would head, major economies had started on the recovery path and the Chinese economy in particular demonstrated resilience. In the first half year, China's GDP was up 12.7% year-on-year, with real GDP growth reaching 18.3% and 7.9% in the first and second quarters, respectively. With China's economy continuing to recover since the second quarter of 2020, translating into strong domestic demand and an improving operating environment, the radial tire cord industry kept growing with good momentum during the period."

In the first half of 2021, though still volatile, the global and Chinese economies continued to recover, with the production in terms of output gradually returning close to pre-pandemic level. With major economies bottoming out and rebounding, market demand growth for radial tire cords was back on track. During the period, the Group's total sales volume increased by 50.6% year-on-year to 554,200 tonnes, and radial tire cords sales volume was up 48.4% to 439,200 tonnes, making up 79.2% of the Group total sales volume (first half of 2020: 80.4% (restated)), as for bead wires, sales volume increased by 67.0% to 69,800 tonnes, accounting for 12.6% of the Group's total sales volume (first half of 2020: 11.4% (restated)). The sales volume of hose wires and other wires increased by 49.2% to 45,200 tonnes, making up 8.2% of the Group total sales volume (first half of 2020: 8.2% (restated)).

During the period, the mainland and overseas economies recovering and consistently high car parc fueled growth in sales volume of radial tire cords for trucks as well as passenger cars. The former increased by 43.8% year-on-year to 266,800 tonnes, whereas the latter rose 56.3% to 172,400 tonnes. The sales volume of radial tire cords for trucks and passenger cars accounted for 60.7% and 39.3%, respectively, of all radial tire cords sold by the Group (first half of 2020: 62.7% and 37.3% (restated)).

In the China market, the sales volume of radial tire cords has extended the growth momentum since the second half in 2020, hence 319,100 tonnes of them were sold in the period, up 36.4% (first half of 2020: 233,900 tonnes (restated)). As for overseas markets, there was steady improvement, with sales volume of radial tire cords up 93.7% to 120,100 tonnes (first half of 2020: 62,000 tonnes (restated)), mainly due to the production of most of the overseas tire manufacturers returning back to the normal levels in the first half of 2021. Domestic and overseas markets accounted for 72.7% and 27.3%, respectively, of the total sales volume of radial tire cords (first half of 2020: 79.0% and 21.0% (restated)).

As at 30 June 2021, annual production capacity of the Group's radial tire cords increased to 930,200 tonnes, with the Jiangsu, Shandong, and Thailand plants accounting for 731,800 tonnes, 144,000 tonnes and 54,400 tonnes, respectively. For bead wires, hose wires and other wires, their annual output capacity increased to 154,600 and 98,200 tonnes respectively. Overall factory utilization rate rebounded to 96.3% high (first half of 2020: 79.2%).

At the same time as it expands production capacity and its business footprint, the Group has also emphasized innovation of product technologies, and thus it never stopped pursuing product research and development, striving to provide customers with tailor-made radial tire cords to meet their various needs. To provide greater product diversity for customers, Xingda developed 17 new types of radial tire cords, 1 new type of bead wires and 7 types of hose wires and other wires in this period.

The Group proposed the spin-off and separate listing of the tire-related business run by its non-wholly owned subsidiary Jiangsu Xingda Steel Tyre Cord Co. Ltd., ("Jiangsu Xingda") by way of A shares listing on a stock exchange in China. The proposal was submitted to the Hong Kong Stock Exchange on 20 November 2020. On 20 April 2021, Jiangsu Province Regulatory Bureau of the China Securities Regulatory Commission ("CSRC") accepted the sponsor's application to start the pre-listing tutoring process in relation to the proposed spin-off and separate listing of Jiangsu Xingda.

Mr. Liu concluded, "The Group will pay close attention to continuous changes in the global economy under the impact from pandemic, national policies and market development trends. It will move forward in firm strides and timely adjust its strategic deployment to ensure it affords healthy development. As for the industry, the "14th Five-Year Plan" period is the time for the rubber industry to transform and upgrade, realizing quality development, which is critical to China in growing to become a strong player in the global rubber industry. As a leader in the radial tire cord sector, the Group will continue to stand at the forefront of the industry, actively develop high-end products and help the industry raise automation and intelligence levels as required."

About Xingda International Holdings Limited

The Group is primarily engaged in the manufacturing and distribution of backbone material of radial tire including radial tire cord that support the tire wall and bead wire that connect the tire to the wheel-rim. Boasting unique production technologies, strong R&D capabilities and stringent quality control, Xingda has established solid foothold in China and is one of the largest manufacturers of radial tire cord in China. The Group's customers include China's top 10 radial tire manufacturers and global renowned tire manufacturers. Xingda's headquarters and main production base are located in Jiangsu Province of China with a total gross floor area of around 567,000 sq. m.

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