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**CALB Group Co., Ltd.**

**中創新航科技集團股份有限公司**

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

**(Stock Code: 3931)**

## **ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE LITIGATION**

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### **I. BACKGROUND OF THE LITIGATION**

Reference is made to the prospectus of the Company dated September 23, 2022 (the “**Prospectus**”) in relation to the civil indictment (Case No.: (2021) Min 01 Min Chu No. 1996) that the Company received in August 2021 from the Intermediate People’s Court of Fuzhou City, Fujian Province (the “**Fuzhou Intermediate Court**”). According to the indictment, Contemporary Amperex Technology Co., Limited (“**CATL**”, a company listed on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange, stock code: 300750) filed infringement claims on intellectual property rights in respect of “Explosion-proof device” (防爆裝置) (patent number: 201521112402.7) (the “**Patent Involved in the Litigation**”) against the Company, China Lithium Battery Technology (Luoyang) Co., Ltd. (中航鋰電(洛陽)有限公司) (“**Luoyang Company**”, a connected person of the Company (as defined in the Listing Rules)) and Fuzhou Cangshan Aion Automobile Sales Service Co., Ltd. (福州倉山埃安汽車銷售服務有限公司) (an automobile seller independent of the Company) (the “**IPRs Infringement Claims**” or the “**Case**”). In June 2022, the Company received an application for change of litigation claims from the Fuzhou Intermediate Court. In January 2023, the Case was transferred from the Fuzhou Intermediate Court to the Higher Court of Fujian Province (the “**Fujian Higher Court**”) for trial (Case No.: (2023) Min Min Chu No. 1).

The litigation claims mainly comprise of:

1. requiring the Company and Luoyang Company to immediately cease all acts of infringement on the plaintiff’s rights of the Patent Involved in the Litigation, including ceasing manufacturing, selling or offering to sell the relevant products that infringe the plaintiff’s patent rights;
2. requiring the Company and Luoyang Company to jointly and severally compensate the plaintiff for economic losses amounting to RMB365 million and the reasonable costs incurred for stopping the infringement of RMB1.2 million.

## II. LITIGATION PROGRESS

The Case was heard in the Fujian Higher Court. The Company received the Civil Judgment (the “**Judgment**”) issued by the Fujian Higher Court on May 17, 2024, the key contents of which are as follows:

1. CALB Group Co., Ltd. and China Lithium Battery Technology (Luoyang) Co., Ltd. shall immediately cease all acts of infringement on Contemporary Amperex Technology Co., Limited’s battery products with utility model patent right (patent number: ZL201521112402.7) upon the effective date of the Judgment, including ceasing using, selling or offering to sell the products that infringe the Patent Involved in the Litigation;
2. CALB Group Co., Ltd. and China Lithium Battery Technology (Luoyang) Co., Ltd. shall be liable to jointly and severally compensate Contemporary Amperex Technology Co., Limited for RMB40,558,257 in economic losses and RMB1,017,790 in reasonable costs incurred for stopping the infringement, within 15 days from the effective date of the Judgment;
3. Other claims filed by Contemporary Amperex Technology Co., Limited were rejected.

The acceptance fee for the Case was RMB1,872,800, of which Contemporary Amperex Technology Co., Limited shall bear RMB870,000, CALB Group Co., Ltd. and China Lithium Battery Technology (Luoyang) Co., Ltd. shall jointly bear RMB1,000,000, and Fuzhou Cangshan Aion Automobile Sales Service Co., Ltd. shall bear RMB2,800; the property preservation fee for the Case was RMB5,000, which shall be jointly borne by CALB Group Co., Ltd. and China Lithium Battery Technology (Luoyang) Co., Ltd.

Any party who is dissatisfied with the Judgment may, within 15 days from the date of delivery of the Judgment, appeal to the Supreme People’s Court of the People’s Republic of China by submitting an appeal along with copies thereof according to the number of the other parties or their representatives to the Fujian Higher Court.

## III. OTHER LITIGATION AND ARBITRATION MATTERS

As of the date of this announcement, save for the litigation matters disclosed in this announcement and the Prospectus, the Company is not aware of any other litigation or arbitration matters that should be disclosed but have not been disclosed.

#### IV. IMPACT OF THE LITIGATION ON THE COMPANY

1. With the rapid technological advancement and product iteration in the EV battery sector, the Company has adopted more advanced technologies and structural designs for its products. There is no circumstance where the Company is required to immediately cease using, selling or offering to sell the products that infringe the Patent Involved in the Litigation as mentioned in the Judgment. The Judgment is a first-instance judgment of the Fujian Higher Court and the Company is currently not required to pay the compensation in first-instance judgment of the Fujian Higher Court. The Judgment will not have any adverse impact on the Company's current production and operation.
2. The Company will appeal the first-instance judgment to the Supreme People's Court within the appeal period. At the same time, the validity of the Patent Involved in the Litigation is still under the review of the China National Intellectual Property Administration and the court.
3. The Company will fulfill its information disclosure obligations depending on the progress of the litigation in accordance with information disclosure requirements.

By order of the Board  
**CALB Group Co., Ltd.**  
**Liu Jingyu**

*Chairwoman of the Board, executive Director and president*

Changzhou, PRC  
May 20, 2024

*As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Ms. Liu Jingyu and Mr. Dai Ying as executive Directors, Mr. Zhou Sheng, Mr. Zhang Guoqing and Mr. Li Yunxiang as non-executive Directors, Mr. Wu Guangquan, Mr. Wang Susheng and Mr. Chen Zetong as independent non-executive Directors.*