

Press Release-Ad hoc announcement pursuant to article 53 LR

Zhejiang Huayou Cobalt Co., Ltd.

**Announcement on the Conclusion of the Shareholding Increase
Initiative by the Controlling Shareholder and the Outcomes of the
Augmentation**

Important Notice:

● **Overview of the Increase Initiative:** Huayou Holdings Group Co., Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as "Huayou Holdings"), the controlling shareholder of Zhejiang Huayou Cobalt Co., Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as the "Company"), intends to augment its shareholding of the Company's A-shares through the Shanghai Stock Exchange system via centralized bidding, commencing on January 16, 2025, and continuing for a duration of one year. The total investment for this increase is projected to be no less than RMB 200 million and will not exceed RMB 400 million.

● **Outcomes of the Increase Initiative:** As of February 11, 2025, Huayou Holdings has successfully augmented its ownership in the Company by acquiring a total of 1,342,769 shares via centralized bidding on the Shanghai Stock Exchange. This acquisition represents 0.79% of the Company's existing total share capital¹, with an overall investment amounting to RMB 399,998,100. The increase initiative has been successfully finalized.

The Company has recently been informed by Huayou Holdings that it has successfully completed its shareholding increase initiative. The outcomes of this shareholding increase are hereby announced as follows:

¹The total share capital will amount to 1,692,181,088 shares following the conversion of the convertible bonds into shares on February 10, 2025

I. Basic Information about the Increase Entity

(I) Increase Entity: The Company's controlling shareholder, Huayou Holdings.

(II) Prior to this increase, Huayou Holdings possessed 287,815,482 shares of the Company, representing 16.96% of the total shares. Together with its concerted action person, Mr. Chen Xuehua, Huayou Holdings collectively held 370,320,428 shares, representing 21.82% of the total shares.

(III) The increase entity, Huayou Holdings' increase activities during the twelve months prior to the announcement of the increase initiative.

In December 2024, Huayou Holdings signed and entered into the Share Transfer Agreement with the Company's actual controller, Mr. Chen Xuehua, to acquire 27,501,515 unrestricted circulating shares owned by Mr. Chen Xuehua through a negotiated transfer. The registration procedures for this transfer were successfully completed on December 31, 2024. For further information, please refer to the Announcement on the Completion of Registration Procedures for the Internal Share Transfer between the Actual Controller and Its Concerted Action Person (Announcement No.: 2025-002).

II. Main Content of the Increase Initiative

Huayou Holdings, the controlling shareholder of the Company, has expressed strong confidence in the future development prospects of the Company and acknowledges its medium-to-long-term investment value. Consequently, Huayou Holdings intends to augment its shareholding of the Company's A-shares through the Shanghai Stock Exchange system via centralized bidding, commencing on January 16, 2025, and continuing for a duration of one year. The total investment for this increase is projected to be no less than RMB 200 million and will not exceed RMB 400 million, with financing derived from a combination of its own resources and self-raised funds (including a specialized loan extended by the Tongxiang Sub-branch of Agricultural Bank of China to Huayou Holdings). For more information, please refer to the Announcement on the Controlling Shareholder's Initiative to Increase Shareholdings in the Company through Specialized Loans and Own Funds (Announcement No.: 2025-007), which was published

III. Outcomes of the Increase Initiative

Huayou Holdings has augmented its ownership of the Company's A-shares by 1,342,769 shares via the centralized bidding of Shanghai Stock Exchange, during the period from January 16, 2025, to February 11, 2025. This acquisition represents 0.79% of the Company's total share capital, with a cumulative investment of RMB 399,998,100. The increase initiative has been successfully finalized.

Upon the conclusion of the increase initiative, Huayou Holdings will possess 301,238,251 A-shares of the Company, representing 17.80% of the Company's existing total share capital. Together with its concerted action person, Mr. Chen Xuehua, Huayou Holdings will collectively hold 383,743,197 A-shares, representing 22.68% of the Company's current total share capital.

IV. Other Statements

(I) This increase initiative complies with the provisions of the Company Law, the Securities Law, and other laws, regulations, departmental guidelines, and the operational rules of Shanghai Stock Exchange.

(II) The execution of the increase initiative by Huayou Holdings has not led to any alterations in the Company's controlling shareholder or its actual controller.

It is hereby announced the above.

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About The Company

Huayou Cobalt is a leading global technology-driven enterprise in the new energy lithium-ion battery material industry. The Company has developed a vertically integrated business model covering all critical steps along the value chain of the industry, starting from development of resources (i.e., nickel, cobalt and lithium) to the manufacture of lithium-ion battery materials. The Company is devoted to constructing a harmonious industry ecosystem which is featured with green and low-carbon with high ESG standards, safety, stability and sustainability.

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