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# INSIDE INFORMATION FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT IN RELATION TO JOINT-DEVELOPMENT OF APSTAR 10 SATELLITE PROJECT

This announcement is made by APT Satellite Holdings Limited (the "Company", together with its subsidiaries, the "Group") pursuant to Rule 13.09 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules") and Part XIVA of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong).

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce on 11 November 2014, the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary, APT Satellite Company Limited ("APT (HK)") and China Great Wall Industry Corporation ("CGWIC") entered into the Framework Agreement (the "Framework Agreement") in relation to joint development of APSTAR 10 Satellite Project (the "Satellite Project").

The Framework Agreement covers certain principle terms and conditions of the Satellite Project, as below:

In an effort to cope with the needs of business development, APT (HK) is in the course of planning the development of a new satellite (APSTAR 10 Satellite), and has come up with a consensus with CGWIC in respect of the Satellite Project. CGWIC, as the main contractor for the Satellite Project, will be responsible for the in-orbit delivery of APSTAR 10 Satellite, the scopes of which include the preliminary requirement of satellite payload, the launch services provided by CGWIC, TT&C ("telemetry, track and control") system, commercial matters, marketing cooperation, financing and third party customer involvement. After the confirmation of the satellite's payload configuration, technical specifications and the commercial terms, the parties will jointly determine the total cost of the Satellite Project and details of the satellite procurement contract. The Framework Agreement can be referred to or applied in the events of procuring new satellite or replacement satellite project in future.

## Information of the Company and the Counterparty of the Framework Agreement

## The Company

The Company is an investment holding company. Its subsidiaries are principally engaged in the maintenance, operation, provision of satellite transponder capacity and related services, satellite broadcasting and telecommunications services and other related services.

#### **CGWIC**

China Great Wall Industry Corporation is a company incorporated under the laws of the People's Republic of China ("PRC") and a wholly-owned subsidiary of China Aerospace Science & Technology Corporation ("CASC"). CGWIC is providing satellite launch and relative services to government and commercial enterprises by using Long March series launch vehicles in Xichang Satellite Launch Center, China. CGWIC, through its wholly-owned subsidiary, China Great Wall Industry (Hong Kong) Corp. Limited, a company incorporated in Hong Kong, indirectly holds 14.28% interest in APT Satellite International Co. Ltd. ("APT International"), which is the substantial shareholder of the Company. CGWIC, being a subsidiary of CASC, is therefore a connected person of the Company.

China Aerospace Science & Technology Corporation (中國航天科技集團公司), a state-owned corporation established in the PRC, which holds effectively in aggregate 32.37% interests in the Company, including 29.47% indirect interest in the Company by virtue of holding 57.04% interests in APT International and 2.90% direct interest in the Company.

### APT (HK)

APT (HK) is principally engaged in the maintenance, operation, provision of satellite transponder capacity and related services; satellite broadcasting and telecommunications services; and other related services.

#### Reasons and Benefit for Entering into the Framework Agreement

The Group is engaged in the provision of satellite transponder capacity and related service. Its strategy is to become one of the leading regional providers of satellite transponder capacity and related services in the Asia Pacific Region.

By the development and launch of APSTAR 10 Satellite, the Group will be able to further expand satellite transponder capacities and services in the region, thereby meeting the market demand for satellite capacities of the broadcasters and telecommunications operators in the region, and injecting new impetus for the Group's future development.

The Board of Directors hereby declares that, as of the date of this announcement, the parties have not yet entered into any specific legally binding agreement for the Satellite Project. If the Satellite Project is to be implemented or a formal agreement is to be signed, the Company will make further announcement and proceed with the necessary approval procedures in accordance with Chapter 14A "Connected Transactions" of the Listing Rules.

Shareholders of the Company and potential investors are advised to exercise caution when dealing in the shares of the Company.

By order of the Board **APT Satellite Holdings Limited** 

**Dr. Lo Kin Hang Brian** *Company Secretary* 

Hong Kong, 11 November 2014

List of all directors of the Company as of the time issuing this announcement:

Executive Directors:

Cheng Guangren (President) and Qi Liang (Vice President)

Non-executive Directors:

Lei Fanpei (*Chairman*), Lim Toon, Yin Yen-liang, Zhuo Chao, Fu Zhiheng, Lim Kian Soon and Tseng Ta-mon (*Alternate Director to Yin Yen-liang*)

*Independent Non-executive Directors:* 

Lui King Man, Lam Sek Kong, Cui Liguo and Meng Xingguo