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中国农业银行

AGRICULTURAL BANK OF CHINA

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中國農業銀行股份有限公司

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

(Stock Code: 1288)

THE PASSING AWAY OF MR. JOHN DEXTER LANGLOIS

The board of directors (the “**Board**”) of Agricultural Bank of China Limited (the “**Bank**”) was informed that Mr John Dexter LANGLOIS, an independent non-executive director and an audit committee member of the Bank, passed away due to ill health on 19 August 2010. The Bank would like to express its deepest sadness and regret for Mr. LANGLOIS’s unexpected death. Mr. LANGLOIS was a very diligent and proactive independent non-executive director of the Bank who made a great contribution to the corporate governance practices of the Bank and the Board’s effective operations. The Board would like to express its gratitude for the contribution made by Mr LANGLOIS to the Bank during his tenure and convey its sincere condolences to the family members of Mr LANGLOIS.

Following the passing away of Mr LANGLOIS, the Bank presently has two independent non-executive directors which fall below the minimum number of three independent non-executive directors as required under Rule 3.10 (1) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (“**Listing Rules**”). Also, the Bank presently has four audit committee members of which two are independent non-executive directors, thus fails to meet the requirement that the majority of the audit committee members must be independent non-executive directors under Rule 3.21 of the Listing Rules. In this regard, the Company will use its best endeavour to identify a suitable candidate to fill the vacancy as soon as practicable and will make further announcement upon appointment of an additional independent non-executive director and audit committee member in accordance with the Listing Rules.

By order of the board of
Agricultural Bank of China Limited
Xiang Junbo
Chairman

Beijing, PRC, 20 August 2010

As at the date of this announcement, our executive directors are Mr. XIANG Junbo, Mr. ZHANG Yun, Mr. YANG Kun and Mr. PAN Gongsheng; our non-executive directors are Mr. LIN Damao, Mr. ZHANG Guoming, Ms. XIN Baorong, Mr. SHEN Bingxi, Mr. YUAN Linjiang and Mr. CHENG Fengchao, and our independent non-executive directors are Mr. Anthony WU Ting-yuk and Mr. QIU Dong.