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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)

APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS

Reference is made to the poll results announcement of Agricultural Bank of China Limited (the “**Bank**”) dated 29 October 2012. Mr. GUO Haoda and Mr. LOU Wenlong were elected as executive directors of the Bank at the 2012 second extraordinary general meeting of the Bank held on 29 October 2012, subject to the ratification of their qualifications by China Banking Regulatory Commission (the “**CBRC**”).

The CBRC has recently approved the qualifications of Mr. GUO Haoda and Mr. LOU Wenlong to hold office. The board of directors of the Bank (the “**Board**”) hereby announces that Mr. GUO Haoda and Mr. LOU Wenlong have been appointed as executive directors of the Bank, effective from 14 December 2012 and 10 December 2012, respectively.

Mr. GUO Haoda and Mr. LOU Wenlong will not receive any director's fee from the Bank during their terms. They will receive remuneration based on their management positions with the Bank, including all current income and deferred payments of basic salaries, bonuses and allowances.

The profiles of Mr. GUO Haoda and Mr. LOU Wenlong are set forth as below:

Mr. GUO Haoda, aged 55, holds a Bachelor's degree and is a Senior Economist. He is an expert entitled to Government Special Allowance by the State Council. Mr. Guo previously served in several positions in Agricultural Bank of China, including vice president and then president of Suzhou Branch in Jiangsu Province, president of Shenzhen Branch and president of Jiangsu Branch. He was appointed as executive vice president of Agricultural Bank of China and president of its Beijing Branch in April 2008, executive vice president of the Bank and president of its Beijing Branch in January 2009, and has served as executive vice president of the Bank since March 2010. Mr. Guo received National May 1st Labour Medal in 2003. He now serves concurrently as vice chairman of All-China Environment Federation.

Mr. LOU Wenlong, aged 54, holds a Bachelor's degree and is a Senior Economist. He used to serve concurrently as secretary of the Youth League Committee, head of Students' Affairs Division and chief of the Teaching and Researching Office of Urban Finance of Zhejiang Banking College. Mr. Lou later served in several positions in the People's Bank of China, including secretary of Youth League Committee of the Head Office of Zhejiang Branch, vice division chief and division

chief of Zhejiang Branch, director and assistant commissioner of Banking Inspection Division, Hangzhou Financial Supervision Office of Shanghai Branch, and deputy head of the supervisory team for China Construction Bank of Banking Supervision Department I. He was then appointed to several positions successively in the CBRC, including deputy director and then director of Banking Supervision Department II in September 2005, and director-general of Beijing Office in February 2009. He has served as a member of the senior management of the Bank since August 2012 and an executive vice president of the Bank since September 2012. He is now serving as a guest professor with Capital University of Economics and Business.

Save as disclosed in this announcement, Mr. GUO Haoda and Mr. LOU Wenlong did not hold any directorship in any other listed companies or take up any post in any affiliated companies of the Bank in the past three years, nor has any relationship with any other director, supervisor, senior management, substantial shareholder or controlling shareholder of the Bank. Furthermore, Mr. GUO Haoda and Mr. LOU Wenlong do not have any equity interest in the Bank within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance of Hong Kong. Save as disclosed herein, there is no other information relating to the appointment of Mr. GUO Haoda and Mr. LOU Wenlong that shall be disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.51(2) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited nor any matters which need to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Bank.

The Board would like to welcome Mr. GUO Haoda and Mr. LOU Wenlong to join the Board.

By Order of the Board of Directors
Agricultural Bank of China Limited
LI Zhenjiang
Company Secretary

Beijing, the PRC
18 December 2012

As at the date of this announcement, our executive directors are Mr. JIANG Chaoliang, Mr. ZHANG Yun, Mr. GUO Haoda and Mr. LOU Wenlong; our non-executive directors are Mr. SHEN Bingxi, Mr. LIN Damao, Mr. CHENG Fengchao, Mr. LI Yelin, Mr. XIAO Shusheng and Mr. ZHAO Chao; and our independent non-executive directors are Mr. Anthony WU Ting-yuk, Mr. QIU Dong, Mr. Frederick MA Si-hang and Mr. WEN Tiejun.