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# China Suntien Green Energy Corporation Limited\* 新天綠色能源股份有限公司

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

(Stock Code: 00956)

# **RENEWAL OF CONTINUING CONNECTED TRANSACTION**

# NEW MASTER TENANCY AGREEMENT

On 9 June 2013, the Company and HECIC entered into the New Master Tenancy Agreement, pursuant to which HECIC will continue to lease the office space at Yu Yuan Plaza, No. 9 Yuhua West Road, Shijiazhuang City, Hebei Province, PRC to the Group and provide the Group with certain ancillary office support services for the three years ending 31 December 2015.

HECIC is the controlling shareholder of the Company, currently holding, directly and indirectly, approximately 57.9% of the issued share capital of the Company in aggregate, and is therefore a connected person of the Company. The Transaction constitutes a continuing connected transaction of the Company under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules. As the highest applicable percentage ratio of the Transaction calculated on an annual basis exceeds 0.1% but is less than 5%, the Transaction is only subject to the reporting and announcement requirements, but is exempt from the independent shareholders' approval requirement under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

Reference is made to the section headed "Connected Transactions" in the Company's prospectus dated 30 September 2010 in relation to the disclosure of the lease of properties by HECIC and its subsidiaries to the Group. As disclosed in the prospectus, the Company and HECIC entered into the Original Master Tenancy Agreement, pursuant to which HECIC leased the office space at Yu Yuan Plaza, No. 9 Yuhua West Road, Shijiazhuang City, Hebei Province, PRC to the Group and provided the Group with certain ancillary office support services.

Given that the Original Framework Agreement expired on 31 December 2012, and the Company has continued to carry out the relevant transaction under the Original Framework Agreement after 31 December 2012, the Company and HECIC entered into the New Master Tenancy Agreement on 9 June 2013 pursuant to which we agreed to lease up to a total of three and a half floors, four floors and five floors of office space at Yu Yuan Plaza, No.9 Yuhua West Road, Shijiazhuang City, Hebei Province, PRC respectively for the three years ended December 31, 2015. In the same agreement, HECIC also agreed to provide to us certain ancillary office support services.

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# **Details of the Continuing Connected Transaction**

#### Salient Terms of the New Master Tenancy Agreement

Under the New Master Tenancy Agreement, we agreed to lease up to a total of three and a half floors, four floors and five floors of office space at Yu Yuan Plaza, No.9 Yuhua West Road, Shijiazhuang City, Hebei Province, PRC respectively for the three years ended December 31, 2015, HECIC also agreed to provide to us certain ancillary office support services. HECIC and/or its subsidiaries are responsible for insurance and maintenance of such properties. The Company is responsible for the utility charges.

Members of the Group will enter into individual lease agreements for the lease of relevant properties with HECIC and/or its subsidiaries according to the terms and conditions set out in the New Master Tenancy Agreement.

#### Historical Data and Amounts

For each of the three years ended 31 December 2012, the aggregate amount of rents and management and office support services fees paid by the Company for renting properties from HECIC were as follows:

Period	Actual Transaction Amount	Corresponding Annual Cap for the Year
	RMB(million)	RMB(million)
For the year ended 31 December 2010	3.5	3.6
For the year ended 31 December 2011	4.4	5.7

For the year ended 31 December 2012	6.8	8.2
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The actual transaction amount for each of the three years ended 31 December 2012 did not exceed the annual caps for the respective years.

#### Proposed Annual Caps for the Coming Three Years

It is expected that, for each of the three years ending 31 December 2015, the aggregate amount of rents and management and office support services fees payable by the Group to HECIC are as follows:

Period	Corresponding Annual Cap for the Year
	RMB(million)
For the year ending 31 December 2013	7.8
For the year ending 31 December 2014	10.4
For the year ending 31 December 2015	15.0

Such annual caps are determined after considering all of the following factors: (i) the historical transaction amounts; (ii) the market rates of comparable properties in regions adjacent to the properties rented by the Group from HECIC and the expected increase in the market rental rates and management and office support services fees at approximately 15% per year; and (iii) the growth of leasing unit as the Group's business expanding in future

# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### Information of the Group

The Company is one of the leading clean energy companies in Northern China. Its scope of business includes investment in exploration and utilization projects of natural gas, coalbed methane and coal-produced natural gas, etc.; investment in the development of new energy projects such as wind power and solar power, etc.; development of new energy technology and technical services. The Group is the largest distributor of natural gas in Hebei Province. Currently, the Group owns two long-distance natural gas transmission pipelines, four high-pressure branch pipelines, 18 city gas projects, two CNG primary filling stations and two refilling stations. The sales volume of natural gas of the Group was 1,246 million cubic meters in 2012. As at 31 December 2012, the Group controlled and operated 23 wind farms. The consolidated installed capacity was 1,346.3 MW and the attributable installed capacity was 1,193.6 MW. In 2012, the gross power generation of the Group amounted to 2,528

million KWh. In addition, the Group operates a 1MW solar model project, which provides experience for industrialization of solar power generation in the future.

# <u>HECIC</u>

HECIC is one of the promoters and the controlling shareholder of the Company, directly holding approximately 46.3% of the issued share capital in the Company and indirectly holding approximately 11.6% of the issued share capital in the Company through HECIC Water Investment Co., Ltd. The HECIC Group is a wholly state-owned enterprise incorporated under the approval of the People's Government of Hebei Province. It is primarily engaged in infrastructure industries such as energy and transportation as well as the investment and construction of pillar industries of Hebei Province.

# REASONS FOR THE TRANSACTION

The lease under the Original Master Tenancy Agreement covers the office space at Yu Yuan Plaza, No. 9 Yuhua West Road, Shijiazhuang City, Hebei Province, PRC, where the Group's office is currently located. The Group intends to continue the use of this office, and will increase the floor area rented when necessary.

# IMPLICATIONS UNDER THE LISTING RULES

HECIC is the controlling shareholder of the Company. The transaction constitutes a continuing connected transaction of the Company under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

As the highest applicable percentage ratio (as defined in Rule14.07 of the Listing Rules) of the Transaction calculated on an annual basis exceeds 0.1% but is less than 5%, the Transaction is only subject to the reporting and announcement requirements, but is exempt from the independent shareholders' approval requirement under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

Given that Mr. Zhao Hui Ning, Mr. Xiao Gang, who are Non-executive Directors of the Company and Dr. Cao Xin,who are executive Directors of the Company, hold positions in HECIC, they have abstained from voting on the resolution of the Board approving the signing of the New Master Tenancy Agreement and the Transaction pursuant to the articles of association of the Company. Save for the above, none of the Directors has a material interest in the transaction contemplated under the New Master Tenancy Agreement. Therefore, no other Director is required to abstain from voting on the relevant resolution of the Board.

The Directors (including all independent non-executive Directors) are of the view that the Transaction were entered into on normal commercial terms, that the terms (including the considerations and the basis thereto) are fair and reasonable and in the interest of the Company and the shareholders of the Company as a whole, and that the annual cap each year is fair and reasonable.

# Definitions

In this announcement, unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

"associate(s)"	has the meaning ascribed to it in the Listing Rules;
"Board"	the board of Directors of the Company
"Company"	China Suntien Green Energy Corporation Limited*(新天 綠色能源股份有限公司), a joint stock company incorporated in the PRC with limited liability on 9 February 2010, and its H-shares are listed on the main board of the Stock Exchange;
"connected person(s)"	has the meaning ascribed to it in the Listing Rules;
"Director(s)"	the director(s) of the Company;
"Group"	the Company and its subsidiaries;
"HECIC"	Hebei Construction & Investment Group Co., Ltd. (河北 建設投資集團有限責任公司), a wholly state-owned enterprise incorporated in the PRC, which is under the direct supervision of the State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the Government of Hebei Province (河北省人民政府國有資產監督管理委 員會), and one of the promoters of the Company and its controlling shareholder;
"HECIC Group"	HECIC and its subsidiaries;
"Hong Kong"	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC;
"HK\$"	Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong;
"Listing Rules"	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange;
"Original Master Tenancy Agreement"	the Lease Agreement entered into between the Company and HECIC on 19 September 2010;
"PRC"	the People's Republic of China;
"New Master Tenancy Agreement"	the Lease Agreement entered into between the Company and HECIC on 9 June 2013, with retrospective effect from 1 January 2013;
"RMB"	Renminbi, the lawful currency of the PRC;
"Stock Exchange"	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited;
"subsidiaries"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Schedule 23 to the Companies Ordinance (Chapter 32 of the Laws of Hong Kong); and

"Transaction"

the transaction in relation to the leasing of properties by the HECIC Group to the Group.

# By order of the Board of

# **China Suntien Green Energy Corporation Limited**

# Zhao Hui

Executive Director / Joint Company Secretary

Shijiazhuang City, Hebei Province, PRC, 9 June 2013

As at the date of this announcement, the non-executive Directors of the Company are Mr. Zhao Hui Ning, Mr. Xiao Gang and Mr. Ma Guo Qing; the executive Directors of the Company are Dr. Cao Xin, Mr. Gao Qing Yu, Mr. Wang Hong Jun and Mr. Zhao Hui; and the independent non-executive Directors of the Company are Mr. Qin Hai Yan, Mr. Ding Jun, Mr. Wang Xiang Jun and Mr. Yue Man Yiu Matthew.

\* For identification purpose only

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