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## **Zhejiang Huayou Cobalt Co., Ltd.**

# **Announcement on the Plan of the Controlling Shareholder to Increase Shares of the Company with a Special Loan and Self-Owned Fund**

### **Important Notice:**

● Zhejiang Huayou Cobalt Co., Ltd. (the "Company") recently received a notice from Huayou Holdings Group Co., Ltd. ("Huayou Holdings"), its controlling shareholder, that Huayou Holdings intends to increase A-shares of the Company once again through centralized bidding via the trading system of Shanghai Stock Exchange within one year from date of the notice, with a total purchase amount not less than RMB 300 million and not more than RMB 600 million (the "Share Increase Plan").

● The Share Increase Plan does not involve any tender offer, nor will it result in any change in the controlling shareholder or actual controller of the Company.

● There may be risks that the implementation of the Share Increase Plan may fall short of expectations due to any change in the capital market situation or other unforeseeable risks. Investors should pay attention to investment risks.

### **I. Basic information of the purchasing entity**

(I) Name of the purchasing entity and its relationship with the Company

The entity who intends to increase shares

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Huayou Holdings and its concerted-action person Mr. Chen Xuehua jointly held 383,743,197 shares of the Company, with a shareholding ratio of 22.68%.

(III) Any shares purchase by the said entity during the past twelve months prior to this announcement

1. In December 2024, Huayou Holdings and Mr. Chen Xuehua, the actual controller of the Company, entered into a *Share Transfer Agreement*, under which Huayou Holdings acquired 27,501,515 unrestricted outstanding shares of the Company held by Mr. Chen Xuehua. The registration procedures for the said transfer have already been completed on December 31, 2024. For more details, 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).

2. On January 16, 2025, the Company disclosed the *Announcement on the Plan of the Controlling Shareholder to Increase Shares of the Company with a Special Loan and Self-Owned Fund* of Zhejiang Huayou Cobalt Co., Ltd. (Announcement No. 2025-007). As disclosed in the announcement, Huayou Holdings planned to purchase A-shares of the Company through centralized bidding vid the trading system of the Shanghai Stock Exchange within one year from January 16, 2025, with a total purchase amount of no less than RMB 200 million and no more than RMB 400 million. As of the close of share trading on February 11, 2025, Huayou Holdings has cumulatively purchased 13,422,769 A-shares of the Company through centralized bidding vid the trading system of Shanghai Stock Exchange, with a total purchase amount of 399.9981 million. The said share increase plan has already been completed.

## **II. Main content of the Share Increase Plan**

### **(I) Purpose of the shares increase**

Due to its firm confidence in the future development of the Company and recognition of the medium - to long-term investment value of the Company, Huayou Holdings decided to carry out a shares increase once again after the completion of the previous share increase plan, for the purpose of enhancing investors' confidence in their investments in the Company and promoting sustained, stable and healthy development of

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special loan to Huayou Holdings for it to purchase shares of the Company, with the loan amount of RMB 540 million and the loan term of 3 years. Except for the said

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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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