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Zhejiang Huayou Cobalt Releases 2024 Semi-annual Performance Forecast

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Zhejiang Huayou Cobalt Co., Ltd. (the “**Company**”) released its 2024 Semi-annual Performance Forecast today.

- It is expected that the Company will achieve a net profit attributable to the owner of the parent company in the first half year of 2024 of RMB 1.5 billion to RMB 1.8 billion, which will decrease by RMB 285.1049 million to RMB 585.1049 million compared with the same period last year (statutory disclosed data), a decrease of 13.67% to 28.06% year on year.
- It is expected that the Company will achieve a net profit attributable to the owner of the parent company in the first half year of 2024 (after deducting the non-recurring profit and loss) of 1.57 billion to RMB 1.87 billion, which will increase by RMB -269.201 million to RMB 30.799 million compared with the same period last year (statutory disclosed data), an increase of -14.64% to 1.67% year on year.

I. Estimated performance for the current period

(I) Performance forecast period

January 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024

(II) Estimated performance

According to the preliminary estimates of the financial department, it is expected that the Company will achieve a net profit attributable to the owner of the parent company in the first half year of 2024 of RMB 1.5 billion to RMB 1.8 billion, which will decrease by RMB 285.1049 million to RMB 585.1049 million compared with the same period last year (statutory disclosed data), a decrease of 13.67% to 28.06% year on year.

In the second quarter of 2024, the Company achieved a net profit attributable to the owner of the parent company of RMB 0.9775846 billion to RMB 1.2775846 billion, which increases by RMB 455.1692 million to RMB 755.1692 million compared with the first quarter of 2024, an increase of 87.13% to 144.55%.

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II. Business performance and financial position for the same period last year

(I) Net profit attributable to the owner of the parent company: RMB 2.0851049 billion; net profit attributable to the owner of the parent company (after deducting the non-recurring profit and loss): RMB 1.839201 billion.

(II) Earnings per share: RMB 1.32.

III. Main reasons for the change of performance in the current period

The performance in the first half of 2024 declined compared with the same period last year, mainly because the profitability of the Company's products is affected by significant decline in market prices of major metals such as nickel and lithium.

The results in the second quarter of 2024 increased significantly compared with the first quarter, mainly because the upstream nickel resource development projects gradually reached the production standard, and the results of the Company's industrial integration management strategy gradually emerged.

IV. Risk warning

As of now, the Company has no significant uncertainties that may affect the accuracy of the content of the estimated performance.

V. Other information

The above data is only preliminary accounting data and has not been audited by audit institutions. The specific and accurate financial data are subject to the 2024 semi-annual report officially disclosed by the Company. Please pay attention to investment risks.

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About Zhejiang Huayou Cobalt Co., Ltd.

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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