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Press Release

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Fangda Carbon New Material Co., Ltd. launches its Global Depository Receipts (GDRs) offering on SIX Swiss Exchange AG and sets a price range of USD 8.63 to USD 8.90 per GDR.

- Fangda Carbon New Material Co., Ltd. (the “Company” or “Fangda”, together with its consolidated subsidiaries, the “Group”), an integrated carbon materials producer in China with diversified product offerings, including graphite electrodes, carbon blocks, isostatic graphite and iron ore concentrates, today announces the launch of its offering (the “Offering”) of global depository receipts (the “GDRs”) to be listed on SIX Swiss Exchange AG (“SIX Swiss Exchange”).
- The Offering will comprise up to 13,905,000 GDRs (the “Base GDRs”) and up to an additional 9,269,000 GDRs pursuant to the Upsize Option (the “Upsize GDRs”, together with the Base GDRs, the “Offer GDRs” or the “GDRs”), which may be jointly exercised by the Company and the Sole Global Coordinator (as defined below) on the date of pricing of the Offering based on demand (the “Upsize Option”), with one GDR representing an interest in ten A shares of the Company with a fully paid nominal value of RMB1.00 each (the “A Shares”).
- The price range for the Offering has been set at USD 8.63 to USD 8.90 per GDR (the “Offer Price Range”), with total gross proceeds from the Offering of approximately USD 121.88 million (assuming the sale of all Base GDRs at the mid-point of the Offer Price Range with no exercise of the Upsize Option), and approximately USD 203.12 million (assuming the sale of all GDRs at the mid-point of the Offer Price Range and the Upsize Option is exercised in full).
- The Company intends to use the net proceeds from the Offering to (i) to support the expansion of the Company’s business, particularly to improve the production capacity of carbon blocks and research and development of new carbon materials such as graphene, and to expand the value chain of carbon materials; and (ii) repay indebtedness, supplement working capital and for general corporate purposes.
- The offer period commences today, 9 March, 2023, and is anticipated to end on 9 March, 2023 at 15:00 CET.
- The first day of trading on SIX Swiss Exchange is expected to be on or around 15 March, 2023 (the “First Day of Trading”).



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Offering Structure

The Offering will comprise up to 13,905,000 Base GDRs and up to an additional 9,269,000 Upsize GDRs pursuant to an upsize option which may be jointly exercised by the Company and the Sole Global Coordinator on the date of pricing of the Offering based on demand, with one GDR representing an interest in ten A shares of the Company. The price range for the Offering has been set at USD 8.63 to USD 8.90 per GDR, with a total gross proceeds from the Offering of approximately USD 121.88 million (assuming the sale of all Base GDRs at the mid-point of the Offer Price Range with no exercise of the Upsize Option), and approximately USD 203.12 million (assuming the sale of all GDRs at the mid-point of the Offer Price Range and the Upsize Option is exercised in full).

The Offering consists of: (i) a private placement in Switzerland; and (ii) private placements in certain jurisdictions outside Switzerland and the United States. All offers and sales outside the United States will be made in compliance with Regulation S under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended. In Switzerland, GDRs will be offered solely to professional clients within the meaning of article 4 para 3 of the Swiss Financial Services Act dated 15 June 2018, as amended.

Additional Offering Details

The start of the offer period begins today, 9 March, 2023, and is expected to end on 9 March 2023 at 15:00 CET. The offer price and the final number of GDRs sold are expected to be published on or around 9 March, 2023.

The GDRs will be listed in accordance with the Standard for Depositary Receipts on SIX Swiss Exchange. The GDRs are expected to be listed and commence trading on SIX Swiss Exchange on or around the date of 15 March, 2023 (the "First Day of Trading"), under the ticker symbol of "FDCB".

Huatai Financial Holdings (Hong Kong) Limited is acting as sole global coordinator ("Sole Global Coordinator") for the Offering. Huatai Financial Holdings (Hong Kong) Limited, CLSA Limited, ABCI Securities Company Limited, China Galaxy International Securities (Hong Kong) Co., Limited and GF Securities (Hong Kong) Brokerage Limited are acting as joint bookrunners for the Offering.



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Key Offering Data and Timetable

Offering Data	
Listing	SIX Swiss Exchange AG (Standard for Depository Receipts)
Ticker symbol	FDCB
Swiss security number (Valorennummer)	123.814.773
International Security Identification Number (ISIN)	US30712D1072
Price range	USD 8.63 to USD 8.90 per GDR
Nominal value	RMB 1.00 per A Share, 1 GDR representing an interest in ten A Shares
Offered GDRs by Company	Up to 23,174,000 GDRs, consisting of up to 13,905,000 Base GDRs and up to 9,269,000 Upsize GDRs
Offering Timetable	
Start of offer period	9 March, 2023
End of offer period	9 March, 2023 at 15:00 (CET)
Determination of final offer price and final number of sale GDRs placed in the Offering	9 March, 2023
Publication of final offer price and final number of sale GDRs placed in the Offering	9 March, 2023
First day of trading	On or around 15 March, 2023
Payment and settlement	On or around 15 March, 2023



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About Fangda

Fangda is a world-leading integrated carbon materials producer in China. Founded in 1965, the Group's predecessor Lanzhou Carbon Factory. The Group was acquired by Liaoning Fangda Group Industrial Co., Ltd. in 2006, and since then the Group has entered a period of development, growing into an integrated carbon materials producer with the largest production capacity of carbon materials worldwide in 2021 according to China Insights Consultancy (Shanghai) Limited ("CIC").

In 2021, the Group is the world's second-largest supplier of graphite electrodes, according to CIC. The Group has an annual production capacity of 260,000 tonnes for carbon materials (including 220,000 tonnes for graphite electrodes, 30,000 tonnes for carbon blocks, and 10,000 tonnes for isostatic graphite), and an annual production capacity of 344,000 tonnes for raw materials for carbon materials.

Fangda was listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange in August 2002 (stock code: 600516). After years of development, the Group has established long-term stable business relationships with major customers in the domestic and foreign markets, such as Arcelor Mittal, Baowu Group, Ansteel Group, Jianlong Group, and CITIC Pacific.

In the new carbon materials segment, the Group has made breakthroughs in the development of high-end anode materials for lithium-ion batteries, carbon/graphite materials for nuclear energy, graphene and carbon/carbon composites over recent years. For example, the Group has overcome the key technology of graphene-polypropylene functional non-woven fabric manufacturing and built a production line of a hundred-tonne scale. The production line of composite masterbatch for graphene-polypropylene functional non-woven fabrics can meet the needs of the production of 100 million flat masks.

Fangda is committed continuously to its ESG strategies, placing the highest priority on environmental protection, social responsibility and corporate governance. The Group has built corresponding pollution and hazardous materials management facilities for each manufacturing process involving potential pollution, and systematically carrying out regular maintenance with a view to meet the requirement of national standards in terms of emission and pollution.

The Group generated a total revenue of RMB6,750.9 million, RMB3,539.2 million, RMB4,651.8 million, and RMB3,924.7million in 2019, 2020 and 2021 and the nine months ended 30 September 2022, respectively. It recorded a revenue of RMB3,568.4million in the nine months ended 30 September 2021. For more information, visit <http://www.fdtsgs.com>

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