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## **Tencent 腾讯** TENCENT HOLDINGS LIMITED 騰訊控股有限公司 (Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Codes: 700 (HKD counter) and 80700 (RMB counter))

## **VOLUNTARY ANNOUNCEMENT**

This announcement is made by Tencent Holdings Limited (the "**Company**", together with its subsidiaries, the "**Group**") on a voluntary basis.

The Company noted that the U.S. Department of Defense has scheduled to publish the Notice of Availability of Designation of Chinese Military Companies on 7 January 2025 (U.S. time). Pursuant to the Notice, the Deputy Secretary of Defense has included the Company into the list of Chinese Military Companies (the "CMC List"). The full text of the Notice can be found at <u>https://public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2025-00070.pdf</u>.

As the Company is neither a Chinese military company nor a military-civil fusion contributor to the Chinese defense industrial base, it believes that its inclusion in the CMC List is a mistake. Unlike other lists maintained by the U.S. Government for sanctions or export control measures, inclusion in the CMC List relates only to U.S. defense procurement, which does not affect the business of the Group.

The CMC List is also distinct from the Non-SDN Chinese Military-Industrial Complex List (NS-CMIC List) maintained by the U.S. Office of Foreign Assets Control, and inclusion in the CMC List will not prohibit any persons (other than the Department of Defense) from business dealings with the Company, including transacting in the securities of the Company. The Company intends to initiate a Reconsideration Process to correct this mistake. During the process, it will engage in discussions with the U.S. Department of Defense to resolve any misunderstanding, and if necessary, will undertake legal proceedings to remove the Company from the CMC List. The Company will make further announcement(s) as and when appropriate.

> By Order of the Board Ma Huateng Chairman

7 January 2025

As at the date of this announcement, the directors of the Company are:

Executive Director: Ma Huateng;

Non-Executive Directors: Jacobus Petrus (Koos) Bekker and Charles St Leger Searle; and

Independent Non-Executive Directors: Li Dong Sheng, Ian Charles Stone, Yang Siu Shun, Ke Yang and Zhang Xiulan.