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By order of the Board China Southern Airlines Company Limited Chen Wei Hua and Liu Wei Joint Company Secretaries

Guangzhou, the People's Republic of China 29 April 2024

As at the date of this announcement, the Directors include Ma Xu Lun, Han Wen Sheng and Luo Lai Jun as executive Directors; and Pansy Catilina Chiu King Ho, Gu Hui Zhong, Guo Wei and Cai Hong Ping as independent non-executive Directors.

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF CHINA SOUTHERN AIRLINES COMPANY LIMITED ON THE AUTHORISATION TO XIAMEN AIRLINES COMPANY LIMITED ON THE PROVISION OF GUARANTEES TO ITS SUBSIDIARIES

The board (the "**Board**") of directors (the "**Directors**") of China Southern Airlines Company Limited (the "**Company**") and all of its members confirm that the contents of this announcement do not contain any misrepresentations, misleading statements or material omissions, and accept legal responsibilities for the truthfulness, accuracy and completeness of the information contained in this announcement.

Important notice:

• Information on the authorisation on provision of guarantees: the Company is proposed to authorise Xiamen Airlines Company Limited ("Xiamen Airlines") to provide guarantees to Hebei Airlines Company Limited ("Hebei Airlines"), Xiamen Airlines No. 1 (Xiamen) Aircraft Lease Company Limited to Xiamen Airlines No. 21 (Xiamen) Aircraft Lease Company Limited to Xiamen Airlines No. 21 (Xiamen) Aircraft Lease Company Limited ("SPVs"), Xiamen Airlines Finance Lease Company Limited ("Xiamen Airlines Finance Lease"), Xiamen Airlines Capital (Hong Kong) Company Limited ("Xiamen Airlines Capital"), Jiangxi Airlines Company Limited ("Jiangxi Airlines") and Shangzhou Aviation Logistics Co., Ltd. ("Shangzhou Logistics"), with an aggregate balance up to RMB3,480 million, RMB4,600 million, RMB600 million, RMB400 million, RMB880 million and RMB300 million or equivalent in foreign currency during the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025, respectively. Among the aforesaid guarantees, Shangzhou Logistics is a joint venture of Xiamen Airlines, and the remaining guarantees are subsidiaries within the scope of the consolidated statement of accounts of Xiamen Airlines, and none of the aforesaid guarantees constitutes a connected person of China Southern Airlines Company Limited (the "Company") under the listing rules of Shanghai Stock Exchange

• As at the date of this announcement, the balances of the guarantees provided by Xiamen Airlines to Hebei Airlines, SPVs and Jiangxi Airlines are approximately RMB2,170 million, RMB2,600 million and RMB360 million, respectively, with no overdue amounts up to date. Xiamen Airlines has not provided guarantees to Xiamen Airlines Finance Lease, Xiamen Airlines Capital or Shangzhou Logistics;

• Special risk reminder: The total amount of guarantees provided by the Company and its controlling subsidiaries exceeded 100% of the Company's latest audited net assets; among the guaranteed parties, Hebei Airlines is the company with asset liability ratios exceeding 70%. Investors are hereby advised to pay attention to relevant risks attached thereto.

#### I. OVERVIEW OF THE GUARANTEES

On 29 April 2024, the twentieth meeting of the ninth session of the Board of the Company was held at No. 3301 Conference Room, 33th Floor, China Southern Airlines Building, No. 68

Qixin Road, Bai Yun District, Guangzhou by way of on-site meeting combined with video conferencing. At the meeting, the Board considered and approved unanimously that, during the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025, Xiamen Airlines to provide guarantees to Hebei Airlines, with an aggregate balance up to RMB3,480 million (increased by RMB1,310 million) or equivalent in foreign currency; to provide guarantees to SPVs, with an aggregate balance up to RMB4,600 million (increased by RMB2,000 million) or equivalent in foreign currency; to provide guarantees to Xiamen Airlines Finance Lease, with an aggregate balance up to RMB600 million or equivalent in foreign currency; to provide guarantees to Xiamen Airlines Capital, with an aggregate balance up to RMB400 million or equivalent in foreign currency; to provide guarantees to Jiangxi Airlines, with an aggregate balance up to RMB880 million (increased by RMB519 million) or equivalent in foreign currency on the premise that other shareholder of Jiangxi Airlines shall provide corresponding guarantees to Jiangxi Airlines in proportion to its contribution; on the premise that other investors of Shangzhou Logistics provide corresponding guarantees in proportion to their respective contributions, Xiamen Airlines will provide new and cumulative guarantees of no more than RMB 300 million or equivalent foreign currency to Shangzhou Logistics in proportion to their contributions, and to authorise the legal representative of the above relevant companies (or their authorised persons) to carry out all formalities relating to the above guarantees, including but not limited to the signing of relevant agreements and documents.

The number of Directors supposed to be present at the Board meeting was 7, of which 6 attended in person, Director Luo Lai Jun did not attend the meeting due to business arrangement, and Director Han Wen Sheng was authorized to attend and vote on his behalf. The Directors approved the above resolutions unanimously upon consideration. The manner and procedures for considering the relevant resolutions were in compliance with the provisions of the Companies Law, the Securities Law and the Articles of Association of the Company. The abovementioned guarantees shall be submitted to the general meeting of the Company for consideration.

### **II. BASIC INFORMATION OF THE GUARANTEED PARTIES**

- (I) Basic Information of the Guaranteed Parties
- 1. Name of the guaranteed party: Hebei Airlines Company Limited

Place of registration: World Trade Plaza Hotel, No. 303 Zhongshan East Road, Chang'an District, Shijiazhuang, Hebei Province

Legal representative: Chen Hong Bo

Registered capital: RMB3,590 million

Business scope: Domestic (including Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) air passenger and cargo transport services; international (to the neighboring countries) air passenger and cargo

transport services; civil aircraft maintenance; operation and management of dedicated roads for airport; leasing of aviation equipment, tools and devices, and sale of aviation equipment; import and export of commodities and technologies (except for those prohibited by PRC or subject to approval); insurance brokerage and agency services; advertising design, production, agency and publishing services; catering services; retail of prepackaged foods, daily necessities, artware and souvenirs; business training (excluding educational training, vocational training and other training that requires approval); laundry services; and leasing of non-residential real estate (businesses subject to approval according to the laws may only be carried out upon approval by the relevant authority).

Material contingencies affecting the solvency of the guaranteed party: None

As at the date of this announcement, the guaranteed party is rated AA for the credit rating by the Bank of China.

Shareholding structure: Hebei Airlines is owned as to 100% by Xiamen Airlines.

Asset liability ratio as of March 2024: 90.63%

Financial information for the latest one year and one period of the guaranteed party:

		Unit: RMB million
Item	As at 31 December 2023	As at 31 March 2024
		(unaudited)
Total assets	3,759.84	3,618.75
Total liabilities	3,400.24	3,279.54
Total bank loans	0	0
Total current liabilities	2,041.21	1,996.13
Net assets	359.60	339.21
	L D 1 2022	January-March 2024
Ja	January-December 2023	(unaudited)
Revenue	3,689.61	1,099.88
Net profit	50.19	85.06

2. Name of the guaranteed party: Xiamen Airlines No. 1 (Xiamen) Aircraft Lease Company Limited to Xiamen Airlines No. 21 (Xiamen) Aircraft Lease Company Limited

Place of registration: Unit 201-4, 2nd Floor, No. 7 Huyu Road, Xiamen Area (Bonded Logistics Area) of China (Fujian) Pilot Free Trade Zone

Legal representative: Wang Qing

Registered capital: ranging from RMB0.1 million to RMB0.2 million, respectively, depending on the quantity and model of the aircrafts operated by each SPV;

Business scope: leasing of aircraft and aircraft equipment (SPVs only); other unspecified leasing of machinery and equipment (excluding items subject to approval); purchase of leased property from the domestic and overseas; treatment of residual value of leased property; other unspecified professional consulting services (excluding items subject to approval); import and export of various types of commodities and technologies (with no import and export commodity catalogue attached), except for those restricted or prohibited by the country to be operated or imported or exported by the Company; social economy consulting services (excluding financial consulting services); and other unspecified services (excluding items subject to approval).

Material contingencies affecting the solvency of the guaranteed party: None

As at the date of this announcement, the guaranteed party has obtained no credit rating by any bank.

Shareholding structure: SPVs are owned as to 100% by Xiamen Airlines.

Among the SPVs, Xiamen Airlines No. 1 (Xiamen) Aircraft Lease Company Limited to Xiamen Airlines No. 18 (Xiamen) Aircraft Lease Company Limited have been established and authorised by the shareholders of the Company at the general meeting of the Company, while Xiamen Airlines No. 19 (Xiamen) Aircraft Lease Company Limited to Xiamen Airlines No. 21 (Xiamen) Aircraft Lease Company Limited are new companies proposed to be established by Xiamen Airlines. SPVs have no financial information for the latest one year and one period.

3. Name of the guaranteed party: Xiamen Airlines Finance Lease Company Limited

Place of registration: Unit 431-H, 4th Floor, Building C, Xiamen International Shipping Center, No. 93 Xiangyu Road, Xiamen Area of China (Fujian) Pilot Free Trade Zone

Legal representative: Cai Jin Gao

Registered capital: RMB1,000 million

Business scope: Finance lease, leasing, purchase of leased property from the domestic and overseas, treatment and maintenance of residual value of leased property, leasing transaction consulting and guarantee services and other financial leasing businesses approved by the relevant authority; concurrent operation of commercial factoring business in connection with the major businesses of Xiamen Airlines Finance Lease; other unspecified professional consulting services (excluding items subject to approval); import and export of various types of commodities and technologies (with no import and export commodity catalog attached), except for those restricted or prohibited by PRC to be operated or imported or exported by the Company; social economy consulting services (excluding financial consulting services); and other unspecified services (excluding items

subject to approval). (The aforementioned businesses do not include business to which the special management measures for foreign investment admission apply.)

Material contingencies affecting the solvency of the guaranteed party: None

Shareholding structure: Xiamen Airlines Finance Lease is owned as to 75% by Xiamen Airlines and 25% by Xiamen Airlines Capital.

Asset liability ratio as of March 2024: 35.02%

Financial information for the latest one year and one period of the guaranteed party:

		Unit: RMB million
Item	As at 31 December 2023	As at 31 March 2024
		(unaudited)
Total assets	1,583.80	2,286.87
Total liabilities	545.41	1,248.66
Total bank loans	0	700
Total current liabilities	545.41	547.91
Net assets	1,038.39	1,038.21
	L D 1 2022	January-March 2024
January-Decei	January-December 2023	(unaudited)
Revenue	35.48	9.33
Net profit	32.58	2.00

4. Name of the guaranteed party: Xiamen Airlines Capital (Hong Kong) Company Limited

Place of registration: Unit 2006, Junhui Centre, No. 22 Hongtu Road, Kwun Tong District, Kowloon, Hong Kong

Director: Yang Jun, Feng Yanling

Registered capital: HK\$ 289.60 million

Business scope: Import and export trade; procurement of aviation oil; procurement of aviation material; aircraft procurement; engine procurement; aircraft leasing; aviation consulting services and other businesses.

Material contingencies affecting the solvency of the guaranteed party: None

Shareholding structure: Xiamen Airlines Capital is owned as to 100% by Xiamen Airlines.

Asset liability ratio as of March 2024: 4.39%

		Unit: RMB million
Item	As at 31 December 2023	As at 31 March 2024
		(unaudited)
Total assets	275.01	274.56
Total liabilities	12.58	12.04
Total bank loans	0	0
Total current liabilities	12.56	12.05
Net assets	262.43	262.51
	L D 1 2022	January-March 2024
January-De	January-December 2023	(unaudited)
Revenue	0.2	0.08
Net profit	8.34	0.82

Financial information for the latest one year and one period of the guaranteed party:

5. Name of the guaranteed party: Jiangxi Airlines Company Limited

Place of registration: Building 5, Nanchang Base, Nanchang Changbei Airport, Nanchang Economic and Technological Development Zone, Nanchang, Jiangxi Province

Legal representative: Kang Zhi Yang

Registered capital: RMB2,000 million

Business scope: Domestic (including Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) air passenger and cargo transport services; international (to the neighboring countries) air passenger and cargo transport services; maintenance of aircraft/airframes, power units, aircraft components other than the entire engine/propeller, aircraft/engine non-destructive testing; aviation material supply chain management; self-operation of and acting as agent for import and export of various types of commodities and technologies (except for those prohibited or restricted by PRC to be operated or imported or exported by the Company); food sales; online trade agency; other unspecified retail businesses (excluding those subject to approval); various types of domestic advertising design, production, publishing and agency services (businesses subject to approval according to the laws may only be carried out after approval by the relevant authority).

Material contingencies affecting the solvency of the guaranteed party: None

As at the date of this announcement, the guaranteed party is rated A for the credit rating by the Bank of China.

Shareholding structure: Jiangxi Airlines is owned as to 60% by Xiamen Airlines and 40% by Jiangxi Aviation Industry Group Company Limited.

Asset liability ratio as of March 2024: 67.82%.

Financial information for the latest one year and one period of the guaranteed party:

		Unit: RMB million
Item	As at 31 December 2023	As at 31 March 2024
		(unaudited)
Total assets	3,119.11	3,189.75
Total liabilities	2,107.68	2,163.38
Total bank loans	0	0
Total current liabilities	1,023.17	990.26
Net assets	1,011.43	1,026.37
	January-December 2023	January-March 2024
		(unaudited)
Revenue	1,572.66	480.30
Net profit	50.09	42.28

6. Name of the guaranteed party: Shangzhou Aviation Logistics Co., Ltd.

Place of registration: Room 601H, Free Trade Law Building, No. 15 Xiangxing 1st Road, Xiamen Area, Pilot Free Trade Zone, China (Fujian)

Legal representative: Wang Zhibing

Registered capital: RMB1,000 million

Business scope: mainly engaged in air international cargo transportation agency, domestic cargo transportation agency, land international cargo transportation agency, sea international cargo transportation agency, etc.

Material contingencies affecting the solvency of the guaranteed party: None

As at the date of this announcement, the guaranteed party is rated AAA for the credit rating by the China Merchants Bank.

Shareholding structure: Shangzhou Logistics is owned as to 37.9% by Xiamen Airlines, 50.1% by Xiamen C&D Inc. and 12% by Fujian Zongteng Network Co., Ltd.

Asset liability ratio as of March 2024: 26%.

Financial information for the latest one year and one period of the guaranteed party:

Unit: RMB million

Item	As at 31 December 2023	As at 31 March 2024 (unaudited)
Total assets	1,134.10	1,041.47
Total liabilities	367.6	272.1
Total bank loans	0	0
Total current liabilities	342.1	246.0
Net assets	766.5	769.3
	January-December 2023	January-March 2024
		(unaudited)
Revenue	1,003.2	349.00
Net profit	77.7	2.80

(II) Relationship between the Guaranteed Parties and the Company

Xiamen Airlines, a controlled subsidiary of the Company, is owned as to 55% by the Company, 34% by Xiamen Jianfa Group Company Limited and 11% by Fujian Investment and Development Group Company Limited. Hebei Airlines, SPVs and Xiamen Airlines Capital are wholly-owned subsidiaries of Xiamen Airlines. Xiamen Airlines Finance Lease is owned as to 75% by Xiamen Airlines and 25% by Xiamen Airlines Capital. Jiangxi Airlines is a controlled subsidiary of Xiamen Airlines and is owned as to 60% by Xiamen Airlines. Shangzhou Logistics is a joint venture of Xiamen Airlines and is owned as to 37.9% by Xiamen Airlines.

# III. MAIN CONTENTS OF AUTHORISATION ON THE PROVISION OF GUARANTEES

- (I) Provision of Guarantees by Xiamen Airlines to Hebei Airlines
- 1. Guarantee Method: joint liability guarantee.
- Guarantee Amounts: an aggregate balance up to RMB3,480 million (increased by RMB1,310 million) or equivalent in foreign currency during the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.
- 3. Coverage: the principal amount, interest, liquidated damages, damage awards and costs for realization of creditor's right in connection with the aircraft engine leasing agreements of Hebei Airlines.
- 4. Period of Guarantee: agreed upon in accordance with the period of principal debt.
- (II) Provision of Guarantees by Xiamen Airlines to SPVs
- 1. Guarantee Method: joint liability guarantee.
- 2. Guarantee Amounts: an aggregate balance up to RMB4,600 million (increased by

RMB2,000 million) or equivalent in foreign currency during the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.

- 3. Coverage: the debts owed by SPVs to an overseas lessor (including payables such as rent, tax, return compensation, etc.) and liabilities under the lease agreements. If SPVs fail to settle debts in whole or in part, Xiamen Airlines shall fulfill the obligations under the guarantee as agreed, and shall undertake contractual obligations in respect of the rent and other payables to the overseas lessor. Within the maximum guarantee amounts, Xiamen Airlines may determine and adjust the respective guarantee amounts to each SPV according to the actual number of aircraft engine operated thereby and the lease terms.
- 4. Period of Guarantee: The period of guarantee does not expire until all the obligations of SPVs under the lease agreements have been fully performed. If a lease extension occurs, the period of guarantee shall be extended accordingly.
- (III) Provision of Guarantees by Xiamen Airlines to Xiamen Airlines Finance Lease
- 1. Guarantee Method: joint liability guarantee.
- Guarantee Amounts: an aggregate balance (increased and accumulated) up to RMB600 million or equivalent in foreign currency during the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.
- 3. Coverage: all the obligations of the borrower in a financing transaction and mainly include payment of principal amount and interest.
- 4. Period of Guarantee: agreed upon in accordance with the period of principal debt.
- (IV) Provision of Guarantees by Xiamen Airlines to Xiamen Airlines Capital
- 1. Guarantee Method: joint liability guarantee.
- 2. Guarantee Amounts: an aggregate balance (increased and accumulated) up to RMB400 million or equivalent in foreign currency during the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.
- 3. Coverage: bank credit.
- 4. Period of Guarantee: agreed upon in accordance with the terms of credit agreements.
- (V) Provision of Guarantees by Xiamen Airlines to Jiangxi Airlines
- 1. Guarantee Method: joint liability guarantee.

- 2. Guarantee Amounts: increased guarantee amounts by RMB519 million or equivalent in foreign currency by Xiamen Airlines, in proportion to its contribution, with an aggregate balance up to RMB880 million or equivalent in foreign currency during the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 on the premise that other shareholder of Jiangxi Airlines shall provide corresponding guarantee in proportion to its contribution.
- 3. Coverage: the principal amount, interest, liquidated damages, damage awards and costs for realization of creditor's right in connection with the aircraft leasing agreements and financing agreements of aircraft engine.
- 4. Period of Guarantee: agreed upon in accordance with the period of principal debt.

(VI) Provision of Guarantees by Xiamen Airlines to Shangzhou Logistics

- 1. Guarantee Method: joint liability guarantee.
- 2. Guarantee Amounts: increased and aggregated balance up to RMB300 million or equivalent in foreign currency by Xiamen Airlines, in proportion to its contribution, during the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 on the premise that other shareholders of Shangzhou Logistics shall provide corresponding guarantee in proportion to their contribution.
- 3. Coverage: Guarantee of loan financing for the introduction of freighter and the construction project of the cargo terminal at Xiang'an New Airport.
- 4. Period of Guarantee: agreed upon in accordance with the period of principal debt.

As at the date of this announcement, Xiamen Airlines has not entered into any guarantee agreements with any third-party entities beyond the scope of authorisation. The foregoing approved guarantee limits shall only be taken as the maximum guarantee may be provided by Xiamen Airlines as authorised, and the specific guarantee amounts within the foregoing guarantee limits shall be subject to the guarantee agreements entered into with the relevant financial institutions. The Company will perform its information disclosure obligations in accordance with the actual execution of any guarantee agreement.

### IV. OPINIONS OF THE BOARD

The twentieth meeting of the ninth session of the Board considered and approved the resolution on the provision of guarantees by Xiamen Airlines. The Board is of the view that Hebei Airlines, SPVs, Xiamen Airlines Finance Lease, Xiamen Airlines Capital, Jiangxi Airlines and Shangzhou Logistics have adequate solvency. Xiamen Airlines provides guarantees to Hebei Airlines, SPVs, Xiamen Airlines Finance Lease, Xiamen Airlines Capital, Jiangxi Airlines and Shangzhou Logistics have adequate solvency.

Shangzhou Logistics by taking full considerations of their actual needs for production, operation and development. This would help to expand their financing channels, reduce their financing costs and meet the needs for the overall development of the Company and Xiamen Airlines.

### V. STATUS OF THE CUMULATIVE EXTERNAL GUARANTEES

As at the date of this announcement, the Company and Xiamen Airlines have provided loan guarantees for self-sponsored trainee pilots with respect to their training fees. The outstanding loan guaranteed amounts approximately to RMB91.999 million, representing approximately 0.25% of the Company's audited net assets for the latest period and the amount of the joint liability guarantee is approximately RMB29.5008 million. The balance of guarantee provided by the Company and its controlled subsidiaries to 43 special purpose vehicles in operation is US\$5,439 million, with no overdue guarantees up to date. The balance of guarantees provided by Xiamen Airlines to its controlled subsidiaries (excluding SPVs) is RMB2,530 million. The total amount of guarantee provided by the Company and its controlled subsidiaries to their controlled subsidiaries to the Company and its controlled subsidiaries (excluding SPVs) is RMB2,530 million. The total amount of guarantee provided by the Company and its controlled subsidiaries to their controlled subsidiaries amounts approximately to RMB41,120 million, representing approximately 111.79% of the Company's audited net assets for the latest period (all of the above figures in relation to the guarantees are unaudited).

### The Board of Directors of China Southern Airlines Company Limited

29 April 2024