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**Haitong International Issues Bonds for NASDAQ-listed Company for the First Time**

**Hong Kong, 1 June, 2018** – Haitong International Securities Group Limited (“Haitong International”; Stock Code: 665.HK) is pleased to announce that it has completed USD 250 million bond issuance for GDS Holdings Limited ( “GDS” ; Nasdaq: GDS). The convertible bond issuance is the first Haitong International concluded for the Nasdaq-listed company under the 144A/RegS regulations. The bonds can be convertible into American Depositary Shares of GDS.

In 2017, Haitong International had completed 110 bond issuances in the primary market. In Chinese offshore bond market, it ranked No.1 in terms of number of bond issuances and No.3 in terms of underwriting amount among all investment banks globally. Particularly in Asia (ex-Japan) high-yield USD bond market, Haitong International ranked No.1 in terms of both number of deals and underwriting amounts among all financial institutions in the world.

Last December, Haitong International completed USD 500 million bond issuance for Adani Abbot Point Terminal Pty Ltd. (“AAPT”), which is headquartered in Australia and ultimately owned by Adani group. The issuance is Haitong International’s first USD-currency bond deal for overseas corporate client. Meanwhile, the success of the GDS issuance this year is a milestone for Haitong International for making its foray in the US bond market.

The success issuance of AAPT and GDS demonstrates Haitong International’s execution capability to underwrite 144A/RegulationS bonds, signifying Haitong International is taking another meaning step towards its internationalization.

As of yesterday, Haitong International has already completed 91 debt issuance.

GDS is a leading developer and operator of high-performance data centers in China. Its customer base consists predominantly of hyper-scale cloud service providers, large internet companies, financial institutions, telecommunications and IT service providers, and large domestic private sector and multinational corporations.

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**Haitong International Securities Group Limited**

Haitong International Securities Group Limited (“Haitong International”; Stock Code: 665.HK) is an international financial institution with established presence in Hong Kong and a rapidly expanding network across the globe. It strives to serve as a bridge linking up the Chinese and overseas capital markets. The parent company of Haitong International is Haitong Securities Co. Ltd (“Haitong Securities”, Stock Code: 600837.SH; 6837.HK).



To date, Haitong International has well positioned to serve about 200,000 corporate, institutional, as well as retail and high-net worth clients worldwide. Its well-established financial services platform provides corporate finance, wealth management, asset management, institutional clients (key businesses include fixed income, currency and commodities (FICC), derivatives, institutional equities) and investments business, and a full spectrum of financial products and services. Haitong International possesses a sound risk management system that is in line with international standards. The company has been assigned a “Baa2” long-term issuer rating by Moody’s and a “BBB” long-term credit rating by Standard and Poor’s. Haitong International has a global financial servicing network covering the world’s major capital markets including Hong Kong, Singapore, New York, London, Tokyo and Mumbai, thereby making it to be a leading global financial institution with international competitiveness, systematic importance and brand influence.

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