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Exhibit 1: PROC's rate cut since Nov 2014

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	Jun 28,	May 11,	Mar 1,	Nov 22,
	2015	2015	2015	2014
Savings rat	e (%)			
Demand	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35
3-month	1.60	1.85	2.10	2.35
6-month	1.80	2.05	2.30	2.55
1-year	2.00	2.25	2.50	2.75
2-year	2.60	2.85	3.10	3.35
3-year	3.25	3.50	3.75	4.00
Lending rat	e (%)			
Within 1 year	4.85	5.10	5.35	5.60
1-5 years	5.25	5.50	5.75	6.00
Over 5 years	5.40	5.65	5.90	6.15
Source(s): PE	BOC, ABCI S	Securities		

# Exhibit 2: China's stock market YTD performance



Source(s): Bloomberg, ABCI Securities

# China's rate and RRR cut to combat stagnation

The People's Bank of China (PBOC) announced the fourth interest rate cut since November 2014 (first rate cut of 40 bps in November 2014; second rate cut of 25 bps in March 2015; third rate cut of 25 bps in May 2015) by further slashing the 1-year lending rate and deposit rate by 25bps to 4.85% and 2.0%, effective June 28, 2015. At the same time, PBOC will further lower RRR by 50bps for eligible banks that lend a certain amount of loans to agricultural borrowers or small and micro businesses; for the financial companies, the RRR is slashed by 300 bps. In general, the latest rate cuts, which was announced after the China's stock market had slid by almost 20% in the last two weeks, reflects that economic momentum in China remains stagnant and additional monetary easing is crucial for stabilizing and reviving the economic momentum in 2H15. PBOC is strengthening efforts to combat faltering growth by lowering the cost of capital and injecting liquidity into the economy.

Interest rate and RRR cuts launched to stabilize economy. The interest rate cut and RRR cut, which came after the significant decline in stock market over the past two weeks and prior to the release of 2Q15's key economic indicators, aims to provide support to the slowing economy. In our view, the Chinese government will roll out more monetary and fiscal stimulus measures to ensure the growth target of 7% for 2015 would be reached.

Keeping real interest rates low enough to boost investment and consumption. The focus of the interest rate cut is to keep real interest rate levels low to revive growth. As 5M15 CPI inflation stood mildly at 1.3%, real interest rate has remained high. Economic indicators show slackening growth in manufacturing and investment. Hence, further rate cut is called for. The reduction of real interest rate would lower the cost of capital and financial costs of enterprises, thus stimulating economic growth.

RRR cut targeted at agricultural borrowers and small and micro businesses. The new RRR cut allows qualified financial institutions to provide more lending to rural, agricultural and small businesses, thus enhancing the latter's economic contribution to China's economy. Also, the larger RRR cut for the financial companies aims to enhance their financial support to enterprises. In general, the RRR cut works in conjunction with earlier liquidity injection through the "reverse-repo" operations. The objective is to avoid a sharp downturn in the economy by fine-tuning with policy tools.

Continuous fine-tuning of macro loosening policies in 2H15. Moderating domestic demand and subdued manufacturing activities are aggravating the downside risks in the economy. The slowing economic momentum calls for a lower interest rate and a larger-sized RRR cut to lessen financial burden and stimulate economic activities. Given the moderating trend in inflation and the mounting pressure to expand liquidity, we expect PBOC to assume an accommodative approach to pursue more stimulus measures and inject more liquidity through different monetary tools in 2H15.



				Chi	na Ed	ono	mic	Indi	cators							
						20	14						2015			
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr May
Real GDP (YoY%)			7.4			7.5			7.3			7.3			7.0	
Export Growth (YoY%)	10.6	(18.1)	(6.6)	0.9	7.0	7.2	14.5	9.4	15.3	11.6	4.7	9.7	(3.2)	48.3	(15.0)	(6.4) (2.5)
Import Growth (YoY%)	10.0	10.1	(11.3)	0.8	(1.6)	5.5	(1.6)	(2.4)	7.0	4.6	(6.7)	(2.4)	(19.7)	(20.5)	(12.7)	(16.2)(17.6)
Trade Balance (USD/bn)	31.9	(23.0)	7.7	18.5	35.9	31.6	47.3	49.8	30.9	45.4	54.5	49.6	60.0	60.6	3.1	34.159.49
Retail Sales Growth (YoY%)	11.	8	12.2	11.9	12.5	12.4	12.2	11.9	11.6	11.5	11.7	11.9	10.	7	10.2	10.0 10.1
Industrial Production (YoY%)	8.6	6	8.8	8.7	8.8	9.2	9.0	6.9	8.0	7.7	7.2	7.9	6.8	3	5.6	5.9 6.1
PMI - Manufacturing (%)	50.5	50.2	50.3	50.4	50.8	51.0	51.7	51.1	51.1	50.8	50.3	50.1	49.8	49.9	50.1	50.1 50.2
PMI - Non-manufacturing (%)	53.4	55.0	54.5	54.8	55.5	55.0	54.2	54.4	54.0	53.8	53.9	54.1	53.7	53.9	53.7	53.4 53.2
FAI(YTD) (YoY%)	17.	9	17.6	17.3	17.2	17.3	17.0	16.5	16.1	15.9	15.8	15.7	13.	9	13.5	12.0 11.4
CPI (YoY%)	2.5	2.0	2.4	1.8	2.5	2.3	2.3	2.0	1.6	1.6	1.4	1.5	0.8	1.4	1.4	1.5 1.2
PPI (YoY%)	(1.6)	(2.0)	(2.3)	(2.0)	(1.4)	(1.1)	(0.9)	(1.2)	(1.8)	(2.2)	(2.7)	(3.3)	(4.3)	(4.8)	(4.6)	(4.6) (4.6)
M2(YoY%)	13.2	13.3	12.1	13.2	13.4	14.7	13.5	12.8	12.9	12.6	12.3	12.2	10.8	12.5	11.6	10.1 10.8
New Lending (RMB/bn)	1,320	644.5	1,050	774.7	870.8	1,080;	385.27	702.5	857.2	548.3	852.7	697.3	1,470	1,020	1,180	707.9900.8
Aggregate Financing (RMB bn)	2,580	938.7	2,081.3	1,550	1,400	1,9702	273.79	957.7	1,135.5	662.7	1,146.3	1,690	2,050	1,350	1,181	1,0501,220

**World Economic/Financial Indicators** 

E	Equity Indi	ces	
	Closing price	Chg. WTD (%)	P/E
	U.S.		
DJIA	17,946.68	0.00	15.48
S&P 500	2,101.49	0.00	18.55
NASDAQ	5,080.51	0.00	30.58
MSCI US	2,014.35	0.00	19.21
	Europe		
FTSE 100	6,753.70	0.00	21.23
DAX	11,492.43	0.00	18.55
CAC40	5,059.17	0.00	26.11
IBEX 35	11,372.30	0.00	19.67
FTSE MIB	23,800.47	0.00	N/A
Stoxx 600	396.85	0.00	23.63
MSCI UK	1,981.04	0.00	21.57
MSCI France	142.34	0.00	27.08
MSCI Germany	149.89	0.00	18.68
MSCI Italy	68.06	0.00	N/A
	Asia		
NIKKEI 225	20,287.7	1 (2.02)	22.93
S&P/ASX 200	5,428.3	0 (2.12)	19.85
HSI	25,949.3	0 (2.68)	10.79
HSCEI	12,617.7	0 (3.59)	9.18
CSI300	4,190.3	0 (3.36)	18.31
SSE Composite	4,035.4	8 (3.75)	20.33
SZSE Composite	2,354.5	0 (5.93)	58.03
MSCI China	75.5	0.00	11.71
MSCI Hong Kong	13,961.5	2 0.00	9.99
MSCI Japan	1,021.7	8 0.00	18.72

	Unit Price		Chg. WTD (%)	Volume (5- day avg.)	
	Ene	rgy			
NYMEX WTI	USD/bbl	58.75	(1.48)	222,573	
ICE Brent Oil	USD/bbl	62.48	(1.23)	232,932	
NYMEX Natural Gas	USD/MMBtu	2.74	(1.23)	66,777	
Australia Newcastle Steam Coal Spot fob <sup>2</sup>	USD/Metric Tonne	61.80	N/A	N/A	
	BasicN	/letals			
LME Aluminum Cash	USD/MT	1,665.50	0.00	11,251	
LME Aluminum 3 -mth. Rolling Fwd.	USD/MT	1,704.00	0.00	26,252	
CMX Copper Active	USD/lb.	5,747.50	0.00	6,314	
LME Copper 3- mth Rolling Fwd.	USD/MT	5,755.00	0.00	36,766	
	Precious	Metals			
CMX Gold	USD/T. oz	1,181.60	0.72	111,319	
CMX Silver	USD/T. oz	15.87	0.65	33,077	
NYMEX Platinum	USD/T. oz	1,078.10	(0.24)	13,555	
	Agricultura	I Products	5		
CBOT Corn	USD/bu	396.25	0.96	163,581	
CBOT Wheat	USD/bu	573.00	0.88	94,463	
NYB-ICE Sugar	USD/lb.	11.95	0.00	82,870	
CBOT Soybeans	USD/bu.	981.75	(0.43)	149,285	

Bond Yields &	k Key Ra	ites
	Yield (%)	Chg. WTD (Bps)
US Fed Fund Rate	0.25	0.00
US Prime Rate	3.25	0.00
US Discount Window	0.75	0.00
US Treasury (1 Yr)	0.2853	0.51
US Treasury (5Yr)	1.6054	(14.9 1)
US Treasury (10 Yr)	2.3134	(15.9 2)
Japan 10-Yr Gov. Bond	0.4460	(2.40)
China 10-Yr Gov. Bond	3.6300	3.00
ECB Rate (Refinancing)	0.05	0.00
1-Month LIBOR	0.1866	(0.04)
3 Month LIBOR	0.2818	0.05
O/N SHIBOR	1.3400	(1.70)
1-mth SHIBOR	3.5800	(5.40)
3-mth HIBOR	0.3874	(0.07)
Corporate Bonds	(Moody'	s)
Aaa	4.23	9.00
Baa	5.20	12.00

# \* As of 12:00 AM closing

				Currer	тсу			
	Euro/USD	GBP/USD	AUD/USD	USD/JPY	USD/CHF	USD/CNY	USD/HKD	USD/CNY NDF 12-mth Spot pr.
Spot Rate	1.1014	1.5715	0.7654	122.93	0.9386	6.2099	7.7520	6.2505
Chg. WTD (%)	(1.37)	(0.20)	(0.01)	0.75	(0.56)	(0.01)	0.01	(0.10)

## Note:

- Data sources: Bloomberg, National Bureau of Statistics of China, ABCIS (updated on date of report)
   Australia Newcastle Steam
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   Coal Spot fob is the Australia
   Newcastle 6700 kc GAD fob
   Steam Coal Spot price
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Rating	Definition
Buy	Stock return ≥ Market return rate
Hold	Market return - 6% ≤ Stock return < Market return rate
Sell	Stock return < Market return – 6%

Stock return is defined as the expected % change of share price plus gross dividend yield over the next 12 months

Market return: 5-year average market return rate from 2009-2013

Time horizon of share price target: 12-month

#### Definition of share price risk

Rating	Definition
Very high	2.6 ≤180 day volatility/180 day benchmark index volatility
High	1.5 ≤ 180 day volatility/180 day benchmark index volatility <
	2.6
Medium	1.0 ≤180 day volatility/180 day benchmark index volatility <
	1.5
Low	180 day volatility/180 day benchmark index volatility < 1.0

We measure share price risk by its volatility relative to volatility of benchmark index. Benchmark index: Hang Seng Index.

Volatility is calculated from the standard deviation of day to day logarithmic historic price change. The 180-day price volatility equals the annualized standard deviation of the relative price change for the 180 most recent trading days closing price.

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