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#### Exhibit 1: RRR cut in 2014

	April 25	June 16
0	April 20	Julie 10
County-level rural commercial banks	200 bps	N/A
County-level rural cooperative banks	50 bps	N/A
2/3 of city commercial banks	N/A	50 bps
80% of non-county level rural commercial banks	N/A	50 bps
90% of non-county level rural cooperatives banks	N/A	50 bps
Financial companies, financial leasing companies, and auto loan companies	N/A	50 bps

Source(s): PBOC, ABCI Securities

# Exhibit 2: Eligibility for the targeted RRR cut

- The bank's new loans to the agriculture sector in the previous year exceed 50% of total new lending, and outstanding agricultural loans exceed 30% of total outstanding loans
- The bank's new loans to MSEs in the previous year exceed 50% of total new lending, and outstanding MSE loans exceed 30% of total outstanding loans

  Banks enjoyed the previous RRR cut
- 3 (April 25) will not be eligible for this round of targeted RRR cut

# Targeted easing for agriculture sector and MSEs

The People's Bank of China (PBOC) announced on June 9, 2014 a 50 bps cut in the required reserve ratio (RRR) for two-thirds of city commercial banks, 80% of non-county level rural commercial banks, and 90% of non-county level rural cooperatives banks engaging mainly in lending to the agriculture sector and micro and small sized enterprises (MSEs). The policy will be effective on June 16, 2014. This is the second targeted RRR cut following the latest one in April. The cut is likely to unlock an estimated RMB 60 billion in lending to lessen the risk of further slowdown in the world's second-largest economy. We believe the latest targeted RRR cut will gear up the lending momentum in coming months and lower the market risk premium. Market sentiment is likely to improve, thus stimulating more economic activities.

**Better fund allocations.** The targeted RRR cut aims to encourage commercial banks and financial institutions to allocate more funds to the real economy in areas in need of support. The PBOC will maintain an accommodative monetary stance, ensuring an appropriate scale of aggregate financing to the real economy to avoid a structural economic slowdown.

Strengthen credit support to modernize the agriculture sector. The release of credits to the agriculture sector would strengthen the government's financial support for agricultural infrastructure construction, agricultural technology research and development, and the development of new types of agricultural business entities. Modernizing agriculture in China would help boost the sector's economic contribution to the economy and improve social well-being of farmers.

Reiterate financial support for MSEs. May's manufacturing PMI index for small enterprises was 48.8, below the expansion-contraction dividing line of 50. This indicates small businesses are still suffering from contraction. China is dedicating more support to MSEs by introducing more financing innovations and credits to ensure expansion of small businesses for domestic needs and employment.

Consumer financing becomes the new focus. The RRR cut of 50 bps also applies to financial companies, financial leasing companies, and auto financing companies. The rate reduction, which encourages companies to make better uses of funds to improve efficiency and expand the role of consumer financing in the economy, aligns with China's macroeconomic transition from an export-led economy to a more balanced model driven by domestic consumption.

More targeted easing in sight. As China aims to meet a GDP target of 7.5% in 2014, policymakers have been enacting a set of mini-stimulus measures such as enhancing support for small businesses and accelerating spending of budgeted funds to weather out the economic slowdown and restore growth impetus. As China is at the turning point to reverse the economic downtrend, we expect the government to scale up its policy support in coming months.

<sup>\*</sup> Banks only need to meet either eligibility 1 or eligibility 2 Source(s): PBOC, ABCI Securities



China Economic Indicators														
					2013							2014		
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May*
Real GDP (YoY%)			7.5			7.8			7.7			7.4		
Export Growth (YoY%)	14.7	1.0	(3.1)	5.1	7.2	(0.3)	5.6	12.7	5.8	10.6	(18.1)	(6.6)	0.9	7.0
Import Growth (YoY%)	16.8	(0.3)	(0.7)	10.9	7.0	7.4	7.6	5.3	6.5	10.0	10.1	(11.3)	0.8	(1.6)
Trade Balance (USD/bn)	18.2	20.4	27.1	17.8	28.5	15.2	31.1	33.8	32.3	31.9	(23.0)	7.7	18.5	18.8
Retail Sales Growth (YoY%)	12.8	12.9	13.3	13.2	13.4	13.3	13.3	13.7	13.6		11.8	12.2	11.9	12.4
Industrial Production (YoY%)	9.3	9.2	8.9	9.7	10.4	10.2	10.3	10.0	9.7		8.6	8.8	8.7	8.9
PMI - Manufacturing (%)	50.6	50.8	50.1	50.3	51.0	51.1	51.4	51.4	51.0	50.5	50.2	50.3	50.4	50.8
PMI - Non-manufacturing (%)	54.5	54.3	53.9	54.1	53.9	55.4	56.3	56.0	54.6	53.4	55.0	54.5	54.8	55.5
FAI(YTD) (YoY%)	20.6	20.4	20.1	20.1	20.3	20.2	20.1	19.9	19.6		17.9	17.6	17.3	17.4
CPI (YoY%)	2.4	2.1	2.7	2.7	2.6	3.1	3.2	3.0	2.5	2.5	2.0	2.4	1.8	2.5
PPI (YoY%)	(2.6)	(2.9)	(2.7)	(2.3)	(1.6)	(1.3)	(1.5)	(1.4)	(1.4)	(1.6)	(2.0)	(2.3)	(2.0)	(1.4)
M2(YoY%)	16.1	15.8	14.0	14.5	14.7	14.2	14.3	14.2	13.6	13.2	13.3	12.1	13.2	13.4
New Lending (RMB/bn)	792.9	667.4	860.5	699.9	711.3	787.0	506.1	624.6	482.5	1,320	644.5	1,050	774.7	820.0
Aggregate Financing (RMB bn)	1,762.9	1,187.1	1,037.5	819.1	1,584	1,411.3	864	1,226.9	1,232.2	2,580	938.7	2,081.3	1,550	1,246.5

\* Forecast (Excluding PMI – Manufacturing & PMI – Non-manufacturing, Exports, Imports, Trade balance, CPI, PPI)

World Economic/Final	ncial Indicators
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E	quity Indi	ces	
	Closing price	Chg. WTD (%)	P/E
	U.S.		
DJIA	16,943.10	0.11	15.85
S&P 500	1,951.27	0.09	17.94
NASDAQ	4,336.24	0.34	34.66
MSCIUS	1,866.04	0.09	18.36
	Europe		
FTSE 100	6,845.10	(0.19)	19.81
DAX	10,020.09	0.33	18.58
CAC40	4,592.42	0.25	26.46
IBEX 35	11,137.80	0.66	23.63
FTSE MIB	22,547.45	1.15	282.9
Stoxx 600	348.79	0.43	22.13
MSCIUK	2,026.53	0.24	19.91
MSCI France	128.58	0.13	27.32
MSCI Germany	133.36	0.21	18.60
MSCI Italy	64.98	0.60	788.3
	Asia		
NIKKEI 225	14,994.80	(0.55)	19.59
S&P/ASX 200	5,469.65	5 0.10	19.44
HSI	23,315.74	1.59	10.89
HSCEI	10,518.80	1.72	7.71
CSI300	2,161.27	7 1.24	9.69
SSE Composite	2,052.53	3 1.11	10.03
SZSE Composite	1,063.89	0.79	26.63
MSCI China	61.09	0.78	9.36
MSCI Hong Kong	12,461.20	0.22	12.61
MSCI Japan	760.58	3 0.01	14.50

Global Commodities					
	Unit	Price	Chg. WTD (%)	Volume (5- day avg.)	
	Ene	rgy			
NYMEX WTI	USD/bbl	104.68	1.97	202,725	
ICE Brent Oil	USD/bbl	109.90	1.19	185,259	
NYMEX Natural Gas	USD/MMBtu	4.62	(2.00)	110,165	
Australia Newcastle Steam Coal Spot fob <sup>2</sup>	USD/Metric Tonne	72.25	N/A	N/A	
	Basic	Metals			
LME Aluminum Cash	USD/MT	1,886.00	1.58	19,246	
LME Aluminum 3 -mth. Rolling Fwd.	USD/MT	1,911.00	1.70	43,774	
CMX Copper Active	USD/lb.	6,684.50	(0.10)	21,369	
LME Copper 3- mth Rolling Fwd.	USD/MT	6,670.00	(0.27)	55,396	
TSI CFR China Iron Ore Fines Index <sup>3</sup>	USD	94.30	(0.21)	N/A	
	Precious	s Metals			
CMX Gold	USD/T. oz	1,254.30	0.14	91,863	
CMX Silver	USD/T. oz	19.04	0.26	36,513	
NYMEX Platinum	USD/T. oz	1,463.20	0.70	11,018	
Agricultural Products					
CBOTCorn	USD/bu	451.75	(1.58)	129,457	
CBOT Wheat	USD/bu	610.75	(1.21)	57,147	
NYB-ICE Sugar	USD/lb.	17.69	(0.17)	52,009	
CBOT Soybeans	USD/bu.	1,219.75	0.08	56,121	

Bond Yields 8	k Kev Ra	ates
	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 Mth)	0.0203	0.00
US Treasury (5 Yr)	1.6842	4.14
US Treasury (10 Yr)	2.6149	2.80
Japan 10-Yr Gov. Bond	0.6020	0.20
China 10-Yr Gov. Bond	4.1100	4.00
ECB Rate (Refinancing)	0.15	(10.0)
1-Month LIBOR	0.1523	(0.13)
3 Month LIBOR	0.2306	0.10
O/N SHIBOR	2.5700	(1.08)
1-mth SHIBOR	4.1590	17.50
3-mth HIBOR	0.3718	(0.07)
Corporate Bonds	(Moody	
Aaa	4.28	12.00
Baa	4.83	13.00

# Note:

- Data sources: Bloomberg
   Finance LP, National Bureau
   of Statistics of China, ABCIS
   (updated on date of report)
   Australia Newcastle Steam
- Australia Newcastle Steam
   Coal Spot fob is the Australia
   Newcastle 6700 kc GAD fob
   Steam Coal Spot price
   published by McClos key
   TSI CFR China Iron Ore
- TSI CFR China Iron Ore
   Fines Indexis calculated with
  the 62% Fe specification,
  spot price

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	Euro/USD	GBP/USD	AUD/USD	USD/JPY	USD/CHF	USD/CNY	USD/HKD	USD/CNY NDF 12-Mth
Spot Rate	1.3558	1.6802	0.9354	102.36	0.8994	6.2253	7.7515	6.2032
Chg. WTD (%)	(0.62)	0.00	0.23	0.12	(0.64)	0.41	0.01	0.67



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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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