MINISO Announces Substantial Completion of Independent Investigation

GUANGZHOU, China, Sept. 15, 2022 <u>/PRNewswire</u>/ -- MINISO Group Holding Limited (NYSE: MNSO; HKEX: 9896) ("MINISO", "MINISO Group" or the "Company"), a global value retailer offering a variety of design-led lifestyle products, today announced an update on the status of the previously announced independent investigation. As previously disclosed, shortly after the publication of a report issued by the short-seller firm Blue Orca Capital on July 26, 2022 (the "Short Seller Report"), an independent committee of the board of directors (the "Independent Committee"), consisting of independent directors Ms. Xu Lili, Mr. Zhu Yonghua and Mr. Wang Yongping, was formed to oversee an independent investigation regarding the allegations made in the Short Seller Report (the "Independent Investigation"). The Independent Investigation, overseen by the Independent Committee and conducted with the assistance of third-party professional advisors including an international law firm and forensic accounting experts from a well-regarded forensic accounting firm that is not the Company's auditor, is now substantially complete. Based on findings of the Independent Investigation, which encompassed the allegations in the Short Seller Report regarding the Company's franchise business model and land deals involving the Company's chairman, the Independent Committee has concluded that key allegations made in the Short Seller Report were not substantiated.

About MINISO Group

MINISO is a global retailer offering a variety of design-led lifestyle products. The Company serves consumers primarily through its large network of MINISO stores, and promotes a relaxing, treasure-hunting and engaging shopping experience full of delightful surprises that appeals to all demographics. Aesthetically pleasing design, quality and affordability are at the core of every product in MINISO's wide product portfolio, and the Company continually and frequently rolls out products with these qualities. Since the opening of its first store in China in 2013, the Company has built its flagship brand "MINISO" as a globally recognized retail brand and established a massive store network worldwide. For more information, please visit https://ir.miniso.com/.

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