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# CHINA EVERBRIGHT INTERNATIONAL LIMITED 中國光大國際有限公司

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 257)

# PROPOSALS INVOLVING GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE NEW SHARES AND BUY BACK SHARES RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A notice convening the Annual General Meeting of China Everbright International Limited to be held at Island Ballroom, Level 5, Island Shangri-La, Hong Kong, Pacific Place, Supreme Court Road, Central, Hong Kong on Wednesday, 24th May, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. is set out on pages 15 to 19 of this circular. Whether or not you propose to attend the meeting, you are requested to complete the accompanying proxy form in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return the same to the Company's share registrar, Tricor Tengis Limited at Level 22, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong as soon as possible and in any event not later than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting or any adjournment thereof. Completion and return of the proxy form will not preclude shareholders from attending and voting in person at the meeting should they so wish.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

In this circular, the following expressions shall have the following meanings unless the context requires otherwise:

"AGM Notice" the notice dated 31st March, 2017 convening the AGM

as set out in pages 15 to 19 of this circular

"Annual General Meeting"

or "AGM"

the annual general meeting of the Company to be held at Island Ballroom, Level 5, Island Shangri-La, Hong Kong, Pacific Place, Supreme Court Road, Central, Hong Kong on Wednesday, 24th May, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

"Articles of Association" the articles of association of the Company from time

to time

"Board" the board of directors of the Company or a duly

authorized committee thereof for the time being

"Buy-back Mandate" the general mandate proposed to be granted to the

Directors to exercise the powers of the Company to buy back Shares during the period as set out in the Ordinary Resolution No.(2) in item 5 in the AGM Notice up to 10% of the total number of issued Shares as at the date of passing the Ordinary Resolution

No.(2)

"Companies Ordinance" the Companies Ordinance (Chapter 622 of the Laws of

Hong Kong)

"Company" China Everbright International Limited, a company

incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability, the Shares of which are listed on the Stock Exchange

"Directors" the directors of the Company for the time being

"Group" the Company and its subsidiaries from time to time

"Hong Kong" the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of The

People's Republic of China

#### **DEFINITIONS**

"Issue Mandate" the general mandate proposed to be granted to the Directors to exercise the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with Shares during the period as set out in the Ordinary Resolution No.(1) in item 5 in the AGM Notice up to 20% of the total number of issued Shares as at the date of passing the Ordinary Resolution No.(1) "Latest Practicable Date" 22nd March, 2017, being the latest practicable date prior to the printing of this circular for ascertaining certain information contained herein "Listing Rules" the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited "Ordinary Resolution(s)" the proposed ordinary resolution(s) set out in item 5 in the AGM Notice "SFO" Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong) "Share(s)" share(s) of the Company with no nominal value "Share Buy-back Rules" the relevant rules set out in the Listing Rules to regulate the buy-back by companies with primary listing of their own securities on the Stock Exchange "Shareholder(s)" holder(s) of Share(s) "Stock Exchange" The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited "Takeover Code" the Hong Kong Codes on Takeovers and Mergers "HK\$" Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong

Kong

per cent.

"%"



## CHINA EVERBRIGHT INTERNATIONAL LIMITED 中國光大國際有限公司

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#### **Directors:**

Executive directors:

CAI Yunge (Chairman)

CHEN Xiaoping (Chief Executive Officer)

WANG Tianyi (General Manager)

WONG Kam Chung, Raymond (Chief Financial Officer)

CAI Shuguang (Deputy General Manager)

*Non-executive director:* TANG Shuangning

Independent non-executive directors: FAN Yan Hok, Philip MAR Selwyn LI Kwok Sing, Aubrey ZHAI Haitao **Registered Office:** 

Room 2703, 27th Floor Far East Finance Centre 16 Harcourt Road Hong Kong

31st March, 2017

To the Shareholders

Dear Sir or Madam,

# PROPOSALS INVOLVING GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE NEW SHARES AND BUY BACK SHARES RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this circular is to provide you with information regarding the proposed renewal of the general mandates to allot, issue and deal with Shares and to buy back Shares and to seek your approval of the resolutions relating to these matters at the AGM to be held at Island Ballroom, Level 5, Island Shangri-La, Hong Kong, Pacific Place, Supreme Court Road, Central, Hong Kong on Wednesday, 24th May, 2017 at 3:00 p.m., notice of which is set out on pages 15 to 19 of this circular.

#### 2. GENERAL MANDATE TO ISSUE SHARES

At the annual general meeting of the Company held on 17th May, 2016, general mandates were given to the Directors to allot, issue and deal with Shares and to exercise the powers of the Company to buy back its own Shares in accordance with the Share Buy-back Rules. Such general mandates will lapse at the conclusion of the AGM. It is therefore proposed to seek your approval at the AGM to renew these general mandates to allot, issue and deal with Shares and to buy back Shares.

It will be proposed at the AGM the Ordinary Resolutions Nos.(1) and (3) set out in item 5 in the AGM Notice for granting to the Directors the Issue Mandate to allot, issue and deal with new Shares not exceeding 20% of the total number of issued Shares as at the date of passing the Ordinary Resolution No.(1) set out in item 5 in the AGM Notice and adding to the Issue Mandate so granted to the Directors any Shares representing the aggregate number of the Shares bought back by the Company after the granting of the general mandate to buy back Shares up to 10% of the total number of issued Shares as at the date of passing the Ordinary Resolution No.(2) set out in item 5 in the AGM Notice. The Issue Mandate shall be exercisable during the period from the passing of the Ordinary Resolution No.(1) set out in item 5 in the AGM Notice until whichever is the earliest of:

- (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company; or
- (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the Articles of Association or any applicable laws of Hong Kong to be held; or
- (iii) the date on which the authority set out in such Ordinary Resolution is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders in general meeting.

#### 3. GENERAL MANDATE TO BUY BACK SHARES

It will also be proposed at the AGM the Ordinary Resolution No.(2) set out in item 5 in the AGM Notice for granting to the Directors Buy-back Mandate to exercise the powers of the Company to buy back Shares up to 10% of the total number of issued Shares as at the date of passing the Ordinary Resolution No.(2) set out in item 5 in the AGM Notice. The Buy-back Mandate shall be exercisable during the period from the passing of the Ordinary Resolution No.(2) set out in item 5 in the AGM Notice until whichever is the earliest of:

- (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company; or
- (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the Articles of Association or any applicable laws of Hong Kong to be held; or
- (iii) the date on which the authority set out in such Ordinary Resolution is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders in general meeting.

An explanatory statement, as required to be sent to the Shareholders under the Share Buy-back Rules and under the Companies Ordinance, to provide requisite information to you for your consideration of the Ordinary Resolution No.(2) set out in item 5 in the AGM Notice in respect of the Buy-back Mandate is set out in the Appendix I hereto.

#### 4. RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS

The Board currently consists of ten Directors, comprising (i) five executive directors, namely Mr. Cai Yunge, Mr. Chen Xiaoping, Mr. Wang Tianyi, Mr. Wong Kam Chung, Raymond and Mr. Cai Shuguang; (ii) a non-executive director, namely Mr. Tang Shuangning; and (iii) four independent non-executive directors namely, Mr. Fan Yan Hok, Philip, Mr. Mar Selwyn, Mr. Li Kwok Sing, Aubrey and Mr. Zhai Haitao.

Pursuant to the article 73 of the Articles of Association, Mr. Cai Yunge, who was appointed as a new Director on 10th November, 2016, will retire at the AGM and, being eligible, offer himself for re-election.

Pursuant to the article 77 of the Articles of Association, Messrs. Wang Tianyi, Cai Shuguang, Tang Shuangning and Zhai Haitao, being the Directors longest in office since their last re-election, will retire by rotation from office at the AGM and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Details of retiring Directors proposed for re-election at the AGM are set out in Appendix II of this circular.

#### 5. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Set out on pages 15 to 19 of this circular is the AGM Notice containing, inter alia, three ordinary resolutions which will be proposed at the AGM to approve respectively the Issue Mandate, the Buy-back Mandate and the extension of the Issue Mandate.

#### 6. VOTING BY WAY OF POLL

Pursuant to Rule 13.39(4) of the Listing Rules, all votes at the Shareholders' general meeting will be taken by poll except where the chairman, in good faith, decides to allow a resolution which relates purely to a procedural or administrative matter to be voted on by a show of hands. The Company will announce the results of the poll in the manner prescribed under Rule 13.39(5) of the Listing Rules.

#### 7. ACTION TO BE TAKEN

A proxy form for use at the AGM is enclosed with this circular. Whether or not you intend to attend the AGM, you are requested to complete the proxy form and return it to the Company's share registrar, Tricor Tengis Limited at Level 22, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the AGM or any adjournment thereof. Completion and return of the proxy form will not preclude Shareholders from attending and voting in person at the AGM if they so wish.

#### 8. RECOMMENDATION

The Board believes that the proposal for granting of the Issue Mandate and the Buy-back Mandate, the extension of the Issue Mandate and the re-election of retiring Directors as set out in the AGM Notice are all in the best interests of the Company and its Shareholders. Accordingly, the Board recommends that all Shareholders should vote in favour of the relevant resolutions set out in the AGM Notice.

Yours faithfully,

China Everbright International Limited

Cai Yunge

Chairman

This appendix serves as an explanatory statement as required to be sent to the Shareholders under the Share Buy-back Rules to provide the requisite information for your consideration of the Buy-back Mandate and also constitutes the memorandum as required under section 239(2) of the Companies Ordinance.

#### (A) SHARES

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the number of issued Shares is 4,482,711,700 Shares.

Subject to the passing of the Ordinary Resolution No.(2) set out in item 5 in the AGM Notice in respect of the Buy-back Mandate and on the basis that no further Shares are issued or bought back prior to the AGM, the Company would be allowed under the Buy-back Mandate to buy back a maximum of 448,271,170 Shares during the period as set out in Ordinary Resolution No.(2) set out in item 5 in the AGM Notice representing not more than 10% of the total number of issued Shares as at the Latest Practicable Date.

#### (B) REASONS FOR THE BUY-BACK

The Directors believe that the Buy-back Mandate is in the best interests of the Company and its Shareholders. Such buy-back may, depending on the market conditions and funding arrangements at the time, lead to an enhancement of the net assets of the Company and/or its earnings per Share and will only be made when the Directors believe that a buy-back will benefit the Company and its Shareholders.

#### (C) FUNDING OF BUY-BACK

In Share buy-back, the Company may only apply funds legally available for such purpose in accordance with its Articles of Association and the Companies Ordinance. The Companies Ordinance provides that the payment in respect of share buy-back may only be paid from distributable profits of the Company or the proceeds of a new issue of Shares made for the purpose of share buy-back to such extent allowable under the Companies Ordinance.

There might be a material adverse impact on the working capital or gearing position of the Company as compared with the position disclosed in the audited accounts contained in the annual report for the year ended 31st December, 2016 in the event that the power to buy back Shares pursuant to Buy-back Mandate were to be carried out in full at any time during the proposed buy-back period. However, the Directors do not propose to exercise the power to buy back Shares pursuant to the Buy-back Mandate to such extent as would, in the circumstances, have a material adverse effect on the working capital requirements of the Company or the gearing levels which in the opinion of the Directors are from time to time appropriate for the Company.

#### (D) SHARE PRICE

The highest and lowest prices at which the Shares have traded on the Stock Exchange during each of the previous twelve months up to the Latest Practicable Date were as follows:

	Highest	Lowest
	HK\$	HK\$
2016		
February	8.800	7.110
March	9.200	8.030
April	9.350	8.260
May	8.760	7.600
June	9.050	8.050
July	8.790	8.090
August	10.220	8.230
September	11.080	9.210
October	9.900	9.010
November	9.760	9.030
December	9.450	8.170
2017		
January	9.580	8.570
February	10.180	9.290
March (up to and including the Latest		
Practicable Date)	11.140	10.140

#### (E) UNDERTAKING

The Directors have undertaken to the Stock Exchange that, so far as the same may be applicable, they will exercise the powers of the Company to make Share buy-back pursuant to the Buy-back Mandate and in accordance with the Listing Rules, the Companies Ordinance and any other applicable laws of Hong Kong.

None of the Directors nor, to the best of their knowledge having made all reasonable enquiries, their close associates (as defined in the Listing Rules) have any present intention to sell any Shares to the Company under the Buy-back Mandate if such Buy-back Mandate is approved by the Shareholders.

No core connected persons (as defined in the Listing Rules) have notified the Company that they have a present intention to sell the Shares to the Company, or have undertaken not to do so, in the event that the Buy-back Mandate is approved by the Shareholders.

#### (F) TAKEOVER CODE

If on the exercise of the power to buy back Shares pursuant to the Buy-back Mandate, a Shareholder's proportionate interest in the voting rights of the Company increases, such increase will be treated as an acquisition of voting rights for the purpose of Rule 32 of the Takeover Code. As a result, a Shareholder or group of Shareholders acting in concert, could obtain or consolidate control of the Company and become obliged to make a mandatory offer in accordance with Rule 26 of the Takeover Code.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Central Huijin Investment Limited ("Huijin") together with their close associates are beneficially interested in 1,855,951,910 Shares representing approximately 41.40% of the issued Shares. In the event that the Directors exercise in full the power to buy back Shares pursuant to the Buy-back Mandate, then (if the present shareholdings remain the same), the shareholdings of Huijin together with their close associates will be increased to approximately 46.00% of the issued Shares.

Based on such shareholding and in the event that the Directors exercised in full the power to buy back Shares pursuant to the Buy-back Mandate, an obligation to make a general offer by Huijin to Shareholders under Rule 26 of the Takeover Code may arise. The Directors have no present intention to exercise the power to buy back Shares pursuant to the Buy-back Mandate to such an extent as to result in takeover obligations.

In the event that the Buy-back Mandate is exercised in full, the number of Shares held by the public will not fall below 25%.

#### (G) SHARES BUY-BACK MADE BY THE COMPANY

The Company has not bought back any of its Shares (whether on the Stock Exchange or otherwise) in the six months preceding the Latest Practicable Date.

The following are the particulars of the retiring Directors proposed to be re-elected at the Annual General Meeting:

CAI YUNGE aged 45, is the Chairman of the Board and an Executive Director of the Company. Mr. Cai is the Deputy General Manager of China Everbright Group Ltd., the Vice-chairman and General Manager of China Everbright Holdings Company Limited, and an Executive Director and Chairman of the board of directors of China Everbright Limited (the shares of which are listed on the Stock Exchange). He holds a master degree in Business Administration from The University of Warwick, UK and a doctoral degree in Economics from the Financial Research Institute of the People's Bank of China. He holds the title of Senior Economist. Before joining the Company, Mr. Cai has served as the Secretary to the board and General Manager of Executive Office of China Everbright Bank Company Limited, Deputy Chief of the Development and Reform Commission of Guangdong Province, and Division Chief of the General Office and Deputy Division Chief of Banking Supervisory Department II of the China Banking Regulatory Commission. Mr. Cai joined the Board in November 2016, and was re-designated as the Chairman of the Board in December 2016. Save as disclosed above, Mr. Cai did not hold any directorship in any other listed public companies during the past three years.

Mr. Cai is a member of the Remuneration Committee of the Company. Save as disclosed above, he does not hold any position with the Company and other members of the Group.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Cai does not have any interest in the Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO. In accordance with the service contract between the Company and Mr. Cai, he is not appointed for a specific term except that he is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the AGM in accordance with the Articles of Association. There is no agreement in respect of the Director's remuneration of Mr. Cai and his Director's remuneration will be determined by the Board by reference to the prevailing market conditions and subject to the Shareholders' approval at the AGM. Save as disclosed above, Mr. Cai does not have any relationship with any Directors, senior management, substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Cai has confirmed that there are no other matters that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders in connection with his re-election and no other information that should be disclosed pursuant to rule 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules.

WANG TIANYI aged 54, is the General Manager and an Executive Director of the Company. Mr. Wang is also a non-executive director and chairman of China Everbright Water Limited, the Company's subsidiary listed in Singapore. Prior to joining the Group, he was the President of Shandong Academy of Science. He was formerly the Deputy Mayor of Jinan City of Shandong Province. He had been the Vice President, Dean and Professor of Economic Management Faculty of Yantai University of Shandong Province. He is currently also a part-time professor of Tsinghua University and a Co-Director of Center for PPP of Tsinghua University. He is also a member of PPP Business Advisory Board of UNECE and a member of Advisory Committee of China Business Research Centre of National University of Singapore. He holds a Doctorate degree in Economics, a Master's degree in Management and a Bachelor's degree in Electronics from Tsinghua University. He had pursued advanced studies at Harvard University and University of California in the United States. Mr. Wang joined the Board in February 2010. Save as disclosed above, Mr. Wang did not hold any directorship in any other listed public companies during the past three years.

Mr. Wang is a member of the Disclosure Committee and Management Committee of the Company. He is also a director in a number of subsidiaries of the Group. Save as disclosed above, he does not hold any position with the Company and other members of the Group.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Wang does not have any interest in the Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO. Mr. Wang is entitled to an annual salary of HK\$2,028,000 for the year 2016 and a meeting allowance of HK\$10,000 for each Board meeting. He is also entitled to a year-end discretionary bonus determined by the Remuneration Committee of the Company at its absolute discretion having regard to the Company's performance and the market situation. In accordance with the service contract between the Company and Mr. Wang, he is not appointed for a specific term except that he is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the AGM in accordance with the Articles of Association. There is no agreement in respect of the Director's remuneration of Mr. Wang and his Director's remuneration will be determined by the Board by reference to the prevailing market conditions and subject to the Shareholders' approval at the AGM. Save as disclosed above, Mr. Wang does not have any relationship with any Directors, senior management, substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Wang has confirmed that there are no other matters that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders in connection with his re-election and no other information that should be disclosed pursuant to rule 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules.

CAI SHUGUANG aged 61, is the Deputy General Manager and an Executive Director of the Company. Mr. Cai is also the Vice-chairman of Everbright Environmental Protection (China) Limited. He is also an executive director of China Everbright Water Limited, the Company's subsidiary listed in Singapore. Prior to joining the Group, he was formerly Deputy General Manager of Shenzhen Kingway Brewery Limited. He graduated from the Department of Computer Science from Shanghai Fudan University and holds a Master of Business Administration Degree from the University of Ballarat in Australia. He holds the title of senior engineer. Mr. Cai has rich experience and extensive knowledge in corporate management and project planning. Mr. Cai joined the Board in August 2010. Save as disclosed above, he did not hold any directorship in any other listed public companies during the past three years.

Mr. Cai is a member of Risk Management Committee and Management Committee of the Company. He is also a director in a number of subsidiaries of the Company. Save as disclosed above, he does not hold any position with the Company and other members of the Group.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Cai does not have any interest in the Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO. Mr. Cai is entitled to an annual salary of HK\$1,800,000 for the year 2016, a meeting allowance of HK\$10,000 for each Board meeting and a meeting allowance of HK\$5,000 for each Risk Management Committee meeting. He is also entitled to a year-end discretionary bonus determined by the Remuneration Committee of the Company at its absolute discretion having regard to the Company's performance and the market situation. In accordance with the service contract between the Company and Mr. Cai, he is not appointed for a specific term except that he is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the AGM in accordance with the Articles of Association. There is no agreement in respect of the Director's remuneration of Mr. Cai and his Director's remuneration will be determined by the Board by reference to the prevailing market conditions and subject to the Shareholders' approval at the AGM. Save as disclosed above, Mr. Cai does not have any relationship with any Directors, senior management, substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Cai has confirmed that there are no other matters that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders in connection with his re-election and no other information that should be disclosed pursuant to rule 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules.

TANG SHUANGNING aged 62, is a Non-executive Director of the Company. Mr. Tang is the representative of the 12th National People's Congress and the Vice-chairman of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee of the 12th National People's Congress. He is also the Chairman of China Everbright Group Ltd., China Everbright Holdings Company Limited and China Everbright Bank Company Limited. Mr. Tang is also the Director of Sun Life Everbright Life Insurance Company Limited and a Non-executive Director of China Everbright Limited (the shares of which are listed on the Stock Exchange). He was the non-executive director of Everbright Securities Company Limited (the shares of which are listed on the Stock Exchange) until February 2017. He also serves as the Vice Chairman of China Society for Finance and Banking and the Consultant of China Society for Investment. He is a director of China Economic and Social Council and China Center for International Economic Exchanges. Prior to joining the China Everbright Group, he was the Vice Chairman of the China Banking Regulatory Commission. He holds a Master's Degree in Economics from China Northeast University of Finance & Economics. Mr. Tang has extensive knowledge and experience in finance management. Mr. Tang joined the Board in July 2007, and was re-designated as a Non-executive Director of the Company in December 2016. Save as disclosed above, Mr. Tang did not hold any directorship in any other listed public companies during the past three years and does not hold any position with the Company and other members of the Group.

As at the latest practicable Date, Mr. Tang does not have any interest in the Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO. In accordance with the service contract between the Company and Mr. Tang, he is not appointed for a specific term except that he is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the AGM in accordance with the Articles of Association. There is no agreement in respect of the Director's remuneration of Mr. Tang and his Director's remuneration will be determined by the Board by reference to the prevailing market conditions and subject to the Shareholders' approval at the AGM. Save as disclosed above, Mr. Tang does not have any relationship with any Directors, senior management, substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Tang has confirmed that there are no other matters that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders in connection with his re-election and no other information that should be disclosed pursuant to rule 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules.

ZHAI HAITAO, aged 48, is an Independent Non-executive Director of the Company. Mr. Zhai is the President and Partner of Primavera Capital Group. He is also an independent director of China Everbright Water Limited, the Company's subsidiary listed in Singapore. He was formerly Managing Director of Goldman Sachs Asia LLC and Chief Representative of Goldman Sachs Beijing Office. Prior to joining Goldman Sachs, Mr. Zhai worked at the International Department of the People's Bank of China in Beijing, and was Deputy Representative of the People's Bank of China Representative Office for the Americas based in New York. He holds a Master's Degree in International Relations from Columbia University, a Master of Business Administration Degree from New York University and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics from Peking University. He has extensive experience and knowledge in banking, capital market and management. Mr. Zhai joined the Board in January 2011. Save as disclosed above, he did not hold any directorship in any other listed public companies during the past three years.

Mr. Zhai is the Chairman of the Nomination Committee, and a member of the Audit Committee and Remuneration Committee of the Company. Save as disclosed above, he does not hold any position with the Company and other members of the Group.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Zhai does not have any interest in the Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO. Mr. Zhai was appointed for a term of two years until 31st December, 2017 and subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the AGM in accordance with the Articles of Association. He is entitled to have a Director's fee of HK\$320,000 per annum which is subject to the approval of the Board by reference to the prevailing market conditions and subject to the Shareholders' approval at the AGM. He is also entitled to a meeting allowance of HK\$10,000 for each Board meeting, a meeting allowance of HK\$8,000 for each Nomination Committee meeting and a meeting allowance of HK\$5,000 for each of Audit Committee meeting and Remuneration Committee meeting. Save as disclosed above, Mr. Zhai does not have any relationship with any Directors, senior management, substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Zhai has confirmed that there are no other matters that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders in connection with his re-election and no other information that should be disclosed pursuant to rule 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules.

In the opinion of the Directors, other than the aforesaid matters, there are no other matters that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders in relation to the re-election of the above retiring Directors.



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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Annual General Meeting of China Everbright International Limited (the "Company") will be held at Island Ballroom, Level 5, Island Shangri-La, Hong Kong, Pacific Place, Supreme Court Road, Central, Hong Kong on Wednesday, 24th May, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

- 1. To receive and consider the audited financial statements and the report of the directors and independent auditor's report for the year ended 31st December, 2016.
- 2. To declare a final dividend of HK13.0 cents per share for the year ended 31st December, 2016.
- 3. (a) To re-elect Mr. Cai Yunge as an executive director of the Company.
  - (b) To re-elect Mr. Wang Tianyi as an executive director of the Company.
  - (c) To re-elect Mr. Cai Shuguang as an executive director of the Company.
  - (d) To re-elect Mr. Tang Shuangning as a non-executive director of the Company.
  - (e) To re-elect Mr. Zhai Haitao as an independent non-executive director of the Company.
  - (f) To authorize the board of directors of the Company to fix the remuneration of the directors for the year ending 31st December, 2017.
- 4. To re-appoint Ernst & Young as auditors and to authorize the board of directors of the Company to fix their remuneration.

5. To consider as special businesses and, if thought fit, pass the following Ordinary Resolutions:

#### **ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS**

#### (1) "THAT:

- (A) subject to paragraph (C) of this Resolution, the exercise by the directors of the Company ("Directors") during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with shares of the Company ("Shares") and to make or grant offers, agreements and options (including warrants, bonds, debentures, notes and other securities which carry rights to subscribe for or are convertible into Shares) which would or might require Shares to be allotted be and hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (B) the approval in paragraph (A) above shall authorize the Directors during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) to make and grant offers, agreements and options (including warrants, bonds, debentures, notes and other securities which carry rights to subscribe for or are convertible into Shares) which would or might require Shares to be allotted after the end of the Relevant Period;
- (C) the aggregate number of Shares allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted (whether pursuant to an option or otherwise) by the Directors pursuant to the approval in paragraph (A) above, otherwise than pursuant to (i) a Rights Issue (as hereinafter defined); or (ii) an issue of Shares pursuant to any scrip dividends or similar arrangement providing for allotment of Shares in lieu of the whole or part of the dividend on Shares in accordance with the articles of association of the Company, shall not exceed 20 per cent. of the total number of issued Shares as at the date of passing this Resolution provided that if any subsequent consolidation or subdivision of Shares is effected, the maximum number of Shares that may be issued pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above as a percentage of the total number of issued Shares immediately before and after such consolidation or subdivision shall be the same and such maximum number of Shares shall be adjusted accordingly; and

(D) for the purpose of this Resolution,

"Relevant Period" means the period from the passing of this Resolution until whichever is the earliest of:

- (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company; or
- (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the articles of association of the Company or any applicable laws of Hong Kong to be held; or
- (iii) the date on which the authority set out in this Resolution is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders in general meeting; and

"Rights Issue" means an offer of Shares or issue of options, warrants or other securities giving the right to subscribe for Shares, open for a period fixed by the Directors to the holders of Shares, or any class of Shares, whose name appear on the register of members of the Company (and, where appropriate, to holders of other securities of the Company entitled to the offer) on a fixed record date in proportion to their holdings of such Shares (or, where appropriate, such other securities) as at that date (subject to such exclusions or other arrangements as the Directors may deem necessary or expedient in relation to fractional entitlements or having regard to any restrictions or obligations under the laws of, or the requirements of any recognized regulatory body or any stock exchange in, any territory outside Hong Kong applicable to the Company)."

#### (2) "THAT:

(A) subject to paragraph (B) of this Resolution, the exercise by the directors of the Company during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to buy back shares of the Company ("Shares") on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("the Stock Exchange") or on any other stock exchange on which the Shares may be listed and recognised by the Securities and Futures Commission and the Stock Exchange for this purpose, subject to and in accordance with all applicable laws and the requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange or of any other stock exchange as amended from time to time, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;

- (B) the aggregate number of the Shares to be bought back by the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (A) of this Resolution shall not exceed 10 per cent. of the total number of issued Shares as at the date of passing this Resolution provided that if any subsequent consolidation or subdivision of Shares is effected, the maximum number of Shares that may be bought back pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above as a percentage of the total number of issued Shares immediately before and after such consolidation or subdivision shall be the same and such maximum number of Shares shall be adjusted accordingly; and
- (C) for the purposes of this Resolution,

"Relevant Period" means the period from the passing of this Resolution until whichever is the earliest of:

- (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company; or
- (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the articles of association of the Company or any applicable laws of Hong Kong to be held; or
- (iii) the date on which the authority set out in this Resolution is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting."
- (3) "THAT the general mandate granted to the directors of the Company to exercise the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with additional shares of the Company ("Shares") pursuant to the Ordinary Resolution No.(1) set out in item 5 in the notice convening this meeting be and is hereby extended by the addition thereto of an amount representing the aggregate number of Shares bought back by the Company under the authority granted pursuant to the Ordinary Resolution No.(2) set out in the notice convening this meeting, provided that such extended number shall not exceed 10 per cent. of the aggregate number of the issued Shares as at the date of passing the Ordinary Resolution No.(2) set out in item 5 in the notice convening this meeting."

By Order of the Board
China Everbright International Limited
POON Yuen Ling
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 31st March, 2017

#### **Registered Office:**

Room 2703, 27th Floor Far East Finance Centre 16 Harcourt Road Hong Kong

#### Notes:

- 1. Any member of the Company entitled to attend and vote at the meeting is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend and speak and, on a poll, to vote instead of him. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.
- 2. To be valid, a proxy form together with any power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed or a notarially certified copy thereof must be lodged with the Company's share registrar, Tricor Tengis Limited at Level 22, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting or any adjournment thereof.
- 3. Where there are joint holders of any share in the Company, any one of such joint holders may vote at the meeting, either in person or by proxy, in respect of such share as if he were solely entitled thereto, but if more than one of such joint holders be present at the meeting, the vote of the senior who tenders a vote, whether in person or by proxy, shall be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint holders and, for the purpose, seniority shall be determined by the order in which the names stand in the register of members of the Company in respect of the joint holding.
- 4. The register of members will be closed from Friday, 19th May, 2017 to Wednesday, 24th May, 2017, both days inclusive, on which no transfer of shares will be effected. In order to qualify for attendance of annual general meeting, all transfer forms accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's share registrar, Tricor Tengis Limited at Level 22, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong by no later than 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, 18th May, 2017.
- 5. The register of members will also be closed from Thursday, 1st June, 2017 to Monday, 5th June, 2017, both days inclusive, on which no transfer of shares will be effected. In order to qualify for the proposed final dividend, all transfer forms accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's share registrar, Tricor Tengis Limited at Level 22, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong by no later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, 31st May, 2017.
- 6. With regard to item 3 in this notice, the board of directors of the Company proposed that the retiring directors, namely Messrs. Cai Yunge, Wang Tianyi, Cai Shuguang, Tang Shuangning and Zhai Haitao be re-elected as directors of the Company. Details of these retiring directors proposed for re-election are set out in Appendix II of the circular to shareholders dated 31st March, 2017.