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### CHINA EVERBRIGHT ENVIRONMENT GROUP LIMITED

中國光大環境(集團)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 Environment Group Limited to be held at 38/F., Everbright Centre, 108 Gloucester Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong on Tuesday, 18 May 2021 at 3:00 p.m. or any adjournment thereof is set out on pages 16 to 20 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 54, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong as soon as possible and in any event not less 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 the Shareholders from attending and voting in person at the meeting should they so wish.

#### PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please refer to pages 1 and 2 of this circular for the measures to be implemented at the AGM by the Company to safeguard the health and safety of the attendees and to prevent the spreading of the Novel Coronavirus ("COVID-19") pandemic, including:

- (1) compulsory body temperature check
- (2) compulsory wearing of surgical face mask
- (3) limitation on the number of attendees at the AGM as permitted by law
- (4) no refreshments or drinks will be served

Attendees who do not comply with the precautionary measures (1) and (2) above may be denied entry into the AGM venue, at the absolute discretion of the Company to the extent permitted by law. The Company wishes to advise the Shareholders that they may appoint the Chairman of the AGM as their proxy to vote on the relevant resolutions at the AGM as an alternative to attend the AGM in person.

#### PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

In view of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and recent requirements for prevention and control of its spread (as per guidelines issued by the Hong Kong government at www.chp.gov.hk/en/features/102742.html and the directions under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Prohibition on Group Gathering) Regulation (Chapter 599G of the Laws of Hong Kong) and other applicable laws and regulations), the Company will implement necessary preventive measures at the AGM to protect attending Shareholders, Directors, proxies and other attendees from the risk of infection, including:

- (1) compulsory body temperature check will be conducted on every Shareholder, proxy and other attendees at the entrance of the AGM venue. Any person with a body temperature of over 37.2 degrees Celsius, or is exhibiting flu-like symptoms may be denied entry into the AGM venue or be required to leave the AGM venue;
- (2) attendees are required to wear surgical face masks inside the AGM venue at all times;
- (3) to maintain a safe distance between seats and as such, the Company may limit the number of attendees at the AGM as may be necessary to avoid over-crowding; and
- (4) no refreshments or drinks will be served.

Attendees who do not comply with the precautionary measures (1) and (2) above may be denied entry into the AGM venue, at the absolute discretion of the Company to the extent permitted by law, or be required to leave the AGM venue in order to ensure the safety of the attendees at the AGM.

As the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve, the Company will closely monitor the situation and may adopt other precautionary measures as appropriate, according to the latest regulations published by the Hong Kong government from time to time, for the AGM to minimize any risk to the Shareholders and other participants attending the AGM.

In the interest of all attendees' health and safety, the Company wishes to advise all Shareholders that physical attendance in person at the AGM is not necessary for the purpose of exercising voting rights. As an alternative, by using proxy forms with voting instructions duly completed, the Shareholders may appoint the Chairman of the AGM as their proxy to vote on the relevant resolutions at the AGM instead of attending the AGM in person.

The proxy form is attached to this circular, which can be downloaded from the Company's website (www.cebenvironment.com/en/ir/circulars.php). If you are not a registered Shareholder (if your Shares are held via banks, brokers, custodians or Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited), you should consult your banks or brokers or custodians (as the case may be) directly to assist you in the appointment of proxy.

#### PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

If the Shareholders have any questions relating to the business of the AGM that they would like to be addressed, the Company encourages the Shareholders to submit their questions in writing by email to ir@cebenvironment.com (please quote the Shareholder reference number which is the 6-digit number after "00257" as printed under the address on the envelope) from Friday, 7 May 2021 at 9:00 a.m. to Wednesday, 12 May 2021 at 6:00 p.m. The Company will endeavor to address the questions raised. However, due to time constraints, unanswered questions will be responded to after the AGM as appropriate.

If the Shareholders choosing not to attend the AGM in person have any questions about the relevant resolutions, or about the Company or any matters for communication with the Board, they are welcome to contact the Company via its investor relations department as follows:

#### **Investor Relations Department**

Email: ir@cebenvironment.com

Tel: +852 2804 1886 Fax: +852 2528 4228

If the Shareholders have any questions relating to the procedures of the AGM, please contact Tricor Tengis Limited, the Company's Share Registrar as follows:

#### **Tricor Tengis Limited**

Level 54, Hopewell Centre 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong Email: is-enquiries@hk.tricorglobal.com

Tel: +852 2980 1333 Fax: +852 2980 8185

#### **DEFINITIONS**

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

"AGM Notice" the notice dated 12 April 2021 convening the AGM as

set out on pages 16 to 20 of this circular

"Annual General Meeting" or

"AGM"

the annual general meeting of the Company to be held at 38/F., Everbright Centre, 108 Gloucester Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong on Tuesday, 18 May 2021 at

3:00 p.m.

"Articles of Association" the articles of association of the Company, as

amended 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 and unconditional 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.5(2) in the AGM Notice up to 10% of the total number of issued Shares as at the date of passing of the ordinary resolution

no.5(2)

"close associates" has the meaning ascribed to it in the Listing Rules

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

Hong Kong)

"Company" China Everbright Environment Group Limited 中國光大

環境(集團)有限公司, a company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability, the Shares of which are

listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange

"core connected persons" has the meaning ascribed to it in the Listing Rules

"Director(s)" the director(s) of the Company for the time being

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

"HK\$" Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong

Kong

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

People's Republic of China

#### **DEFINITIONS**

"Issue Mandate" the general and unconditional mandate proposed to

be granted to the Directors to exercise the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with new Shares during the period as set out in the ordinary resolution no.5(1) in AGM Notice up to 20% of the total number of issued Shares as at the date of passing of the

ordinary resolution no.5(1)

"Latest Practicable Date" 30 March 2021, 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

"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

"Takeovers Code" the Code on Takeovers and Mergers

"%" per cent.



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#### **Directors:**

Executive Directors:

WANG Tianyi (Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer)
WONG Kam Chung, Raymond (Chief Financial Officer)
HU Yanguo (Deputy General Manager)
QIAN Xiaodong (Deputy General Manager)

Independent non-executive Directors:

FAN Yan Hok, Philip MAR Selwyn ZHAI Haitao SUO Xuquan **Registered Office:** 

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

12 April 2021

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, inter alia, the proposed renewal of the Issue Mandate, the Buy-back Mandate, re-election of the retiring Directors and to seek your approval of the resolutions relating to these matters at the AGM to be held at 38/F., Everbright Centre, 108 Gloucester Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong on Tuesday, 18 May 2021 at 3:00 p.m., notice of which is set out on pages 16 to 20 of this circular.

#### 2. GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE NEW SHARES AND TO BUY BACK SHARES

At the annual general meeting of the Company held on 20 May 2020, general mandates were given to the Directors to allot, issue and deal with new Shares and to exercise the powers of the Company to buy back Shares in accordance with the Share Buy-back Rules. Such general mandates will lapse at the conclusion of the AGM. Therefore, it is proposed to seek your approval at the AGM to renew these general mandates to:

- (i) grant to the Directors the Issue Mandate to allot, issue and deal with new Shares up to 20% of the total number of issued Shares as at the date of passing of the ordinary resolution no.5(1) set out in the AGM Notice;
- (ii) grant to the Directors the 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 of the ordinary resolution no.5(2) set out in the AGM Notice; and
- (iii) extend the Issue Mandate by adding to it an amount representing the total number of Shares which are bought back or otherwise acquired by the Company pursuant to the Buy-back Mandate.

Such general mandates proposed to be granted to the Directors will continue in force 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 resolutions no.5(1) and no.5(2) in the AGM Notice is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders in general meeting.

Details of the Issue Mandate, the Buy-back Mandate and the extension of the Issue Mandate are respectively set out in the ordinary resolutions no.5(1), no.5(2) and no.5(3) in the AGM Notice. An explanatory statement, as required to be sent to the Shareholders under the Share Buy-back Rules and under the Companies Ordinance, to provide you with requisite information in respect of the Buy-back Mandate is set out in Appendix I hereto.

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

The Board currently consists of eight Directors, comprising (i) four executive Directors, namely Mr. Wang Tianyi, Mr. Wong Kam Chung, Raymond, Mr. Hu Yanguo and Mr. Qian Xiaodong; and (ii) four independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Fan Yan Hok, Philip, Mr. Mar Selwyn, Mr. Zhai Haitao and Mr. Suo Xuquan.

Pursuant to the article 77 of the Articles of Association, Mr. Hu Yanguo, Mr. Qian Xiaodong and Mr. 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.

Mr. Zhai Haitao was appointed and has served as independent non-executive Director for more than nine years since January 2011. Pursuant to code A.4.3 of the Corporate Governance Code set out in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules, (a) having served the Company for more than nine years could be relevant to the determination of an independent non-executive Director's independence; and (b) if an independent non-executive Director has served more than nine years, his further appointment should be subject to a separate resolution to be approved by the Shareholders.

The Company has received from Mr. Zhai an annual written confirmation of independence pursuant to rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules. Mr. Zhai has not engaged in any executive management of the Group. Mr. Zhai has extensive experience and knowledge in banking, capital market and corporate management. Throughout his directorship with the Company, Mr. Zhai has participated in the meetings of the Board and Board committees to give objective views and impartial advice as well as exercise independent judgment. He continues demonstrating a firm commitment to his role. Taking into consideration of his independent scope of works in the past years, the Directors consider Mr. Zhai to be independent under the Listing Rules despite the fact that he has served the Company for more than nine years. Accordingly, Mr. Zhai will be subject to retirement by rotation and re-election by way of a separate resolution to be approved by the Shareholders at the AGM.

The Nomination Committee had assessed and reviewed the annual written confirmation of independence from each of the independent non-executive Directors for the year ended 31 December 2020 based on the independence criteria as set out in rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules and confirmed that all of them remain independent.

The Nomination Committee had also considered and nominated the above retiring Directors to the Board for it to propose to the Shareholders for re-election at the AGM. Accordingly, with the recommendation of the Nomination Committee, the Board has proposed all the above retiring Directors, namely Mr. Hu Yanguo, Mr. Qian Xiaodong and Mr. Zhai Haitao, to stand for re-election as Directors at the AGM. As a good corporate governance practice, each of the above retiring Directors abstained from voting at the relevant Board meeting on the respective proposals of their recommendations for re-election by the Shareholders at the AGM.

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

#### 4. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Set out on pages 16 to 20 of this circular is the AGM Notice containing, inter alia, 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 and the re-election of the retiring Directors.

#### 5. VOTING BY WAY OF POLL

Pursuant to rule 13.39(4) of the Listing Rules, all votes of the Shareholders at a general meeting must be taken by poll except where the chairman of the meeting, 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 must announce the results of the poll in the manner prescribed under rule 13.39(5) of the Listing Rules.

#### 6. 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 54, 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 the Shareholders from attending and voting in person at the AGM if they so wish.

#### 7. RECOMMENDATION

The Board believes that the proposals 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 the Shareholders. Accordingly, the Board recommends that all the Shareholders should vote in favour of the relevant resolutions set out in the AGM Notice.

Yours faithfully,
For and on behalf of the Board of
China Everbright Environment Group Limited
Wang Tianyi

Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer

This appendix serves as an explanatory statement required to be sent to the Shareholders under the Share Buy-back Rules to provide them with the requisite information for their 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 was 6,142,975,292 Shares.

Subject to the passing of the ordinary resolution no.5(2) in the AGM Notice in respect of the Buy-back Mandate and on the basis of 6,142,975,292 Shares in issue and assuming no further Shares are issued or bought back between the Latest Practicable Date and the date of the AGM, the Company would be allowed under the Buy-back Mandate to buy back a maximum of 614,297,529 Shares during the period as set out in ordinary resolution no.5(2) in the AGM Notice representing not more than 10% of the total number of issued Shares 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 the 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 the Shareholders.

#### (C) FUNDING OF THE 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 consolidated financial statements contained in the 2020 annual report in the event that the power to buy back Shares pursuant to the 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 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 PRICES

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\$
2020		
March	5.330	3.700
April	4.590	4.180
May	4.750	3.950
June	4.430	3.980
July	4.900	4.100
August	5.140	4.610
September	4.800	4.320
October	4.760	3.870
November	4.560	3.900
December	4.510	4.150
2021		
January	5.000	4.350
February	4.820	4.420
March (up to and including the Latest		
Practicable Date)	5.500	4.380

#### (E) UNDERTAKING

The Directors have undertaken to the Stock Exchange that, so far as the same may be applicable, they will exercise the power of the Company to buy back Shares 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 have any present intention to sell any Shares to the Company under the Buy-back Mandate if such mandate is approved by the Shareholders.

No core connected persons of the Company 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) TAKEOVERS 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 Takeovers 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 general offer in accordance with rule 26 of the Takeovers Code.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Central Huijin Investment Ltd. ("Huijin") together with their close associates are beneficially interested in 2,642,112,137 Shares representing approximately 43.01% 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 47.79% 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 mandatory general offer by Huijin to the Shareholders under rule 26 of the Takeovers Code may arise. The Directors have no present intention to exercise the Buy-back Mandate to such an extent as would trigger the obligation under the Takeovers Code in the manner described above.

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) SHARE BUY-BACK MADE BY THE COMPANY

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

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

Mr. Hu Yanguo, aged 54, is the Executive Director and the Deputy General Manager of the Company, and the general manager of Everbright Environmental Protection (China) Limited\* (a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company). He is also the member of each of the Risk Management Committee and the Disclosure Committee of the Board, and a director of several subsidiaries of the Group. Mr. Hu was formerly the non-executive director of China Everbright Greentech Limited ("Everbright Greentech", the Company's subsidiary and the shares of which are listed on the Stock Exchange). Prior to joining the Group, Mr. Hu was the person-in-charge of the accounting department of the Guangzhou branch of China Everbright Bank Company Limited (the shares of which are listed on the Stock Exchange and Shanghai Stock Exchange ("SSE")). Mr. Hu obtained a bachelor's degree in mathematics and a master's degree in forestry economy and management from Northeast Forestry University in the People's Republic of China (the "PRC"). He is a certified public accountant in the PRC. Mr. Hu joined the Board in January 2018.

Mr. Hu was a director of Qinghai Xiancheng Industry Stock Co., Ltd.\* (now known as Qinghai Spring Medicinal Resources Technology Co., Ltd.\*) ("Xiancheng Industry") (the shares of which are listed on the SSE with stock code: 600381) from June 2001 to April 2006. During his tenure, Xiancheng Industry did not timely disclose its external guarantee, and therefore Xiancheng Industry did not comply with the Rules Governing the Listing of Stocks on SSE and breached the Securities Law of the PRC (the "Incidents"). Xiancheng Industry was publicly reprimanded by SSE and warned by China Securities Regulatory Commission ("CSRC") with a fine of RMB300,000. As advised by Mr. Hu, although the Incidents were caused by the untimely disclosure of the external guarantee by Xiancheng Industry, Mr. Hu was criticized by SSE and warned by CSRC with a fine of RMB30,000 since he was the then director of Xiancheng Industry. So far as the Company is aware, there is no evidence that the Incidents involved any act of dishonesty, fraudulence or issue of integrity of Mr. Hu which would affect his suitability as a director of a listed company; and the Incidents occurred more than 10 years ago. Mr. Hu has not received any further correspondences from the relevant regulatory authorities in connection with any further investigation by any judicial, regulatory or governmental authority in relation to the Incidents. Accordingly, the Board considers that Mr. Hu is competent and suitable to act as a director pursuant to rules 3.08 and 3.09 of the Listing Rules and he possesses the experience, skill and character to be the Executive Director.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Hu (i) does not hold and has not held any other directorships in the last three years in any other public companies, the securities of which are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas, and he does not have any other major appointments or professional qualifications; and (ii) does not hold any position in the Company or any of its subsidiaries and does not have any other relationship with any Directors, senior management, substantial Shareholders or controlling Shareholders of the Company.

<sup>\*</sup> For identification purpose only

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Hu has personal interest in 240,000 Shares. He is not entitled to any director's fee in his capacity as the executive Director. For the year ended 31 December 2020, Mr. Hu received an annual salary of HK\$2,311,920 for his employment as the Deputy General Manager of the Company and 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. Details of his remuneration are set out in note 9 to the financial statements in the 2020 annual report. In accordance with the appointment letter between the Company and Mr. Hu, he is not appointed for a specific term of service except that he is subject to the arrangements of retirement by rotation and re-election at annual general meetings of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association and the Listing Rules. There is no agreement in respect of the director's remuneration of Mr. Hu 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. Hu 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) of the Listing Rules.

Mr. Qian Xiaodong, aged 48, is the Executive Director and the Deputy General Manager of the Company. He is also the member of the Disclosure Committee of the Board and a director of several subsidiaries of the Group. Moreover, Mr. Qian is an executive director and the chief executive officer of Everbright Greentech (the Company's subsidiary and the shares of which are listed on the Stock Exchange). He had been the general manager of the investment development department of the Company and the general manager of Everbright Environmental Protection Venture Capital (Shenzhen) Ltd, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. He obtained a bachelor's degree in thermal engineering from Dalian University of Technology in the PRC and a master's degree in environment engineering from the Southeast University in the PRC. Mr. Qian joined the Board in January 2018.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Qian (i) does not hold and has not held any other directorships in the last three years in any other public companies, the securities of which are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas, and he does not have any other major appointments or professional qualifications; and (ii) does not hold any position in the Company or any of its subsidiaries and does not have any other relationship with any Directors, senior management, substantial Shareholders or controlling Shareholders of the Company.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Qian does not have any interest in the Shares or underlying Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO. He is not entitled to any director's fee in his capacity as the executive Director. For the year ended 31 December 2020, Mr. Qian received an annual salary of HK\$1,950,000 for his employment as the chief executive officer of Everbright Greentech and he is also entitled to a year-end discretionary bonus from Everbright Greentech as determined by the remuneration committee of Everbright Greentech at its absolute discretion having regard to the performance of Everbright Greentech and the market situation. Details of his remuneration are set out in note 9 to the financial statements in the 2020 annual report. In accordance with the appointment letter between the Company and Mr. Qian, he is not appointed for a specific term of service except that he is subject to the arrangements of retirement by rotation and re-election at annual general meetings of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association and the Listing Rules. There is no agreement in respect of the director's remuneration of Mr. Qian 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. Qian 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) of the Listing Rules.

Mr. Zhai Haitao, aged 52, is the Independent Non-executive Director of the Company, the chairman of the Remuneration Committee of the Board, and the member of each of the Audit Committee and the Nomination Committee of the Board. He is also an independent non-executive director of China Everbright Water Limited (the Company's subsidiary and the shares of which are listed on the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited and the Stock Exchange). Mr. Zhai is the president and partner of Primavera Capital Group. He is a director and the chairman of the audit committee of the board of China Asset Management Co., Ltd. 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, Mr. Zhai (i) does not hold and has not held any other directorships in the last three years in any other public companies, the securities of which are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas, and he does not have any other major appointments or professional qualifications; and (ii) does not hold any position in the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

Mr. Zhai has given his annual written confirmation of independence to the Company and the Nomination Committee had assessed and reviewed it based on the independence criteria as set out in rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules. He does not have any other relationship with any Directors, senior management, substantial Shareholders or controlling Shareholders of the Company, and has not engaged in any executive management of the Group. The Board is also not aware of any circumstance that might influence Mr. Zhai in exercising independent judgment, and is satisfied that he has the required character, integrity, independence, experience and professional knowledge to fulfill the role of an Independent Non-executive Director and he will be able to maintain an independent view of the Group's affairs. The Board considers him to be independent.

The Board is of the view that Mr. Zhai is beneficial to the Board with diversity of his comprehensive experience and knowledge in banking, capital market and corporate management that contribute to invaluable expertise, continuity and stability to the Board, and the Company has benefited greatly from his contribution and valuable insights derived from his in-depth knowledge of the Company. The Board believes that he will continue to contribute effectively to the Board.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Zhai does not have any interest in the Shares or underlying Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO. In accordance with the appointment letter between the Company and Mr. Zhai, he was appointed for a term of two years until 31 December 2021 that subject to the arrangements of retirement by rotation and re-election at annual general meetings of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association and the Listing Rules. For the year ended 31 December 2020, Mr. Zhai received a director's fee of HK\$470,000. Details of his remuneration are set out in note 9 to the financial statements in the 2020 annual report. His director's fee is subject to the approval of the Board by reference to the prevailing market conditions and subject to the Shareholders' approval at AGM.

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) of the Listing Rules.

In the opinion of the Directors, save for 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.



### CHINA EVERBRIGHT ENVIRONMENT GROUP LIMITED

## 中國光大環境(集團)有限公司

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 257)

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Annual General Meeting of China Everbright Environment Group Limited (the "Company") will be held at 38/F., Everbright Centre, 108 Gloucester Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong on Tuesday, 18 May 2021 at 3:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

- 1. To receive and consider the audited consolidated financial statements and the report of the directors and independent auditor's report for the year ended 31 December 2020.
- 2. To declare a final dividend of HK16.0 cents per share for the year ended 31 December 2020.
- 3. (1) To re-elect Mr. Hu Yanguo as an executive director of the Company.
  - (2) To re-elect Mr. Qian Xiaodong as an executive director of the Company.
  - (3) To re-elect Mr. Zhai Haitao (who has served as an independent non-executive director of the Company for more than 9 years) as an independent non-executive director of the Company.
  - (4) To authorize the board of directors (the "**Directors**") of the Company (the "**Board**") to fix the remuneration of the Directors for the year ending 31 December 2021.
- 4. To re-appoint Ernst & Young as the auditor of the Company and to authorize the Board to fix its remuneration.
- 5. As special businesses, to consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolutions as Ordinary Resolutions:

#### **ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS**

#### (1) "**THAT**:

(A) subject to paragraph (C) of this Resolution, the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with new 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 of 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 of the Company 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 names 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 during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to buy back 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 recognized 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 of 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 to exercise the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with new Shares pursuant to the Ordinary Resolution no.5(1) 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.5(2) 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 of the Ordinary Resolution no.5(2) in the notice convening this meeting."

By Order of the Board

China Everbright Environment Group Limited

POON Yuen Ling

Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 12 April 2021

#### **Registered Office:**

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

#### Notes:

- 1. Any shareholder of the Company (the "Shareholder") 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 the Shareholder.
- 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 ("Tricor") at Level 54, 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/she 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 of the Company will be closed from Thursday, 13 May 2021 to Tuesday, 18 May 2021, both days inclusive, on which no transfer of shares will be registered. In order to qualify for attending and voting at the annual general meeting, all transfer documents must be lodged with Tricor at the above address by no later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, 12 May 2021.
- 5. The register of members of the Company will also be closed from Wednesday, 26 May 2021 to Friday, 28 May 2021, both days inclusive, on which no transfer of shares will be registered. In order to qualify for the proposed final dividend, all transfer documents must be lodged with Tricor at the above address by no later than 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 25 May 2021.
- 6. With regard to the Resolution no.3 in this notice, the Board proposed that the retiring Directors, namely Mr. Hu Yanguo, Mr. Qian Xiaodong and Mr. Zhai Haitao be re-elected as Directors. Biographical details of these retiring Directors are set out in Appendix II to the circular dated 12 April 2021 to be despatched to the Shareholders.
- 7. If the Shareholders have any questions relating to the business of the meeting that they would like to be addressed, the Company encourages the Shareholders to submit their questions in writing by email to ir@cebenvironment.com (please quote the Shareholder reference number which is the 6-digit number after "00257" as printed under the address on the envelope) from Friday, 7 May 2021 at 9:00 a.m. to Wednesday, 12 May 2021 at 6:00 p.m. The Company will endeavor to address the questions raised. However, due to time constraints, unanswered questions will be responded to after the meeting as appropriate.
- 8. In case the meeting is anticipated to be affected by black rainstorms or tropical cyclone with warning signal no.8 or above, please refer to the websites of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (www.hkexnews.hk) and the Company (www.cebenvironment.com/en/global/home.php) for announcement on bad weather arrangement for the meeting.