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# 中達集團控股有限公司

**CENTRAL WEALTH GROUP HOLDINGS LIMITED** 

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 139)

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NOTICE OF THE 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A notice convening an annual general meeting of Central Wealth Group Holdings Limited to be held at Falcon Room I, Basement, Gloucester Luk Kwok Hong Kong, 72 Gloucester Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong on Thursday, 8 June 2023 at 9:30 a.m. is set out on pages 111 to 117 of this circular. A form of proxy for use at the 2023 annual general meeting is enclosed with this circular, which is also published on the websites of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (www.hkexnews.hk) and the Company (www.cwghl.com).

Whether or not you are able to attend the 2023 AGM, please complete and sign the accompanying form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return it to the Branch Share Registrar of the Company in Hong Kong, Tricor Tengis Limited, at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong as soon as possible but in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the 2023 AGM (i.e. not later than 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, 6 June 2023) or any adjournment thereof. Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude the shareholders from attending and voting in person at the 2023 AGM or any adjourned meeting thereof if they so wish.

References to time and dates in this circular refer to Hong Kong time and dates.

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# RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

This circular, for which the directors of the Company collectively and individually accept full responsibility, includes particulars given in compliance with the Listing Rules for the purpose of giving information with regard to the Company. The Directors, having made all reasonable enquiries, confirm that to the best of their knowledge and belief the information contained in this circular is accurate and complete in all material respects and not misleading or deceptive, and there are no other matters the omission of which would make any statement herein or this circular misleading.

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

"2023 AGM"	an annual general meeting of the Company to be held at Falcon Room I, Basement, Gloucester Luk Kwok Hong Kong, 72 Gloucester Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong on Thursday, 8 June 2023 at 9:30 a.m. to consider and, if appropriate, to approve the resolutions contained in the notice of the meeting which is set out on pages 111 to 117 of this circular, or any adjournment thereof;
"Adoption Date"	the date on which the New Share Option Scheme is conditionally adopted by the Shareholders passing the relevant resolution at the general meeting;
"associate(s)"	has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules;
"Board"	the board of Directors;
"Business Day(s)"	a day on which the Stock Exchange is open for the business of dealing in securities;
"Buyback Mandate"	as defined in paragraph 2(a) of the Letter from the Board;
"Bye-laws"	the bye-laws of the Company as may be amended from time to time;
"close associate(s)"	has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules;
"Company"	Central Wealth Group Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability, the issued shares of which are listed on the main board of the Stock Exchange;
"connected person"	has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules;
"controlling Shareholder"	has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules;
"core connected person"	has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules;
"Director(s)"	the director(s) of the Company;

"Employee Participant(s)" director(s) and employee(s) (whether full-time or parttime) of any member of the Group (including persons who are granted Options under the New Share Option Scheme as inducement to enter into employment contracts with the Group); "Existing Bye-laws" the bye-laws of the Company approved by a written resolution passed on 22 February 1994 and embodied all amendments passed by special resolutions up to 28 August 2006 and modified from time to time: "Existing Share Option Scheme" the existing share option scheme adopted by the Company on 27 September 2013; "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; "Issuance Mandate" as defined in paragraph 2(b) of the Letter from the Board; "Latest Practicable Date" 20 April 2023, being the latest practicable date prior to the printing of this circular for ascertaining certain information in this circular; "Listing Rules" the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange; "Memorandum of Association" memorandum of association of the Company, as amended from time to time: "New Bye-laws" the amended and restated bye-laws of the Company set out in Appendix IV to this circular proposed to be approved and adopted by the Shareholders at the 2023 AGM; "New Share Option Scheme" the new share option scheme of the Company proposed to be adopted by the Company subject to, among other things, the approval of the Shareholders at the 2023 AGM, a summary of the principal terms of which is set out in Appendix III to this circular;

"Option(s)" the option(s) to subscribe for Share(s) which may be

granted under the New Share Option Scheme;

"Participant(s)" the Employee Participants, Related Entity Participants and

Service Providers who the Board considers, in its sole discretion, have contributed or will contribute to the

Group;

"PRC" The People's Republic of China;

"Related Entity(ies)" any holding company, fellow subsidiary or associated

company of the Company;

"Related Entity Participant(s)" director(s) and employee(s) (whether full-time or part-

time) of any Related Entity;

"Scheme Mandate Limit" the maximum number of Shares which may be issued upon

the exercise of all Options to be granted under the New Share Option Scheme together with all options and awards which may be granted under any other share schemes of the Company in aggregate, not exceeding 10% of the

aggregate of Shares in issue on the Adoption Date;

"Service Provider(s)" person(s) or entity(ies) that provide services to any

their respective ordinary and usual course of business which are in the interests of the long-term growth of the Group. Service Providers includes any (a) suppliers of services to any member of the Group; and (b) advisors

member of the Group on a continuing or recurring basis in

(professional or otherwise) or consultants to any area of business or business development of the Group, but excludes placing agents or financial advisers providing

advisory services for fundraising, mergers or acquisitions, and other professional service providers such as auditors or valuers who provide assurance, or are required to

perform their services with impartiality and objectivity;

"Service Provider Sublimit" within the Scheme Mandate Limit, the maximum number of Shares which may be issued to the Service Providers upon the exercise of all Options to be granted under the New Share Option Scheme together with all options and awards which may be granted under any other share schemes of the Company in aggregate, not exceeding 1% of the aggregate of Shares in issue on the Adoption Date; "SFO" the Securities and Futures Ordinance, Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong; "Share(s)" ordinary share(s) of HK\$0.01 each in the capital of the Company or if there has been a subsequent sub-division, consolidation, reclassification or reconstruction of the share capital of the Company, shares forming part of the ordinary equity share capital of the Company; "Shareholder(s)" holder(s) of Share(s); "Stock Exchange" The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited; "Subsidiary(ies)" has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules; "substantial shareholder(s)" has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules; "Supplementary Guidance" the supplementary guidance attached to the letter from the Stock Exchange dated 5 September 2005 and any guidance and interpretation issued from time to time by the Stock Exchange relating to share option schemes; "Takeovers Code" The Code on Takeovers and Mergers issued by the Securities and Futures Commission in Hong Kong as amended from time to time; "%" per cent.



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28 April 2023

To the Shareholders

Dear Sir/Madam.

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this circular is to provide the Shareholders with information in respect of certain resolutions to be proposed at the 2023 AGM for (i) the granting of the Buyback Mandate to the Directors; (ii) the granting of the Issuance Mandate to the Directors; (iii) the extension of

the Issuance Mandate by adding the number of Shares repurchased by the Company under the Buyback Mandate; (iv) the adoption of the New Share Option Scheme and termination of the Existing Share Option Scheme; (v) the adoption of New Bye-laws and (vi) the re-election of the retiring Directors.

#### 2. PROPOSED GRANTING OF THE BUYBACK AND ISSUANCE MANDATES

At the annual general meeting of the Company held on 2 June 2022, general mandates were granted to the Directors to exercise the powers of the Company to repurchase Shares and to issue new Shares respectively. Such mandates, to the extent not utilized by the date of the 2023 AGM, will lapse at the conclusion of the 2023 AGM.

In order to give the Company the flexibility to repurchase Shares and issue new Shares if and where appropriate, the following ordinary resolutions will be proposed at the 2023 AGM to approve the granting of new general mandates to the Directors:

- (a) to repurchase Shares on the Stock Exchange or on any other stock exchange recognized by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong and the Stock Exchange, of not exceeding 10% of the total number of issued Shares as at the date of passing of such resolution (i.e. a total of 1,629,385,046 Shares on the basis that the issued share capital of the Company of 16,293,850,461 Shares remains unchanged from the Latest Practicable Date to the date of the 2023 AGM) (the "Buyback Mandate");
- (b) to allot, issue or deal with Shares of not exceeding 20% of the total number of issued Shares as at the date of passing of such resolution (i.e. a total of 3,258,770,092 Shares on the basis that the issued share capital of the Company of 16,293,850,461 Shares remains unchanged from the Latest Practicable Date to the date of the 2023 AGM) (the "Issuance Mandate"); and
- (c) to extend the Issuance Mandate by adding the number of Shares repurchased by the Company pursuant to and in accordance with the Buyback Mandate.

The Buyback Mandate and the Issuance Mandate will continue in force until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company held after the 2023 AGM or any earlier date as referred to in the proposed ordinary resolutions contained in items 9 and 10 of the notice of the 2023 AGM set out on pages 111 to 117 of this circular.

In accordance with the requirements of the Listing Rules, the Company is required to send to the Shareholders an explanatory statement containing all the requisite information reasonably necessary for them to make an informed decision on whether to vote for or against the granting of the Buyback Mandate. The explanatory statement as required by the Listing Rules in connection with the Buyback Mandate is set out in Appendix I to this circular.

# 3. PROPOSED ADOPTION OF THE NEW SHARE OPTION SCHEME AND TERMINATION OF THE EXISTING SHARE OPTION SCHEME

### The Existing Share Option Scheme

The Existing Share Option Scheme was adopted by the Company on 27 September 2013 and shall expire on 26 September 2023. The purpose of which is to enable the Company to grant options to eligible participants as incentives and/or rewards for their contribution to the Group. Apart from the Existing Share Option Scheme, the Company has no other share option or awards scheme currently in force.

At the annual general meeting of the Company held on 2 June 2022, the scheme mandate limit of the Existing Share Option Scheme was refreshed and approved by the then Shareholders such that the total number of Shares which may fall to be issued upon exercise of all share options to be granted under the Existing Share Option Scheme and any other share option scheme(s) as may from time to time be adopted by the Company must not exceed 1,596,965,046 Shares. Under the refreshed scheme mandate limit of the Existing Share Option Scheme, 1,596,960,000 share options were granted, of which 155,560,000 share options were subsequently cancelled.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the Company had 2,554,090,000 outstanding share options granted under the Existing Share Option Scheme which shall continue to be valid and exercisable during the prescribed exercisable period in accordance with the Existing Share Option Scheme. It is proposed that the Existing Share Option Scheme shall be terminated (save with respect to any outstanding, issued and unexercised options thereof) with effect from the adoption of the New Share Option Scheme.

#### Proposed adoption of the New Share Option Scheme

In view of the limited number of unutilised share options available under the refreshed scheme mandate limit of the Existing Share Option Scheme and the amendments to Chapter 17 of the Listing Rules which took effect on 1 January 2023, the Board considered that, by terminating the Existing Share Option Scheme and adopting the New Share Option Scheme, which will be valid for 10 years from the Adoption Date, the Company will be given more flexibility for any further grant of share options to eligible participants in the long run.

The purpose of the New Share Option Scheme is to (a) allow the Company to grant Options to the Participants as rewards or incentives for their future contributions to the Group; (b) enable the Group to attract and retain the Participants whose contributions are or will be beneficial to the long-term growth of the Group; and (c) motivate the Participants to optimise their performance and efficiency for the benefit of the Group.

The proposed New Share Option Scheme is subject to:

- (a) the passing of an ordinary resolution by the Shareholders at the general meeting of the Company to approve and adopt the New Share Option Scheme, to authorise the Board to grant Options under the New Share Option Scheme and to allot and issue Shares pursuant to the exercise of any Options; and
- (b) the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange granting the approval of the listing of, and permission to deal in, the Shares which may be issued pursuant to the exercise of any Options that may be granted under the New Share Option Scheme.

A summary of the principal terms of the New Share Option Scheme is set out in Appendix III to this circular.

#### Participants of the New Share Option Scheme

Under the terms of the New Share Option Scheme, Participants include Employee Participants, Related Entity Participants and Service Providers. For details regarding the basis of determining the eligibility of each category of Participants, please refer to paragraph 5 of Appendix III to this circular.

In determining whether the New Share Option Scheme shall, apart from having Employee Participants as its target Participants, be extended to cover Related Entity Participants and Service Providers, the Board (including the independent non-executive Directors) considered that such non-employee Participants may also play a crucial role in the development and continued success of the Group's business and operations, who have contributed or may contribute to the Group in the future. In particular, having taken into account the fact that:

(a) for Related Entity Participants: (i) there has always been a close and collaborative relationship between the Group and the Related Entities. Certain Related Entity Participants may, due to their directorship or management role in the Related Entities, be able to exert influence in the process of the abovementioned activities of such Related Entities, and thereby contribute to the financial performance and development of the Group; (ii) the Related Entity Participants, though not served as full-time or part-time employees of the Group, may provide services akin to employees of the Group when they participate in the abovementioned activities; and (iii) knowing that their contribution may be recognised through the New Share Option Scheme, the Related Entity Participants may be incentivised to explore more business opportunities or provide improved services which will ultimately be beneficial to the development and growth of the Group;

(b) for Service Providers: (i) services provided by the proposed categories of Service Providers under the New Share Option Scheme are in line with the Group's business needs; (ii) certain Service Providers, in particular, the suppliers and advisors (professional or otherwise) or consultants, which provide services akin to employees of the Group, may not be able to serve as full-time or part-time employees of the Group; (iii) knowing that their contribution may be recognised through the New Share Option Scheme, the Service Providers may be incentivised to improve their service quality and further contribute to the Group; and (iv) the invaluable contributions from Service Providers are essential to the sustainable and successful development and growth of the Group,

the Board (including the independent non-executive Directors) is of the view that (a) the inclusion of Related Entity Participants and Service Providers as non-employee Participants is in line with the Company's business needs and the industry norm of providing equity based payment to stakeholders so as to align interests and incentivise performance and contribution, it is desirable and necessary to sustain and foster such business relationships on a long-term basis; and (b) criteria for selection of Related Entity Participants and Service Providers as set out in paragraph 2 of Appendix III to this circular are in place and discretion has been afforded to the Board to impose different terms and conditions (including performance targets) on Options granted to such selected non-employee Participants, such inclusion of Related Entity Participants and Service Providers is therefore in the long-term interest of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole, and aligns with the purpose of the New Share Option Scheme.

#### Maximum number of Shares issuable

The maximum number of Shares which may be issued upon the exercise of all Options to be granted under the New Share Option Scheme together with all options and awards which may be granted under any other share schemes of the Company shall not, in the absence of Shareholders' approval, in aggregate exceed 10% of the aggregate of Shares in issue on the Adoption Date (the "Scheme Mandate Limit"). Options lapsed in accordance with the terms of the New Share Option Scheme will not be regarded as utilised for the purpose of calculating the Scheme Mandate Limit and the Service Provider Sublimit (as defined below).

Within the Scheme Mandate Limit, the maximum number of Shares which may be issued to Service Providers upon the exercise of all Options to be granted under the New Share Option Scheme together with all options and awards which may be granted under any other share schemes of the Company shall not, in the absence of Shareholders' approval, in aggregate exceed 1% of the aggregate of Shares in issue on the Adoption Date (the "Service Provider Sublimit").

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the total number of Shares in issue was 16,293,850,461, all of which are listed and traded on the Stock Exchange. Assuming that there is no change in the total number of Shares in issue between the Latest Practicable Date and the Adoption Date, the maximum number of Shares issuable pursuant to the Scheme Mandate Limit will be 1,629,385,046 Shares and the maximum number of Shares issuable pursuant to the Service Provider Sublimit will be 162,938,504 Shares.

The basis for determining the Service Provider Sublimit includes (a) the potential dilution effect arising from the grant of Options to Service Providers; (b) the importance of striking a balance between achieving the purpose of the New Share Option Scheme and protecting Shareholders from the said potential dilution effect; (c) the actual or expected increase in the Group's revenue or profits attributable to the Service Providers; and (d) the extent of engagement of or collaboration with such Service Providers in the Group's business.

Considering the fact that (a) the Service Provider Sublimit of 1% would not lead to excessive dilution of existing Shareholders' shareholdings; (b) there is no other share schemes involving grant of options over new Shares of the Company; (c) due to the hiring practice and organisational structures of the Group, certain Service Providers, which provide services akin to employees of the Group, may not be able to serve as full-time or part-time employees of the Group; and (d) the Service Providers have contributed to the long-term growth of the Company's business, and that the New Share Option Scheme could incentivise Service Providers who/which supply reliable and high-quality services to the Group on a long-term basis, the Board is of the view that the Service Provider Sublimit is appropriate and reasonable. The Service Provider Sublimit is subject to separate approval by the Shareholders at the 2023 AGM.

### Exercise price

The exercise price of the Options granted under the New Share Option Scheme shall be a price determined by the Board in its absolute discretion subject to a minimum amount set out in the rules of the New Share Option Scheme. The Board considers that the aforesaid criteria and the terms of the New Share Option Scheme will serve to preserve the value of the Company and encourage Option holders to acquire proprietary interests in the Company.

### **Grant of Options**

Under the New Share Option Scheme, the Board may at its discretion specify any condition in the offer letter of the grant of the relevant Option which must be satisfied before an Option may be exercised. Save as determined by the Board and provided in the offer letter of the grant of the relevant Option, the New Share Option Scheme does not stipulate any performance target an Option holder is required to achieve before an Option can be exercised under the terms of the New Share Option Scheme. Meanwhile, all Options granted shall (to the extent not already exercised) automatically lapse or be terminated, or be deemed not to have so exercised, under certain circumstances specified in the New Share Option Scheme, including but not limited to the commitment of serious misconduct and a material misstatement in the Company's financial statements. For details, please refer to the paragraphs headed "8. Rights on termination of employment or directorship", "9. Rights on death", "10. Rights on entity ceasing to be a Related Entity" and "11. Rights on breach of contract and others" in Appendix III to this circular.

The Board believes that aforesaid will provide the Board with more flexibility in setting out the terms and conditions of the Options under particular circumstances of each grant and facilitate the Board to offer meaningful incentive to attract and retain quality personnel that are valuable to the development of the Group.

### Vesting period

The vesting period of Options granted under the New Share Option Scheme shall be determined by the Board subject to a minimum period set out in the rules of the New Share Option Scheme. Save for the circumstances prescribed in paragraph 6(c) of Appendix III to this circular, the vesting period for Options under the New Share Option Scheme shall not be less than 12 months.

To ensure the practicability in fully attaining the purpose of the New Share Option Scheme, the Board is of the view that (a) there are certain instances where a strict 12-month vesting requirement would not work or would not be fair to the Option holders, such as those set out in paragraphs 6(c)(i) to 6(c)(ii) of Appendix III to this circular; (b) there is a need for the Company to retain flexibility to reward exceptional performers with accelerated vesting or in exceptional circumstances where justified; and (c) the Company should be allowed discretions to formulate its own talent recruitment and retention strategies in response to changing market conditions and industry competition, and thus should have flexibility to impose vesting conditions such as performance-based vesting conditions instead of time-based vesting criteria depending on individual circumstances. As such, the Board is of the view that the shorter vesting period prescribed in paragraph 6(b) of Appendix III to this circular is appropriate and aligns with the purpose of the New Share Option Scheme.

It is believed that subject to the Listing Rules and the rules of the New Share Option Scheme, by giving the Board the sole discretion to offer Options in such flexible terms, in particular, determining the eligibility of the Participants, determining the exercise price, requiring the Participant to achieve any performance targets as may be stipulated in the offer letter at the grant of the relevant Option before his/her Options can be exercised, and prescribing a vesting period before the Options can be exercised, the Group will be in a better position to attract and retain such Participants to continue serving the Group while at the same time providing them with further incentive in achieving the goals of the Group, and thereby, to achieve the purpose of the New Share Option Scheme.

Based on the above, the Board considers that the adoption of the New Share Option Scheme is in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole, and would enable the purpose of the New Share Option Scheme to be achieved.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, to the best knowledge of the Directors and having made all reasonable enquiries, no Shareholder has any material interest in the proposed adoption of the New Share Option Scheme. As such, no Shareholder is required to abstain from voting on the resolution in relation thereto.

### Trustee of the New Share Option Scheme

The terms of the New Share Option Scheme do not require the Company to appoint any trustee for the purpose of administering the New Share Option Scheme, and as at the Latest Practicable Date, the Company did not intend to appoint a trustee to the New Share Option Scheme. None of the Directors is and will be a trustee of the New Share Option Scheme nor has a direct or indirect interest in the trustees of the New Share Option Scheme.

#### **Document on display**

A copy of the New Share Option Scheme will be published on the websites of the Stock Exchange at www.hkexnews.hk and the Company at www.cwghl.com for a period of not less than 14 days before the date of 2023 AGM and is also made available for inspection at the 2023 AGM.

#### 4. PROPOSED ADOPTION OF NEW BYE-LAWS

The Board proposes to adopt the New Bye-laws in substitution for and to the exclusion of the Existing Bye-laws to (a) bring the Existing Bye-laws in line with the relevant requirements of the Listing Rules (including the core shareholder protection standards set out in Appendix 3 to the Listing Rules) and the applicable laws of Bermuda; (b) provide the Company the flexibility to hold hybrid and electronic meetings of the Shareholders; and (c) introduce corresponding and other house-keeping amendments ancillary thereto.

The major proposed amendments to the Existing Bye-laws which are proposed to be incorporated into the New Bye-laws are summarised as follows:

- to allow general meetings (including adjourned meetings or postponed meetings) to be held as physical meetings in any part of the world and at one or more locations, or as hybrid meetings or electronic meetings, as may be determined by the Board in its absolute discretion;
- 2. to insert the definitions of "announcement", "close associate", "electronic communication", "electronic meeting", "hybrid meeting", "Listing Rules", "Meeting Location", "physical meeting", "Principal Meeting Place" and "substantial shareholder", "extraordinary resolution", and make corresponding changes to the relevant provisions in the New Bye-laws;
- 3. to provide the inspection hours and closure procedure regarding the principal register and branch register of members;
- 4. to provide that an annual general meeting of the Company be held for each financial year and within six months after the end of the Company's financial year;
- 5. to allow the Board to change or postpone a general meeting to another date, time and place and change the form of such meeting in its absolute discretion. The postponement of a general meeting may occur automatically where a number 8 or higher typhoon signal, black rainstorm warning or other similar event is in force;
- 6. to provide that the notice period for an annual general meeting and all other general meetings of the Company including a special general meeting shall be at least 21 clear days and 14 clear days respectively;
- 7. to allow, for quorum purposes only, two persons appointed by the clearing house as authorised representative or proxy to form a quorum in a general meeting of the Company;
- 8. to allow Shareholder(s) the right to speak and vote at general meetings of the Company held in any form except where a Shareholder is required, by the Listing Rules, to abstain from voting to approve the matter under consideration;
- 9. to specify that a resolution put to the vote at general meetings of the Company shall be decided by poll except where the chairman of the meeting in good faith, decides to allow a resolution which related purely to a procedural or administrative matter to be voted on by a show of hands;

- 10. to amend the definition of "associates" to "close associates" with respect to resolutions of the Board approving contracts or arrangements under which a Director has a material interest and to update the language regarding particular contracts or arrangements in which a Director has a material interest;
- 11. to provide the Board with the power to allow the Company to be discontinued in Bermuda and continued in a named country or jurisdiction outside Bermuda;
- 12. to provide that the Directors shall have the power to appoint any person as a Director either to fill a casual vacancy on the Board or, subject to authorisation by the Shareholders in general meeting, as an addition to the existing Board and that any Director so appointed shall hold office until the first annual general meeting of the Company after his appointment and shall then be eligible for re-election;
- 13. to provide the Board with the power to capitalise reserves of the Company to pay up unissued shares to be allotted to employees pursuant to share incentive scheme or employee benefit scheme that has been adopted or approved by the Shareholders;
- 14. to require an extraordinary resolution (i.e. passed by a majority of not less than two-thirds of votes cast by Shareholders (66.67%) who are entitled to vote), rather than special resolution (i.e. passed by a majority of not less than three-fourths of votes cast by Shareholders (75%) who are entitled to vote), to remove the auditor of the Company before expiration of its term of office and by ordinary resolution to appoint another auditor;
- 15. to provide that the auditor appointed by the Directors to fill any casual vacancy in the office of auditor shall hold office until the next following annual general meeting of the Company and shall then be subject to appointment by the Shareholders at such remuneration to be determined by the Shareholders in accordance with the New Byelaws;
- 16. to provide that the Board shall have power to present a petition to the court in the name and on behalf of the Company for the Company to be wound up, which shall be approved by a special resolution passed in a general meeting; and
- 17. to make other amendments, to update or clarify provisions where the Board considers appropriate and to better align the wording with the Listing Rules and the applicable laws of Bermuda.

The proposed adoption of the New Bye-laws is subject to the approval of the Shareholders by way of a special resolution at the 2023 AGM and shall take immediate effect upon the close of the 2023 AGM at which the relevant special resolution has been passed.

A copy of the complete set of the New Bye-laws is set out in Appendix IV to this circular. The New Bye-laws are written in English. There is no official Chinese translation in respect thereof. Therefore, the Chinese version of the New Bye-laws is purely a translation and for reference only. Should there be any discrepancy, the English version shall prevail.

The legal advisers to the Company as to Hong Kong laws and Bermuda laws have respectively confirmed that the proposed amendments to the Existing Bye-laws comply with the Listing Rules to the extent applicable and do not violate the applicable laws of Bermuda. The Company confirms that there is nothing unusual about the New Bye-laws for a company listed on the Stock Exchange.

#### 5. PROPOSED RE-ELECTION OF THE RETIRING DIRECTORS

Pursuant to the provisions of the Bye-laws, Mr Chen Xiaodong, Ms Chen Jingxian, Mr Wu Ming and Ms Li Meifeng shall retire at the 2023 AGM and, being eligible, will offer themselves for re-election at the 2023 AGM.

The Nomination Committee of the Company has reviewed the structure and composition of the Board, the confirmations and disclosures given by the Directors, the qualifications, skills and experience, time commitment and contribution of the retiring Directors with reference to the nomination principles and criteria set out in the Company's Board Diversity Policy and Director Nomination Policy and the Company's corporate strategy and the independence of the independent non-executive Directors.

Mr Wu Ming and Ms Li Meifeng, the retiring independent non-executive Directors, have confirmed their independence with reference to the factors set out in Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules. They also demonstrate the ability to provide an independent, balanced and objective view to the Company's matters. The Nomination Committee and the Board thus considered that the retiring independent non-executive Directors are independent in accordance with the independence guidelines set out in the Listing Rules.

Besides, the Nomination Committee and the Board believed that Mr Chen Xiaodong, Ms Chen Jingxian, Mr Wu Ming and Ms Li Meifeng will continue to make contribution to the Board and are satisfied with all the retiring Directors' contribution to the Company, which will continue to bring valuable business experience, knowledge and professionalism to the Board for its efficient and effective functioning and diversity. The Nomination Committee and the Board therefore recommended the re-election of all the retiring Directors, including the aforesaid independent non-executive Directors, who are due to retire at the 2023 AGM.

Pursuant to Rule 13.74 of the Listing Rules, a listed issuer shall disclose the details required under Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules of any director(s) proposed to be re-elected or proposed new director in the notice or accompanying circular to its shareholders of the relevant general meeting, if such re-election or appointment is subject to shareholders' approval at that relevant general meeting. The requisite details of the above Directors proposed to be re-elected at the 2023 AGM are set out in Appendix II to this circular.

#### 6. 2023 AGM AND PROXY ARRANGEMENT

The notice of the 2023 AGM is set out on pages 111 to 117 of this circular. At the 2023 AGM, resolutions will be proposed to approve, *inter alia*, the granting of the Buyback Mandate and the Issuance Mandate, the extension of the Issuance Mandate by adding the number of Shares repurchased by the Company pursuant to the Buyback Mandate, the adoption of the New Share Option Scheme and termination of the Existing Share Option Scheme, the adoption of New Bye-laws and the re-election of the retiring Directors.

Pursuant to Rule 13.39(4) of the Listing Rules, any vote of shareholders at a general meeting must be taken by poll. Accordingly, all the proposed resolutions will be put to vote by way of poll at the 2023 AGM. An announcement on the poll vote results will be published by the Company after the 2023 AGM in the manner prescribed under Rule 13.39(5) of the Listing Rules.

A form of proxy for use at the 2023 AGM is enclosed with this circular and published on the websites of the Stock Exchange (www.hkexnews.hk) and the Company (www.cwghl.com). Whether or not you are able to attend the 2023 AGM, please complete and sign the form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return it, together with the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed or a notarially certified copy of that power of attorney or authority, to the Branch Share Registrar of the Company in Hong Kong, Tricor Tengis Limited, at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong, as soon as possible but in any event not less than 48 hours before the time scheduled for holding the 2023 AGM (i.e. not later than 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, 6 June 2023) or any adjournment thereof. Completion and delivery of the form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting at the 2023 AGM if you so wish and in such event, your proxy form shall be deemed to be revoked.

### 7. RECOMMENDATION

The Board considers that the all the resolutions to be proposed at the 2023 AGM are in the interests of the Company, the Group and the Shareholders. Accordingly, the Board recommends the Shareholders to vote in favour of the relevant resolutions to be proposed at the 2023 AGM.

### 8. GENERAL INFORMATION

Your attention is drawn to the additional information set out in the appendices to this circular: Appendix I – Explanatory Statement on the Buyback Mandate; Appendix II – Details of the Retiring Directors Proposed to be Re-elected at the 2023 AGM; Appendix III – Summary of The Principal Terms of the New Share Option Scheme; and Appendix IV – The New Bye-laws.

Yours faithfully
On behalf of the Board
Central Wealth Group Holdings Limited
Chen Xiaodong
Chairman

The following is an explanatory statement required by the Listing Rules to provide the Shareholders with requisite information reasonably necessary for them to make an informed decision on whether to vote for or against the ordinary resolution to be proposed at the 2023 AGM in relation to the granting of the Buyback Mandate.

#### 1. REASONS FOR BUYBACK OF SHARES

The Directors believe that the granting of the Buyback Mandate is in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders.

Repurchases of Shares may, depending on market conditions and funding arrangements at the time, lead to an enhancement of the net asset value per Share and/or earnings per Share. The Directors are seeking the granting of the Buyback Mandate to give the Company the flexibility to do so if and when appropriate. The number of Shares to be repurchased on any occasion and the price and other terms upon which the same are repurchased will be decided by the Directors at the relevant time, having regard to the circumstances then pertaining.

#### 2. SHARE CAPITAL

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the issued share capital of the Company comprised 16,293,850,461 Shares.

Subject to the passing of the ordinary resolution set out in item 9 of the notice of the 2023 AGM in respect of the granting of the Buyback Mandate and on the basis that the issued share capital of the Company remains unchanged from the Latest Practicable Date to the date of the 2023 AGM, the Directors would be authorized under the Buyback Mandate to repurchase, during the period in which the Buyback Mandate remains in force, a total number of 1,629,385,046 Shares, representing 10% of the total number of issued Shares as at the date of the 2023 AGM.

#### 3. **FUNDING OF REPURCHASES**

In repurchasing Shares, the Company may only apply funds legally available for such purpose in accordance with its Memorandum of Association and Bye-laws, the laws of Bermuda, and/or any other applicable laws, as the case may be.

#### 4. IMPACT OF REPURCHASES

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 of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2022) in the event that the Buyback Mandate was to be carried out in full at any time during the proposed repurchase period. However, the Directors do not intend to exercise the Buyback Mandate to such an 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 befitting the Company.

#### 5. TAKEOVERS CODE

If, on the exercise of the power to repurchase Shares pursuant to the Buyback Mandate, a Shareholder's proportionate interest in the voting rights of the Company increases, such increase will be treated as an acquisition for the purposes of the Takeovers Code. Accordingly, a Shareholder, or a 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 Takeovers Code for all the Shares not already owned by such Shareholder or group of Shareholders.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr Xu Ke was interested in a total of 2,000,000,000,000 Shares (representing approximately 12.27% of the total issued share capital of the Company) for which Shares were held by Dragon Regal Holdings Limited (a controlled corporation of Mr Xu Ke). On the basis that (i) the total issued share capital of the Company remains unchanged from the Latest Practicable Date to the date of the 2023 AGM; and (ii) there is no change in the shareholding of Mr Xu Ke in the Company immediately prior to and after the full exercise of the Buyback Mandate, in the event that the Directors exercise in full the power to repurchase Shares in accordance with the terms of the relevant ordinary resolution to be proposed at the 2023 AGM, the shareholding interest of Mr Xu Ke in the issued Shares would be increased to approximately 13.64% of the total issued share capital of the Company respectively. The Directors are not aware of any consequences which will arise under the Takeovers Code as a result of any repurchases to be made under the Buyback Mandate.

#### 6. GENERAL

None of the Directors or, to the best of their knowledge having made all reasonable enquiries, any of their respective close associates (as defined in the Listing Rules) have any present intention to sell any Shares to the Company in the event that the granting of the Buyback Mandate is approved by the Shareholders.

The Company has not been notified by any core connected persons (as defined in the Listing Rules) of the Company that they have a present intention to sell any Shares to the Company, or that they have undertaken not to sell any Shares held by them to the Company in the event that the granting of the Buyback Mandate is approved by the Shareholders.

The Directors have undertaken to the Stock Exchange to exercise the power of the Company to make repurchases of Shares pursuant to the Buyback Mandate in accordance with the Listing Rules and the applicable laws of Bermuda.

#### 7. MARKET PRICES OF SHARES

The highest and lowest prices per Share at which the Shares have traded on the Stock Exchange during each of the previous 12 months up to and including the Latest Practicable Date are as follows:

	Price per Share	
Month	Highest	Lowest
	HK\$	HK\$
2022		
April	0.015	0.013
May	0.021	0.013
June	0.027	0.016
July	0.046	0.025
August	0.039	0.031
September	0.033	0.023
October	0.048	0.018
November	0.049	0.035
December	0.150	0.047
2023		
January	0.145	0.099
February	0.139	0.083
March	0.091	0.045
April (up to the Latest Practicable Date)	0.074	0.050

# 8. REPURCHASES OF SHARES MADE BY THE COMPANY

During the 6 months prior to the Latest Practicable Date, the Company had not repurchased any of its Shares (whether on the Stock Exchange or otherwise).

Pursuant to the Listing Rules, the details of the Directors, who will retire and offer themselves for re-election at the 2023 AGM, are provided below.

# (1) Mr Chen Xiaodong, aged 41

#### Position & experience

Mr Chen Xiaodong ("Mr Chen") is an executive director, the chairman of the Board of the Company, and the chairman of both the Executive Committee and Nomination Committee of the Company since 2 December 2016 and a member of the Remuneration Committee of the Company since 8 March 2023. He is also a director of certain subsidiaries of the Company. He holds a bachelor degree of management from Royal Holloway, University of London. He also holds a master of science degree in process technology and business management from University of Warwick. He has more than 12 years of experience in bank and securities marketing and is familiar with the local market and has strong capabilities in market exploration, customer appraisal and risk management. He also has extensive experience of regulations and rules of financial market in Hong Kong and Mainland China, as well as certain corporate financial analysis skill. Mr Chen has resigned as an executive director and chief executive officer of Future World Financial Holdings Limited (a company listed on the main board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, stock code: 572) with effect from 24 December 2018.

Mr Chen has not held other directorships in the last three years in public companies the securities of which are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas.

### Length of service

Mr Chen has not been appointed for any fixed term but is subject to retirement and reelection at the annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the Bye-laws.

#### Relationships

As far as the Directors are aware, Mr Chen does not have any relationships with any other Directors, senior management, substantial Shareholders (as defined in the Listing Rules), or controlling Shareholders (as defined in the Listing Rules) of the Company.

# Interests in Shares

As far as the Directors are aware, as at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr Chen was interested or deemed to be interested in the following Shares or underlying Shares of the Company pursuant to Part XV of the SFO are set out below:

(i) He personally held 108,886,246 Shares, representing approximately 0.67% of the issued share capital of the Company;

(ii) He personally held 319,200,000 share options of the Company attaching thereto the rights to subscribe for 319,200,000 Shares, representing approximately 1.96% of the issued share capital of the Company.

Save as disclosed above, Mr Chen was not interested or deemed to be interested in the Shares or underlying Shares of the Company or its associated corporations pursuant to Part XV of the SFO.

#### Director's emoluments

Pursuant to the service agreement entered into between Mr Chen and the Company, Mr Chen is entitled to receive a monthly salary of HK\$80,000 plus a discretionary bonus as may be determined by the Board. He is also eligible to participate in the Company's share option scheme. The foregoing emolument of Mr Chen is recommended by the Company's Remuneration Committee and approved by the Board with reference to his performance, qualifications, experience and responsibilities with the Company.

# Other information and matters that need to be disclosed or brought to the attention of the Shareholders

As far as the Directors are aware, there is no information of Mr Chen to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements under paragraphs 13.51(2)(h) to 13.51(2)(v) of the Listing Rules; and there are no other matters concerning Mr Chen that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

### (2) Ms Chen Jingxian, aged 39

### Position & experience

Ms Chen Jingxian ("**Ms Chen**"), is an executive director and, the vice chairman of the Board of the Company since 21 February 2022. She is the founder of Youbeiqin Group (友倍親集團) and has been the deputy general manager of Youbeiqin (Shenzhen) Medical Investment Co., Ltd. (深圳友倍親醫療投資有限公司) since June 2019. She has extensive experience in medical industry and medical investment management.

Ms Chen has not held other directorships in the last three years in any public companies the securities of which are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas.

#### Length of service

Ms Chen has not been appointed for any fixed term but is subject to retirement and re-election at the annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the Bye-laws.

#### Relationships

As far as the Directors are aware, Ms Chen does not have any relationships with any other Directors, senior management, substantial shareholders (as defined in the Listing Rules), or controlling shareholders (as defined in the Listing Rules) of the Company.

#### Interests in Shares

As far as the Board is aware, as at the Latest Practicable Date, Ms Chen personally held 159,600,000 share options of the Company attaching thereto the rights to subscribe for 159,600,000 Shares, representing approximately 1% of the issued share capital of the Company. Save as disclosed above, Ms Chen was not interested or deemed to be interested in the Shares or underlying Shares of the Company or its associated corporations pursuant to Part XV of the SFO.

#### Director's emoluments

Pursuant to the service agreement entered into between Ms Chen and the Company, she is entitled to receive a remuneration package of HK\$100,000 per annum plus a discretionary bonus as may be determined by the Board. She is also eligible to participate in the Company's share option scheme. The foregoing emolument of Ms Chen is recommended by the Company's Remuneration Committee and approved by the Board with reference to her qualifications, experience and responsibilities with the Company.

# Other information and matters that need to be disclosed or brought to the attention of the Shareholders

As far as the Directors are aware, there is no information of Ms Chen to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements under paragraphs 13.51(2)(h) to 13.51(2)(v) of the Listing Rules; and there are no other matters concerning Ms Chen that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

### (3) Mr Wu Ming, aged 50

# Position & experience

Mr Wu Ming ("Mr Wu") is an independent non-executive director and a member of the Audit Committee of the Company since 2 October 2018. He holds a bachelor of science with honours in business with marketing from The City University London. Mr Wu specializes in trading business in the People's Republic of China and Hong Kong and has extensive experience in trading and management.

Mr Wu has not held other directorships in the last three years in public companies the securities of which are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas.

# Length of service

Pursuant to the letter of appointment issued by the Company to Mr Wu, Mr Wu has been appointed for a term of one year. His term of office is also subject to the retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the Bye-laws.

### Relationships

As far as the Directors are aware, Mr Wu does not have any relationships with any other Directors, senior management, substantial Shareholders (as defined in the Listing Rules), or controlling Shareholders (as defined in the Listing Rules) of the Company.

#### Interests in Shares

As far as the Directors are aware, as at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr Wu personally held 15,890,000 share options of the Company attaching thereto the rights to subscribe for 15,890,000 Shares, representing approximately 0.10% of the issued share capital of the Company. Save as disclosed above, Mr Wu was not interested or deemed to be interested in the Shares or underlying Shares of the Company or its associated corporations pursuant to Part XV of the SFO.

#### Director's emoluments

Pursuant to the letter of appointment issued by the Company to Mr Wu, he is entitled to receive a fixed director's fee of HK\$120,000 per annum. He is also eligible to participate in the Company's share option scheme. Except for the Company's share option scheme, Mr Wu is not eligible to participate in any bonus schemes or other benefits of the kind available to executive directors of the Company. The foregoing emolument of Mr Wu is recommended by the Company's Remuneration Committee and approved by the Board with reference to his qualifications, experience and responsibilities with the Company.

# Other information and matters that need to be disclosed or brought to the attention of the Shareholders

As far as the Directors are aware, there is no information of Mr Wu to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements under paragraphs 13.51(2)(h) to 13.51(2)(v) of the Listing Rules; and there are no other matters concerning Mr Wu that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

# (4) Ms Li Meifeng, aged 31

# Position & experience

Ms Li Meifeng ("Ms Li"), is an independent non-executive director, and a member of the Audit Committee, Remuneration Committee and Nomination Committee of the Company since 8 March 2023. She has extensive experience in accounting and securities trading in Mainland China and Hong Kong.

Ms Li has not held 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.

# Length of service

Pursuant to the letter of appointment issued by the Company to Ms Li, Ms Li has been appointed for a term of one year. Her term of office is also subject to the retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the Bye-laws.

#### Relationships

As far as the Directors are aware, Ms Li does not have any relationships with any other Directors, senior management, substantial Shareholders (as defined in the Listing Rules), or controlling Shareholders (as defined in the Listing Rules) of the Company.

### Interests in Shares

As far as the Board is aware, as at the Latest Practicable Date, Ms Li was not interested or deemed to be interested in the Shares or underlying Shares of the Company or its associated corporations pursuant to Part XV of the SFO.

### Director's emoluments

Pursuant to the letter of appointment issued by the Company to Ms Li, she is entitled to receive a fixed director's fee of HK\$60,000 per annum. She is also eligible to participate in the Company's share option scheme. Except for the Company's share option scheme, Ms Li is not eligible to participate in any bonus schemes or other benefits of the kind available to executive directors of the Company. The foregoing emolument of Ms Li is recommended by the Company's Remuneration Committee and approved by the Board with reference to his qualifications, experience and responsibilities with the Company.

# APPENDIX II

# DETAILS OF THE RETIRING DIRECTORS PROPOSED TO BE RE-ELECTED AT THE 2023 AGM

Other information and matters that need to be disclosed or brought to the attention of the Shareholders

As far as the Directors are aware, there is no information of Ms Li to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements under paragraphs 13.51(2)(h) to 13.51(2)(v) of the Listing Rules; and there are no other matters concerning Ms Li that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

The following is a summary of the principal terms of the New Share Option Scheme proposed to be approved and adopted by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders at the 2023 AGM.

#### 1. PURPOSE OF THE NEW SHARE OPTION SCHEME

The purpose of the New Share Option Scheme is to (a) allow the Company to grant Options to the Participants as rewards or incentives for their future contributions to the Group; (b) enable the Group to attract and retain the Participants whose contributions are or will be beneficial to the long-term growth of the Group; and (c) motivate the Participants to optimise their performance and efficiency for the benefit of the Group.

#### 2. WHO MAY JOIN

Participants for the New Share Option Scheme include:

- (a) Employee Participants, meaning the director(s) and employee(s) (whether full-time or part-time) of any member of the Group (including persons who are granted Options under the New Share Option Scheme as inducement to enter into employment contracts with the Group);
- (b) Related Entity Participants, meaning the director(s) and employee(s) (whether full-time or part-time) of any Related Entity; and
- (c) Service Providers, meaning person(s) or entity(ies) that provide services to any member of the Group on a continuing or recurring basis in their respective ordinary and usual course of business which are in the interests of the long-term growth of the Group. Service Providers includes (a) suppliers of services to any member of the Group; and (b) advisors (professional or otherwise) or consultants to any area of business or business development of the Group, but excludes placing agents or financial advisers providing advisory services for fundraising, mergers or acquisitions, and other professional services provider such as auditor or valuer who provide assurance, or are required to perform their services with impartiality and objectivity.

In determining the basis of eligibility of each Participant, the Board would take into account the following on a case-by-case basis:

(d) For Employee Participants, the factors in assessing whether any such individual is eligible to participate in the New Share Option Scheme include, among others, (i) individual performance; (ii) time commitment, responsibilities or employment conditions according to the prevailing market practice and industry standard; (iii) the length of employment or appointment with the Group; and (iv) individual contribution or potential contribution to the development and growth of the Group.

- (e) For Related Entity Participants, the factors in assessing whether any such individual is eligible to participate in the New Share Option Scheme include, among others, (i) the degree of involvement in and/or cooperation with the Group; (ii) the length of collaborative relationship established between the Related Entity Participant and the Group; and (iii) whether the Related Entity Participant has or is expected to provide any measurable assistance or support to improve any aspect of the Group's operations or financial performance, or any past or future contribution to the success of the Group.
- (f) For each category of Service Providers, the factors in assessing whether any such Service Provider is eligible to participate in the New Share Option Scheme include, among others, (i) the nature, uniqueness, materiality and quality of the services provided to the Group; (ii) the length of business relationship with the Group; (iii) the background, reputation and track record of the Service Providers; and (iv) the Group's future business plans for any further collaboration with such Service Providers, and the long-term support that the Group may receive accordingly.

In assessing whether a Service Provider provides services to the Group on a continuing or recurring basis and in its ordinary and usual course of business, the Board will take into account (a) the length, recurrences and regularity of such services provided; and (b) the nature of such services provided, for instance, whether it forms part of or are directly ancillary to the businesses conducted by the Group.

### 3. GRANT OF OPTIONS

On and subject to the terms of the New Share Option Scheme and the Listing Rules, the Board shall be entitled at any time within 10 years after the Adoption Date to make an offer ("Offer") (and subject to any conditions as it may think fit) to any Participant as the Board may in its absolute discretion select to take up an Option pursuant to which such Participant may subscribe for such number of Shares as the Board may determine at a price calculated in accordance with paragraph 4 below. The Offer shall specify the terms on which the Option is to be granted.

An Offer shall remain open for acceptance by the Participant concerned for a period of 28 days from the date of grant ("Date of Grant") provided that no such Offer shall be open for acceptance after the expiry of the Exercise Period (as defined in paragraph 6(a) below) or after the New Share Option Scheme is terminated or after the Participant has ceased to be a Participant. An Offer is deemed to be accepted when the Company receives from the Grantee the offer letter signed by the Grantee specifying the number of Shares in respect of which the Offer is accepted, and a remittance to the Company of HK\$1.00 as consideration for the grant of the Option. Such remittance is not refundable in any circumstances.

Any Offer may be accepted in respect of less than the number of Shares in respect of which it is offered provided that it is accepted in respect of a whole board lot for dealing in Shares on the Stock Exchange or an integral multiple thereof. To the extent that the Offer is not accepted within 28 days from the date on which the letter containing the Offer is delivered to that Participant in the manner indicated above, it shall be deemed to have been irrevocably declined.

No Offer shall be made to, nor shall any Offer be capable of acceptance by, any Participant at a time when the Participant would or might be prohibited from dealing in the Shares by the Listing Rules or by any other applicable rules, regulations or law.

Save as determined by the Board and provided in the Offer letter of the grant of the relevant Option, there is no performance target which must be achieved before an Option can be exercised under the terms of the New Share Option Scheme.

Any grant of Options to any Director, chief executive or substantial shareholder of the Company, or any of their respective associates under the New Share Option Scheme shall be subject to the prior approval of the independent non-executive Directors (excluding any independent non-executive Director who is the proposed Grantees of the Options in question). Where any grant of Options to an independent non-executive Director or a substantial shareholder of the Company, or any of their respective associates, would result in the Shares issued and to be issued upon exercise of all options and awards already granted under any share scheme of the Company (excluding any options and awards lapsed in accordance with the terms of the relevant scheme) to such person in the 12-month period up to and including the Date of Grant representing in aggregate over 0.1% of the Shares in issue, such further grant of Options must be approved by the Shareholders in general meeting of the Company where the Grantee, his/her associates and all core connected persons of the Company must abstain from voting in favour of the resolution at such general meeting, and the grant of Option shall be subject to such other Shareholders' approval and circular requirements in accordance with the Listing Rules.

# 4. EXERCISE PRICE

The exercise price ("Exercise Price") shall be determined by the Board in its absolute discretion but in any event must be at least the higher of:-

- (a) the closing price of the Shares as stated in the daily quotations sheet issued by the Stock Exchange on the Date of Grant, which must be a Business Day;
- (b) the average closing price of the Shares as stated in the daily quotations sheets issued by the Stock Exchange for the five Business Days immediately preceding the Date of Grant; and
- (c) the nominal value of the Shares.

# 5. MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SHARES WHICH MAY BE ISSUED UPON EXERCISE OF ALL OPTIONS

- (a) The maximum number of Shares which may be issued upon exercise of all Options to be granted under the New Share Option Scheme together with all options and awards which may be granted under any other share schemes of the Company shall not, in the absence of Shareholders' approval, in aggregate exceed the Scheme Mandate Limit. Options lapsed in accordance with the terms of the New Share Option Scheme and (as the case may be) such other share schemes of the Company will not be regarded as utilised for the purpose of calculating the Scheme Mandate Limit and the Service Provider Sublimit. If the Company conducts a share consolidation or subdivision after the Scheme Mandate Limit or the Service Provider Sublimit has been approved in general meeting, the maximum number of Shares that may be issued in respect of all options and awards to be granted under all of the share schemes of the Company under the Scheme Mandate Limit or the Service Provider Sublimit as a percentage of the total number of issued Shares at the date immediately before and after such consolidation or subdivision shall be the same, rounded to the nearest whole Share.
- (b) Subject to paragraph 5(a), within the Scheme Mandate Limit, the maximum number of Shares which may be issued to the Service Providers upon exercise of all Options to be granted under the New Share Option Scheme together with all options and awards which may be granted under any other share schemes of the Company shall not, in the absence of Shareholders' approval, in aggregate exceed the Service Provider Sublimit.
- (c) The Company may seek approval by the Shareholders in general meeting to refresh the Scheme Mandate Limit and/or the Service Provider Sublimit under the New Share Option Scheme after three years from the Adoption Date (or the date of Shareholders' approval for the last refreshment) provided that:
  - (i) the maximum number of Shares which may be issued upon exercise of all Options to be granted under the New Share Option Scheme under the Scheme Mandate Limit as refreshed together with all options and awards which may be granted under any other share schemes of the Company must not exceed 10% of the Shares in issue as at the date of the Shareholders' approval of the renewed Scheme Mandate Limit;
  - (ii) the maximum number of Shares which may be issued upon exercise of all Options to be granted under the New Share Option Scheme under the Service Provider Sublimit as refreshed must not exceed 1% of the Shares in issue as at the date of the Shareholders' approval of the renewed Service Provider Sublimit; and

(iii) any refreshment of the Scheme Mandate Limit and/or the Service Provider Sublimit shall be subject to such Shareholders' approval and circular requirements as may be required by the Listing Rules from time to time.

Within three years from the Adoption Date (or the date of Shareholders' approval for the last refreshment), the Scheme Mandate Limit and/or the Service Provider Sublimit under the New Share Option Scheme may be refreshed by the Shareholders in general meeting subject to the requirements under paragraphs (i), (ii) and (iii) above and the following provisions:

- (iv) any controlling shareholders of the Company and their associates (or if there is no controlling shareholder, Directors (excluding independent non-executive Directors) and chief executive of the Company and their respective associates) must abstain from voting in favour of the relevant resolution at the general meeting of the Company; and
- (v) the Company must comply with the requirements under Rules 13.39(6), 13.39(7), 13.40, 13.41 and 13.42 of the Listing Rules.

The requirements under paragraphs (iv) and (v) above do not apply if such refreshment is made immediately after an issue of securities by the Company to Shareholders on a pro rata basis as set out in Rule 13.36(2)(a) of the Listing Rules such that the unused part of the Scheme Mandate Limit and the Service Provider Sublimit (as a percentage of the total number of issued Shares) upon refreshment is the same as the unused part of the Scheme Mandate Limit and the Service Provider Sublimit immediately before the issue of securities, rounded to the nearest whole Share.

- (d) The Company may grant Options beyond the Scheme Mandate Limit to Participants if:-
  - (i) separate Shareholders' approval in general meeting has been obtained for granting Options beyond the Scheme Mandate Limit to Participants specifically identified by the Company before such Shareholders' approval is sought; and
  - (ii) the Company, in connection with the seeking of such separate Shareholders' approval, has first sent a circular to the Shareholders containing such information as may be required by the Listing Rules then prevailing to be included in such circular; and
  - (iii) the number and terms of the Options to be granted to such Participant shall be fixed before the approval of the Shareholders and the date of the Board meeting proposing such grant should be taken as the Date of Grant for the purpose of calculating the Exercise Price.

- (e) Where any grant of Options to a Participant would result in the Shares issued and to be issued upon exercise of all options and awards granted to such person (excluding any options and awards lapsed in accordance with the terms of the relevant share scheme) in the 12-month period up to and including the date of such grant representing in aggregate over 1% of the Shares in issue, such grant must be separately approved by the Shareholders in general meeting with such Participant and his/her close associates (or his/her associates if the Participant is a connected person) abstaining from voting, and the following provisions shall apply:
  - (i) the grant is only to a Participant specifically identified by the Company before the approval is sought;
  - (ii) a circular disclosing the identity of the Participant in question, the number and terms of the Options to be granted (and those options and awards previously granted to such Participant in the 12-month period) and such other information required under the Listing Rules shall be despatched to the Shareholders; and
  - (iii) the number and terms of the Options to be granted to such Participant must be fixed before the approval of the Shareholders (and the date of the Board meeting proposing such further grant should be taken as the Date of Grant for the purpose of calculating the Exercise Price).

#### 6. TIME OF EXERCISE OF AN OPTION

- (a) An Option may be exercised in accordance with the terms of the New Share Option Scheme at any time during the period to be notified by the Board to each Grantee upon the grant of Options ("Exercise Period"), such period shall not exceed 10 years from the Date of Grant of the relevant Option. Options granted during the life of the New Share Option Scheme shall continue to be exercisable in accordance with their terms of grant after the expiry of the New Share Option Scheme.
- (b) Save for the circumstances prescribed in the paragraph below, an Option must be held by the Grantee for at least 12 months ("Vesting Period") before it can be exercised.
- (c) The Board may at its discretion grant a shorter Vesting Period to an Employee Participant in the following circumstances:
  - grants of "make-whole" Options to new joiners to replace the share options they forfeited when they left the previous employers;
  - (ii) grants to an Employee Participant whose employment is terminated due to death or occurrence of any event out of his/her control;

- (iii) grants that are made in batches during a year for administrative and compliance reasons, which include Options that should have been granted earlier if not for such administrative or compliance reasons but had to wait for subsequent batch. In such case, the Vesting Period may be shorter to reflect the time from which the Options would have been granted;
- (iv) grants of Options with a mixed or accelerated vesting schedule such as where the Options may vest evenly over a period of 12 months; or
- (v) grants with performance-based vesting conditions in lieu of time-based vesting criteria.

#### 7. RIGHTS ARE PERSONAL TO GRANTEE

An Option shall be personal to the Grantee and shall not be assignable or transferable and no Grantee shall in any way sell, transfer, charge, mortgage, encumber, assign or create any interest (whether legal or beneficial) in favour of any other person over or in relation to any Option or enter into any agreement to do so. Any breach of the foregoing by the Grantee shall entitle the Company to cancel any outstanding Option or any part thereof granted to such Grantee to the extent not already exercised without incurring any liability on the part of the Company.

The Stock Exchange may consider granting a waiver to allow a transfer of an Option to a vehicle (such as a trust or a private company) for the benefit of the Grantee and any family members of such Grantee (for instance, for estate planning or tax planning purposes) that would continue to meet the purpose of the New Share Option Scheme and comply with the requirements of Chapter 17 of the Listing Rules. Where such waiver is granted, the Company shall disclose the beneficiaries of the trust or the ultimate beneficial owners of the transferee vehicle.

### 8. RIGHTS ON TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT OR DIRECTORSHIP

(a) If the Grantee ceases to be a Participant by reason of the termination of his/her employment or directorship with the Company or the relevant Subsidiary or Related Entity on the grounds of serious misconduct, or has been in breach of a material term of the relevant employment contract or engagement contract, or appears either to be unable to pay or to have no reasonable prospect of being able to pay his/her debts or has committed any act of bankruptcy or has become insolvent, or has been served a petition for bankruptcy or winding-up, or has made any arrangements or compromise with his/her creditors generally, or has been convicted of any criminal offence involving his/her integrity or honesty or on any other grounds on which an employer would be entitled to terminate his/her employment summarily or at common law, or has done something which brings the Group into disrepute or causes damages to the Group (including, among others, causing material misstatement of the financial statements of the Company), his/her Option shall lapse automatically (to the extent not

already exercised) and shall not be exercisable on or after the date of termination of his/her employment. To the extent that the Grantee has exercised the Option in whole or in part pursuant to paragraph 24(a) below, but the Shares have not been allotted to him/her, the Grantee shall be deemed not to have so exercised such Option and the Company shall return to the Grantee the amount of the Exercise Price for the Shares received by the Company in respect of the purported exercise of such Option.

(b) If the Grantee ceases to be a Participant for any reason other than his/her death or termination of his/her employment or directorship on one or more of the grounds specified in paragraph 8(a) above (excluding the transfer of employment from one company to another company within the Group), the Option (to the extent not already exercised) shall lapse on the date of cessation or termination of his/her employment (which date shall be the Grantee's last actual working day with the Company or the relevant Subsidiary or Related Entity whether salary is paid in lieu of notice or not) and shall on that day cease to be exercisable.

## 9. RIGHTS ON DEATH

If the Grantee ceases to be a Participant by reason of his/her death before exercising his/her Option in full and none of the events which would be a ground for termination of his/her employment as described in paragraph 8(a) above have arisen, his/her personal representative(s) may exercise the Option up to the Grantee's entitlement as at the date of death (to the extent not already exercised) within a period of 12 months following the date of his/her death provided that where any of the events set out in paragraphs 12, 13, 14 and 15 occurs prior to his/her death or within such period of 6 months following his/her death, then his/her personal representative(s) may so exercise the Option only within such of the various periods respectively set out in such paragraphs provided further that if within a period of three years prior to the Grantee's death, the Grantee had committed any of the acts specified in paragraph 8(a) which would have entitled the Company or the relevant Subsidiary or Related Entity to terminate his/her employment prior to his/her death, the Board may at any time forthwith terminate the Option (to the extent not already exercised) by written notice to the Grantee's personal representative(s) and/or to the extent the Option has been exercised in whole or in part by his/her personal representative(s), but Shares have not been allotted, he/she shall be deemed not to have so exercised such Option and the Company shall return to him/her the amount of the Exercise Price for the Shares received by the Company in respect of the purported exercise of such Option.

## 10. RIGHTS ON ENTITY CEASING TO BE A RELATED ENTITY

If the Grantee ceases to be a Participant by reason of the fact that the entity to which he/she is employed or holds directorship ceases to be a Related Entity, the Option (to the extent not already exercised) shall lapse on the date such entity ceases to be a Related Entity and shall on that day cease to be exercisable, and to the extent the Grantee has exercised the Option in whole or in part but the Shares of which have not been allotted, the Grantee shall be deemed not to have so exercised such Option and the Company shall return to the Grantee the amount of the Exercise Price for the Shares received by the Company in respect of the purported exercise of such Option.

## 11. RIGHTS ON BREACH OF CONTRACT AND OTHERS

If the Grantee who is a Service Provider ceases to be a Participant by reason of breach of contract entered into between such Grantee and the Group, or termination of his/her engagement or appointment, in the absolute determination of the Board or the Board in its sole and absolute opinion believes such Grantee has become a competitor of the Group, or the Grantee has become bankrupt or has become insolvent or has made any arrangement or composition with his/her creditors generally, has committed any serious misconduct, or has been convicted of any criminal offence (other than an offence which in the opinion of the Directors does not bring the Grantee or the Group into disrepute), the Option (to the extent not already exercised) shall lapse on the date of the Board's determination and not be exercisable, and to the extent the Grantee has exercised the Option in whole or in part but the Shares of which have not been allotted, the Grantee shall be deemed not to have so exercised such Option and the Company shall return to the Grantee the amount of the Exercise Price for the Shares received by the Company in respect of the purported exercise of such Option.

## 12. RIGHTS ON A GENERAL OFFER BY WAY OF TAKEOVER

In the event of a general offer by way of takeover (other than by way of scheme of arrangement pursuant to paragraph 13 below) being made to all the Shareholders (or all such Shareholders other than the offeror and/or any person controlled by the offeror and/or any person acting in association or concert with the offeror) and such offer becomes or is declared unconditional prior to the expiry date of the relevant Option, the Company shall forthwith notify all the Grantees and any Grantee (or his/her personal representative) shall be entitled to exercise the Option in full (to the extent not already exercised) or to the extent as notified by the Company at any time within such period as shall be notified by the Company.

## 13. RIGHTS ON A GENERAL OFFER BY WAY OF SCHEME OF ARRANGEMENT

In the event of a general offer by way of scheme of arrangement being made to all the Shareholders and has been approved by the necessary number of Shareholders at the requisite meetings, the Company shall forthwith notify all the Grantees and any Grantee (or his/her personal representative) may at any time thereafter (but before such time as shall be notified by the Company) exercise the Option either to its full extent or to the extent notified by the Company.

## 14. RIGHTS ON WINDING UP

In the event a notice is given by the Company to the Shareholders to convene a Shareholders' meeting for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, approve a resolution to voluntarily wind up the Company, the Company shall forthwith give notice thereof to all Grantees and any Grantee (or his/her personal representative) may at any time thereafter (but before such time as shall be notified by the Company) by notice in writing to the Company, accompanied by the remittance of the Exercise Price in respect of the relevant Option (such notice to be received by the Company not later than two Business Days prior to the proposed general meeting of the Company) exercise the Option either to its full extent or to the extent notified by the Company, and the Company shall as soon as possible and in any event no later than the Business Day prior to the date of the proposed Shareholders' meeting, allot and issue and register in the name of the Grantee such number of Shares to the Grantee which fall to be issued on such exercise.

## 15. RIGHTS ON A COMPROMISE OR ARRANGEMENT

In the event a compromise or arrangement (other than a scheme of arrangement pursuant to paragraph 13 above) between the Company and its members or creditors is proposed in connection with a scheme for the reconstruction or amalgamation of the Company, the Company shall give notice to all the Grantees on the same date as it gives notice of the meeting to the members or creditors to consider such compromise or arrangement and any Grantee (or his/her personal representative) may at any time thereafter (but before such time as shall be notified by the Company) by notice in writing to the Company, accompanied by the remittance of the Exercise Price in respect of the relevant Option (such notice to be received by the Company not later than two Business Days prior to the proposed general meeting of the Company) exercise the Option either to its full extent or to the extent notified by the Company, and the Company shall as soon as possible and in any event no later than the Business Day prior to the date of the proposed Shareholders' meeting, allot and issue and register in the name of the Grantee such number of Shares to the Grantee which fall to be issued on such exercise.

## 16. EFFECT OF ALTERATIONS TO SHARE CAPITAL

In the event of an alteration in the capital structure of the Company, whilst any Option remains exercisable by way of capitalisation of profits or reserves, rights issue, subdivision or consolidation of shares, or reduction of the share capital of the Company in accordance with legal requirements and requirements of the Stock Exchange (other than any alteration in the capital structure of the Company as a result of an issue of Shares as consideration in a transaction to which the Company is a party), such corresponding adjustments (if any) shall be made to:

- (a) the number or nominal amount of Shares subject to the Option so far as unexercised; or
- (b) the Exercise Price,

or any combination thereof, provided that:

- (i) any such adjustments give a Grantee the same proportion of the equity capital of the Company, rounded to the nearest whole Share, as that to which that Grantee was previously entitled; and
- (ii) notwithstanding paragraph (i) above, any adjustments as a result of an issue of securities with a price-dilutive element, such as a rights issue or capitalisation issue shall be made in accordance with the Supplementary Guidance or such other guidelines or supplementary guidance as may be issued by the Stock Exchange from time to time, but no such adjustments shall be made to the extent that a Share would be issued at less than its nominal value. In respect of any such adjustments, an independent financial adviser or auditor must confirm to the Directors in writing that the adjustments are in their opinion fair and reasonable.

The Company shall engage its auditors or an independent financial adviser to certify in writing, either generally or as regards any particular Grantee, that the adjustments made by the Company hereunder satisfy the requirements set out in paragraphs (i) and (ii) above and are in their opinion fair and reasonable.

## 17. RANKING OF SHARES

The Shares to be allotted upon the exercise of an Option shall be subject to all the provisions of the bye-laws of the Company for the time being in force and shall rank *pari passu* in all respects with the existing fully paid Shares in issue on the date on which these Shares are allotted on exercise of the Option and accordingly shall entitle the holders to participate in all dividends or other distributions paid or made after the date on which the Shares are allotted other

than any dividends or distributions previously declared or recommended or resolved to be paid or made if the record date thereof shall be on or before the date on which the Shares are allotted. Shares allotted and issued upon the exercise of an Option shall not carry voting rights until the name of the Grantee has been duly entered into the register of members of the Company as the holder thereof.

#### 18. DURATION OF THE NEW SHARE OPTION SCHEME

The New Share Option Scheme shall be valid and effective for a period of 10 years commencing on the Adoption Date, after which period no further Options shall be offered or granted but the provisions of the New Share Option Scheme shall remain in full force and effect in all other respects. Options granted during the life of the New Share Option Scheme shall continue to be exercisable in accordance with their terms of grant after the end of the 10-year period.

## 19. ALTERATION OF THE NEW SHARE OPTION SCHEME

The New Share Option Scheme may be altered in any respect by a resolution of the Board except:

- (a) any alterations to the terms and conditions of the New Share Option Scheme which are of a material nature or any alterations to the provisions relating to the matters set out in Rule 17.03 of the Listing Rules to the advantage of the Participants must be approved by the Shareholders in general meeting;
- (b) any change to the terms of Options granted to a Participant must be approved by the Board, the remuneration committee of the Company, the independent non-executive Directors and/or the Shareholders (as the case may be) if the initial grant of the Options was approved by the Board, the remuneration committee of the Company, the independent non-executive Directors and/or the Shareholders (as the case may be). Any change in the terms of Options granted to a Director, chief executive or substantial shareholder of the Company, or any of their respective associates, must be approved by the Shareholders in general meeting if the initial grant of the Options requires such approval. This provision does not apply where the alterations take effect automatically under the existing terms of the New Share Option Scheme; and
- (c) any change to the authority of the Board to alter the terms of the New Share Option Scheme must be approved by Shareholders in general meeting.

The terms of the New Share Option Scheme so altered must comply with the relevant requirements of Chapter 17 of the Listing Rules.

## 20. LAPSE OF OPTIONS

An Option shall lapse automatically and not be exercisable (to the extent not already exercised) on the earliest of:

- (a) the expiry of the Exercise Period;
- (b) the expiry of the periods referred to in paragraphs 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 above respectively;
- (c) the expiry of the period referred to in paragraph 12 above, subject to any court of competent jurisdiction not making an order to prohibit the offeror from acquiring the remaining Shares in the Offer, the relevant period within which Options may be exercised shall not begin to run until the discharge of the order in question or unless the Offer lapses or is withdrawn before that date;
- (d) subject to the scheme of arrangement (referred to in paragraph 13 above) becoming effective, the expiry of the period for exercising the Option as referred to in paragraph 13 above:
- (e) the date of commencement of the winding-up of the Company;
- (f) the date on which the Grantee ceases to be a Participant as referred to in paragraph 8(a) above;
- (g) the date on which the Grantee commits a breach by selling, transferring, charging, mortgaging, encumbering, assigning or creating any interest (whether legal or beneficial) in favour of any person over or in relation to any Option or enter into any agreement to do so;
- (h) subject to paragraphs 8(b), 10 and 11, the date the Grantee ceases to be a Participant for any other reason; and
- (i) the date on which the Option is cancelled by the Board as provided under the provisions of the New Share Option Scheme.

## 21. TERMINATION OF THE NEW SHARE OPTION SCHEME

The Company by ordinary resolution in general meeting or the Board may at any time terminate the New Share Option Scheme, and in such event, no further Options may be granted but in all other respects the provisions of the New Share Option Scheme shall remain in full force and effect in respect of Options which are granted during the life of the New Share Option Scheme and which remain unexpired immediately prior to termination of the operation of the New Share Option Scheme. Options granted prior to such termination but not exercised, or in respect of which Shares are not yet issued to the Grantee, shall continue to be valid and exercisable in accordance with the New Share Option Scheme.

## 22. RESTRICTIONS ON GRANT OF OPTIONS

The Company may not grant any Options after inside information has come to its knowledge until (and including) the trading day after it has announced the information pursuant to the requirements of the Listing Rules. In particular, it may not grant any Option during the period commencing one month immediately before the earlier of:

- (a) the date of the meeting of the Board (as such date is first notified to the Stock Exchange under the Listing Rules) for approving the Company's results for any year, half-year, quarterly or any other interim period (whether or not required under the Listing Rules); and
- (b) the deadline for the Company to announce its results for any year or half-year under the Listing Rules, or quarterly or any other interim period (whether or not required under the Listing Rules),

and ending on the date of the results announcement. No Option may be granted during any period of delay in the publication of a results announcement.

# 23. CANCELLATION OF OPTIONS

The Board may at any time in its absolute discretion cancel any Options previously granted to, but not yet exercised by such Grantee. Where the Company cancels Options and makes a new grant of Options to the same Grantee, such new grant may only be made with available Scheme Mandate Limit approved by the Shareholders from time to time as set out in paragraph 5. The Options cancelled will be regarded as utilised for the purpose of calculating the Scheme Mandate Limit and the Service Provider Sublimit.

## 24. EXERCISE OF OPTIONS

- An Option may, subject to the provisions of paragraphs 6(b), 6(c) and 16, be (a) exercised in whole or in part (but if in part only, in respect of a board lot in which the Shares are traded on the Stock Exchange from time to time or an integral multiple thereof) in the manner set out in paragraphs 6(a), 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 by the Grantee (or, as the case may be, his/her personal representative(s)) by giving notice in writing to the Company stating that the Option is thereby exercised and the number of Shares in respect of which it is exercised. Each such notice must be accompanied by a remittance for the full amount of the Exercise Price multiplied by the number of Shares in respect of which the notice is given. Within 10 Business Days after receipt of the notice and the remittance of the full amount of the relevant aggregate Exercise Price and, where appropriate, receipt of the certificate of the auditors of the Company for the time being or the certificate from the independent financial adviser to the Company pursuant to paragraph 16, the Company shall accordingly allot and issue the relevant number of Shares to the Grantee (or, as the case may be, his/her personal representative(s)) credited as fully paid and issue to the Grantee (or, as the case may be, his/her personal representative(s)) share certificates in respect of the Shares so allotted.
- (b) The exercise of any Option shall be subject to the Shareholders in general meeting approving any necessary increase in the authorised share capital of the Company. Subject thereto the Board shall make available sufficient authorised but unissued share capital of the Company to meet subsisting requirements on the exercise of Options.
- (c) The Options do not carry any right to vote in general meeting of the Company, or any right, dividend, transfer or any other rights, including those arising on the liquidation of the Company.
- (d) No Grantee shall enjoy any of the rights of a Shareholder by virtue of the grant of an Option pursuant to the New Share Option Scheme, unless and until Shares are actually issued to the Grantee pursuant to exercise of such Option.

# AMENDED AND RESTATED BYE-LAWS

OF

Central Wealth Group Holdings Limited

(Adopted pursuant to a special resolution passed at a general meeting on [•] 2023)

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# **INTERPRETATION**

1. In these Bye-laws, unless the context otherwise requires, the words standing in the first column of the following table shall bear the meaning set opposite to them respectively in the second column.

WORD	MEANING
"Act"	the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda.
"announcement"	an official publication of a Notice or document of the Company, including a publication, subject to and to such extent permitted by the Listing Rules, by electronic communication or by advertisement published in the newspapers or in such manner or means ascribed and permitted by the Listing Rules and applicable laws.
"Auditor"	the auditor of the Company for the time being and may include any individual or partnership.
"Board" or "Directors"	the board of directors of the Company or the directors present at a meeting of directors of the Company at which a quorum is present.
"Bye-laws"	these Bye-laws in their present form or as supplemented or amended or substituted from time to time.
"capital"	the share capital of the Company from time to time.
"clear days"	in relation to the period of notice that period excluding the day when the notice is given or deemed to be given and the day for which it is given or on which it is to take effect.
"clearing house"	a clearing house recognised by the laws of the jurisdiction in which the shares of the Company are listed or quoted on a stock exchange in such jurisdiction.

"head office"

"close associate" in relation to any Director, shall have the same meaning as defined in the Listing Rules as modified from time to time, except that for purposes of Byelaw 100 where the transaction or arrangement to be approved by the Board is a connected transaction referred to in the Listing Rules, it shall have the same meaning as that ascribed to "associate" in the Listing Rules. "Company" Central Wealth Group Holdings Limited. "competent regulatory authority" a competent regulatory authority in the territory where the shares of the Company are listed or quoted on a stock exchange in such territory. "debenture" and "debenture include debenture stock and debenture stockholder holder" respectively. "Designated Stock Exchange" a stock exchange which is an appointed stock exchange for the purposes of the Act in respect of which the shares of the Company are listed or quoted and where such appointed stock exchange deems such listing or quotation to be the primary listing or quotation of the shares of the Company. "dollars" and "\$" dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong. "electronic communication" a communication sent, transmitted, conveyed and received by wire, by radio, by optical means or by other similar means in any form through any medium. "electronic meeting" a general meeting held and conducted wholly and exclusively by virtual attendance and participation by Members and/or proxies by means of electronic facilities.

of the Company.

such office of the Company as the Directors may from time to time determine to be the principal office "hybrid meeting" a general meeting convened for the (i) physical attendance by Members and/or proxies at the Principal Meeting Place and where applicable, one or more Meeting Locations and (ii) virtual attendance and participation by Members and/or proxies by means of electronic facilities. "Listing Rules" the rules and regulations of the Designated Stock Exchange. "Meeting Location" has the meaning given to it in Bye-law 64A. "Member" a duly registered holder from time to time of the shares in the capital of the Company. "month" a calendar month. "Notice" written notice unless otherwise specifically stated and as further defined in these Bye-laws. "Office" the registered office of the Company for the time being. "paid up" paid up or credited as paid up. "physical meeting" a general meeting held and conducted by physical attendance and participation by Members and/or proxies at the Principal Meeting Place and/or where applicable, one or more Meeting Locations. "Principal Meeting Place" shall have the meaning given to it in Bye-law 59(2). "Register" the principal register and where applicable, any branch register of Members to be kept pursuant to the provisions of the Act. "Registration Office" in respect of any class of share capital such place as the Board may from time to time determine to keep a branch register of Members in respect of that class of

share capital and where (except in cases where the Board otherwise directs) the transfers or other documents of title for such class of share capital are to be lodged for registration and are to be registered.

"Seal" common seal or any one or more duplicate seals of

the Company (including a securities seal) for use in

Bermuda or in any place outside Bermuda.

"Secretary" any person firm or corporation appointed by the

Board to perform any of the duties of secretary of the Company and includes any assistant, deputy,

temporary or acting secretary.

"Statutes" the Act and every other act of the Legislature of

Bermuda for the time being in force applying to or affecting the Company, its memorandum of

association and/or these Bye-laws.

"substantial shareholder" a person who is entitled to exercise, or to control the

exercise of, 10% or more (or such other percentage as may be prescribed by the Listing Rules from time to time) of the voting power at any general meeting

of the Company.

"year" a calendar year.

- 2. In these Bye-laws, unless there be something within the subject or context inconsistent with such construction:
  - (a) words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa;
  - (b) words importing a gender include both gender and the neuter;
  - (c) words importing persons include companies, associations and bodies of persons whether corporate or not;
  - (d) the words:
    - (i) "may" shall be construed as permissive;
    - (ii) "shall" or "will" shall be construed as imperative;
  - (e) expressions referring to writing shall, unless the contrary intention appears, be construed as including printing, lithography, photography and other modes of representing or reproducing words or figures in a legible and non-transitory form or, to the extent permitted by and in accordance with the Statutes and other applicable laws, rules and regulations, any visible substitute for writing (including an electronic communication), or modes of representing or reproducing words partly in one visible form and partly in another visible form, and including where the representation takes the form of electronic display, provided that both the mode of service of the relevant document or notice and the Member's election comply with all applicable Statutes, rules and regulations;
  - (f) references to any act, ordinance, statute or statutory provision shall be interpreted as relating to any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force:
  - (g) save as aforesaid words and expressions defined in the Statutes shall bear the same meanings in these Bye-laws if not inconsistent with the subject in the context;
  - (h) a resolution shall be a special resolution when it has been passed by a majority of not less than three-fourths of votes cast by such Members as, being entitled so to do, vote in person or, in the case of such Members as are corporations, by their respective duly authorised representative or, where proxies are allowed, by proxy at a general meeting of which Notice has been duly given in accordance with Bye-law 59;
  - (i) a resolution shall be an ordinary resolution when it has been passed by a simple majority of votes cast by such Members as, being entitled so to do, vote in person or, in the case of any Member being a corporation, by its duly authorised representative or, where proxies are allowed, by proxy at a general meeting of which Notice has been duly given in accordance with Bye-law 59;

- (j) a special resolution shall be effective for any purpose for which an ordinary resolution is expressed to be required under any provision of these Bye-laws or the Statutes;
- (k) a resolution shall be an extraordinary resolution when it has been passed by a majority of not less than two-thirds of votes cast by such Members as, being entitled so to do, vote in person or, in the case of such Members as are corporations, by their respective duly authorised representative or, where proxies are allowed, by proxy at a general meeting of which Notice has been duly given in accordance with Bye-law 59;
- (l) references to a document (including, but without limitation, a resolution in writing) being signed or executed include references to it being signed or executed under hand or under seal or by electronic signature or by electronic communication or by any other method and references to a notice or document include a notice or document recorded or stored in any digital, electronic, electrical, magnetic or other retrievable form or medium and information in visible form whether having physical substance or not;
- (m) references to the right of a Member to speak at an electronic meeting or a hybrid meeting shall include the right to raise questions or make statements to the chairman of the meeting, verbally or in written form, by means of electronic facilities. Such a right shall be deemed to have been duly exercised if the questions or statements may be heard or seen by all or only some of the persons present at the meeting (or only by the chairman of the meeting) in which event the chairman of the meeting shall relay the questions raised or the statements made verbatim to all persons present at the meeting, either orally or in writing using electronic facilities;
- (n) a reference to a meeting shall mean a meeting convened and held in any manner permitted by these Bye-laws and any Member, proxy or Director attending and participating at a meeting by means of electronic facilities shall be deemed to be present at that meeting for all purposes of the Statutes and other applicable laws, rules and regulations and these Bye-laws, and attend, participate, attending, participating, attendance and participation shall be construed accordingly;
- (o) references to a person's participation in the business of a general meeting include without limitation and as relevant the right (including, in the case of a corporation, through a duly authorised representative) to speak or communicate, vote, be represented by a proxy and have access in hard copy or electronic form to all documents which are required by the Statutes and other applicable laws, rules and regulations or these Bye-laws to be made available at the meeting, and participate and participating in the business of a general meeting shall be construed accordingly;
- (p) references to electronic facilities include, without limitation, online platform(s), website addresses, webinars, webcast, video or any form of conference call systems (telephone, video, web or otherwise); and

(q) where a Member is a corporation, any reference in these Bye-laws to a Member shall, where the context requires, refer to a duly authorised representative of such Member.

# **SHARE CAPITAL**

- 3. (1) The share capital of the Company at the date on which these Bye-laws come into effect shall be divided into shares of \$0.01 each.
  - (2) Subject to the Act, the Company's memorandum of association and, where applicable, the Listing Rules and/or any competent regulatory authority, any power of the Company to purchase or otherwise acquire its own shares shall be exercisable by the Board upon such terms and subject to such conditions as it thinks fit.
  - (3) Subject to compliance with the Listing Rules and any other competent regulatory authority, the Company may give financial assistance for the purpose of or in connection with a purchase made or to be made by any person of any shares in the Company.

## ALTERATION OF CAPITAL

- 4. The Company may from time to time by ordinary resolution in accordance with Section 45 of the Act:
  - (a) increase its capital by such sum, to be divided into shares of such amounts, as the resolution shall prescribe;
  - (b) consolidate and divide all or any of its capital into shares of larger amount than its existing shares;
  - (c) divide its shares into several classes and without prejudice to any special rights previously conferred on the holders of existing shares attach thereto respectively any preferential, deferred, qualified or special rights, privileges, conditions or such restrictions which in the absence of any such determination by the Company in general meeting, as the Directors may determine provided always that where the Company issues shares which do not carry voting rights, the words "non-voting" shall appear in the designation of such shares and where the equity capital includes shares with different voting rights, the designation of each class of shares, other than those with the most favourable voting rights, must include the words "restricted voting" or "limited voting";
  - (d) sub-divide its shares, or any of them, into shares of smaller amount than is fixed by the memorandum of association (subject, nevertheless, to the Act), and may by such resolution determine that, as between the holders of the shares resulting from such

sub-division, one or more of the shares may have any such preferred rights or be subject to any such restrictions as compared with the other or others as the Company has power to attach to unissued or new shares;

- (e) change the currency denomination of its share capital;
- (f) make provision for the issue and allotment of shares which do not carry any voting rights; and
- (g) cancel any shares which, at the date of the passing of the resolution, have not been taken, or agreed to be taken, by any person, and diminish the amount of its capital by the amount of the shares so cancelled.
- 5. The Board may settle as it considers expedient any difficulty which arises in relation to any consolidation and division under the last preceding Bye-law and in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing may issue certificates in respect of fractions of shares or arrange for the sale of the shares representing fractions and the distribution of the net proceeds of sale (after deduction of the expenses of such sale) in due proportion amongst the Members who would have been entitled to the fractions, and for this purpose the Board may authorise some person to transfer the shares representing fractions to their purchaser or resolve that such net proceeds be paid to the Company for the Company's benefit. Such purchaser will not be bound to see to the application of the purchase money nor will his title to the shares be affected by any irregularity or invalidity in the proceedings relating to the sale.
- 6. The Company may from time to time by special resolution, subject to any confirmation or consent required by law, reduce its issued share capital or, save for the use of share premium as expressly permitted by the Act, any share premium account or other undistributable reserve.
- 7. Except so far as otherwise provided by the conditions of issue, or by these Bye-laws, any capital raised by the creation of new shares shall be treated as if it formed part of the original capital of the Company, and such shares shall be subject to the provisions contained in these Bye-laws with reference to the payment of calls and instalments, transfer and transmission, forfeiture, lien, cancellation, surrender, voting and otherwise.

# **SHARE RIGHTS**

8. Subject to any special rights conferred on the holders of any shares or class of shares, any share in the Company (whether forming part of the present capital or not) may be issued with or have attached thereto such rights or restrictions whether in regard to dividend, voting, return of capital or otherwise as the Company may by ordinary resolution determine or, if there has not been any such determination or so far as the same shall not make specific provision, as the Board may determine.

9. Subject to Sections 42 and 43 of the Act, these Bye-laws, and to any special rights conferred on the holders of any shares or attaching to any class of shares, any preference shares may be issued or converted into shares that, at a determinable date or at the option of the Company or the holder if so authorised by its memorandum of association, are liable to be redeemed on such terms and in such manner as the Company before the issue or conversion may by ordinary resolution of the Members determine.

# **VARIATION OF RIGHTS**

- 10. Subject to the Act and without prejudice to Bye-law 8, all or any of the special rights for the time being attached to the shares or any class of shares may, unless otherwise provided by the terms of issue of the shares of that class, from time to time (whether or not the Company is being wound up) be varied, modified or abrogated either with the consent in writing of the holders of at least three-fourths of the voting rights of the issued shares of that class or with the approval of a resolution passed by at least three-fourths of the voting rights of the holders of the shares of that class present and voting in person or by proxy at a separate general meeting of such holders. To every such separate general meeting all the provisions of these Bye-laws relating to general meetings of the Company shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply, but so that:
  - (a) the necessary quorum (including at an adjourned meeting) shall be two persons (or in the case of a Member being a corporation, its duly authorised representative) holding or representing by proxy not less than one-third of the issued shares of that class; and
  - (b) every holder of shares of the class shall be entitled to one vote for every such share held by him.
- 11. The special rights conferred upon the holders of any shares or class of shares shall not, unless otherwise expressly provided in the rights attaching to or the terms of issue of such shares, be deemed to be varied, modified or abrogated by the creation or issue of further shares ranking *pari passu* therewith.

## **SHARES**

12. (1) Subject to the Act, these Bye-laws, any direction that may be given by the Company in general meeting and, where applicable, the Listing Rules and without prejudice to any special rights or restrictions for the time being attached to any shares or any class of shares, the unissued shares of the Company (whether forming part of the original or any increased capital) shall be at the disposal of the Board, which may offer, allot, grant options over or otherwise dispose of them to such persons, at such times and for such consideration and upon such terms and conditions as the Board may in its absolute discretion determine but so that no shares shall be issued at a discount to their nominal value. Neither the Company nor the Board shall be obliged, when making or granting any allotment of, offer of, option over or disposal of shares, to

make, or make available, any such allotment, offer, option or shares to Members or others with registered addresses in any particular territory or territories being a territory or territories where, in the absence of a registration statement or other special formalities, this would or might, in the opinion of the Board, be unlawful or impracticable. Members affected as a result of the foregoing sentence shall not be, or be deemed to be, a separate class of Members for any purpose whatsoever.

- (2) The Board may issue warrants or convertible securities or securities of similar nature conferring the right upon the holders thereof to subscribe for any class of shares or securities in the capital of the Company on such terms as it may from time to time determine.
- 13. The Company may in connection with the issue of any shares exercise all powers of paying commission and brokerage conferred or permitted by the Act. Subject to the Act, the commission may be satisfied by the payment of cash or by the allotment of fully or partly paid shares or partly in one and partly in the other.
- 14. Except as required by law, no person shall be recognised by the Company as holding any share upon any trust and the Company shall not be bound by or required in any way to recognise (even when having notice thereof) any equitable, contingent, future or partial interest in any share or any fractional part of a share or (except only as otherwise provided by these Bye-laws or by law) any other rights in respect of any share except an absolute right to the entirety thereof in the registered holder.
- 15. Subject to the Act and these Bye-laws, the Board may at any time after the allotment of shares but before any person has been entered in the Register as the holder, recognise a renunciation thereof by the allottee in favour of some other person and may accord to any allottee of a share a right to effect such renunciation upon and subject to such terms and conditions as the Board considers fit to impose.

# **SHARE CERTIFICATES**

16. Every share certificate shall be issued under the Seal or a facsimile thereof or with the Seal printed thereon and shall specify the number and class and distinguishing numbers (if any) of the shares to which it relates, and the amount paid up thereon and may otherwise be in such form as the Directors may from time to time determine. The seal of the Company may only be affixed or imprinted to a share certificate with the authority of the Directors, or be executed under the signature of appropriate officials with statutory authority, unless otherwise determined by the Directors. No certificate shall be issued and representing shares of more than one class. The Board may by resolution determine, either generally or in any particular case or cases, that any signatures on any such certificates (or certificates in respect of other securities) need not be autographic but may be affixed to such certificates by some mechanical means or may be printed thereon or that such certificates need not be signed by any person.

- 17. (1) In the case of a share held jointly by several persons, the Company shall not be bound to issue more than one certificate therefor and delivery of a certificate to one of several joint holders shall be sufficient delivery to all such holders.
  - (2) Where a share stands in the names of two or more persons, the person first named in the Register shall as regards service of notices and, subject to the provisions of these Bye-laws, all or any other matters connected with the Company, except the transfer of the shares, be deemed the sole holder thereof.
- 18. Every person whose name is entered, upon an allotment of shares, as a Member in the Register shall be entitled, without payment, to receive one certificate for all such shares of any one class or several certificates each for one or more of such shares of such class upon payment for every certificate after the first of such reasonable out-of-pocket expenses as the Board from time to time determines.
- 19. Share certificates shall be issued within the relevant time limit as prescribed in the Act or as the Designated Stock Exchange may from time to time determine, whichever is the shorter, after allotment or, except in the case of a transfer which the Company is for the time being entitled to refuse to register and does not register, after lodgment of a transfer with the Company.
- 20. (1) Upon every transfer of shares the certificate held by the transferor shall be given up to be cancelled, and shall forthwith be cancelled accordingly, and a new certificate shall be issued to the transferee in respect of the shares transferred to him at such fee as is provided in paragraph (2) of this Bye-law. If any of the shares included in the certificate so given up shall be retained by the transferor a new certificate for the balance shall be issued to him at the aforesaid fee payable by the transferor to the Company in respect thereof.
  - (2) The fee referred to in paragraph (1) above shall be an amount not exceeding the relevant maximum amount as the Designated Stock Exchange may from time to time determine provided that the Board may at any time determine a lower amount for such fee.
- 21. If a share certificate shall be damaged or defaced or alleged to have been lost, stolen or destroyed a new certificate representing the same shares may be issued to the relevant Member upon request and on payment of such fee as the Designated Stock Exchange may determine to be the maximum fee payable or such lesser sum as the Board may determine and, subject to compliance with such terms (if any) as to evidence and indemnity and to payment of the costs and reasonable out-of-pocket expenses of the Company in investigating such evidence and preparing such indemnity as the Board may think fit and, in case of damage or defacement, on delivery of the old certificate to the Company

provided always that where share warrants have been issued, no new share warrant shall be issued to replace one that has been lost unless the Directors are satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that the original has been destroyed.

# **LIEN**

- 22. The Company shall have a first and paramount lien on every share (not being a fully paid share) for all moneys (whether presently payable or not) called or payable at a fixed time in respect of that share. The Company shall also have a first and paramount lien on every share (not being a fully paid share) registered in the name of a Member (whether or not jointly with other Members) for all amounts of money presently payable by such Member or his estate to the Company whether the same shall have been incurred before or after notice to the Company of any equitable or other interest of any person other than such Member, and whether the period for the payment or discharge of the same shall have actually arrived or not, and notwithstanding that the same are joint debts or liabilities of such Member or his estate and any other person, whether a Member or not. The Company's lien on a share shall extend to all dividends or other moneys payable thereon or in respect thereof. The Board may at any time, generally or in any particular case, waive any lien that has arisen or declare any share exempt in whole or in part, from the provisions of this Byelaw.
- 23. Subject to these Bye-laws, the Company may sell in such manner as the Board determines any share on which the Company has a lien, but no sale shall be made unless some sum in respect of which the lien exists is presently payable, or the liability or engagement in respect of which such lien exists is liable to be presently fulfilled or discharged nor until the expiration of fourteen (14) clear days after a notice in writing, stating and demanding payment of the sum presently payable, or specifying the liability or engagement and demanding fulfilment or discharge thereof and giving notice of the intention to sell in default, has been served on the registered holder for the time being of the share or the person entitled thereto by reason of his death or bankruptcy.
- 24. The net proceeds of the sale shall be received by the Company and applied in or towards payment or discharge of the debt or liability in respect of which the lien exists, so far as the same is presently payable, and any residue shall (subject to a like lien for debts or liabilities not presently payable as existed upon the share prior to the sale) be paid to the person entitled to the share at the time of the sale. To give effect to any such sale the Board may authorise some person to transfer the shares sold to the purchaser thereof. The purchaser shall be registered as the holder of the shares so transferred and he shall not be bound to see to the application of the purchase money, nor shall his title to the shares be affected by any irregularity or invalidity in the proceedings relating to the sale.

# CALLS ON SHARES

- 25. Subject to these Bye-laws and to the terms of allotment, the Board may from time to time make calls upon the Members in respect of any moneys unpaid on their shares (whether on account of the nominal value of the shares or by way of premium), and each Member shall (subject to being given at least fourteen (14) clear days' Notice specifying the time and place of payment) pay to the Company as required by such notice the amount called on his shares. A call may be extended, postponed or revoked in whole or in part as the Board determines but no member shall be entitled to any such extension, postponement or revocation except as a matter of grace and favour.
- 26. A call shall be deemed to have been made at the time when the resolution of the Board authorising the call was passed and may be made payable either in one lump sum or by instalments.
- 27. A person upon whom a call is made shall remain liable for calls made upon him notwithstanding the subsequent transfer of the shares in respect of which the call was made. The joint holders of a share shall be jointly and severally liable to pay all calls and instalments due in respect thereof or other moneys due in respect thereof.
- 28. If a sum called in respect of a share is not paid before or on the day appointed for payment thereof, the person from whom the sum is due shall pay interest on the amount unpaid from the day appointed for payment thereof to the time of actual payment at such rate (not exceeding twenty per cent. (20%) per annum) as the Board may determine, but the Board may in its absolute discretion waive payment of such interest wholly or in part.
- 29. No Member shall be entitled to receive any dividend or bonus or to be present and vote (save as proxy for another Member) at any general meeting either personally or by proxy, or be reckoned in a quorum, or exercise any other privilege as a Member until all calls or instalments due by him to the Company, whether alone or jointly with any other person, together with interest and expenses (if any) shall have been paid.
- 30. On the trial or hearing of any action or other proceedings for the recovery of any money due for any call, it shall be sufficient to prove that the name of the Member sued is entered in the Register as the holder, or one of the holders, of the shares in respect of which such debt accrued, that the resolution making the call is duly recorded in the minute book, and that notice of such call was duly given to the Member sued, in pursuance of these Byelaws; and it shall not be necessary to prove the appointment of the Directors who made such call, nor any other matters whatsoever, but the proof of the matters aforesaid shall be conclusive evidence of the debt.

- 31. Any amount payable in respect of a share upon allotment or at any fixed date, whether in respect of nominal value or premium or as an instalment of a call, shall be deemed to be a call duly made and payable on the date fixed for payment and if it is not paid the provisions of these Bye-laws shall apply as if that amount had become due and payable by virtue of a call duly made and notified.
- 32. On the issue of shares the Board may differentiate between the allottees or holders as to the amount of calls to be paid and the times of payment.
- 33. The Board may, if it thinks fit, receive from any Member willing to advance the same, and either in money or money's worth, all or any part of the moneys uncalled and unpaid or instalments payable upon any shares held by him and upon all or any of the moneys so advanced (until the same would, but for such advance, become presently payable) pay interest at such rate (if any) as the Board may decide. The Board may at any time repay the amount so advanced upon giving to such Member not less than one month's Notice of its intention in that behalf, unless before the expiration of such notice the amount so advanced shall have been called up on the shares in respect of which it was advanced. Such payment in advance shall not entitle the holder of such share or shares to participate in respect thereof in a dividend subsequently declared.

# **FORFEITURE OF SHARES**

- 34. (1) If a call remains unpaid after it has become due and payable the Board may give to the person from whom it is due not less than fourteen (14) clear days' Notice:
  - (a) requiring payment of the amount unpaid together with any interest which may have accrued and which may still accrue up to the date of actual payment; and
  - (b) stating that if the Notice is not complied with the shares on which the call was made will be liable to be forfeited.
  - (2) If the requirements of any such Notice are not complied with, any share in respect of which such Notice has been given may at any time thereafter, before payment of all calls and interest due in respect thereof has been made, be forfeited by a resolution of the Board to that effect, and such forfeiture shall include all dividends and bonuses declared in respect of the forfeited share but not actually paid before the forfeiture.
- 35. When any share has been forfeited, notice of the forfeiture shall be served upon the person who was before forfeiture the holder of the share. No forfeiture shall be invalidated by any omission or neglect to give such Notice.
- 36. The Board may accept the surrender of any share liable to be forfeited hereunder and, in such case, references in these Bye-laws to forfeiture will include surrender.

- 37. Until cancelled in accordance with the requirements of the Act, a forfeited share shall be the property of the Company and may be sold, re-allotted or otherwise disposed of to such person, upon such terms and in such manner as the Board determines, and at any time before a sale, re-allotment or disposition the forfeiture may be annulled by the Board on such terms as the Board determines.
- 38. A person whose shares have been forfeited shall cease to be a Member in respect of the forfeited shares but nevertheless shall remain liable to pay the Company all moneys which at the date of forfeiture were presently payable by him to the Company in respect of the shares, with (if the Directors shall in their discretion so require) interest thereon from the date of forfeiture until payment at such rate (not exceeding twenty per cent. (20%) per annum) as the Board determines. The Board may enforce payment thereof if it thinks fit, and without any deduction or allowance for the value of the forfeited shares, at the date of forfeiture, but his liability shall cease if and when the Company shall have received payment in full of all such moneys in respect of the shares. For the purposes of this Byelaw any sum which, by the terms of issue of a share, is payable thereon at a fixed time which is subsequent to the date of forfeiture, whether on account of the nominal value of the share or by way of premium, shall notwithstanding that time has not yet arrived be deemed to be payable at the date of forfeiture, and the same shall become due and payable immediately upon the forfeiture, but interest thereon shall only be payable in respect of any period between the said fixed time and the date of actual payment.
- 39. A declaration by a Director or the Secretary that a share has been forfeited on a specified date shall be conclusive evidence of the facts therein stated as against all persons claiming to be entitled to the share, and such declaration shall (subject to the execution of an instrument of transfer by the Company if necessary) constitute a good title to the share, and the person to whom the share is disposed of shall be registered as the holder of the share and shall not be bound to see to the application of the consideration (if any), nor shall his title to the share be affected by any irregularity in or invalidity of the proceedings in reference to the forfeiture, sale or disposal of the share. When any share shall have been forfeited, notice of the declaration shall be given to the Member in whose name it stood immediately prior to the forfeiture, and an entry of the forfeiture, with the date thereof, shall forthwith be made in the register, but no forfeiture shall be in any manner invalidated by any omission or neglect to give such notice or make any such entry.
- 40. Notwithstanding any such forfeiture as aforesaid the Board may at any time, before any shares so forfeited shall have been sold, re-allotted or otherwise disposed of, permit the shares forfeited to be bought back upon the terms of payment of all calls and interest due upon and expenses incurred in respect of the share, and upon such further terms (if any) as it thinks fit.
- 41. The forfeiture of a share shall not prejudice the right of the Company to any call already made or instalment payable thereon.

42. The provisions of these Bye-laws as to forfeiture shall apply in the case of non payment of any sum which, by the terms of issue of a share, becomes payable at a fixed time, whether on account of the nominal value of the share or by way of premium, as if the same had been payable by virtue of a call duly made and notified.

## **REGISTER OF MEMBERS**

- 43. (1) The Company shall keep in one or more books a Register and shall enter therein the following particulars, that is to say:
  - (a) the name and address of each Member, the number and class of shares held by him and, in respect of any shares that are not fully paid, the amount paid or agreed to be considered as paid on such shares;
  - (b) the date on which each person was entered in the Register; and
  - (c) the date on which any person ceased to be a Member.
  - (2) Subject to the Act, the Company may keep an overseas or local or other branch register of Members resident in any place, and the Board may make and vary such regulations as it determines in respect of the keeping of any such register and maintaining a Registration Office in connection therewith.
- 44. The Register and branch register of Members, as the case may be, shall be open for inspection between 10 a.m. and 12 noon during business hours by members of the public without charge at the Office or such other place at which the Register is kept in accordance with the Act. The Register including any overseas or local or other branch register of Members may, after notice has been given by advertisement in any newspapers in accordance with the requirements of any Designated Stock Exchange or by any means in such manner as may be accepted by the Designated Stock Exchange to that effect, be closed on terms equivalent to section 632 of the Companies Ordinance (Chapter 622 of the laws of Hong Kong) at such times or for such periods not exceeding in the whole thirty (30) days in each year as the Board may determine and either generally or in respect of any class of shares.

# **RECORD DATES**

- 45. Subject to the Listing Rules, notwithstanding any other provision of these Bye-laws the Company or the Directors may fix any date as the record date for:
  - (a) determining the Members entitled to receive any dividend, distribution, allotment or issue;
  - (b) determining the Members entitled to receive notice of and to vote at any general meeting of the Company.

# TRANSFER OF SHARES

- 46. Subject to these Bye-laws, any Member may transfer all or any of his shares in any manner permitted by and in accordance with the Listing Rules or by an instrument of transfer in the usual or common form or in a form prescribed by the Designated Stock Exchange or in any other form approved by the Board and may be under hand or, if the transferor or transferee is a clearing house or its nominee(s), by hand or by machine imprinted signature or by such other manner of execution as the Board may approve from time to time.
- 47. The instrument of transfer shall be executed by or on behalf of the transferor and the transferee provided that the Board may dispense with the execution of the instrument of transfer by the transferee in any case which it thinks fit in its discretion to do so. Without prejudice to Bye-law 46, the Board may also resolve, either generally or in any particular case, upon request by either the transferor or transferee, to accept mechanically executed transfers. The transferor shall be deemed to remain the holder of the share until the name of the transferee is entered in the Register in respect thereof. Nothing in these Bye-laws shall preclude the Board from recognising a renunciation of the allotment or provisional allotment of any share by the allottee in favour of some other person.
- 48. (1) The Board may, in its absolute discretion, and without giving any reason therefor, refuse to register a transfer of any share (not being a fully paid up share) to a person of whom it does not approve, or any share issued under any share incentive scheme for employees upon which a restriction on transfer imposed thereby still subsists, and it may also, without prejudice to the foregoing generality, refuse to register a transfer of any share to more than four (4) joint holders or a transfer of any share (not being a fully paid up share) on which the Company has a lien.
  - (2) No transfer shall be made to an infant or to a person of unsound mind or under other legal disability.
  - (3) The Board in so far as permitted by any applicable law may, in its absolute discretion, at any time and from time to time transfer any share upon the Register to any branch register or any share on any branch register to the Register or any other branch register. In the event of any such transfer, the shareholder requesting such transfer shall bear the cost of effecting the transfer unless the Board otherwise determines.
  - (4) Unless the Board otherwise agrees (which agreement may be on such terms and subject to such conditions as the Board in its absolute discretion may from time to time determine, and which agreement the Board shall, without giving any reason therefor, be entitled in its absolute discretion to give or withhold), no shares upon the Register shall be transferred to any branch register nor shall shares on any branch register be transferred to the Register or any other branch register and all transfers and other documents of title shall be lodged for registration, and registered, in the case of

any shares on a branch register, at the relevant Registration Office, and, in the case of any shares on the Register, at the Office or such other place in Bermuda at which the Register is kept in accordance with the Act.

- 49. Without limiting the generality of the last preceding Bye-law, the Board may decline to recognise any instrument of transfer unless:-
  - (a) a fee of such maximum sum as the Designated Stock Exchange may determine to be payable or such lesser sum as the Board may from time to time require is paid to the Company in respect thereof;
  - (b) the instrument of transfer is in respect of only one class of share;
  - (c) the instrument of transfer is lodged at the Office or such other place in Bermuda at which the Register is kept in accordance with the Act or the Registration Office (as the case may be) accompanied by the relevant share certificate(s) and such other evidence as the Board may reasonably require to show the right of the transferor to make the transfer (and, if the instrument of transfer is executed by some other person on his behalf, the authority of that person so to do); and
  - (d) if applicable, the instrument of transfer is duly and properly stamped.
- 50. If the Board refuses to register a transfer of any share, it shall, within two (2) months after the date on which the transfer was lodged with the Company, send to each of the transferor and transferee notice of the refusal.
- 51. The registration of transfers of shares or of any class of shares may, after notice has been given by announcement or by electronic communication or by advertisement in any newspapers in accordance with the requirements of any Designated Stock Exchange or by any means in such manner as may be accepted by the Designated Stock Exchange to that effect be suspended at such times and for such periods (not exceeding in the whole thirty (30) days in any year) as the Board may determine.

## TRANSMISSION OF SHARES

52. If a Member dies, the survivor or survivors where the deceased was a joint holder, and his legal personal representatives where he was a sole or only surviving holder, will be the only persons recognised by the Company as having any title to his interest in the shares; but nothing in this Bye-law will release the estate of a deceased Member (whether sole or joint) from any liability in respect of any share which had been solely or jointly held by him.

- 53. Subject to Section 52 of the Act, any person becoming entitled to a share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy or winding-up of a Member may, upon such evidence as to his title being produced as may be required by the Board, elect either to become the holder of the share or to have some person nominated by him registered as the transferee thereof. If he elects to become the holder he shall notify the Company in writing either at the Registration Office or Office, as the case may be, to that effect. If he elects to have another person registered he shall execute a transfer of the share in favour of that person. The provisions of these Bye-laws relating to the transfer and registration of transfers of shares shall apply to such notice or transfer as aforesaid as if the death or bankruptcy of the Member had not occurred and the notice or transfer were a transfer signed by such Member.
- 54. A person becoming entitled to a share by reason of the death or bankruptcy or winding-up of a Member shall be entitled to the same dividends and other advantages to which he would be entitled if he were the registered holder of the share. However, the Board may, if it thinks fit, withhold the payment of any dividend payable or other advantages in respect of such share until such person shall become the registered holder of the share or shall have effectually transferred such share, but, subject to the requirements of Bye-law 72(2) being met, such a person may vote at meetings.

## **UNTRACEABLE MEMBERS**

- 55. (1) Without prejudice to the rights of the Company under paragraph (2) of this Bye-law, the Company may cease sending cheques for dividend entitlements or dividend warrants by post if such cheques or warrants have been left uncashed on two consecutive occasions. However, the Company may exercise the power to cease sending cheques for dividend entitlements or dividend warrants after the first occasion on which such a cheque or warrant is returned undelivered.
  - (2) The Company shall have the power to sell, in such manner as the Board thinks fit, any shares of a Member who is untraceable, but no such sale shall be made unless:
    - (a) all cheques or warrants in respect of dividends of the shares in question, being not less than three in total number, for any sum payable in cash to the holder of such shares in respect of them sent during the relevant period in the manner authorised by the Bye-laws have remained uncashed;
    - (b) so far as it is aware at the end of the relevant period, the Company has not at any time during the relevant period received any indication of the existence of the Member who is the holder of such shares or of a person entitled to such shares by death, bankruptcy or operation of law; and
    - (c) the Company, if so required by the Listing Rules, has given notice to, and caused advertisement in newspapers in accordance with the requirements of, the Designated Stock Exchange to be made of its intention to sell such shares in the

manner required by the Designated Stock Exchange, and a period of three (3) months or such shorter period as may be allowed by the Designated Stock Exchange has elapsed since the date of such advertisement.

For the purpose of the foregoing, the "relevant period" means the period commencing twelve (12) years before the date of publication of the advertisement referred to in paragraph (c) of this Bye-law and ending at the expiry of the period referred to in that paragraph.

(3) To give effect to any such sale the Board may authorise some person to transfer the said shares and an instrument of transfer signed or otherwise executed by or on behalf of such person shall be as effective as if it had been executed by the registered holder or the person entitled by transmission to such shares, and the purchaser shall not be bound to see to the application of the purchase money nor shall his title to the shares be affected by any irregularity or invalidity in the proceedings relating to the sale. The net proceeds of the sale will belong to the Company and upon receipt by the Company of such net proceeds it shall become indebted to the former Member for an amount equal to such net proceeds. No trust shall be created in respect of such debt and no interest shall be payable in respect of it and the Company shall not be required to account for any money earned from the net proceeds which may be employed in the business of the Company or as it thinks fit. Any sale under this Bye-law shall be valid and effective notwithstanding that the Member holding the shares sold is dead, bankrupt or otherwise under any legal disability or incapacity.

# **GENERAL MEETINGS**

- 56. Subject to the Act, an annual general meeting of the Company shall be held for each financial year and such annual general meeting must be held within six (6) months after the end of the Company's financial year (unless a longer period would not infringe the rules of the Designated Stock Exchange, if any).
- 57. Each general meeting, other than an annual general meeting, shall be called a special general meeting. All general meetings (including an annual general meeting, any adjourned meeting or postponed meeting) may be held as a physical meeting in any part of the world and at one or more locations as provided in Bye-law 64A, as a hybrid meeting or as an electronic meeting, as may be determined by the Board in its absolute discretion.
- 58. The Board may whenever it thinks fit call special general meetings, and Members holding at the date of deposit of the requisition not less than one-tenth of the voting rights at general meetings (on a one vote per share basis) in the share capital of the Company shall at all times have the right, by written requisition to the Board or the Secretary of the Company, to require a special general meeting to be called by the Board for the transaction of any business or resolution specified in such requisition and add resolutions to the agenda of the meeting so convened; and such meeting shall be held in the form of a physical

meeting only and within two (2) months after the deposit of such requisition. If within twenty-one (21) days of such deposit the Board fails to proceed to convene such meeting the requisitionists themselves may convene such physical meeting in accordance with the provisions of Section 74(3) of the Act.

## **NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETINGS**

- 59. (1) An annual general meeting shall be called by Notice of not less than twenty-one (21) clear days. All other general meetings (including a special general meeting) must be called by Notice of not less than fourteen (14) clear days but if permitted by the Listing Rules, a general meeting may be called by shorter notice if it is so agreed:
  - (a) in the case of a meeting called as an annual general meeting, by all the Members entitled to attend and vote thereat: and
  - (b) in the case of any other meeting, by a majority in number of the Members having the right to attend and vote at the meeting, being a majority together representing not less than ninety-five per cent. (95%) of the total voting rights at the meeting of all the Members.
  - (2) The Notice shall specify (a) the time and date of the meeting, (b) save for an electronic meeting, the place of the meeting and if there is more than one meeting location as determined by the Board pursuant to Bye-law 64A, the principal place of the meeting (the "Principal Meeting Place"), (c) if the general meeting is to be a hybrid meeting or an electronic meeting, the notice shall include a statement to that effect and with details of the electronic facilities for attendance and participation by electronic means at the meeting or where such details will be made available by the Company prior to the meeting, and (d) particulars of resolutions to be considered at the meeting. The Notice convening an annual general meeting shall specify the meeting as such. Notice of every general meeting shall be given to all Members other than to such Members as, under the provisions of these Bye-laws or the terms of issue of the shares they hold, are not entitled to receive such notices from the Company, to all persons entitled to a share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy or winding-up of a Member and to each of the Directors and the Auditors.
- 60. The accidental omission to give Notice of a meeting or (in cases where instruments of proxy are sent out with the Notice) to send such instrument of proxy to, or the non-receipt of such Notice or such instrument of proxy by, any person entitled to receive such Notice shall not invalidate any resolution passed or the proceedings at that meeting.

# PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

- 61. (1) All business shall be deemed special that is transacted at a special general meeting, and also all business that is transacted at an annual general meeting, with the exception of sanctioning dividends, the reading, considering and adopting of the accounts and balance sheet and the reports of the Directors and Auditors and other documents required to be annexed to the balance sheet, the election of Directors and appointment of Auditors and other officers in the place of those retiring, the fixing of the remuneration of the Auditors, and the voting of remuneration or extra remuneration to the Directors.
  - (2) No business other than the appointment of a chairman of a meeting shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum is present at the commencement of the business. Two (2) Members entitled to vote and present in person or by proxy or, for quorum purposes only, two persons appointed by the clearing house as authorised representative or proxy, shall form a quorum for all purposes.
- 62. If within thirty (30) minutes (or such longer time not exceeding one hour as the chairman of the meeting may determine to wait) after the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting, if convened on the requisition of Members, shall be dissolved. In any other case it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and (where applicable) same place(s) or to such time and (where applicable) such place(s) and in such form and manner referred to in Bye-law 57 as the chairman of the meeting (or in default, the Board) may absolutely determine. If at such adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for holding the meeting, the meeting shall be dissolved.
- 63. (1) The chairman of the Company or if there is more than one chairman, any one of them as may be agreed amongst themselves or failing such agreement, any one of them elected by all the Directors present shall preside as chairman at a general meeting. If at any meeting no chairman is present within fifteen (15) minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, or is willing to act as chairman, the deputy chairman of the Company or if there is more than one deputy chairman, any one of them as may be agreed amongst themselves or failing such agreement, any one of them elected by all the Directors present shall preside as chairman. If no chairman or deputy chairman is present or is willing to act as chairman of the meeting, the Directors present shall choose one of their number to act, or if one Director only is present he shall preside as chairman if willing to act. If no Director is present, or if each of the Directors present declines to take the chair, or if the chairman chosen shall retire from the chair, the Members present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote shall elect one of their number to be chairman of the meeting.

- (2) If the chairman of a general meeting is participating in the general meeting using an electronic facility or facilities and becomes unable to participate in the general meeting using such electronic facility or facilities, another person (determined in accordance with Bye-law 63(1) above) shall preside as chairman of the meeting unless and until the original chairman of the meeting is able to participate in the general meeting using the electronic facility or facilities.
- 64. Subject to Bye-law 64C, the chairman may, with the consent of any meeting at which a quorum is present (and shall if so directed by the meeting), adjourn the meeting from time to time (or indefinitely) and/or from place to place(s) and/or from one form to another (a physical meeting, a hybrid meeting or an electronic meeting) as the meeting shall determine, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business which might lawfully have been transacted at the meeting had the adjournment not taken place. When a meeting is adjourned for fourteen (14) days or more, at least seven (7) clear days' Notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given specifying the details set out in Bye-law 59(2) but it shall not be necessary to specify in such notice the nature of the business to be transacted at the adjourned meeting and the general nature of the business to be transacted. Save as aforesaid, it shall be unnecessary to give notice of an adjournment.
- 64A. (1) The Board may, at its absolute discretion, arrange for persons entitled to attend a general meeting to do so by simultaneous attendance and participation by means of electronic facilities at such location or locations ("Meeting Location(s)") determined by the Board at its absolute discretion. Any Member or any proxy attending and participating in such way or any Member or proxy attending and participating in an electronic meeting or a hybrid meeting by means of electronic facilities is deemed to be present at and shall be counted in the quorum of the meeting.
  - (2) All general meetings are subject to the following:
    - (a) where a Member is attending a Meeting Location and/or in the case of a hybrid meeting, the meeting shall be treated as having commenced if it has commenced at the Principal Meeting Place;
    - (b) Members present in person or by proxy at a Meeting Location and/or Members participating in an electronic meeting or a hybrid meeting by means of electronic facilities shall be counted in the quorum for and entitled to vote at the meeting in question, and that meeting shall be duly constituted and its proceedings valid provided that the chairman of the meeting is satisfied that adequate electronic facilities are available throughout the meeting to ensure that Members at all Meeting Locations and Members participating in an electronic meeting or a hybrid meeting by means of electronic facilities are able to participate in the business for which the meeting has been convened;

- (c) where Members attend a meeting by being present at one of the Meeting Locations and/or where Members participating in an electronic meeting or a hybrid meeting by means of electronic facilities, a failure (for any reason) of the electronic facilities or communication equipment, or any other failure in the arrangements for enabling those in a Meeting Location other than the Principal Meeting Place to participate in the business for which the meeting has been convened or in the case of an electronic meeting or a hybrid meeting, the inability of one or more Members or proxies to access, or continue to access, the electronic facilities despite adequate electronic facilities having been made available by the Company, shall not affect the validity of the meeting or the resolutions passed, or any business conducted there or any action taken pursuant to such business provided that there is a quorum present throughout the meeting; and
- (d) if any of the Meeting Locations is outside the jurisdiction of the Principal Meeting Place and/or in the case of a hybrid meeting, unless otherwise stated in the Notice, the provisions of these Bye-laws concerning the service and giving of Notice for the meeting, and the time for lodging proxies, shall apply by reference to the Principal Meeting Place; and in the case of an electronic meeting, the time for lodging proxies shall be as stated in the Notice for the meeting.
- 64B. The Board and, at any general meeting, the chairman of the meeting may from time to time make arrangements for managing attendance and/or participation and/or voting at the Principal Meeting Place, any Meeting Location(s) and/or participation in an electronic meeting or a hybrid meeting by means of electronic facilities (whether involving the issue of tickets or some other means of identification, passcode, seat reservation, electronic voting or otherwise) as it shall in its absolute discretion consider appropriate, and may from time to time change any such arrangements, provided that a Member who, pursuant to such arrangements, is not entitled to attend, in person or by proxy, at any Meeting Location shall be entitled so to attend at one of the other Meeting Locations; and the entitlement of any Member so to attend the meeting or adjourned meeting or postponed meeting at such Meeting Location or Meeting Locations shall be subject to any such arrangement as may be for the time being in force and by the Notice of meeting or adjourned meeting or postponed meeting stated to apply to the meeting.

64C. If it appears to the chairman of the general meeting that:

(a) the electronic facilities at the Principal Meeting Place or at such other Meeting Location(s) at which the meeting may be attended have become inadequate for the purposes referred to in Bye-law 64A(1) or are otherwise not sufficient to allow the meeting to be conducted substantially in accordance with the provisions set out in the Notice of the meeting; or

- (b) in the case of an electronic meeting or a hybrid meeting, electronic facilities being made available by the Company have become inadequate; or
- (c) it is not possible to ascertain the view of those present or to give all persons entitled to do so a reasonable opportunity to communicate and/or vote at the meeting; or
- (d) there is violence or the threat of violence, unruly behaviour or other disruption occurring at the meeting or it is not possible to secure the proper and orderly conduct of the meeting;

then, without prejudice to any other power which the chairman of the meeting may have under these Bye-laws or at common law, the chairman may, at his/her absolute discretion, without the consent of the meeting, and before or after the meeting has started and irrespective of whether a quorum is present, interrupt or adjourn the meeting (including adjournment for indefinite period). All business conducted at the meeting up to the time of such adjournment shall be valid.

- 64D. The Board and, at any general meeting, the chairman of the meeting may make any arrangement and impose any requirement or restriction the Board or the chairman of the meeting, as the case may be, considers appropriate to ensure the security and orderly conduct of a meeting (including, without limitation, requirements for evidence of identity to be produced by those attending the meeting, the searching of their personal property and the restriction of items that may be taken into the meeting place, determining the number and frequency of and the time allowed for questions that may be raised at a meeting). Members shall also comply with all requirements or restrictions imposed by the owner of the premises at which the meeting is held. Any decision made under this Bye-law shall be final and conclusive and a person who refuses to comply with any such arrangements, requirements or restrictions may be refused entry to the meeting or ejected (physically or electronically) from the meeting.
- 64E. If, after the sending of Notice of a general meeting but before the meeting is held, or after the adjournment of a meeting but before the adjourned meeting is held (whether or not Notice of the adjourned meeting is required), the Directors, in their absolute discretion, consider that it is inappropriate, impracticable, unreasonable or undesirable for any reason to hold the general meeting on the date or at the time or place or by means of electronic facilities specified in the Notice calling the meeting, they may change or postpone the meeting to another date, time and/or place and/or change the electronic facilities and/or change the form of the meeting (a physical meeting, an electronic meeting or a hybrid meeting) without approval from the Members. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the Directors shall have the power to provide in every Notice calling a general meeting the circumstances in which a postponement of the relevant general meeting may

occur automatically without further notice, including without limitation where a number 8 or higher typhoon signal, black rainstorm warning or other similar event is in force at any time on the day of the meeting. This Bye-law shall be subject to the following:

- (a) when a meeting is so postponed, the Company shall endeavour to post a notice of such postponement on the Company's website as soon as practicable (provided that failure to post such a notice shall not affect the automatic postponement of such meeting);
- (b) when only the form of the meeting or electronic facilities specified in the Notice are changed, the Board shall notify the Members of details of such change in such manner as the Board may determine;
- (c) when a meeting is postponed or changed in accordance with this Bye-law, subject to and without prejudice to Bye-law 64, unless already specified in the original Notice of the meeting, the Board shall fix the date, time, place (if applicable) and electronic facilities (if applicable) for the postponed or changed meeting and shall notify the Members of such details in such manner as the Board may determine; further all proxy forms shall be valid (unless revoked or replaced by a new proxy) if they are received as required by these Bye-laws not less than 48 hours before the time of the postponed or changed meeting; and
- (d) notice of the business to be transacted at the postponed or changed meeting shall not be required, nor shall any accompanying documents be required to be recirculated, provided that the business to be transacted at the postponed or changed meeting is the same as that set out in the original Notice of general meeting circulated to the Members.
- 64F. All persons seeking to attend and participate in an electronic meeting or a hybrid meeting shall be responsible for maintaining adequate facilities to enable them to do so. Subject to Bye-law 64C, any inability of a person or persons to attend or participate in a general meeting by way of electronic facilities shall not invalidate the proceedings of and/or resolutions passed at that meeting.
- 64G. Without prejudice to other provisions in Bye-law 64, a physical meeting may also be held by means of such telephone, electronic or other communication facilities as permit all persons participating in the meeting to communicate with each other simultaneously and instantaneously, and participation in such a meeting shall constitute presence in person at such meeting.

- 64H. Without prejudice to Articles 64A to 64G, and subject to the Statutes and the rules of the Designated Stock Exchange and any other applicable laws, the Board may resolve to enable persons entitled to attend an electronic meeting to do so by simultaneous attendance by means of electronic facilities with no Member necessarily in physical attendance and without any particular Meeting Location being designated. Each Member or (in the case of a Member being a corporation) its duly authorised representative or its proxy shall be counted in the quorum for, and entitled to vote at, the electronic meeting in question, and that general meeting shall be duly constituted and its proceedings valid if the chairman of the electronic meeting is satisfied that adequate facilities are available throughout the electronic meeting to ensure that Members attending the electronic meeting who are not present together at the same place may, by means of electronic facilities, attend and speak or communicate and vote at it.
- 65. If an amendment is proposed to any resolution under consideration but is in good faith ruled out of order by the chairman of the meeting, the proceedings on the substantive resolution shall not be invalidated by any error in such ruling. In the case of a resolution duly proposed as a special resolution, no amendment thereto (other than a mere clerical amendment to correct a patent error) may in any event be considered or voted upon.

### **VOTING**

Subject to any special rights or restrictions as to voting for the time being attached to 66. (1) any shares by or in accordance with these Bye-laws, at any general meeting on a poll every Member present in person or by proxy shall have one vote for every fully paid share of which he is the holder but so that no amount paid up or credited as paid up on a share in advance of calls or instalments is treated for the foregoing purposes as paid up on the share. A resolution put to the vote of a meeting shall be decided by way of a poll save that in the case of a physical meeting, the chairman of the meeting may in good faith, allow a resolution which relates purely to a procedural or administrative matter to be voted on by a show of hands in which case every Member present in or by proxy(ies) shall have one vote provided that where more than one proxy is appointed by a Member which is a clearing house (or its nominee(s)), each such proxy shall have one vote on a show of hands. For purposes of this Bye-law, procedural and administrative matters are those that (i) are not on the agenda of the general meeting or in any supplementary circular that may be issued by the Company to its Members; and (ii) relate to the chairman's duties to maintain the orderly conduct of the meeting and/or allow the business of the meeting to be properly and effectively dealt with, whilst allowing all Members a reasonable opportunity to express their views. Votes may be cast by such means, electronic or otherwise, as the Directors or the chairman of the meeting may determine.

- (2) In the case of a physical meeting where a show of hands is allowed, before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands, a poll may be demanded:
  - (a) by at least three Members present in person or by proxy for the time being entitled to vote at the meeting; or
  - (b) by a Member or Members present in person by proxy and representing not less than one-tenth of the total voting rights of all Members having the right to vote at the meeting; or
  - (c) by a Member or Members present in person or by proxy and holding shares in the Company conferring a right to vote at the meeting being shares on which an aggregate sum has been paid up equal to not less than one-tenth of the total sum paid up on all shares conferring that right.

A demand by a person as proxy for a Member shall be deemed to be the same as a demand by the Member.

- 67. Where a resolution is voted on by a show of hands, a declaration by the chairman that a resolution has been carried, or carried unanimously, or by a particular majority, or not carried by a particular majority, or lost, and an entry to that effect made in the minute book of the Company, shall be conclusive evidence of the facts without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded for or against the resolution. The result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting. The Company shall only be required to disclose the voting figures on a poll if such disclosure is required by the Listing Rules.
- 68. On a poll votes may be given either personally or by proxy.
- 69. A person entitled to more than one vote on a poll need not use all his votes or cast all the votes he uses in the same way.
- 70. All questions submitted to a meeting shall be decided by a simple majority of votes except where a greater majority is required by these Bye-laws or by the Act. In the case of an equality of votes, the chairman of such meeting shall be entitled to a second or casting vote in addition to any other vote he may have.
- 71. Where there are joint holders of any share any one of such joint holder may vote, 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 any 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 this purpose seniority shall be determined by the order in which the names stand in the Register in respect of the joint holding. Several executors or administrators of a deceased Member in whose name any share stands shall for the purposes of this Bye-law be deemed joint holders thereof.

- 72. (1) A Member who is a patient for any purpose relating to mental health or in respect of whom an order has been made by any court having jurisdiction for the protection or management of the affairs of persons incapable of managing their own affairs may vote, by his receiver, committee, curator bonis or other person in the nature of a receiver, committee or curator bonis appointed by such court, and such receiver, committee, curator bonis or other person may vote by proxy, and may otherwise act and be treated as if he were the registered holder of such shares for the purposes of general meetings, provided that such evidence as the Board may require of the authority of the person claiming to vote shall have been deposited at the Office, head office or Registration Office, as appropriate, not less than forty-eight (48) hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting, or adjourned meeting, or postponed meeting, as the case may be.
  - (2) Any person entitled under Bye-law 53 to be registered as the holder of any shares may vote at any general meeting in respect thereof in the same manner as if he were the registered holder of such shares, provided that forty-eight (48) hours at least before the time of the holding of the meeting or adjourned meeting or postponed meeting, as the case may be, at which he proposes to vote, he shall satisfy the Board of his entitlement to such shares, or the Board shall have previously admitted his right to vote at such meeting in respect thereof.
- 73. (1) No Member shall, unless the Board otherwise determines, be entitled to attend and vote and to be reckoned in a quorum at any general meeting unless he is duly registered and all calls or other sums presently payable by him in respect of shares in the Company have been paid.
  - (2) All members shall have the right to (a) speak at a general meeting, and (b) vote at a general meeting except where a Member is required, by the Listing Rules, to abstain from voting to approve the matter under consideration.
  - (3) Where any Member is, under the Listing Rules, required to abstain from voting on any particular resolution of the Company or restricted to voting only for or only against any particular resolution of the Company, any votes cast by or on behalf of such Member in contravention of such requirement or restriction shall not be counted.

### 74. If:

- (a) any objection shall be raised to the qualification of any voter; or
- (b) any votes have been counted which ought not to have been counted or which might have been rejected; or
- (c) any votes are not counted which ought to have been counted;

the objection or error shall not vitiate the decision of the meeting or adjourned meeting or postponed meeting on any resolution unless the same is raised or pointed out at the meeting or, as the case may be, the adjourned meeting or postponed meeting at which the vote objected to is given or tendered or at which the error occurs. Any objection or error shall be referred to the chairman of the meeting and shall only vitiate the decision of the meeting on any resolution if the chairman decides that the same may have affected the decision of the meeting. The decision of the chairman on such matters shall be final and conclusive.

### **PROXIES**

- 75. Any Member (including a clearing house) entitled to attend and vote at a meeting of the Company shall be entitled to appoint another person as his proxy or representative (if such Member is a corporation) to attend and vote instead of him. A Member who is the holder of two or more shares may appoint more than one proxy to represent him and vote on his behalf at a general meeting of the Company or at a class meeting. A proxy need not be a Member. In addition, a proxy or proxies representing either a Member who is an individual or a Member which is a corporation shall be entitled to exercise the same powers on behalf of the Member which he or they represent as such Member could exercise.
- 76. The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing under the hand of the appointor or of his attorney duly authorised in writing or, if the appointor is a corporation, either under its seal or under the hand of an officer, attorney or other person authorised to sign the same. In the case of an instrument of proxy purporting to be signed on behalf of a corporation by an officer thereof it shall be assumed, unless the contrary appears, that such officer was duly authorised to sign such instrument of proxy on behalf of the corporation without further evidence of the fact.
- 77. (1) The Company may, at its absolute discretion, provide an electronic address for the receipt of any document or information relating to proxies for a general meeting (including any instrument of proxy or invitation to appoint a proxy, any document necessary to show the validity of, or otherwise relating to, an appointment of proxy (whether or not required under these Bye-laws) and notice of termination of the authority of a proxy). If such an electronic address is provided, the Company shall be deemed to have agreed that any such document or information (relating to proxies as aforesaid) may be sent by electronic means to that address, subject as hereafter provided and subject to any other limitations or conditions specified by the Company when providing the address. Without limitation, the Company may from time to time determine that any such electronic address may be used generally for such matters or specifically for particular meetings or purposes and, if so, the Company may provide different electronic addresses for different purposes. The Company may also impose any conditions on the transmission of and its receipt of such electronic communications including, for the avoidance of doubt, imposing any security or encryption arrangements as may be specified by the Company. If any document or

information required to be sent to the Company under this Bye-law is sent to the Company by electronic means, such document or information is not treated as validly delivered to or deposited with the Company if the same is not received by the Company at its designated electronic address provided in accordance with this Bye-law or if no electronic address is so designated by the Company for the receipt of such document or information.

- The instrument appointing a proxy and (if required by the Board) the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed, or a certified copy of such power or authority, shall be delivered to such place or one of such places (if any) as may be specified for that purpose in or by way of note to or in any document accompanying the notice convening the meeting (or, if no place is so specified at the Registration Office or the Office, as may be appropriate), or if the Company has provided an electronic address in accordance with the preceding paragraph, shall be received at the electronic address specified, not less than forty-eight (48) hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting or postponed meeting at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote. No instrument appointing a proxy shall be valid after the expiration of twelve (12) months from the date named in it as the date of its execution, except at an adjourned meeting or postponed meeting in cases where the meeting was originally held within twelve (12) months from such date. Delivery of an instrument appointing a proxy shall not preclude a Member from attending and voting at the meeting convened and in such event, the instrument appointing a proxy shall be deemed to be revoked.
- 78. Instruments of proxy shall be in any common form or in such other form as the Board may approve (provided that this shall not preclude the use of the two-way form) and the Board may, if it thinks fit, send out with the notice of any meeting forms of instrument of proxy for use at the meeting. The instrument of proxy shall be deemed to confer authority to vote on any amendment of a resolution put to the meeting for which it is given as the proxy thinks fit. The instrument of proxy shall, unless the contrary is stated therein, be valid as well for any adjournment or postponement of the meeting as for the meeting to which it relates. The Board may decide, either generally or in any particular case, to treat a proxy appointment as valid notwithstanding that the appointment or any of the information required under these Bye-laws has not been received in accordance with the requirements of these Bye-laws. Subject to aforesaid, if the proxy appointment and any of the information required under these Bye-laws is not received in the manner set out in these Bye-laws, the appointee shall not be entitled to vote in respect of the shares in question.
- 79. A vote given in accordance with the terms of an instrument of proxy shall be valid notwithstanding the previous death or insanity of the principal, or revocation of the instrument of proxy or of the authority under which it was executed, provided that no intimation in writing of such death, insanity or revocation shall have been received by the Company at the Office or the Registration Office (or such other place as may be specified

- for the delivery of instruments of proxy in the notice convening the meeting or other document sent therewith) two (2) hours at least before the commencement of the meeting or adjourned meeting or postponed meeting, at which the instrument of proxy is used.
- 80. Anything which under these Bye-laws a Member may do by proxy he may likewise do by his duly appointed attorney and the provisions of these Bye-laws relating to proxies and instruments appointing proxies shall apply *mutatis mutandis* in relation to any such attorney and the instrument under which such attorney is appointed.

### CORPORATIONS ACTING BY REPRESENTATIVES

- 81. (1) Any corporation which is a Member may by resolution of its directors or other governing body authorise such person as it thinks fit to act as its representative to attend and vote at any meeting of the Company or at any meeting of any class of Members. The person so authorised shall be entitled to exercise the same powers on behalf of such corporation as the corporation could exercise as if it were an individual Member and such corporation shall for the purposes of these Bye-laws be deemed to be present in person at any such meeting if a person so authorised is present thereat.
  - (2) Where a Member is a clearing house (or its nominee(s) and, in each case, being a corporation), it may authorise such persons as it thinks fit to act as its proxies or corporate representatives, who shall enjoy rights equivalent to the rights of other Members, to attend any meeting of the Company or at any meeting of any class of Members provided that the authorisation shall specify the number and class of shares in respect of which each such representative is so authorised. Each person so authorised under the provisions of this Bye-law shall be deemed to have been duly authorised without further evidence of the facts and be entitled to exercise the same rights and powers on behalf of the clearing house (or its nominee(s)) as if such person was the registered holder of the shares of the Company held by the clearing house (or its nominee(s)) in respect of the number and class of shares specified in the relevant authorisation including, where a show of hands is allowed, the right to speak and vote individually on a show of hands or on a poll.
  - (3) Any reference in these Bye-laws to a duly authorised representative of a Member being a corporation shall mean a representative authorised under the provisions of this Bye-law.

#### WRITTEN RESOLUTIONS OF MEMBERS

82. (1) Subject to the Act, a resolution in writing signed (in such manner as to indicate, expressly or impliedly, unconditional approval) by or on behalf of all persons for the time being entitled to receive notice of and to attend and vote at general meetings of the Company shall, for the purposes of these Bye-laws, be treated as a resolution duly passed at a general meeting of the Company and, where relevant, as a special

resolution so passed. Any such resolution shall be deemed to have been passed at a meeting held on the date on which it was signed by the last Member to sign, and where the resolution states a date as being the date of his signature thereof by any Member the statement shall be *prima facie* evidence that it was signed by him on that date. Such a resolution may consist of several documents in the like form, each signed by one or more relevant Members.

(2) Notwithstanding any provisions contained in these Bye-laws, a resolution in writing shall not be passed for the purpose of removing a Director before the expiration of his term of office under Bye-law 83(4) or for the purposes set out in Bye-law 152(3) relating to the removal and appointment of the Auditor.

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- 83. (1) Unless otherwise determined by the Company in general meeting, the number of Directors shall not be less than two (2). There shall be no maximum number of Directors unless otherwise determined from time to time by the Members in general meeting. The Directors shall be elected or appointed in the first place at the statutory meeting of Members and thereafter at the annual general meeting in accordance with Bye-law 84 or at any special general meeting called for such purpose and who shall hold office for such term as the Members may determine or, in the absence of such determination, in accordance with Bye-law 84 or until their successors are elected or appointed or their office is otherwise vacated. Any general meeting may authorise the Board to fill any vacancy in their number left unfilled at a general meeting.
  - (2) The Directors shall have the power from time to time and at any time to appoint any person as a Director either to fill a casual vacancy on the Board or, subject to authorisation by the Members in general meeting, as an addition to the existing Board but so that the number of Directors so appointed shall not exceed any maximum number determined from time to time by the Members in general meeting. Any Director so appointed shall hold office until the first annual general meeting of the Company after his appointment and shall then be eligible for re-election.
  - (3) Neither a Director nor an alternate Director shall be required to hold any shares of the Company by way of qualification and a Director or alternate Director (as the case may be) who is not a Member shall be entitled to receive notice of and to attend and speak at any general meeting of the Company and of all classes of shares of the Company.
  - (4) The Members may, at any general meeting convened and held in accordance with these Bye-laws, by ordinary resolution remove any Director (including a managing or other executive director) at any time before the expiration of his term of office notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these Bye-laws or in any agreement between the Company and such Director (but without prejudice to any claim for damages under any such agreement) provided that the Notice of any such meeting

convened for the purpose of removing a Director shall contain a statement of the intention so to do and be served on such Director fourteen (14) days before the meeting and at such meeting such Director shall be entitled to be heard on the motion for his removal.

- (5) A vacancy on the Board created by the removal of a Director under the provisions of subparagraph (4) above may be filled by the election or appointment by the Members at the meeting at which such Director is removed to hold office until the next appointment of Directors or until their successors are elected or appointed or, in the absence of such election or appointment such general meeting may authorise the Board to fill any vacancy in the number left unfilled.
- (6) The Company may from time to time in general meeting by ordinary resolution increase or reduce the number of Directors but so that the number of Directors shall never be less than two (2).

### RETIREMENT OF DIRECTORS

- 84. (1) Notwithstanding any other provisions in the Bye-laws, at each annual general meeting one-third of the Directors for the time being (or, if their number is not a multiple of three (3), the number nearest to but not less than one-third) shall retire from office by rotation provided that every Director shall be subject to retirement at least once every three years.
  - (2) A retiring Director shall be eligible for re-election and shall continue to act as a Director throughout the meeting at which he retires. The Directors to retire by rotation shall include (so far as necessary to ascertain the number of directors to retire by rotation) any Director who wishes to retire and not to offer himself for re-election. Any further Directors so to retire shall be those of the other Directors subject to retirement by rotation who have been longest in office since their last re-election or appointment and so that as between persons who became or were last re-elected Directors on the same day those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree among themselves) be determined by lot. Any Director appointed pursuant to Bye-law 83(2) shall not be taken into account in determining which particular Directors or the number of Directors who are to retire by rotation.
- 85. No person other than a Director retiring at the meeting shall, unless recommended by the Directors for election, be eligible for election as a Director at any general meeting unless a Notice signed by a Member (other than the person to be proposed) duly qualified to attend and vote at the meeting for which such notice is given of his intention to propose such person for election and also a Notice signed by the person to be proposed of his willingness to be elected shall have been lodged at the head office or at the Registration Office provided that the minimum length of the period, during which such Notice(s) are given, shall be at least seven (7) days and that (if the Notices are submitted after the despatch of

the notice of the general meeting appointed for such election) the period for lodgment of such Notice(s) shall commence on the day after the despatch of the notice of the general meeting appointed for such election and end no later than seven (7) days prior to the date of such general meeting.

## **DISQUALIFICATION OF DIRECTORS**

- 86. The office of a Director shall be vacated if the Director:
  - (1) resigns his office by notice in writing delivered to the Company at the Office or tendered at a meeting of the Board;
  - (2) becomes of unsound mind or dies;
  - (3) without special leave of absence from the Board, is absent from meetings of the Board for six consecutive months, and his alternate Director, if any, shall not during such period have attended in his stead and the Board resolves that his office be vacated;
  - (4) becomes bankrupt or has a receiving order made against him or suspends payment or compounds with his creditors;
  - (5) is prohibited by law from being a Director; or
  - (6) ceases to be a Director by virtue of any provision of the Statutes or is removed from office pursuant to these Bye-laws.

No Director shall be required to vacate office or be ineligible for re-election or re-appointment as a Director, and no person shall be ineligible for appointment as a Directors, by reason only of his having attained any particular age.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS**

87. The Board may from time to time appoint any one or more of its body to be a managing director, joint managing director or deputy managing director or to hold any other employment or executive office with the Company for such period (subject to their continuance as Directors) and upon such terms as the Board may determine and the Board may revoke or terminate any of such appointments. Any such revocation or termination as aforesaid shall be without prejudice to any claim for damages that such Director may have against the Company or the Company may have against such Director. A Director appointed to an office under this Bye-law shall be subject to the same provisions as to removal as the other Directors of the Company, and he shall (subject to the provisions of any contract between him and the Company) *ipso facto* and immediately cease to hold such office if he shall cease to hold the office of Director for any cause.

88. Notwithstanding Bye-laws 93, 94, 95 and 96, an executive director appointed to an office under Bye-law 87 hereof shall receive such remuneration (whether by way of salary, commission, participation in profits or otherwise or by all or any of those modes) and such other benefits (including pension and/or gratuity and/or other benefits on retirement) and allowances as the Board may from time to time determine, and either in addition to or in lieu of his remuneration as a Director.

## **ALTERNATE DIRECTORS**

- 89. Any Director may at any time by Notice delivered to the Office or head office or at a meeting of the Directors appoint any person to be his alternate Director. Any person so appointed shall have all the rights and powers of the Director or Directors for whom such person is appointed in the alternative provided that such person shall not be counted more than once in determining whether or not a quorum is present. An alternate Director may be removed at any time by the person or body which appointed him and, subject thereto, the office of alternate Director shall continue until the happening of any event which, if he were a Director, would cause him to vacate such office or if his appointer ceases for any reason to be a Director. Any appointment or removal of an alternate Director shall be effected by Notice signed by the appointor and delivered to the Office or head office or tendered at a meeting of the Board. An alternate Director may also be a Director in his own right and may act as alternate to more than one Director. An alternate Director shall, if his appointor so requests, be entitled to receive notices of meetings of the Board or of committees of the Board to the same extent as, but in lieu of, the Director appointing him and shall be entitled to such extent to attend and vote as a Director at any such meeting at which the Director appointing him is not personally present and generally at such meeting to exercise and discharge all the functions, powers and duties of his appointor as a Director and for the purposes of the proceedings at such meeting the provisions of these Bye-laws shall apply as if he were a Director save that as an alternate for more than one Director his voting rights shall be cumulative.
- 90. An alternate Director shall only be a Director for the purposes of the Act and shall only be subject to the provisions of the Act insofar as they relate to the duties and obligations of a Director when performing the functions of the Director for whom he is appointed in the alternative and shall alone be responsible to the Company for his acts and defaults and shall not be deemed to be the agent of or for the Director appointing him. An alternate Director shall be entitled to contract and be interested in and benefit from contracts or arrangements or transactions and to be repaid expenses and to be indemnified by the Company to the same extent *mutatis mutandis* as if he were a Director but he shall not be entitled to receive from the Company any fee in his capacity as an alternate Director except only such part, if any, of the remuneration otherwise payable to his appointor as such appointor may by Notice to the Company from time to time direct.

- 91. Every person acting as an alternate Director shall have one vote for each Director for whom he acts as alternate (in addition to his own vote if he is also a Director). If his appointor is for the time being absent from Hong Kong or otherwise not available or unable to act, the signature of an alternate Director to any resolution in writing of the Board or a committee of the Board of which his appointor is a member shall, unless the notice of his appointment provides to the contrary, be as effective as the signature of his appointor.
- 92. An alternate Director shall *ipso facto* cease to be an alternate Director if his appointor ceases for any reason to be a Director, however, such alternate Director or any other person may be re-appointed by the Directors to serve as an alternate Director PROVIDED always that, if at any meeting any Director retires but is re-elected at the same meeting, any appointment of such alternate Director pursuant to these Bye-laws which was in force immediately before his retirement shall remain in force as though he had not retired.

### DIRECTORS' FEES AND EXPENSES

- 93. The ordinary remuneration of the Directors shall from time to time be determined by the Company in general meeting and shall (unless otherwise directed by the resolution by which it is voted) be divided amongst the Board in such proportions and in such manner as the Board may agree or, failing agreement, equally, except that any Director who shall hold office for part only of the period in respect of which such remuneration is payable shall be entitled only to rank in such division for a proportion of remuneration related to the period during which he has held office. Such remuneration shall be deemed to accrue from day to day.
- 94. Each Director shall be entitled to be repaid or prepaid all travelling, hotel and incidental expenses reasonably incurred or expected to be incurred by him in attending meetings of the Board or committees of the Board or general meetings or separate meetings of any class of shares or of debentures of the Company or otherwise in connection with the discharge of his duties as a Director.
- 95. Any Director who, by request, goes or resides abroad for any purpose of the Company or who performs services which in the opinion of the Board go beyond the ordinary duties of a Director may be paid such extra remuneration (whether by way of salary, commission, participation in profits or otherwise) as the Board may determine and such extra remuneration shall be in addition to or in substitution for any ordinary remuneration provided for by or pursuant to any other Bye-law.
- 96. The Board shall obtain the approval of the Company in general meeting before making any payment to any Director or past Director of the Company by way of compensation for loss of office, or as consideration for or in connection with his retirement from office (not being payment to which the Director is contractually entitled).

## **DIRECTORS' INTERESTS**

### 97. A Director may:

- (a) hold any other office or place of profit with the Company (except that of Auditor) in conjunction with his office of Director for such period and, subject to the relevant provisions of the Act, upon such terms as the Board may determine. Any remuneration (whether by way of salary, commission, participation in profits or otherwise) paid to any Director in respect of any such other office or place of profit shall be in addition to any remuneration provided for by or pursuant to any other Bye-law;
- (b) act by himself or his firm in a professional capacity for the Company (otherwise than as Auditor) and he or his firm may be remunerated for professional services as if he were not a Director; or
- continue to be or become a director, managing director, joint managing director, deputy managing director, executive director, manager or other officer or member of any other company promoted by the Company or in which the Company may be interested as a vendor, shareholder or otherwise and (unless otherwise agreed) no such Director shall be accountable for any remuneration, profits or other benefits received by him as a director, managing director, joint managing director, deputy managing director, executive director, manager or other officer or member of or from his interests in any such other company. Subject as otherwise provided by these Bye-laws the Directors may exercise or cause to be exercised the voting powers conferred by the shares in any other company held or owned by the Company, or exercisable by them as directors of such other company in such manner in all respects as they think fit (including the exercise thereof in favour of any resolution appointing themselves or any of them directors, managing directors, joint managing directors, deputy managing directors, executive directors, managers or other officers of such company) or voting or providing for the payment of remuneration to the director, managing director, joint managing director, deputy managing director, executive director, manager or other officers of such other company and any Director may vote in favour of the exercise of such voting rights in manner aforesaid notwithstanding that he may be, or about to be, appointed a director, managing director, joint managing director, deputy managing director, executive director, manager or other officer of such a company, and that as such he is or may become interested in the exercise of such voting rights in manner aforesaid.
- 98. Subject to the Act and to these Bye-laws, no Director or proposed or intending Director shall be disqualified by his office from contracting with the Company, either with regard to his tenure of any office or place of profit or as vendor, purchaser or in any other manner whatsoever, nor shall any such contract or any other contract or arrangement in which any Director is in any way interested be liable to be avoided, nor shall any Director so

contracting or being so interested be liable to account to the Company or the Members for any remuneration, profit or other benefits realised by any such contract or arrangement by reason of such Director holding that office or of the fiduciary relationship thereby established provided that such Director shall disclose the nature of his interest in any contract or arrangement in which he is interested in accordance with Bye-law 99 herein.

- 99. A Director who to his knowledge is in any way, whether directly or indirectly, interested in a contract or arrangement or proposed contract or arrangement with the Company shall declare the nature of his interest at the meeting of the Board at which the question of entering into the contract or arrangement is first considered, if he knows his interest then exists, or in any other case at the first meeting of the Board after he knows that he is or has become so interested. For the purposes of this Bye-law, a general Notice to the Board by a Director to the effect that:
  - (a) he is a member or officer of a specified company or firm and is to be regarded as interested in any contract or arrangement which may after the date of the Notice be made with that company or firm; or
  - (b) he is to be regarded as interested in any contract or arrangement which may after the date of the Notice be made with a specified person who is connected with him;

shall be deemed to be a sufficient declaration of interest under this Bye-law in relation to any such contract or arrangement, provided that no such Notice shall be effective unless either it is given at a meeting of the Board or the Director takes reasonable steps to secure that it is brought up and read at the next Board meeting after it is given.

- 100. (1) A Director shall not vote (nor be counted in the quorum) on any resolution of the Board approving any contract or arrangement or any other proposal in which he or any of his close associates is materially interested, but this prohibition shall not apply to any of the following matters namely:
  - (i) the giving of any security or indemnity either:-
    - (a) to the Director or his close associate(s) in respect of money lent or obligations incurred or undertaken by him or any of them at the request of or for the benefit of the Company or any of its subsidiaries; or
    - (b) to a third party in respect of a debt or obligation of the Company or any of its subsidiaries for which the Director or his close associate(s) has himself/ themselves assumed responsibility in whole or in part and whether alone or jointly under a guarantee or indemnity or by the giving of security;

- (ii) any proposal concerning an offer of shares or debentures or other securities of or by the Company or any other company which the Company may promote or be interested in for subscription or purchase where the Director or his close associate(s) is/are or is/are to be interested as a participant in the underwriting or sub-underwriting of the offer;
- (iii) any proposal or arrangement concerning the benefit of employees of the Company or its subsidiaries including:
  - (a) the adoption, modification or operation of any employees' share scheme or any share incentive or share option scheme under which the Director or his close associate(s) may benefit; or
  - (b) the adoption, modification or operation of a pension fund or retirement, death or disability benefits scheme which relates to the Director, his close associate(s) and employee(s) of the Company or any of its subsidiaries and does not provide in respect of any Director, or his close associate(s), as such any privilege or advantage not generally accorded to the class of persons to which such scheme or fund relates; and
- (iv) any contract or arrangement in which the Director or his close associate(s) is/are interested in the same manner as other holders of shares or debentures or other securities of the Company by virtue only of his/their interest in shares or debentures or other securities of the Company.
- (2) If any question shall arise at any meeting of the Board as to the materiality of the interest of a Director (other than the chairman of the meeting) or as to the entitlement of any Director (other than such chairman) to vote and such question is not resolved by his voluntarily agreeing to abstain from voting, such question shall be referred to the chairman of the meeting and his ruling in relation to such other Director shall be final and conclusive except in a case where the nature or extent of the interest of the Director concerned as known to such Director has not been fairly disclosed to the Board. If any question as aforesaid shall arise in respect of the chairman of the meeting such question shall be decided by a resolution of the Board (for which purpose such chairman shall not vote thereon) and such resolution shall be final and conclusive except in a case where the nature or extent of the interest of such chairman as known to such chairman has not been fairly disclosed to the Board.

# **GENERAL POWERS OF THE DIRECTORS**

- 101. (1) The business of the Company shall be managed and conducted by the Board, which may pay all expenses incurred in forming and registering the Company and may exercise all powers of the Company (whether relating to the management of the business of the Company or otherwise) which are not by the Statutes or by these Byelaws required to be exercised by the Company in general meeting, subject nevertheless to the provisions of the Statutes and of these Byelaws and to such regulations being not inconsistent with such provisions, as may be prescribed by the Company in general meeting, but no regulations made by the Company in general meeting shall invalidate any prior act of the Board which would have been valid if such regulations had not been made. The general powers given by this Byelaw shall not be limited or restricted by any special authority or power given to the Board by any other Byelaw.
  - (2) Any person contracting or dealing with the Company in the ordinary course of business shall be entitled to rely on any written or oral contract or agreement or deed, document or instrument entered into or executed as the case may be by any two of the Directors acting jointly on behalf of the Company and the same shall be deemed to be validly entered into or executed by the Company as the case may be and shall, subject to any rule of law, be binding on the Company.
  - (3) Without prejudice to the general powers conferred by these Bye-laws it is hereby expressly declared that the Board shall have the following powers:
    - to give to any person the right or option of requiring at a future date that an allotment shall be made to him of any share at par or at such premium as may be agreed;
    - (b) to give to any Directors, officers or servants of the Company an interest in any particular business or transaction or participation in the profits thereof or in the general profits of the Company either in addition to or in substitution for a salary or other remuneration; and
    - (c) to resolve that the Company be discontinued in Bermuda and continued in a named country or jurisdiction outside Bermuda subject to the provisions of the Act.
- 102. The Board may establish any regional or local boards or agencies for managing any of the affairs of the Company in any place, and may appoint any persons to be members of such local boards, or any managers or agents, and may fix their remuneration (either by way of salary or by commission or by conferring the right to participation in the profits of the Company or by a combination of two or more of these modes) and pay the working expenses of any staff employed by them upon the business of the Company. The Board may delegate to any regional or local board, manager or agent any of the powers, authorities and

discretions vested in or exercisable by the Board (other than its powers to make calls and forfeit shares), with power to sub-delegate, and may authorise the members of any of them to fill any vacancies therein and to act notwithstanding vacancies. Any such appointment or delegation may be made upon such terms and subject to such conditions as the Board may think fit, and the Board may remove any person appointed as aforesaid, and may revoke or vary such delegation, but no person dealing in good faith and without notice of any such revocation or variation shall be affected thereby.

- 103. The Board may by power of attorney appoint under the Seal any company, firm or person or any fluctuating body of persons, whether nominated directly or indirectly by the Board, to be the attorney or attorneys of the Company for such purposes and with such powers, authorities and discretions (not exceeding those vested in or exercisable by the Board under these Bye-laws) and for such period and subject to such conditions as it may think fit, and any such power of attorney may contain such provisions for the protection and convenience of persons dealing with any such attorney as the Board may think fit, and may also authorise any such attorney to sub-delegate all or any of the powers, authorities and discretions vested in him. Such attorney or attorneys may, if so authorised under the Seal of the Company, execute any deed or instrument under their personal seal with the same effect as the affixation of the Seal.
- 104. The Board may entrust to and confer upon a managing director, joint managing director, deputy managing director, an executive director or any Director any of the powers exercisable by it upon such terms and conditions and with such restrictions as it thinks fit, and either collaterally with, or to the exclusion of, its own powers, and may from time to time revoke or vary all or any of such powers but no person dealing in good faith and without notice of such revocation or variation shall be affected thereby.
- 105. All cheques, promissory notes, drafts, bills of exchange and other instruments, whether negotiable or transferable or not, and all receipts for moneys paid to the Company shall be signed, drawn, accepted, endorsed or otherwise executed, as the case may be, in such manner as the Board shall from time to time by resolution determine. The Company's banking accounts shall be kept with such banker or bankers as the Board shall from time to time determine.
- 106. (1) The Board may establish or concur or join with other companies (being subsidiary companies of the Company or companies with which it is associated in business) in establishing and making contributions out of the Company's moneys to any schemes or funds for providing pensions, sickness or compassionate allowances, life assurance or other benefits for employees (which expression as used in this and the following paragraph shall include any Director or ex-Director who may hold or have held any executive office or any office of profit under the Company or any of its subsidiary companies) and ex-employees of the Company and their dependants or any class or classes of such person.

(2) The Board may pay, enter into agreements to pay or make grants of revocable or irrevocable, and either subject or not subject to any terms or conditions, pensions or other benefits to employees and ex-employees and their dependants, or to any of such persons, including pensions or benefits additional to those, if any, to which such employees or ex-employees or their dependants are or may become entitled under any such scheme or fund as mentioned in the last preceding paragraph. Any such pension or benefit may, as the Board considers desirable, be granted to an employee either before and in anticipation of or upon or at any time after his actual retirement.

## **BORROWING POWERS**

- 107. The Board may exercise all the powers of the Company to raise or borrow money and to mortgage or charge all or any part of the undertaking, property and assets (present and future) and uncalled capital of the Company and, subject to the Act, to issue debentures, bonds and other securities, whether outright or as collateral security for any debt, liability or obligation of the Company or of any third party.
- 108. Debentures, bonds and other securities may be made assignable free from any equities between the Company and the person to whom the same may be issued.
- 109. Any debentures, bonds or other securities may be issued at a discount (other than shares), premium or otherwise and with any special privileges as to redemption, surrender, drawings, allotment of shares, attending and voting at general meetings of the Company, appointment of Directors and otherwise.
- 110. (1) Where any uncalled capital of the Company is charged, all persons taking any subsequent charge thereon shall take the same subject to such prior charge, and shall not be entitled, by notice to the Members or otherwise, to obtain priority over such prior charge.
  - (2) The Board shall cause a proper register to be kept, in accordance with the provisions of the Act, of all charges specifically affecting the property of the Company and of any series of debentures issued by the Company and shall duly comply with the requirements of the Act in regard to the registration of charges and debentures therein specified and otherwise.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIRECTORS

111. The Board may meet for the despatch of business, adjourn or postpone and otherwise regulate its meetings as it considers appropriate. Questions arising at any meeting shall be determined by a majority of votes. In the case of any equality of votes the chairman of the meeting shall have an additional or casting vote.

- 112. A meeting of the Board may be convened by the Secretary on request of a Director or by any Director. The Secretary shall convene a meeting of the Board whenever he shall be required so to do by any Director. Notice of a meeting of the Board shall be deemed to be duly given to a Director if it is given to such Director in writing or verbally (including in person or by telephone) or by electronic means to an electronic address from time to time notified to the Company by such Director or (if the recipient consents to it being made available on a website) by making it available on a website or in such other manner as the Board may from time to time determine.
- 113. (1) The quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of the Board may be fixed by the Board and, unless so fixed at any other number, shall be two (2). An alternate Director shall be counted in a quorum in the case of the absence of a Director for whom he is the alternate provided that he shall not be counted more than once for the purpose of determining whether or not a quorum is present.
  - (2) Directors may participate in any meeting of the Board by means of a conference telephone, electronic or other communications equipment through which all persons participating in the meeting can communicate with each other simultaneously and instantaneously and, for the purpose of counting a quorum, such participation shall constitute presence at a meeting as if those participating were present in person.
  - (3) Any Director who ceases to be a Director at a Board meeting may continue to be present and to act as a Director and be counted in the quorum until the termination of such Board meeting if no other Director objects and if otherwise a quorum of Directors would not be present.
- 114. The continuing Directors or a sole continuing Director may act notwithstanding any vacancy in the Board but, if and so long as the number of Directors is reduced below the minimum number fixed by or in accordance with these Bye-laws, the continuing Directors or Director, notwithstanding that the number of Directors is below the number fixed by or in accordance with these Bye-laws as the quorum or that there is only one continuing Director, may act for the purpose of filling vacancies in the Board or of summoning general meetings of the Company but not for any other purpose.
- 115. The Board may elect one or more chairman and one or more deputy chairman of its meetings and determine the period for which they are respectively to hold such office. If no chairman or deputy chairman is elected, or if at any meeting no chairman or deputy chairman is present within five (5) minutes after the time appointed for holding the same, the Directors present may choose one of their number to be chairman of the meeting.
- 116. A meeting of the Board at which a quorum is present shall be competent to exercise all the powers, authorities and discretions for the time being vested in or exercisable by the Board.

- 117. (1) The Board may delegate any of its powers, authorities and discretions to committees, consisting of such Director or Directors and other persons as it thinks fit, and they may, from time to time, revoke such delegation or revoke the appointment of and discharge any such committees either wholly or in part, and either as to persons or purposes. Any committee so formed shall, in the exercise of the powers, authorities and discretions so delegated, conform to any regulations which may be imposed on it by the Board.
  - (2) All acts done by any such committee in conformity with such regulations, and in fulfilment of the purposes for which it was appointed, but not otherwise, shall have like force and effect as if done by the Board, and the Board shall have power, with the consent of the Company in general meeting, to remunerate the members of any such committee, and charge such remuneration to the current expenses of the Company.
- 118. The meetings and proceedings of any committee consisting of two or more members shall be governed by the provisions contained in these Bye-laws for regulating the meetings and proceedings of the Board so far as the same are applicable and are not superseded by any regulations imposed by the Board under the last preceding Bye-law.
- 119. A resolution in writing signed by all the Directors except such as are temporarily unable to act through ill-health or disability, and all the alternate Directors, if appropriate, whose appointors are temporarily unable to act as aforesaid shall be as valid and effectual as if a resolution had been passed at a meeting of the Board duly convened and held provided that such number is sufficient to constitute a quorum and that a copy of such resolution has been given or the contents thereof communicated to all the Directors for the time being entitled to receive notices of Board meetings in the same manner as notices of meetings are required to be given by these Bye-laws and further provided that no Director is aware of or has received any objection to the resolution from any Director. A notification of consent to such resolution given by a Director in writing to the Board by any means (including by means of electronic communication) shall be deemed to be his/her signature to such resolution in writing for the purpose of this Bye-law. Such resolution may be contained in one document or in several documents in like form each signed by one or more of the Directors or alternate Directors and for this purpose a facsimile signature of a Director or an alternate Director shall be treated as valid. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a resolution in writing shall not be passed in lieu of a meeting of the Board for the purposes of considering any matter or business in which a substantial shareholder of the Company or a Director has a conflict of interest and the Board has determined that such conflict of interest to be material.

120. All acts bona fide done by the Board or by any committee or by any person acting as a Director or members of a committee, shall, notwithstanding that it is afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the appointment of any member of the Board or such committee or person acting as aforesaid or that they or any of them were disqualified or had vacated office, be as valid as if every such person had been duly appointed and was qualified and had continued to be a Director or member of such committee.

### **MANAGERS**

- 121. The Board may from time to time appoint a general manager, a manager or managers of the Company and may fix his or their remuneration either by way of salary or commission or by conferring the right to participation in the profits of the Company or by a combination of two or more of these modes and pay the working expenses of any of the staff of the general manager, manager or managers who may be employed by him or them upon the business of the Company.
- 122. The appointment of such general manager, manager or managers may be for such period as the Board may decide, and the Board may confer upon him or them all or any of the powers of the Board as it may think fit.
- 123. The Board may enter into such agreement or agreements with any such general manager, manager or managers upon such terms and conditions in all respects as the Board may in their absolute discretion think fit, including a power for such general manager, manager or managers to appoint an assistant manager or managers or other employees whatsoever under them for the purpose of carrying on the business of the Company.

## **OFFICERS**

- 124. (1) The officers of the Company shall consist of the Directors and Secretary and such additional officers (who may or may not be Directors) as the Board may from time to time determine, all of whom shall be deemed to be officers for the purposes of the Act and, subject to Bye-law 128(4), these Bye-laws.
  - (2) The officers shall receive such remuneration as the Directors may from time to time determine.
  - (3) Where the Company appoints and maintains a resident representative ordinarily resident in Bermuda in accordance with the Act, the resident representative shall comply with the provisions of the Act.
  - (4) The Company shall provide the resident representative with such documents and information as the resident representative may require in order to be able to comply with the provisions of the Act.

- (5) The resident representative shall be entitled to have notice of, attend and be heard at all meetings of the Directors or of any committee of such Directors or general meetings of the Company.
- 125. (1) The Secretary and additional officers, if any, shall be appointed by the Board and shall hold office on such terms and for such period as the Board may determine. If thought fit, two (2) or more persons may be appointed as joint Secretaries. The Board may also appoint from time to time on such terms as it thinks fit one or more assistant or deputy Secretaries.
  - (2) The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Members and shall keep correct minutes of such meetings and enter the same in the proper books provided for the purpose. He shall perform such other duties as are prescribed by the Act or these Bye-laws or as may be prescribed by the Board.
- 126. The officers of the Company shall have such powers and perform such duties in the management, business and affairs of the Company as may be delegated to them by the Directors from time to time.
- 127. A provision of the Act or of these Bye-laws requiring or authorising a thing to be done by or to a Director and the Secretary shall not be satisfied by its being done by or to the same person acting both as Director and as or in place of the Secretary.

## REGISTER OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

- 128. (1) The Board shall cause to be kept in one or more books at the Office a Register of Directors and Officers and shall enter therein the following particulars with respect to each Director and Officer, that is to say:
  - (a) in the case of an individual, his or her present first name, surname and address; and
  - (b) in the case of a company, its name and registered office.
  - (2) The Board shall within a period of fourteen (14) days from the occurrence of:
    - (a) any change among the Directors and Officers; or
    - (b) any change in the particulars contained in the Register of Directors and Officers,

cause to be entered on the Register of Directors and Officers the particulars of such change.

- (3) The Register of Directors and Officers shall be open to inspection by members of the public without charge at the Office between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon during business hours.
- (4) In this Bye-law "Officer" has the meaning ascribed to it in Section 92A(7) of the Act.

### **MINUTES**

- 129. (1) The Board shall cause Minutes to be duly entered in books provided for the purpose:
  - (a) of all elections and appointments of officers;
  - (b) of the names of the Directors present at each meeting of the Directors and of any committee of the Directors:
  - (c) of all resolutions and proceedings of each general meeting of the Members and meetings of the Board.
  - (2) Minutes prepared in accordance with the Act and these Bye-laws shall be kept by the Secretary at the Office.

## **SEAL**

130. (1) The Company shall have one or more Seals, as the Board may determine. For the purpose of sealing documents creating or evidencing securities issued by the Company, the Company may have a securities seal which is a facsimile of the Seal with the addition of the words "Securities Seal" on its face or in such other form as the Board may approve. The Board shall provide for the custody of each Seal and no Seal shall be used without the authority of the Board or of a committee of the Board authorised by the Board in that behalf. Subject as otherwise provided in these Byelaws, any instrument to which a Seal is affixed shall be signed autographically by one Director and the Secretary or by two Directors or by such other person (including a Director) or persons as the Board may appoint, either generally or in any particular case, save that as regards any certificates for shares or debentures or other securities of the Company the Board may by resolution determine that such signatures or either of them shall be dispensed with or affixed by some method or system of mechanical signature. Every instrument executed in the manner provided by this Bye-law shall be deemed to be sealed and executed with the authority of the Board previously given.

(2) Where the Company has a Seal for use abroad, the Board may by writing under the Seal appoint any agent or committee abroad to be the duly authorised agent of the Company for the purpose of affixing and using such Seal and the Board may impose restrictions on the use thereof as may be thought fit. Wherever in these Bye-laws reference is made to the Seal, the reference shall, when and so far as may be applicable, be deemed to include any such other Seal as aforesaid.

## **AUTHENTICATION OF DOCUMENTS**

131. Any Director or the Secretary or any person appointed by the Board for the purpose may authenticate any documents affecting the constitution of the Company and any resolution passed by the Company or the Board or any committee, and any books, records, documents and accounts relating to the business of the Company, and to certify copies thereof or extracts therefrom as true copies or extracts, and if any books, records, documents or accounts are elsewhere than at the Office or the head office the local manager or other officer of the Company having the custody thereof shall be deemed to be a person so appointed by the Board. A document purporting to be a copy of a resolution, or an extract from the minutes of a meeting, of the Company or of the Board or any committee which is so certified shall be conclusive evidence in favour of all persons dealing with the Company upon the faith thereof that such resolution has been duly passed or, as the case may be, that such minutes or extract is a true and accurate record of proceedings at a duly constituted meeting.

## **DESTRUCTION OF DOCUMENTS**

- 132. (1) The Company shall be entitled to destroy the following documents at the following times:
  - (a) any share certificate which has been cancelled at any time after the expiry of one(1) year from the date of such cancellation;
  - (b) any dividend mandate or any variation or cancellation thereof or any notification of change of name or address at any time after the expiry of two (2) years from the date such mandate variation cancellation or notification was recorded by the Company;
  - (c) any instrument of transfer of shares which has been registered at any time after the expiry of seven (7) years from the date of registration;
  - (d) any allotment letters after the expiry of seven (7) years from the date of issue thereof; and

(e) copies of powers of attorney, grants of probate and letters of administration at any time after the expiry of seven (7) years after the account to which the relevant power of attorney, grant of probate or letters of administration related has been closed;

and it shall conclusively be presumed in favour of the Company that every entry in the Register purporting to be made on the basis of any such documents so destroyed was duly and properly made and every share certificate so destroyed was a valid certificate duly and properly cancelled and that every instrument of transfer so destroyed was a valid and effective instrument duly and properly registered and that every other document destroyed hereunder was a valid and effective document in accordance with the recorded particulars thereof in the books or records of the Company. Provided always that: (1) the foregoing provisions of this Bye-law shall apply only to the destruction of a document in good faith and without express notice to the Company that the preservation of such document was relevant to a claim; (2) nothing contained in this Bye-law shall be construed as imposing upon the Company any liability in respect of the destruction of any such document earlier than as aforesaid or in any case where the conditions of provision (1) above are not fulfilled; and (3) references in this Bye-law to the destruction of any document include references to its disposal in any manner.

(2) Notwithstanding any provision contained in these Bye-laws, the Directors may, if permitted by applicable law, authorise the destruction of documents set out in subparagraphs (a) to (e) of paragraph (1) of this Bye-law and any other documents in relation to share registration which have been microfilmed or electronically stored by the Company or by the share registrar on its behalf provided always that this Bye-law shall apply only to the destruction of a document in good faith and without express notice to the Company and its share registrar that the preservation of such document was relevant to a claim.

## **DIVIDENDS AND OTHER PAYMENTS**

- 133. Subject to the Act, the Company in general meeting may from time to time declare dividends in any currency to be paid to the Members but no dividend shall be declared in excess of the amount recommended by the Board. The Company in general meeting may also make a distribution to the Members out of any contributed surplus (as ascertained in accordance with the Act).
- 134. No dividend shall be paid or distribution made out of contributed surplus if to do so would render the Company unable to pay its liabilities as they become due or the realisable value of its assets would thereby become less than its liabilities.

- 135. Except in so far as the rights attaching to, or the terms of issue of, any share otherwise provide:
  - (a) all dividends shall be declared and paid according to the amounts paid up on the shares in respect of which the dividend is paid, but no amount paid up on a share in advance of calls shall be treated for the purposes of this Bye-law as paid up on the share; and
  - (b) all dividends shall be apportioned and paid pro rata according to the amounts paid up on the shares during any portion or portions of the period in respect of which the dividend is paid.
- 136. The Board may from time to time pay to the Members such interim dividends as appear to the Board to be justified by the profits of the Company and in particular (but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) if at any time the share capital of the Company is divided into different classes, the Board may pay such interim dividends in respect of those shares in the capital of the Company which confer on the holders thereof deferred or non-preferential rights as well as in respect of those shares which confer on the holders thereof preferential rights with regard to dividend and provided that the Board acts bona fide the Board shall not incur any responsibility to the holders of shares conferring any preference for any damage that they may suffer by reason of the payment of an interim dividend on any shares having deferred or non-preferential rights and may also pay any fixed dividend which is payable on any shares of the Company half-yearly or on any other dates, whenever such profits, in the opinion of the Board, justifies such payment.
- 137. The Board may deduct from any dividend or other moneys payable to a Member by the Company on or in respect of any shares all sums of money (if any) presently payable by him to the Company on account of calls or otherwise.
- 138. No dividend or other moneys payable by the Company on or in respect of any share shall bear interest against the Company.
- 139. Any dividend, interest or other sum payable in cash to the holder of shares may be paid by cheque or warrant sent through the post addressed to the holder at his registered address or, in the case of joint holders, addressed to the holder whose name stands first in the Register in respect of the shares at his address as appearing in the Register or addressed to such person and at such address as the holder or joint holders may in writing direct. Every such cheque or warrant shall, unless the holder or joint holders otherwise direct, be made payable to the order of the holder or, in the case of joint holders, to the order of the holder whose name stands first on the Register in respect of such shares, and shall be sent at his or their risk and payment of the cheque or warrant by the bank on which it is drawn shall constitute a good discharge to the Company notwithstanding that it may subsequently

appear that the same has been stolen or that any endorsement thereon has been forged. Any one of two or more joint holders may give effectual receipts for any dividends or other moneys payable or property distributable in respect of the shares held by such joint holders.

- 140. All dividends or bonuses unclaimed for one (1) year after having been declared may be invested or otherwise made use of by the Board for the benefit of the Company until claimed. Any dividend or bonuses unclaimed after a period of six (6) years from the date of declaration shall be forfeited and shall revert to the Company. The payment by the Board of any unclaimed dividend or other sums payable on or in respect of a share into a separate account shall not constitute the Company a trustee in respect thereof.
- 141. Whenever the Board or the Company in general meeting has resolved that a dividend be paid or declared, the Board may further resolve that such dividend be satisfied wholly or in part by the distribution of specific assets of any kind and in particular of paid up shares, debentures or warrants to subscribe securities of the Company or any other company, or in any one or more of such ways, and where any difficulty arises in regard to the distribution the Board may settle the same as it thinks expedient, and in particular may issue certificates in respect of fractions of shares, disregard fractional entitlements or round the same up or down, and may fix the value for distribution of such specific assets, or any part thereof, and may determine that cash payments shall be made to any Members upon the footing of the value so fixed in order to adjust the rights of all parties, and may vest any such specific assets in trustees as may seem expedient to the Board and may appoint any person to sign any requisite instruments of transfer and other documents on behalf of the persons entitled to the dividend, and such appointment shall be effective and binding on the Members. The Board may resolve that no such assets shall be made available to Members with registered addresses in any particular territory or territories where, in the absence of a registration statement or other special formalities, such distribution of assets would or might, in the opinion of the Board, be unlawful or impracticable and in such event the only entitlement of the Members aforesaid shall be to receive cash payments as aforesaid. Members affected as a result of the foregoing sentence shall not be or be deemed to be a separate class of Members for any purpose whatsoever.
- 142. (1) Whenever the Board or the Company in general meeting has resolved that a dividend be paid or declared on any class of the share capital of the Company, the Board may further resolve either:
  - (a) that such dividend be satisfied wholly or in part in the form of an allotment of shares credited as fully paid up, provided that the shareholders entitled thereto will be entitled to elect to receive such dividend (or part thereof if the Board so determines) in cash in lieu of such allotment. In such case, the following provisions shall apply:
    - (i) the basis of any such allotment shall be determined by the Board;

- (ii) the Board, after determining the basis of allotment, shall give not less than two (2) weeks' Notice to the holders of the relevant shares of the right of election accorded to them and shall send with such notice forms of election and specify the procedure to be followed and the place at which and the latest date and time by which duly completed forms of election must be lodged in order to be effective;
- (iii) the right of election may be exercised in respect of the whole or part of that portion of the dividend in respect of which the right of election has been accorded; and
- (iv) the dividend (or that part of the dividend to be satisfied by the allotment of shares as aforesaid) shall not be payable in cash on shares in respect whereof the cash election has not been duly exercised ("the non-elected shares") and in satisfaction thereof shares of the relevant class shall be allotted credited as fully paid up to the holders of the non-elected shares on the basis of allotment determined as aforesaid and for such purpose the Board shall capitalise and apply out of any part of the undivided profits of the Company (including profits carried and standing to the credit of any reserves or other special account other than the Subscription Rights Reserve (as defined below)) as the Board may determine, such sum as may be required to pay up in full the appropriate number of shares of the relevant class for allotment and distribution to and amongst the holders of the non-elected shares on such basis; or
- (b) that the shareholders entitled to such dividend shall be entitled to elect to receive an allotment of shares credited as fully paid up in lieu of the whole or such part of the dividend as the Board may think fit. In such case, the following provisions shall apply:
  - (i) the basis of any such allotment shall be determined by the Board;
  - (ii) the Board, after determining the basis of allotment, shall give not less than two (2) weeks' Notice to the holders of the relevant shares of the right of election accorded to them and shall send with such notice forms of election and specify the procedure to be followed and the place at which and the latest date and time by which duly completed forms of election must be lodged in order to be effective;
  - (iii) the right of election may be exercised in respect of the whole or part of that portion of the dividend in respect of which the right of election has been accorded; and

- (iv) the dividend (or that part of the dividend in respect of which a right of election has been accorded) shall not be payable in cash on shares in respect whereof the share election has been duly exercised ("the elected shares") and in lieu thereof shares of the relevant class shall be allotted credited as fully paid up to the holders of the elected shares on the basis of allotment determined as aforesaid and for such purpose the Board shall capitalise and apply out of any part of the undivided profits of the Company (including profits carried and standing to the credit of any reserves or other special account other than the Subscription Rights Reserve (as defined below)) as the Board may determine, such sum as may be required to pay up in full the appropriate number of shares of the relevant class for allotment and distribution to and amongst the holders of the elected shares on such basis.
- (2) (a) The shares allotted pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (1) of this Bye-law shall rank *pari passu* in all respects with shares of the same class (if any) then in issue save only as regards participation in the relevant dividend or in any other distributions, bonuses or rights paid, made, declared or announced prior to or contemporaneously with the payment or declaration of the relevant dividend unless, contemporaneously with the announcement by the Board of their proposal to apply the provisions of sub-paragraph (a) or (b) of paragraph (1) of this Bye-law in relation to the relevant dividend or contemporaneously with their announcement of the distribution, bonus or rights in question, the Board shall specify that the shares to be allotted pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (1) of this Bye-law shall rank for participation in such distribution, bonus or rights.
  - (b) The Board may do all acts and things considered necessary or expedient to give effect to any capitalisation pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (1) of this Bye-law, with full power to the Board to make such provisions as it thinks fit in the case of shares becoming distributable in fractions (including provisions whereby, in whole or in part, fractional entitlements are aggregated and sold and the net proceeds distributed to those entitled, or are disregarded or rounded up or down or whereby the benefit of fractional entitlements accrues to the Company rather than to the Members concerned). The Board may authorise any person to enter into on behalf of all Members interested, an agreement with the Company providing for such capitalisation and matters incidental thereto and any agreement made pursuant to such authority shall be effective and binding on all concerned.

- (3) The Company may upon the recommendation of the Board by ordinary resolution resolve in respect of any one particular dividend of the Company that notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1) of this Bye-law a dividend may be satisfied wholly in the form of an allotment of shares credited as fully paid up without offering any right to shareholders to elect to receive such dividend in cash in lieu of such allotment.
- (4) The Board may on any occasion determine that rights of election and the allotment of shares under paragraph (1) of this Bye-law shall not be made available or made to any shareholders with registered addresses in any territory where, in the absence of a registration statement or other special formalities, the circulation of an offer of such rights of election or the allotment of shares would or might, in the opinion of the Board, be unlawful or impracticable, and in such event the provisions aforesaid shall be read and construed subject to such determination. Members affected as a result of the foregoing sentence shall not be or be deemed to be a separate class of Members for any purpose whatsoever.
- (5) Any resolution declaring a dividend on shares of any class, whether a resolution of the Company in general meeting or a resolution of the Board, may specify that the same shall be payable or distributable to the persons registered as the holders of such shares at the close of business on a particular date, notwithstanding that it may be a date prior to that on which the resolution is passed, and thereupon the dividend shall be payable or distributable to them in accordance with their respective holdings so registered, but without prejudice to the rights inter se in respect of such dividend of transferors and transferees of any such shares. The provisions of this Bye-law shall mutatis mutandis apply to bonuses, capitalisation issues, distributions of realised capital profits or offers or grants made by the Company to the Members.

#### **RESERVES**

143. Before recommending any dividend, the Board may set aside out of the profits of the Company such sums as it determines as reserves which shall, at the discretion of the Board, be applicable for any purpose to which the profits of the Company may be properly applied and pending such application may, also at such discretion, either be employed in the business of the Company or be invested in such investments as the Board may from time to time think fit and so that it shall not be necessary to keep any investments constituting the reserve or reserves separate or distinct from any other investments of the Company. The Board may also without placing the same to reserve carry forward any profits which it may think prudent not to distribute.

## **CAPITALISATION**

- 144. (1) The Company may, upon the recommendation of the Board, at any time and from time to time pass an ordinary resolution to the effect that it is desirable to capitalise all or any part of any amount for the time being standing to the credit of any reserve or fund (including the profit and loss account) whether or not the same is available for distribution and accordingly that such amount be set free for distribution among the Members or any class of Members who would be entitled thereto if it were distributed by way of dividend and in the same proportions, on the footing that the same is not paid in cash but is applied either in or towards paying up the amounts for the time being unpaid on any shares in the Company held by such Members respectively or in paying up in full unissued shares, debentures or other obligations of the Company, to be allotted and distributed credited as fully paid up among such Members, or partly in one way and partly in the other, and the Board shall give effect to such resolution provided that, for the purposes of this Bye-law, a share premium account and any reserve or fund representing unrealised profits, may be applied only in paying up in full unissued shares of the Company to be allotted to such Members credited as fully paid. In carrying sums to reserve and in applying the same the Board shall comply with the provisions of the Act.
  - Notwithstanding any provisions in these Bye-laws, the Board may resolve to capitalise (2) all or any part of any amount for the time being standing to the credit of any reserve or fund (including the profit and loss account) whether or not the same is available for distribution by applying such sum in paying up unissued shares to be allotted to (i) employees (including directors) of the Company and/or its affiliates (meaning any individual, corporation, partnership, association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated association or other entity (other than the Company) that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by or is under common control with, the Company) upon exercise or vesting of any options or awards granted under any share incentive scheme or employee benefit scheme or other arrangement which relates to such persons that has been adopted or approved by the Members at a general meeting, or (ii) any trustee of any trust to whom shares are to be allotted and issued by the Company in connection with the operation of any share incentive scheme or employee benefit scheme or other arrangement which relates to such persons that has been adopted or approved by the Members at a general meeting.

145. The Board may settle, as it considers appropriate, any difficulty arising in regard to any distribution under the last preceding Bye-law and in particular may issue certificates in respect of fractions of shares or authorise any person to sell and transfer any fractions or may resolve that the distribution should be as nearly as may be practicable in the correct proportion but not exactly so or may ignore fractions altogether, and may determine that cash payments shall be made to any Members in order to adjust the rights of all parties, as may seem expedient to the Board. The Board may appoint any person to sign on behalf of the persons entitled to participate in the distribution any contract necessary or desirable for giving effect thereto and such appointment shall be effective and binding upon the Members.

## SUBSCRIPTION RIGHTS RESERVE

- 146. The following provisions shall have effect to the extent that they are not prohibited by and are in compliance with the Act:
  - (1) If, so long as any of the rights attached to any warrants issued by the Company to subscribe for shares of the Company shall remain exercisable, the Company does any act or engages in any transaction which, as a result of any adjustments to the subscription price in accordance with the provisions of the conditions of the warrants, would reduce the subscription price to below the nominal value of a share, then the following provisions shall apply:
    - (a) as from the date of such act or transaction the Company shall establish and thereafter (subject as provided in this Bye-law) maintain in accordance with the provisions of this Bye-law a reserve (the "Subscription Rights Reserve") the amount of which shall at no time be less than the sum which for the time being would be required to be capitalised and applied in paying up in full the nominal amount of the additional shares required to be issued and allotted credited as fully paid pursuant to sub-paragraph (c) below on the exercise in full of all the subscription rights outstanding and shall apply the Subscription Rights Reserve in paying up such additional shares in full as and when the same are allotted;
    - (b) the Subscription Rights Reserve shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified above unless all other reserves of the Company (other than share premium account) have been extinguished and will then only be used to make good losses of the Company if and so far as is required by law;
    - (c) upon the exercise of all or any of the subscription rights represented by any warrant, the relevant subscription rights shall be exercisable in respect of a nominal amount of shares equal to the amount in cash which the holder of such warrant is required to pay on exercise of the subscription rights represented thereby (or, as the case may be the relevant portion thereof in the event of a partial exercise of the subscription rights) and, in addition, there shall be allotted

in respect of such subscription rights to the exercising warrantholder, credited as fully paid, such additional nominal amount of shares as is equal to the difference between:

- the said amount in cash which the holder of such warrant is required to pay
  on exercise of the subscription rights represented thereby (or, as the case
  may be, the relevant portion thereof in the event of a partial exercise of the
  subscription rights); and
- (ii) the nominal amount of shares in respect of which such subscription rights would have been exercisable having regard to the provisions of the conditions of the warrants, had it been possible for such subscription rights to represent the right to subscribe for shares at less than par

and immediately upon such exercise so much of the sum standing to the credit of the Subscription Rights Reserve as is required to pay up in full such additional nominal amount of shares shall be capitalised and applied in paying up in full such additional nominal amount of shares which shall forthwith be allotted credited as fully paid to the exercising warrantholders; and

(d) if, upon the exercise of the subscription rights represented by any warrant, the amount standing to the credit of the Subscription Rights Reserve is not sufficient to pay up in full such additional nominal amount of shares equal to such difference as aforesaid to which the exercising warrantholder is entitled, the Board shall apply any profits or reserves then or thereafter becoming available (including, to the extent permitted by law, share premium account) for such purpose until such additional nominal amount of shares is paid up and allotted as aforesaid and until then no dividend or other distribution shall be paid or made on the fully paid shares of the Company then in issue. Pending such payment and allotment, the exercising warrantholder shall be issued by the Company with a certificate evidencing his right to the allotment of such additional nominal amount of shares. The rights represented by any such certificate shall be in registered form and shall be transferable in whole or in part in units of one share in the like manner as the shares for the time being are transferable, and the Company shall make such arrangements in relation to the maintenance of a register therefor and other matters in relation thereto as the Board may think fit and adequate particulars thereof shall be made known to each relevant exercising warrantholder upon the issue of such certificate.

- (2) Shares allotted pursuant to the provisions of this Bye-law shall rank *pari passu* in all respects with the other shares allotted on the relevant exercise of the subscription rights represented by the warrant concerned. Notwithstanding anything contained in paragraph (1) of this Bye-law, no fraction of any share shall be allotted on exercise of the subscription rights.
- (3) The provision of this Bye-law as to the establishment and maintenance of the Subscription Rights Reserve shall not be altered or added to in any way which would vary or abrogate, or which would have the effect of varying or abrogating the provisions for the benefit of any warrantholder or class of warrantholders under this Bye-law without the sanction of a special resolution of such warrantholders or class of warrantholders.
- (4) A certificate or report by the auditors for the time being of the Company as to whether or not the Subscription Rights Reserve is required to be established and maintained and if so the amount thereof so required to be established and maintained, as to the purposes for which the Subscription Rights Reserve has been used, as to the extent to which it has been used to make good losses of the Company, as to the additional nominal amount of shares required to be allotted to exercising warrantholders credited as fully paid, and as to any other matter concerning the Subscription Rights Reserve shall (in the absence of manifest error) be conclusive and binding upon the Company and all warrantholders and shareholders.

## **ACCOUNTING RECORDS**

- 147. The Board shall cause true accounts to be kept of the sums of money received and expended by the Company, and the matters in respect of which such receipt and expenditure take place, and of the property, assets, credits and liabilities of the Company and of all other matters required by the Act or necessary to give a true and fair view of the Company's affairs and to explain its transactions.
- 148. The accounting records shall be kept at the Office or, subject to the Act, at such other place or places as the Board decides and shall always be open to inspection by the Directors. No Member (other than a Director) shall have any right of inspecting any accounting record or book or document of the Company except as conferred by law or authorised by the Board or the Company in general meeting.
- 149. Subject to Section 88 of the Act and Bye-law 150, a printed copy of the Directors' report, accompanied by the balance sheet and profit and loss account, including every document required by law to be annexed thereto, made up to the end of the applicable financial year and containing a summary of the assets and liabilities of the Company under convenient heads and a statement of income and expenditure, together with a copy of the Auditors' report, shall be sent to each person entitled thereto at least twenty-one (21) days before the date of the general meeting and at the same time as the notice of annual general meeting

and laid before the Company at the annual general meeting in accordance with the requirements of the Act provided that this Bye-law shall not require a copy of those documents to be sent to any person whose address the Company is not aware of or to more than one of the joint holders of any shares or debentures.

- 150. To the extent permitted by and subject to due compliance with all applicable Statutes, rules and regulations, including, without limitation, the Listing Rules, and to obtaining all necessary consents, if any, required thereunder, the requirements of Bye-law 149 shall be deemed satisfied in relation to any person by sending to the person in any manner not prohibited by the Statutes, summarised financial statements derived from the Company's annual accounts and the directors' report which shall be in the form and containing the information required by applicable laws and regulations, provided that any person who is otherwise entitled to the annual financial statements of the Company and the directors' report thereon may, if he so requires by notice in writing served on the Company, demand that the Company sends to him, in addition to summarised financial statements, a complete printed copy of the Company's annual financial statement and the directors' report thereon.
- 151. The requirement to send to a person referred to in Bye-law 149 the documents referred to in that provision or a summary financial report in accordance with Bye-law 150 shall be deemed satisfied where, in accordance with all applicable Statutes, rules and regulations, including, without limitation, the Listing Rules, the Company publishes copies of the documents referred to in Bye-law 149 and, if applicable, a summary financial report complying with Bye-law 150, on the Company's computer network or in any other permitted manner (including by sending any form of electronic communication), and that person has agreed or is deemed to have agreed to treat the publication or receipt of such documents in such manner as discharging the Company's obligation to send to him a copy of such documents.

## **AUDIT**

- 152. (1) Subject to Section 88 of the Act, at the annual general meeting or at a subsequent special general meeting in each year, the Members shall appoint an auditor by ordinary resolution to audit the accounts of the Company and such auditor shall hold office until the Members appoint another auditor. Such auditor may be a Member but no Director or officer or employee of the Company shall, during his continuance in office, be eligible to act as an auditor of the Company.
  - (2) Subject to Section 89 of the Act, a person, other than an incumbent Auditor, shall not be capable of being appointed Auditor at an annual general meeting unless notice in writing of an intention to nominate that person to the office of Auditor has been given not less than twenty-one (21) days before the annual general meeting and furthermore, the Company shall send a copy of any such notice to the incumbent Auditor.

- (3) The Members may, at any general meeting convened and held in accordance with these Bye-laws, by extraordinary resolution remove the Auditor at any time before the expiration of his term of office and shall by ordinary resolution at that meeting appoint another Auditor in his stead for the remainder of his term.
- 153. Subject to Section 88 of the Act the accounts of the Company shall be audited at least once in every year.
- 154. The remuneration of the Auditor shall be fixed by the Members in general meeting by ordinary resolution or, unless otherwise prohibited under the rules of the Designated Stock Exchange, in the manner specified in the Members' resolution.
- 155. The Directors may fill any casual vacancy in the office of Auditor but while any such vacancy continues the surviving or continuing Auditor or Auditors, if any, may act. The remuneration of any Auditor appointed by the Directors under this Bye-law may be fixed by the Board. Subject to Bye-law 152(3), an Auditor appointed under this Bye-law shall hold office until the next following annual general meeting of the Company and shall then be subject to appointment by the Members under Bye-law 152(1) at such remuneration to be determined by the Members under Bye-law 154.
- 156. The Auditor shall at all reasonable times have access to all books kept by the Company and to all accounts and vouchers relating thereto; and he may call on the Directors or officers of the Company for any information in their possession relating to the books or affairs of the Company.
- 157. The statement of income and expenditure and the balance sheet provided for by these Byelaws shall be examined by the Auditor and compared by him with the books, accounts and vouchers relating thereto; and he shall make a written report thereon stating whether such statement and balance sheet are drawn up so as to present fairly the financial position of the Company and the results of its operations for the period under review and, in case information shall have been called for from Directors or officers of the Company, whether the same has been furnished and has been satisfactory. The financial statements of the Company shall be audited by the Auditor in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. The Auditor shall make a written report thereon in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the report of the Auditor shall be submitted to the Members in general meeting. The generally accepted auditing standards referred to herein may be those of a country or jurisdiction other than Bermuda. If the auditing standards of a country or jurisdiction other than Bermuda are used, the financial statements and the report of the Auditor should disclose this fact and name such country or jurisdiction.

# **NOTICES**

- 158. (1) Any Notice or document (including any "corporate communication" within the meaning ascribed thereto under the Listing Rules), whether or not, to be given or issued under these Bye-laws from the Company shall be in writing or by cable, telex or facsimile transmission message or other form of electronic transmission or electronic communication and any such Notice and document may be given or issued by the following means:
  - (a) by serving it personally on the relevant person;
  - (b) by sending it through the post in a prepaid envelope addressed to such Member at his registered address as appearing in the Register or at any other address supplied by him to the Company for the purpose;
  - (c) by delivering or leaving it at such address as aforesaid;
  - (d) by placing an advertisement in appointed newspapers or other publication and where applicable, (as defined in the Act) or in newspapers published daily and circulating generally in the territory of and in accordance with the requirements of the Designated Stock Exchange;
  - (e) by sending or transmitting it as an electronic communication to the relevant person at such electronic address as he may provide under Bye-law 158(5), subject to the Company complying with the Statues and any other applicable laws, rules and regulations from time to time in force with regard to any requirements for the obtaining of consent (or deemed consent) from such person;
  - (f) by publishing it on the Company's website or the website to which the relevant person may have access, subject to the Company complying with the Statutes and any other applicable laws, rules and regulations from time to time in force with regard to any requirements for the obtaining of consent (or deemed consent) from such person and/or for giving notification to any such person that the notice, document or publication is available on the Company's computer network website (a "notice of availability");
  - (g) by sending or otherwise making it available to such person through such other means to the extent permitted by and in accordance with the Statutes and other applicable laws, rules and regulations.
  - (2) The notice of availability may be given by any of the means set out above other than by posting it on a website.

- (3) In the case of joint holders of a share all notices shall be given to that one of the joint holders whose name stands first in the Register and notice so given shall be deemed a sufficient service on or delivery to all the joint holders.
- (4) Every person who, by operation of law, transfer, transmission, or other means whatsoever, shall become entitled to any share, shall be bound by every notice in respect of such share, which, previously to his name and address (including electronic address) being entered in the Register as the registered holder of such share, shall have been duly given to the person from whom he derives title to such share.
- (5) Every Member or a person who is entitled to receive notice form the Company under the provisions of the Statutes or these Bye-laws may register with the Company an electronic address to which notices can be served upon him.
- (6) Subject to any applicable laws, rules and regulations and the terms of these Bye-laws, any notice, document or publication, including but not limited to the documents referred to in Bye-laws 149, 150 and 158 may be given in the English language only or in both the English language and the Chinese language.

## 159. Any Notice or other document:

- (a) if served or delivered by post, shall where appropriate be sent by airmail and shall be deemed to have been served or delivered on the day following that on which the envelope containing the same, properly prepaid and addressed, is put into the post; in proving such service or delivery it shall be sufficient to prove that the envelope or wrapper containing the notice or document was properly addressed and put into the post and a certificate in writing signed by the Secretary or other officer of the Company or other person appointed by the Board that the envelope or wrapper containing the Notice or other document was so addressed and put into the post shall be conclusive evidence thereof;
- (b) if sent by electronic communication, shall be deemed to be given on the day on which it is transmitted from the server of the Company or its agent. A Notice placed on the Company's website or the website of the Designated Stock Exchange is deemed given by the Company to a Member on the day following that on which a notice of availability is deemed served on the Member;
- (c) if published on the Company's website, shall be deemed to have been served on the day on which the notice, document or publication first so appears on the Company's website to which the relevant person may have access or the day on which the notice of availability is deemed to have been served or delivered to such person under these Bye-laws, whichever is later;

- (d) if served or delivered in any other manner contemplated by these Bye-laws, shall be deemed to have been served or delivered at the time of personal service or delivery or, as the case may be, at the time of the relevant despatch, transmission or publication; and in proving such service or delivery a certificate in writing signed by the Secretary or other officer of the Company or other person appointed by the Board as to the fact and time of such service, delivery, despatch, transmission or publication shall be conclusive evidence thereof; and
- (e) if published as an advertisement in a newspaper or other publication permitted under these Bye-laws, shall be deemed to have been served on the day on which the advertisement first so appears.
- 160. (1) Any Notice or other document delivered or sent by post to or left at the registered address of any Member in pursuance of these Bye-laws shall, notwithstanding that such Member is then dead or bankrupt or that any other event has occurred, and whether or not the Company has notice of the death or bankruptcy or other event, be deemed to have been duly served or delivered in respect of any share registered in the name of such Member as sole or joint holder unless his name shall, at the time of the service or delivery of the Notice or document, have been removed from the Register as the holder of the share, and such service or delivery shall for all purposes be deemed a sufficient service or delivery of such Notice or document on all persons interested (whether jointly with or as claiming through or under him) in the share.
  - (2) A Notice may be given by the Company to the person entitled to a share in consequence of the death, mental disorder or bankruptcy of a Member by sending it through the post in a prepaid letter, envelope or wrapper addressed to him by name, or by the title of representative of the deceased, or trustee of the bankrupt, or by any like description, at the address, if any, supplied for the purpose by the person claiming to be so entitled, or (until such an address has been so supplied) by giving the Notice in any manner in which the same might have been given if the death, mental disorder or bankruptcy had not occurred.
  - (3) Any person who by operation of law, transfer or other means whatsoever shall become entitled to any share shall be bound by every Notice in respect of such share which prior to his name and address being entered on the Register shall have been duly given to the person from whom he derives his title to such share.

# **SIGNATURES**

161. For the purposes of these Bye-laws, a facsimile or electronic transmission message purporting to come from a holder of shares or, as the case may be, a Director or alternate Director, or, in the case of a corporation which is a holder of shares from a director or the secretary thereof or a duly appointed attorney or duly authorised representative thereof for it and on its behalf, shall in the absence of express evidence to the contrary available to the person relying thereon at the relevant time be deemed to be a document or instrument in writing signed by such holder or Director or alternate Director in the terms in which it is received. The signature to any notice or document to be given by the Company may be written, printed or made electronically.

### WINDING UP

- 162. (1) Subject to Bye-law 162(2), the Board shall have power in the name and on behalf of the Company to present a petition to the court for the Company to be wound up.
  - (2) A resolution that the Company be wound up by the court or be wound up voluntarily shall be a special resolution.
- 163. If the Company shall be wound up (whether the liquidation is voluntary or by the court) the liquidator may, with the authority of a special resolution and any other sanction required by the Act, divide among the Members in specie or kind the whole or any part of the assets of the Company and whether or not the assets shall consist of properties of one kind or shall consist of properties to be divided as aforesaid of different kinds, and may for such purpose set such value as he deems fair upon any one or more class or classes of property and may determine how such division shall be carried out as between the Members or different classes of Members. The liquidator may, with the like authority, vest any part of the assets in trustees upon such trusts for the benefit of the Members as the liquidator with the like authority shall think fit, and the liquidation of the Company may be closed and the Company dissolved, but so that no contributory shall be compelled to accept any shares or other property in respect of which there is a liability.

# **INDEMNITY**

- 164. (1) The Directors, Secretary and other officers and every Auditor of the Company at any time, whether at present or in the past, and the liquidator or trustees (if any) acting or who have acted in relation to any of the affairs of the Company and everyone of them, and everyone of their heirs, executors and administrators, shall be indemnified and secured harmless out of the assets and profits of the Company from and against all actions, costs, charges, losses, damages and expenses which they or any of them, their or any of their heirs, executors or administrators, shall or may incur or sustain by or by reason of any act done, concurred in or omitted in or about the execution of their duty, or supposed duty, in their respective offices or trusts; and none of them shall be answerable for the acts, receipts, neglects or defaults of the other or others of them or for joining in any receipts for the sake of conformity, or for any bankers or other persons with whom any moneys or effects belonging to the Company shall or may be lodged or deposited for safe custody, or for insufficiency or deficiency of any security upon which any moneys of or belonging to the Company shall be placed out on or invested, or for any other loss, misfortune or damage which may happen in the execution of their respective offices or trusts, or in relation thereto; PROVIDED THAT this indemnity shall not extend to any matter in respect of any fraud or dishonesty which may attach to any of said persons.
  - (2) Each Member agrees to waive any claim or right of action he might have, whether individually or by or in the right of the Company, against any Director on account of any action taken by such Director, or the failure of such Director to take any action in the performance of his duties with or for the Company; PROVIDED THAT such waiver shall not extend to any matter in respect of any fraud or dishonesty which may attach to such Director.

# AMENDMENT TO BYE-LAWS AND ALTERATION OF MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION AND CHANGE OF NAME OF COMPANY

165. No Bye-law shall be rescinded, altered or amended and no new Bye-law shall be made until the same has been approved by a resolution of the Directors and confirmed by a special resolution of the Members. A special resolution shall be required to alter the provisions of the memorandum of association or to change the name of the Company.

# INFORMATION

166. No Member shall be entitled to require discovery of or any information in respect of any detail of the Company's trading or any matter which is or may be in the nature of a trade secret or secret process which may relate to the conduct of the business of the Company and which in the opinion of the Directors it will be inexpedient in the interests of the Members to communicate to the public.



# 中達集團控股有限公司

**CENTRAL WEALTH GROUP HOLDINGS LIMITED** 

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 139)

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that an annual general meeting of Central Wealth Group Holdings Limited (the "Company") will be held at Falcon Room I, Basement, Gloucester Luk Kwok Hong Kong, 72 Gloucester Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong on Thursday, 8 June 2023 at 9:30 a.m. for the following purposes:

#### AS ORDINARY BUSINESS

- 1. To consider and receive the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company and the reports of the directors and auditors for the year ended 31 December 2022;
- 2. To re-elect Mr Chen Xiaodong as an executive director of the Company;
- 3. To re-elect Ms Chen Jingxian as an executive director of the Company;
- 4. To re-elect Mr Wu Ming as an independent non-executive director of the Company;
- 5. To re-elect Ms Li Meifeng as an independent non-executive director of the Company;
- 6. To authorize the board of directors of the Company to appoint additional directors as and when the board considers necessary and appropriate;
- 7. To authorize the board of directors of the Company to fix the respective directors' remuneration;
- 8. To re-appoint Moore Stephens CPA Limited as auditors of the Company and to authorize the board of directors of the Company to fix auditors' remuneration;

#### AS SPECIAL BUSINESS

9. To consider and, if thought fit, pass with or without amendments, the following resolution as an ordinary resolution:

#### "THAT:

- (a) subject to paragraph (b) below, the exercise by the directors during the Relevant Period (as defined below) of all the powers of the Company to purchase its shares on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") or on any other stock exchange recognized by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong and the Stock Exchange, subject to and in accordance with the applicable laws, rules and regulations, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the total number of shares of the Company to be purchased pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above shall not exceed 10% of the total number of issued shares of the Company as at the date of passing of this resolution (subject to adjustment in the case of any consolidation or subdivision of the shares of the Company after the date of passing of this resolution) and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and
- (c) 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;
  - (ii) the revocation or variation of the authority given under this resolution by ordinary resolution passed by the Company's shareholders in general meetings; and
  - (iii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the Bye-laws of the Company or any applicable laws to be held.";

10. To consider and, if thought fit, pass with or without amendments, the following resolution as an ordinary resolution:

#### "THAT:

- (a) subject to paragraph (c) below, the exercise by the directors of the Company during the Relevant Period (as defined below) of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with authorized and unissued shares in the capital of the Company and to make or grant offers, agreements and options which might require the exercise of such powers be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the approval in paragraph (a) above shall authorize the directors to make or grant offers, agreements and options during the Relevant Period which would or might require the exercise of such powers or after the end of the Relevant Period;
- (c) the total number of shares of the Company allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted by the directors pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above, otherwise than pursuant to:
  - (i) a Rights Issue (as defined below);
  - (ii) the exercise of the outstanding conversion rights attaching to the convertible securities issued by the Company, which are convertible into shares of the Company;
  - (iii) the exercise of options under share option scheme(s) of the Company; and
  - (iv) any scrip dividend scheme or similar arrangement providing for the allotment of shares in lieu of the whole or part of a dividend on shares of the Company in accordance with the Bye-laws of the Company,

shall not exceed 20% of the total number of issued shares of the Company as at the date of the passing of this resolution (subject to adjustment in the case of any consolidation or subdivision of the shares of the Company after the date of passing of this resolution) and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and

(d) 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;
- (ii) the revocation or variation of the authority given under this resolution by ordinary resolution passed by the Company's shareholders in general meetings; and
- (iii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the Bye-laws of the Company or any applicable laws to be held; and

"Rights Issue" means an offer of shares open for a period fixed by the directors to holders of shares of the Company or any class thereof on the register on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of such shares or class thereof (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 any relevant jurisdiction or the requirements of any recognized regulatory body or any stock exchange).";

11. To consider and, if thought fit, pass with or without amendments, the following resolution as an ordinary resolution:

"THAT conditional upon the passing of resolutions set out in items 9 and 10 of the notice convening this meeting (the "Notice"), the general mandate referred to in the resolution set out in item 10 of the Notice be and is hereby extended by the addition to the total number of shares of the Company which may be allotted and issued or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted and issued by the directors pursuant to such general mandate of the number of shares purchased by the Company pursuant to the general mandate referred to in the resolution set out in item 9 of the Notice, provided that such amount shall not exceed 10% of the total number of issued shares of the Company as at the date of passing of this resolution.";

12. To consider and, if thought fit, pass with or without amendments, the following resolution as an ordinary resolution:

#### "THAT:

- (a) subject to and conditional upon the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange granting approval of the listing of, and permission to deal in, the shares of the Company (not exceeding 10% of the Company's issued share capital on the date of this resolution) which may fall to be issued upon the exercise of the options or awards to be granted under the new share option scheme of the Company (the "New Share Option Scheme"), the rules of which are contained in the document marked "A" produced to the meeting and signed by the chairman of this meeting for identification purposes or other schemes of the Company, the New Share Option Scheme be and is hereby approved and adopted and the Directors of the Company be and are hereby authorized to grant options and to allot, issue and deal with the shares which fall to be issued pursuant to the exercise of any option granted under the New Share Option Scheme and to take all such steps as may be necessary or expedient in order to give full effect to the New Share Option Scheme including, but not limited to:
  - (i) administering the New Share Option Scheme and granting options under the New Share Option Scheme;
  - (ii) modifying and/or amending the New Share Option Scheme from time to time provided that such modification and/or amendment is effected in accordance with the provisions of the New Share Option Scheme relating to the modification and/or amendment and subject to Chapter 17 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange; and
  - (iii) making application(s) at the appropriate time or times to the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange for the listing of, and permission to deal in, any shares of the Company or any part thereof that may hereafter from time to time be issued and allotted pursuant to the exercise of the options granted under the New Share Option Scheme.
- (b) subject to paragraph (a) hereinabove, the share option scheme adopted by the Company on 27 September 2013 be and is hereby terminated (save with respect to any outstanding, issued and unexercised options thereof) with effect from the adoption of the New Share Option Scheme.";

- 13. To consider and, if thought fit, pass with or without amendments, the following resolution as an ordinary resolution:
  - "THAT, conditional on the passing of the ordinary resolution no. 12 set out in this notice and adoption of the New Share Option Scheme, the Scheme Mandate Limit (as defined in the New Share Option Scheme) on the total number of Shares that may be issued in respect of all Options to be granted to the eligible participants under the New Share Option Scheme (i.e. 10% of the Shares in issue as at the date of passing of this resolution) be and is hereby approved and adopted and the Directors be and are hereby authorised to take all such steps and attend all such matters, approve and execute (whether under hand or under seal) such documents and do such other things, for and on behalf of the Company, as the Directors may consider necessary, desirable or expedient to effect and implement the Scheme Mandate Limit.";
- 14. To consider and, if thought fit, pass with or without amendments, the following resolution as an ordinary resolution:

"THAT, conditional on the passing of the ordinary resolution no. 12 set out in this notice and adoption of the New Share Option Scheme, the Service Provider Sublimit (as defined in the New Share Option Scheme) on the total number of Shares that may be issued in respect of all Options to be granted to Service Providers under the New Share Option Scheme (i.e. 1% of the Shares in issue as at the date of passing of this resolution) be and is hereby approved and adopted and the Directors be and are hereby authorised to take all such steps and attend all such matters, approve and execute (whether under hand or under seal) such documents and do such other things, for and on behalf of the Company, as the Directors may consider necessary, desirable or expedient to effect and implement the Service Provider Sublimit."; and

#### SPECIAL RESOLUTION

- 15. To consider and, if thought fit, to pass with or without amendments, the following resolution as a special resolution:
  - "THAT the amended and restated bye-laws of the Company (the "New Bye-laws") (a copy of which has been produced to this meeting and marked "B" and signed by the chairman of this meeting for the identification purpose) be and are hereby approved and adopted as the New Bye-laws in substitution for and to the exclusion of the existing amended and restated bye-laws of the Company with immediate effect after the close of this meeting and that any one Director or the company secretary of the

Company be and is hereby authorised to do all things necessary to implement the adoption of the New Bye-laws.".

By order of the Board

Central Wealth Group Holdings Limited

Chen Xiaodong

Chairman

Hong Kong, 28 April 2023

Notes:

- (a) Any member of the Company entitled to attend and vote at the above meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote instead of him/her/it. A proxy need not be a member of the Company. A member who is the holder of two or more shares of the Company may appoint more than one proxy to represent him/her/it to attend and vote on his/her/its behalf. If more than one proxy is so appointed, the appointment shall specify the number and class of shares in respect of which each such proxy is so appointed.
- (b) In order to be valid, a form of proxy together with the power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which it is signed or a notarially certified copy of that power or authority, must be deposited at the Company's Branch Share Registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Tengis Limited, at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcount Road, Hong Kong as soon as possible but in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the meeting (i.e. not later than 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, 6 June 2023) or any adjournment thereof. Delivery of the form of proxy shall not preclude a member of the Company from attending and voting in person at the meeting and, in such event, the form of proxy shall be deemed to be revoked.
- (c) For determining the entitlement to attend and vote at the above meeting, the register of members of the Company will be closed from Monday, 5 June 2023 to Thursday, 8 June 2023, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares of the Company will be registered. In order to qualify for attending and voting at the above meeting, unregistered holders of shares of the Company should ensure that all completed transfer forms accompanied by the relevant share certificates are lodged with the Company's Branch Share Registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Tengis Limited (at its address shown in note (b) above) for registration no later than 4:30 p.m., on Friday, 2 June 2023.
- (d) References to time and dates in this Notice are to Hong Kong time and dates.

As at the date of this Notice, the board of directors of the Company comprises:

Executive Directors

Mr Chen Xiaodong (Chairman)

Mr Li Jing (Chief Executive Officer)

Ms Chen Jingxian (Vice Chairman)

Mr Yu Qingrui

Ms Song Caini Mr Chen Hongjin Independent non-executive Directors
Mr Kwok Chi Kwong
Mr Wu Ming
Ms Li Meifeng