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# CHINA MERCHANTS CHINA DIRECT INVESTMENTS LIMITED 招商局中國基金有限公司

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 133)

# PROPOSALS RELATING TO GENERAL MANDATE TO BUY BACK SHARES AND RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A notice convening the annual general meeting of China Merchants China Direct Investments Limited to be held at Island Ballroom, Level 5, Island Shangri-La, Hong Kong, Two Pacific Place, Supreme Court Road, Central, Hong Kong on Friday, 28 May 2021 at 10:00 a.m., at which the above proposals will be considered, is set out on pages 16 to 18 of this circular. Whether or not you are able to attend the meeting, please complete and return the accompanying form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon as soon as possible and in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting. Completion and return of the form of proxy shall not preclude you from attending and voting at the annual general meeting if you so wish.

This circular is required to be sent to Shareholders under the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and also constitutes the memorandum required under section 239(2) of the Companies Ordinance (Chapter 622 of the Laws of Hong Kong).

#### PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please see pages 1 to 2 of this circular for measures being taken to try to prevent and control the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) at the Annual General Meeting, including:

- Compulsory temperature checks and health declarations
- Compulsory wearing of surgical face masks
- No provision of refreshments or drinks

Any person who does not comply with the precautionary measures may be denied entry to the Annual General Meeting venue. The Company encourages Shareholders that they may appoint the Chairman of the Meeting as their proxy to vote on the relevant resolutions at the Annual General Meeting as an alternative to attending the Annual General Meeting in person.

#### PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

In view of the ongoing coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic and recent requirements for prevention and control of its spread, the Company will implement the following preventive measures at the Annual General Meeting to protect attending Shareholders, staff and other stakeholders from the risk of infection:

- (i) Compulsory body temperature checks will be conducted on every Shareholder, proxy and other attendee at the entrance of the Annual General Meeting venue. Any person with a body temperature of over 37.4 degrees Celsius may be denied entry to the Annual General Meeting venue or be required to leave the Annual General Meeting venue.
- (ii) All Shareholders, proxies and other attendees are required to complete and submit at the entrance of the Annual General Meeting venue a declaration form confirming their names and contact details, and confirming that they have not travelled to, or to their best of knowledge had physical contact with any person who has recently travelled to, any affected countries or areas outside of Hong Kong (as per guidelines issued by the Hong Kong Government at www.chp.gov.hk/en/features/102742.html) at any time in the preceding 21 days. Any person who does not comply with this requirement may be denied entry to the Annual General Meeting venue or be required to leave the Annual General Meeting venue.
- (iii) Attendees are required to wear surgical face masks inside the Annual General Meeting venue at all times, and to maintain a safe distance between seats. Please note that no masks will be provided at the Annual General Meeting venue and attendees should bring and wear their own masks.
- (iv) No refreshments or drinks will be served at the Annual General Meeting.
- (v) Other measures may be required by the governmental authorities.

To the extent permitted under law, the Company reserves the right to deny entry to the Annual General Meeting venue or require any person to leave the Annual General Meeting venue in order to ensure the safety of the attendees at the Annual General Meeting.

In the interest of all stakeholders' health and safety and consistent with recent COVID-19 guidelines for prevention and control, the Company reminds all Shareholders that physical attendance in person at the Annual General Meeting is not necessary for the purpose of exercising voting rights. As an alternative, by using proxy forms with voting instructions inserted, Shareholders may appoint the Chairman of the Annual General Meeting as their proxy to vote on the relevant resolutions at the Annual General Meeting instead of attending the Annual General Meeting in person.

The proxy form is attached to the Annual General Meeting Circular for Shareholders. Alternatively, the proxy form can be downloaded from the Company's website. If you are not a registered Shareholder (if your Shares are held via banks, brokers, custodians or the Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited), you should consult directly with your banks or brokers or custodians (as the case may be) to assist you in the appointment of proxy.

# PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

If Shareholders choosing not to attend the Annual General Meeting in person have any questions about the relevant resolutions, or about the Company or any matters for communication with the Board, they are welcome to contact the Company as follows:

**Investor Relations** 

Email: info@cmcdi.com.hk

Tel: (852) 2858 9089 Fax: (852) 2858 8455

If Shareholders have any questions relating to the Annual General Meeting, please contact Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, the Company's Share Registrar, as follows:

Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai, Hong Kong

Email: hkinfo@computershare.com.hk

Tel: (852) 2862 8555 Fax: (852) 2865 0990

#### **DEFINITIONS**

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

"Annual General Meeting" the annual general meeting of the Company to be held on

Friday, 28 May 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at Island Ballroom, Level 5, Island Shangri-La, Hong Kong, Two Pacific Place,

Supreme Court Road, Central, Hong Kong

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

supplemented or modified from time to time

"Board" board of Directors

"Companies Ordinance" the Companies Ordinance, Chapter 622 of the Laws of Hong

Kong

"Company" China Merchants China Direct Investments Limited, a

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

"Director(s)" director(s) of the Company

"Hong Kong" the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's

Republic of China

"Investment Manager" China Merchants China Investment Management Limited, a

fund management company incorporated in Hong Kong with

limited liability and registered under the SFO

"Latest Practicable Date" 19 April 2021, being the latest practicable date prior to the

printing of this circular for ascertaining certain information

contained in this circular

"Listing Rules" the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock

Exchange

"SFO" the Securities and Futures Ordinance, Chapter 571 of the

Laws of Hong Kong

"Shareholders" holders of Shares

"Shares" share(s) of the Company

"Stock Exchange" The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

"Takeovers Code" The Code on Takeovers and Mergers



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Mr. ZHOU Xing\* (Chairman)

Mr. ZHANG Rizhong\*

Mr. WANG Xiaoding#

Mr. TSE Yue Kit#

Ms. KAN Ka Yee, Elizabeth#

Mr. CHU Lap Lik, Victor

(alternate to Ms. KAN Ka Yee, Elizabeth#)

Mr. KE Shifeng\*

Mr. LIU Baojie \*\*

Mr. TSANG Wah Kwong\*\*

Dr. LI Fang\*\*

Dr. GONG Shaolin\*\*

# Executive Directors

\* Non-executive Directors

\*\* Independent Non-executive Directors

Registered Office:

1609, Three Pacific Place

1 Queen's Road East

Hong Kong

26 April 2021

To the Shareholders

Dear Sir or Madam,

# PROPOSALS RELATING TO GENERAL MANDATE TO BUY BACK SHARES AND RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### INTRODUCTION

At the annual general meeting of the Company held on 28 May 2020, a general mandate was given to the Directors to exercise the powers of the Company to buy back Shares. Such mandate will lapse at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting. Ordinary resolutions will therefore be proposed at the Annual General Meeting to renew the general mandate to buy back Shares and to re-elect the retiring Directors.

#### GENERAL MANDATE TO BUY BACK SHARES

The Directors propose that they be granted at the Annual General Meeting a general and unconditional mandate to exercise all the powers of the Company to buy back Shares up to a maximum of 10 per cent of the issued Shares as at the date of the resolution subject to the criteria set out in this circular (the "Buy-Back Mandate").

The authority conferred on the Directors by the general mandate above will continue in force until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company or any earlier date as referred to in paragraph (c) of resolution 5 set out in the notice of the Annual General Meeting.

#### (a) EXERCISE OF THE BUY-BACK MANDATE

Whilst the Directors do not presently intend to buy back any Shares they believe that the flexibility afforded by the mandate granted to them, if the Ordinary Resolution set out as item 5 of the notice of the Annual General Meeting is passed, would be beneficial to the Company.

The Shares proposed to be bought back by the Company must be fully paid up. It is proposed that up to 10 per cent of the Shares in issue at the date of the passing of the resolution may be bought back. As at the Latest Practicable Date, 152,333,013 Shares were in issue. On the basis of such figures, the Directors would be authorised to buy back up to 15,233,301 Shares during the period up to the next annual general meeting of the Company in 2022 or the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by law to be held or the revocation or variation of the Buy-Back Mandate by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders in general meeting of the Company, whichever occurs first.

#### (b) REASONS FOR BUY-BACK

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

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

Buy-back pursuant to the Buy-Back Mandate would be financed entirely from the Company's available cash flow or working capital facilities. Any buy-back will be made out of funds of the Company legally permitted to be utilised in this connection in accordance with the Articles of Association and the laws of Hong Kong. Under the Companies Ordinance, payment in respect of a share buy-back may be made out of the Company's distributable profits and/or out of the proceeds of a fresh issue of Shares made for the purpose of the buy-back.

There could be a material adverse impact on the working capital or gearing position of the Company (as compared with the position disclosed in the audited accounts contained in the annual report for the year ended 31 December 2020) in the event that the Buy-Back Mandate is exercised in full. However, the Directors do not propose to exercise the Buy-Back Mandate to such extent as would, in the circumstances, have a material adverse effect on the working capital requirements of the Company or its gearing levels which in the opinion of the Directors are from time to time appropriate for the Company.

#### (d) DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

None of the Directors, and to the best of their knowledge, having made all reasonable enquiries, none of their close associates (as defined in the Listing Rules), have any present intention, if the Buy-Back Mandate is granted, to sell any Shares to the Company.

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

#### (e) DIRECTOR'S UNDERTAKING

The Directors have undertaken to the Stock Exchange that, so far as the same may be applicable, they will exercise the Buy-Back Mandate in accordance with the Listing Rules and the applicable laws of Hong Kong.

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

No buy-back of Shares has been made by the Company during the six months (whether on the Stock Exchange or otherwise) prior to the date of this circular.

#### (g) TAKEOVERS CODE CONSEQUENCES

If as a result of a buy-back of Shares 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. As a result, a Shareholder, or group of Shareholders acting in concert, depending on the level of increase of the Shareholder's interests, 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.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, China Merchants Group Limited ("CMG") and its subsidiaries held 42,022,041 Shares representing approximately 27.59% of the issued Shares. If the Directors exercise in full the Buy-Back Mandate, the interest of CMG and its subsidiaries in the Company will increase to approximately 30.65% if their present shareholdings remain the same.

In the event that the Buy-Back Mandate is exercised in full, an obligation to make a general offer to Shareholders under Rules 26 and 32 of the Takeovers Code may arise. The Directors have no present intention to exercise the power to buy back Shares pursuant to the Buy-Back Mandate to such an extent as to result in takeover obligations. In the event that the Buy-Back Mandate is exercised in full, the number of Shares held by the public would not fall below 25%.

#### (h) MARKET PRICES

The highest and lowest prices at which Shares have been traded on the Stock Exchange during each of the previous twelve months before the printing of this circular were:

	<b>Traded Market Price</b>	
	Highest	Lowest
	HK\$	HK\$
2020		
April	9.30	8.60
May	9.28	8.69
June	9.12	8.38
July	10.00	8.92
August	9.82	9.30
September	9.49	8.37
October	8.84	8.43
November	9.34	8.51
December	9.40	9.09
2021		
January	11.00	9.24
February	11.38	9.93
March	11.18	10.48
April (up to the Latest Practicable Date)	10.86	10.46

#### **RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS**

As at the date of this circular, the Executive Directors of the Company are Mr. WANG Xiaoding, Mr. TSE Yue Kit and Ms. KAN Ka Yee, Elizabeth; the Non-executive Directors of the Company are Mr. ZHOU Xing, Mr. ZHANG Rizhong and Mr. KE Shifeng; and the Independent Non-executive Directors of the Company are Mr. LIU Baojie, Mr. TSANG Wah Kwong, Dr. LI Fang and Dr. GONG Shaolin. Besides, Mr. CHU Lap Lik, Victor is the Alternate Director to Ms. KAN Ka Yee, Elizabeth.

Pursuant to Article 101 of the Articles of Association, Mr. ZHOU Xing and Dr. GONG Shaolin shall hold office until the Annual General Meeting and shall be eligible for re-election. Pursuant to Article 105 of the Articles of Association, Mr. ZHANG Rizhong, Mr. TSE Yue Kit, Mr. LIU Baojie and Dr. LI Fang shall retire from office by rotation at the Annual General Meeting and shall be eligible for re-election. Details of the retiring Directors proposed to be re-elected at the Annual General Meeting are set out in the Appendix to this circular.

Mr. LIU Baojie has served as Independent Non-executive Director for more than 9 years and his re-election will be subject to separate resolution to be approved by the Shareholders. As Independent Non-executive Director with in-depth understanding of the Company's operations and business, Mr. LIU has expressed objective views and given independent guidance to the Company over the years, and he will continue demonstrating a firm commitment to his role. The Board considers that the long service of Mr. LIU would not affect his exercise of independent judgment and is satisfied that Mr. LIU has the required character, integrity and experience to continue fulfilling the role of Independent Non-executive Director. The Board considers the re-election of Mr. LIU as Independent Non-executive Director is in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

In addition, the nomination committee of the Company had identified candidates pursuant to criteria set out in the nomination policy adopted by the Company and reviewed the written confirmation of independence of Mr. LIU Baojie, Dr. LI Fang and Dr. GONG Shaolin, respectively. The nomination committee of the Company is also of the view that Mr. LIU Baojie, Dr. LI Fang and Dr. GONG Shaolin would bring to the Board their own perspectives, skills and experience, as further described in their biographical details in the Appendix to this circular.

Based on the board diversity policy adopted by the Company, the nomination committee of the Company considers that Mr. LIU Baojie, Dr. LI Fang and Dr. GONG Shaolin can contribute to the diversity of the Board, in particular, with their professional background, enabling them to provide valuable, independent and objective view to the Company's affairs.

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The notice convening the Annual General Meeting is set out on pages 16 to 18 of this circular. Shareholders are advised to read the notice and to complete and return the accompanying form of proxy for use at the Annual General Meeting in accordance with the instructions printed thereon.

# **VOTING BY WAY OF POLL**

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

#### RECOMMENDATION

The Directors believe that the general mandate for Directors to buy back Shares and the proposed re-election of retiring Directors are all in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders. Accordingly, the Directors recommend that all Shareholders should vote in favour of the resolutions to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

By Order of the Board
WANG Xiaoding
Director

## Mr. ZHOU Xing (Non-executive Director)

Mr. ZHOU Xing, aged 40, has been appointed as a Non-executive Director, Chairman of the Board, Chairman of the Investment Committee and Nomination Committee of the Company with effect from 26 April 2021. He is currently a Standing Member of the Executive Committee of China Merchants Financial Services Business Unit under China Merchants Group Limited, a substantial Shareholder. He is also a Director of China Merchants Capital Investment Co., Ltd. Mr. ZHOU has joined the China Merchants Group over 10 years. He has a number of years practical experiences in strategic research, merger & acquisition and investment, asset management, etc. Mr. ZHOU obtained his bachelor's degrees in Economics and in Management from the Huazhong University of Science and Technology, PRC.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. ZHOU did not hold any directorship in other listed public companies in the last three years, and he is not holding any other position with the Company and other members of the Company's group.

The service contract between the Company and Mr. ZHOU has a fixed term of three years. However, Mr. ZHOU will be subject to retirement and re-election at the Annual General Meeting pursuant to Article 101 of the Articles of Association. Thereafter, he will be subject to rotational retirement and re-election requirements at annual general meetings pursuant to Article 105 of the Articles of Association. Mr. ZHOU is not involved in day-to-day operations and does not manage the investment portfolio of or give investment advice to the Company. Mr. ZHOU will not receive any Directors' fee or other emoluments from the Company. Save as disclosed above, Mr. ZHOU is not connected with any Directors, senior management of the Company or substantial or controlling Shareholders. As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. ZHOU did not have any interests in the Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. ZHOU has confirmed that there are no other matters relating to his re-election that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders and there is no other information which is required to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements of Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules.

## Mr. ZHANG Rizhong (Non-executive Director)

Mr. ZHANG Rizhong, aged 52, has been a Non-executive Director and a Member of the Investment Committee of the Company since April 2017. He is the Chairman of the Investment Manager. He is currently the Director and Chief Executive Officer of China Merchants Capital Investment Co., Ltd. He is also the General Manager of China Merchants Union (BVI) Limited. He was the Deputy Financial Controller, Financial Controller, Deputy General Manager and Chief Financial Officer of China Merchants Port Holdings Company Limited (the shares of which are listed on the Stock Exchange), Assistant General Manager and Financial Controller of China Merchants Holdings (UK) Limited, Deputy General Manager of Finance Department of the China Merchants Group. Mr. ZHANG has joined the China Merchants Group over 30 years. He has extensive experience in corporate comprehensive management, private equity fund-raising and operation, financial management, risk management and control, investment negotiations, domestic and overseas asset management with significant scale. He on several occasions led a team responsible for issuing bonds and conducting equity financing in the international capital markets, and organised or deeply participated in merger and acquisition and fund-raising activities. He also has extensive experience in the investment of "One Belt One Road" strategic overseas projects and establishment of investment and fund-raising platform of the China Merchants Group. Mr. ZHANG served as a Supervisor of Shanghai International Port (Group) Co., Ltd. (the shares of which are listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange) from December 2005 to March 2016, a Director of Shenzhen Chiwan Wharf Holdings Limited (the shares of which are listed on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange) from May 2014 to March 2015 and a Supervisor of Shenzhen Chiwan Wharf Holdings Limited from March to October 2015. Mr. ZHANG is a qualified accountant in China and a Fellow Member of The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, UK. Mr. ZHANG obtained his bachelor's degree in Economics from Central University of Finance and Economics, PRC and MBA degree from The University of Westminster, UK.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. ZHANG did not hold any directorship in other listed public companies in the last three years, and he is not holding any other position with the Company and other members of the Company's group.

The service contract between the Company and Mr. ZHANG has a fixed term of three years. However, Mr. ZHANG will be subject to rotational retirement and re-election requirements at annual general meetings pursuant to Article 105 of the Articles of Association. Mr. ZHANG is not involved in day-to-day operations and does not manage the investment portfolio of or give investment advice to the Company. Mr. ZHANG did not and will not receive any Directors' fee or other emoluments from the Company. Save as disclosed above, Mr. ZHANG is not connected with any Directors, senior management of the Company or substantial or controlling Shareholders. As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. ZHANG did not have any interests in the Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. ZHANG has confirmed that there are no other matters relating to his re-election that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders and there is no other information which is required to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements of Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules.

#### Mr. TSE Yue Kit (Executive Director)

Mr. TSE Yue Kit, aged 59, has been an Executive Director of the Company since November 2000 and holds directorship in the Investment Manager and a subsidiary of the Company. Mr. TSE is the General Manager in the Private Equity Department of China Merchants Finance Holdings Company Limited, which is a substantial Shareholder. Mr. TSE has a number of years extensive experiences in accounting, auditing, corporate finance as well as investment. Mr. TSE is licensed with the Securities and Futures Commission in Hong Kong as responsible officer. Mr. TSE obtained his bachelor's degree with honours in Accountancy from the University of Exeter, UK.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. TSE did not hold any directorship in other listed public companies in the last three years, and he is not holding any other position with the Company or other members of the Company's group.

The service contract between the Company and Mr. TSE has a fixed term of three years. However, Mr. TSE will be subject to rotational retirement and re-election requirements at annual general meetings pursuant to Article 105 of the Articles of Association. Mr. TSE did not and will not receive any Directors' fee or other emoluments from the Company. Save as disclosed above, Mr. TSE is not connected with any Directors, senior management of the Company or substantial or controlling Shareholders. As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. TSE did not have any interests in the Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. TSE has confirmed that there are no other matters relating to his re-election that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders and there is no other information which is required to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements of Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules.

## Mr. LIU Baojie (Independent Non-executive Director)

Mr. LIU Baojie, aged 57, has been an Independent Non-executive Director of the Company since December 2009. He is also a Member of the Audit Committee of the Company. He has over 20 years of experience in the financial services industry. He is currently Chief Executive Officer of Huaneng Invesco WLR (Beijing) Investment Fund Management Company Ltd., and prior to this, he had worked for two other investment management companies focusing on China investment. Before that he held various positions with financial institutions, including Bank of America, ICEA Capital Limited and J.P. Morgan. Mr. LIU holds an MBA degree from University of Utah, USA.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. LIU did not hold any directorship in other listed public companies in the last three years, and he is not holding any other position with the Company or other members of the Company's group.

The service contract between the Company and Mr. LIU has a fixed term of three years. However, Mr. LIU will be subject to rotational retirement and re-election requirements at annual general meetings pursuant to Article 105 of the Articles of Association. There is no agreement on the amount of the remuneration payable to Mr. LIU. At the annual general meeting of the Company held on 28 May 2020, it was approved that the Directors' fee for the year ended 31 December 2020 be determined by the Board. The Board has resolved that the Directors' fee payable to Mr. LIU for the year ended 31 December 2020 be fixed at HK\$240,000 with reference to his duties and responsibility with the Company. Mr. LIU did not receive other emoluments from the Company for the year ended 31 December 2020. Mr. LIU is not connected with any Directors, senior management of the Company or substantial or controlling Shareholders. As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. LIU did not have any interests in the Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. LIU has confirmed that there are no other matters relating to his re-election that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders and there is no other information which is required to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements of Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules.

#### **Dr. LI Fang** (Independent Non-executive Director)

Dr. LI Fang, aged 63, has been an Independent Non-executive Director of the Company since October 2014. She is also a Member of the Audit Committee and Nomination Committee of the Company. She is currently the Managing Director of Yuanta Securities (Hong Kong) Company Limited. Dr. LI has over 20 years of professional experience in securities, asset management, insurance and banking. Dr. LI was a Senior Research Assistant in Financial Research Bureau at the headquarters of the People's Bank of China, a Research Fellow at the Asia-Pacific Operations of Aetna International Inc., the Head of Research Centre for Asian/Pacific Regional Pensions of ING Group, a Senior Business Advisor of Global Retirement Services of ING Group and the Chief Strategist at Corporate Finance of Yuanta Securities (Hong Kong) Company Limited. Dr. LI holds a doctorate degree in Economics from Monash University in Australia, a master's degree in Banking and Finance from the Graduate School of the People's Bank of China (now known as PBC School of Finance, Tsinghua University) and a master's degree in Public Administration from the International Christian University in Japan.

Save as disclosed above, Dr. LI did not hold any directorship in other listed public companies in the last three years, and she is not holding any other position with the Company or other members of the Company's group.

The service contract between the Company and Dr. LI has a fixed term of three years. However, Dr. LI will be subject to rotational retirement and re-election requirements at annual general meetings pursuant to Article 105 of the Articles of Association. There is no agreement on the amount of the remuneration payable to Dr. LI. At the annual general meeting of the Company held on 28 May 2020, it was approved that the Directors' fee for the year ended 31 December 2020 be determined by the Board. The Board has resolved that the Directors' fee payable to Dr. LI for the year ended 31 December 2020 be fixed at HK\$240,000 with reference to her duties and responsibility with the Company. Dr. LI did not receive other emoluments from the Company for the year ended 31 December 2020. Dr. LI is not connected with any Directors, senior management of the Company or substantial or controlling Shareholders. As at the Latest Practicable Date, Dr. LI did not have any interests in the Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, Dr. LI has confirmed that there are no other matters relating to her re-election that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders and there is no other information which is required to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements of Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules.

## **Dr. GONG Shaolin** (Independent Non-executive Director)

Dr. GONG Shaolin, aged 65, was appointed as an Independent Non-executive Director of the Company on 11 September 2020. He has extensive experience in the securities and finance industry. Dr. GONG was the chairman of China Merchants Securities Co., Ltd. (its shares are listed on both the Shanghai Stock Exchange and the Stock Exchange) from November 2001 to May 2017. He retired from this position in May 2017 and thereafter served as senior adviser of China Merchants Securities Co., Ltd. until May 2018. Prior to this, Dr. GONG was a vice president of China Merchants Bank from 1997 to 2001 and held a number of senior positions in the People's Bank of China between 1982 and 1997. Dr. GONG was an Independent Non-executive Director of Haier Electronics Group Co., Ltd. (formerly listed on the Stock Exchange) from June 2018 to December 2020. Dr. GONG obtained his bachelor's degree in Finance from the Central Institute of Finance and Economics, PRC and obtained his doctorate degree in Economics from the Southwestern University of Finance and Economics, PRC. He is also a qualified senior economist in China.

Save as disclosed above, Dr. GONG did not hold any directorship in other listed public companies in the last three years, and he is not holding any other position with the Company or other members of the Company's group.

The service contract between the Company and Dr. GONG has a fixed term of three years. However, Dr. GONG will be subject to retirement and re-election at the Annual General Meeting pursuant to Article 101 of the Articles of Association. Thereafter, he will be subject to rotational retirement and re-election requirements at annual general meetings pursuant to Article 105 of the Articles of Association. There is no agreement on the amount of the remuneration payable to Dr. GONG. However, Dr. GONG is entitled to receive the Directors' fee commencing from 11 September 2020. At the annual general meeting of the Company held on 28 May 2020, it was approved that the Directors' fee for the year ended 31 December 2020 be determined by the Board. The Board has resolved that the Directors' fee payable to Dr. GONG for the year ended 31 December 2020 be fixed at HK\$73,443 with reference to his time of service, duties and responsibility with the Company during the year. Dr. GONG did not receive other emoluments from the Company for the year ended 31 December 2020. Dr. GONG is not connected with any Directors, senior management of the Company or substantial or controlling Shareholders. As at the Latest Practicable Date, Dr. GONG did not have any interests in the Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, Dr. GONG has confirmed that there are no other matters relating to his re-election that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders and there is no other information which is required to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements of Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules.



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# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at Island Ballroom, Level 5, Island Shangri-La, Hong Kong, Two Pacific Place, Supreme Court Road, Central, Hong Kong, on Friday, 28 May 2021 at 10:00 a.m. for the following purposes:

- 1. To receive and consider the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements, the Report of the Directors and the Independent Auditor's Report for the year ended 31 December 2020.
- 2. (a) To declare a final dividend; and
  - (b) To declare a special dividend.
- 3. (a) Each as a separate resolution, to re-elect the following retiring Directors:
  - (1) To re-elect Mr. ZHOU Xing as Director;
  - (2) To re-elect Mr. ZHANG Rizhong as Director;
  - (3) To re-elect Mr. TSE Yue Kit as Director;
  - (4) To re-elect Mr. LIU Baojie as Director;
  - (5) To re-elect Dr. LI Fang as Director.
  - (6) To re-elect Dr. GONG Shaolin as Director; and
  - (b) To authorise the Board of Directors to fix the Directors' fee.
- 4. To re-appoint Messrs. Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu as Auditor and authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration.

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5. As special business, to consider and, if thought fit, to pass with or without modifications the following resolution as Ordinary Resolution:

#### "THAT:

- (a) subject to paragraph (b) of this Resolution, the exercise by the Directors of the Company during the Relevant Period of all the powers of the Company to buy back its own shares on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") or any other stock exchange on which the securities of the Company may be listed and recognised by the Securities and Futures Commission and the Stock Exchange for this purpose, subject to and in accordance with all applicable laws and the requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange or of any other stock exchange as amended from time to time, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the total number of shares of the Company which may be bought back by the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) of this Resolution during the Relevant Period shall not exceed 10 per cent of the total number of the shares of the Company in issue on the date of passing of this Resolution (such total number to be subject to adjustment in the case of any conversion of any or all of the shares of the Company into a larger or smaller number of shares of the Company after the passing of this Resolution) and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and
- (c) for the purposes of this Resolution:
  - "Relevant Period" means the period from the passing of this Resolution until whichever is the earlier of:
  - (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
  - (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by law to be held; and
  - (iii) the revocation or variation of the authority given under this Resolution by ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting."

By Order of the Board
WANG Xiaoding
Director

Hong Kong, 26 April 2021

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Notes:

- (1) The Annual General Meeting will be conducted in Mandarin.
- (2) A member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting convened by the above notice is entitled to appoint more than one proxy to attend, speak and vote instead of him. A proxy needs not be a member of the Company.
- (3) In order to be valid, the form of proxy, together with the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed, or a copy of such authority notarially certified, must be deposited at the Company's registered office at 1609, Three Pacific Place, 1 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the meeting or any adjournment thereof. Completion and return of the form of proxy shall not preclude you from attending and voting at the annual general meeting if you so wish.
- (4) The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 25 May 2021 to 28 May 2021, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be effected. In order to determine the identity of members who are entitled to attend and vote at the meeting, all share transfer documents accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai, Hong Kong not later than 4:30 p.m. on 24 May 2021. Subject to the approval of shareholders at the meeting, the proposed final dividend and special dividend will be payable to shareholders whose names appear on the Register of Members of the Company after the close of business at 4:30 p.m. on 3 June 2021. In order to qualify for the proposed final dividend and special dividend, all share transfer documents accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited at the above address not later than 4:30 p.m. on 3 June 2021.
- (5) With regard to item 3 of this notice, details of retiring Directors proposed for re-election namely, Mr. ZHOU Xing, Mr. ZHANG Rizhong, Mr. TSE Yue Kit, Mr. LIU Baojie, Dr. LI Fang and Dr. GONG Shaolin are set out in the appendix to the Circular to the shareholders of the Company dated 26 April 2021.
- (6) At the annual general meeting of the Company held on 28 May 2020, Ordinary Resolution was passed giving a general mandate to the Directors to buy back shares of the Company on the Stock Exchange. Under the terms of the Companies Ordinance and the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange, this general mandate lapses at the conclusion of the annual general meeting for 2021, unless renewed at that meeting. The Ordinary Resolution sought in item 5 of this notice renews the mandate in respect of the buy-back of shares of the Company.
- (7) With reference to the Ordinary Resolution sought in item 5 of this notice, the Directors wish to state that they have no immediate plans to buy back any existing shares of the Company. Approval is being sought from members as a general mandate pursuant to the Companies Ordinance and the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange.
- (8) The Circular required by the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange in connection with the proposed buy-back mandate and re-election of retiring Directors will be dispatched to the shareholders of the Company.
- (9) As at the date of this notice, the Executive Directors of the Company are Mr. WANG Xiaoding, Mr. TSE Yue Kit and Ms. KAN Ka Yee, Elizabeth; the Non-executive Directors of the Company are Mr. ZHOU Xing, Mr. ZHANG Rizhong and Mr. KE Shifeng; and the Independent Non-executive Directors of the Company are Mr. LIU Baojie, Mr. TSANG Wah Kwong, Dr. LI Fang and Dr. GONG Shaolin. Besides, Mr. CHU Lap Lik, Victor is the Alternate Director to Ms. KAN Ka Yee, Elizabeth.