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(Stock Code: 1199)

# PROPOSALS FOR GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE NEW SHARES AND REPURCHASE ITS OWN SHARES, RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A notice convening the annual general meeting (the "AGM") of COSCO SHIPPING Ports Limited (the "Company") to be held at 47th Floor, COSCO Tower, 183 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong on Wednesday, 24 May 2023 at 2:30 p.m. is set out on pages 16 to 20 of this circular. Whether or not you are able to attend the meeting, please complete the accompanying proxy form in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return the same to the Company's Hong Kong Registrar and Transfer Office, Tricor Secretaries Limited at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong as soon as possible and in any event not later than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding of the meeting or any adjournment thereof. Completion and return of the proxy form will not preclude shareholders from attending and voting in person at the meeting or any adjourned meeting should they so wish.

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Shareholders who have chosen or have been deemed consented to receive the corporate communications of the Company (the "Corporate Communications") via the Company Website and who for any reason have difficulty in receiving or gaining access to the circular and the proxy form posted on the Company Website will promptly upon request be sent the circular and the proxy form in printed form free of charge. Shareholders may at any time change their choice of the means of receipt (either in printed form or via the Company Website) and/or language(s) (either English only or Chinese only or both languages) of Corporate Communications.

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#### **DEFINITIONS**

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

"AGM" the annual general meeting of the Company to be held at

47th Floor, COSCO Tower, 183 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong on Wednesday, 24 May 2023 at 2:30 p.m. or, where the context so admits, any adjournment thereof;

"AGM Notice" the notice dated 19 April 2023 convening the AGM as set

out on pages 16 to 20 of this circular;

"Board" the board of directors of the Company;

"Bye-laws" the amended and restated Bye-laws of the Company (as

may be amended from time to time);

"Company" COSCO SHIPPING Ports Limited, a company incorporated

in Bermuda with limited liability, the Shares of which are

listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange;

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

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

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

People's Republic of China;

"Issue Mandate" a general mandate to the Directors to exercise the power of

the Company to allot, issue and deal with Shares during the period as set out in the Ordinary Resolution no. 5(A) of the AGM Notice up to 20% of the total number of Shares in

issue as at the date of passing that resolution;

"Latest Practicable Date" 13 April 2023, 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;

#### **DEFINITIONS**

"Ordinary Resolution(s)" the proposed ordinary resolution(s) as referred to in the

AGM Notice;

"Repurchase Mandate" a general mandate to the Directors to exercise the power of

the Company to repurchase Shares during the period as set out in the Ordinary Resolution no. 5(B) of the AGM Notice up to 10% of the total number of Shares in issue as at the

date of passing that resolution;

"SFO" The Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the

Laws of Hong Kong);

"Share(s)" share(s) of HK\$0.10 each in the capital of the Company (or

of such other nominal amount as shall result from a subdivision, consolidation, reclassification or reconstruction of

the share capital of the Company from time to time);

"Shareholder(s)" holder(s) of Share(s);

"Share Repurchase Rules" the relevant rules set out in the Listing Rules to regulate the

repurchase by companies with primary listing of their own

securities on the Stock Exchange;

"Stock Exchange" The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited;

"Takeovers Code" The Codes on Takeovers and Mergers and Share Buy-backs;

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

"%" per cent.



### **COSCO SHIPPING Ports Limited**

## 中遠海運港口有限公司

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 1199)

#### **Directors:**

Mr. YANG Zhijian<sup>1</sup> (Chairman) Mr. ZHU Tao<sup>1</sup> (Managing Director)

Mr. ZHANG Wei<sup>2</sup> Mr. CHEN Dong<sup>2</sup>

Dr. WONG Tin Yau, Kelvin<sup>1</sup> Dr. FAN HSU Lai Tai, Rita<sup>3</sup>

Mr. Adrian David LI Man Kiu<sup>3</sup>

Mr. LAM Yiu Kin<sup>3</sup> Prof. CHAN Ka Lok<sup>3</sup>

Mr. YANG Liang Yee Philip<sup>3</sup>

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#### General Counsel & Company Secretary:

Ms. HUNG Man. Michelle

- 1 Executive Director
- <sup>2</sup> Non-executive Director
- <sup>3</sup> Independent Non-executive Director

19 April 2023

To the Shareholders

Dear Sir or Madam,

# PROPOSALS FOR GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE NEW SHARES AND REPURCHASE ITS OWN SHARES, RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

At the annual general meeting of the Company held on 26 May 2022, resolutions of the Shareholders were passed, amongst other things, giving general unconditional mandates to the Directors to exercise the powers of the Company to:

(1) allot, issue and deal with Shares not exceeding 20% of the total number of Shares in issue as at that date;

- (2) repurchase Shares representing up to 10% of the total number of Shares in issue as at that date; and
- (3) extend the general mandate for issuing Shares as mentioned in paragraph (1) above by an amount representing the total number of any Shares repurchased by the Company pursuant to the general mandate to repurchase shares as mentioned in paragraph (2) above.

The above general mandates shall lapse at the conclusion of the AGM. It is therefore proposed that your approval of the Ordinary Resolutions be sought at the AGM to grant new general mandates to the Directors.

The purpose of this circular is to provide you with information regarding resolutions to be proposed at the AGM relating to the Issue Mandate, Repurchase Mandate, extension of the Issue Mandate and re-election of retiring Directors and to seek your approval of the resolutions in relation to these matters at the AGM.

#### 2. GENERAL MANDATE TO ISSUE SHARES

It will be proposed at the AGM, Ordinary Resolutions nos. 5(A) and 5(C) in the AGM Notice for granting to the Directors a general mandate to allot, issue and deal with new Shares not exceeding 20% of the total number of Shares in issue as at the date of passing the Ordinary Resolution no. 5(A) in the AGM Notice and adding to such general mandate so granted to the Directors any Shares representing the total number of Shares repurchased by the Company after the granting of the general mandate to repurchase Shares up to 10% of the total number of Shares in issue as at the date of passing the Ordinary Resolution no. 5(B) in the AGM Notice. Such general mandate to allot, issue and deal with new Shares shall be exercisable during the period from the passing of the Ordinary Resolutions nos. 5(A) and 5(C) in the AGM Notice until whichever is the earliest 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 the Bye-laws of the Company or any applicable laws of Bermuda to be held; or
- (iii) the date on which the authority set out in such Ordinary Resolutions is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution or ordinary resolutions of the Shareholders in general meeting of the Company.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the total number of issued Shares of the Company comprised 3,440,657,627 Shares. Subject to passing of the Ordinary Resolution no. 5(A) in the AGM Notice and on the basis that no further Shares will be issued or repurchased prior to the AGM, the Company will be allowed to allot, issue and deal with a maximum of 688,131,525 Shares representing not more than 20% of the total number of Shares in issue as at the Latest Practicable Date.

#### 3. GENERAL MANDATE TO REPURCHASE SHARES

It will also be proposed at the AGM the Ordinary Resolution no. 5(B) in the AGM Notice for granting to the Directors the power to exercise the powers of the Company to repurchase Shares up to 10% of the total number of Shares in issue as at the date of passing the Ordinary Resolution no. 5(B) in the AGM Notice.

The following is an explanatory statement as required to be sent to the Shareholders under the Share Repurchase Rules to provide requisite information to you for your consideration of the Ordinary Resolution no. 5(B) in the AGM Notice in respect of the Repurchase Mandate.

#### **Explanatory Statement**

#### (a) Share Capital

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the issued share capital of the Company comprised 3,440,657,627 Shares.

Subject to the passing of the Ordinary Resolution no. 5(B) in the AGM Notice and on the basis that no further Shares are issued or repurchased prior to the AGM, the Company would be allowed under the Repurchase Mandate to repurchase a maximum of 344,065,762 Shares during the period from the passing of the Ordinary Resolution no. 5(B) in the AGM Notice until whichever is the earliest 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 the Bye-laws of the Company or any applicable laws of Bermuda to be held; or
- (iii) the date on which the authority set out in such Ordinary Resolution is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders in general meeting of the Company.

#### (b) Reasons for the Repurchase

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

#### (c) Funding of Repurchase

In repurchasing Shares, the Company may only apply funds legally available for such purpose in accordance with its Memorandum of Association and Bye-laws and the applicable laws and regulations of Bermuda. Bermuda laws provide that the amount of capital repaid in connection with a share repurchase may only be paid out of either (i) the capital paid up on the relevant shares; (ii) the funds of the Company otherwise available for dividend or distribution; or (iii) the proceeds of a fresh issue of shares made for the purpose. The amount of premium payable on repurchase may only be paid out of either the funds of the Company that would otherwise be available for dividend or distribution or out of the share premium of the Company.

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 of the Company as contained in the Company's annual report for the year ended 31 December 2022 in the event that the power to repurchase Shares pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate was to be carried out in full at any time during the proposed repurchase period. However, the Directors would not propose to exercise the power to repurchase Shares pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate to such extent as would, in the circumstances, have a material adverse effect on the working capital requirements of the Company or the gearing levels which in the opinion of the Directors are from time to time appropriate for the Company.

#### (d) Share Price

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

Highest	Lowest
HK\$	HK\$
6.63	5.29
5.94	5.25
6.20	5.46
6.00	5.40
5.98	4.75
5.39	4.58
4.84	3.78
5.98	3.92
6.37	5.58
6.59	5.82
6.19	5.09
5.95	4.98
5.28	4.75
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#### (e) Undertaking

The Directors have undertaken to the Stock Exchange that, so far as the same may be applicable, they will exercise the Repurchase Mandate in accordance with the Listing Rules, the applicable laws and regulations of Bermuda and the Memorandum of Association and the Bye-laws of the Company.

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

No core connected person of the Company (as defined in the Listing Rules) has notified the Company that he/she has a present intention to sell Shares to the Company or its subsidiaries, or has undertaken not to do so, in the event that the Repurchase Mandate is approved by the Shareholders.

#### (f) Takeovers Code

If on the exercise of the power to repurchase Shares pursuant to the Repurchase 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 Rule 32 of the Takeovers Code. As a result, a Shareholder or group of Shareholders acting in concert could obtain or consolidate control of the Company or become obliged to make a mandatory offer in accordance with Rules 26 and 32 of the Takeovers Code.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, China COSCO (Hong Kong) Limited together with its associates are beneficially interested in 2,042,039,949 Shares representing approximately 59.35% of the total number of issued Shares of the Company. In the event that the Directors exercise in full the power to repurchase Shares pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate, then (if the present shareholdings remain the same), the shareholdings of China COSCO (Hong Kong) Limited together with its associates will be increased to approximately 65.94% of the total number of issued Shares of the Company and such increase would not give rise to an obligation to make a general offer for Shares under Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code.

The Directors are not aware of any consequences which would arise under the Takeovers Code as a result of any repurchases made under the Repurchase Mandate and have no present intention to exercise the power to repurchase Shares pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate to such an extent that an obligation to make a mandatory offer under the Takeovers Code may arise.

In the event that the Repurchase Mandate is exercised in full, the number of Shares held by the public would not fall below 25%.

#### (g) Share Repurchase made by the Company

The Company and its subsidiaries had not repurchased any Shares (whether on the Stock Exchange or otherwise) in the six months preceding the Latest Practicable Date.

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

The Board currently consists of 10 Directors, namely Mr. YANG Zhijian (Chairman), Mr. ZHU Tao (Managing Director), Mr. ZHANG Wei, Mr. CHEN Dong, Dr. WONG Tin Yau, Kelvin, Dr. FAN HSU Lai Tai, Rita, Mr. Adrian David LI Man Kiu, Mr. LAM Yiu Kin, Prof. CHAN Ka Lok and Mr. YANG Liang Yee Philip.

Pursuant to the Bye-laws, Mr. ZHU Tao, executive Director, and Dr. FAN HSU Lai Tai, Rita, Mr. Adrian David LI Man Kiu and Mr. YANG Liang Yee Philip, independent non-executive Directors (together the "Retiring Directors") shall retire from office at the AGM. The Retiring Directors, being eligible, will offer themselves for re-election at the AGM. Details of the Retiring Directors are set out in the Appendix to this circular.

In accordance with the nomination policy of the Company, the nomination committee of the Company (the "Nomination Committee") has considered various qualification aspects of the Retiring Directors, including their knowledge, experience, capability and diversity, and their contribution to the Board as required by the board diversity policy of the Company, and reviewed the independence of each independent non-executive Directors. The Nomination Committee has formed the view that the Retiring Directors will be able to continue to contribute to the Board with their perspectives, skills and experience. In addition, each of Dr. FAN HSU Lai Tai, Rita, Mr. Adrian David LI Man Kiu and Mr. YANG Liang Yee Philip has made an annual confirmation to the Company on his/her independence pursuant to Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules.

Dr. FAN HSU Lai Tai, Rita and Mr. Adrian David LI Man Kiu have served as Independent Non-Executive Directors for more than nine years. The Nomination Committee considered that their long service would not affect their respective exercise of independent judgment and was satisfied that Dr. FAN HSU Lai Tai, Rita and Mr. Adrian David LI Man Kiu have the required integrity and experience to continue fulfilling the role of Independent Non-Executive Directors. As a good corporate governance practice, each of Dr. FAN HSU Lai Tai, Rita and Mr. Adrian David LI Man Kiu did not participate in the discussion or provide opinions on the respective propositions concerning their own retirement and re-election at the relevant Nomination Committee meeting.

Taking into consideration the above factors, the Board has formed the view that each of Dr. FAN HSU Lai Tai, Rita, Mr. Adrian David LI Man Kiu and Mr. YANG Liang Yee Philip meets the requirements as set forth in the independence guidelines under the Listing Rules. Having accepted the nomination by the Nomination Committee, the Board also recommends the Retiring Directors (including Mr. ZHU Tao, Dr. FAN HSU Lai Tai, Rita, Mr. Adrian David LI Man Kiu and Mr. YANG Liang Yee Philip) to stand for re-election by separate resolution to be approved by the Shareholders at the AGM.

#### 5. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Pages 16 to 20 of this circular set out the AGM Notice, which contains ordinary resolutions to be proposed to the Shareholders in respect of the ordinary business of the Company to be considered at the AGM (being the adoption of the audited financial statements and the directors' and independent auditor's reports of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2022, the re-election of retiring Directors, the fixing of the remuneration of Directors and the re-appointment of auditor as well as fixing the remuneration of the auditor) and the special business of the Company to be considered at the AGM (being the proposed grant of the Issue Mandate, the Repurchase Mandate and the extension of the Issue Mandate).

For determining the entitlement to attend, speak and vote at the AGM, the register of members of the Company will be closed from Friday, 19 May 2023 to Wednesday, 24 May 2023, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be registered. In order to be eligible to attend, speak and vote at the AGM, all completed transfer documents, accompanied by relevant share certificates, must be lodged with the Company's Hong Kong Registrar and Transfer Office, Tricor Secretaries Limited of 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong, for registration not later than 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, 18 May 2023.

#### 6. ACTION TO BE TAKEN

A proxy form for use at the AGM is enclosed with this circular. Whether or not you are able to attend the AGM, please complete the proxy form and return it to the Company's Hong Kong Registrar and Transfer Office, Tricor Secretaries Limited at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the AGM or any adjournment thereof. Completion and return of the proxy form will not preclude you from attending and voting in person at the AGM or any adjourned meeting if you so wish.

#### 7. VOTING BY WAY OF POLL

Pursuant to Bye-law 66 of the Bye-laws, a resolution put to the vote of a general meeting shall be decided by way of a poll save that the chairman of the meeting, in good faith, may allow a resolution which relates purely to a procedural or administrative matter to be voted on by a show of hands. The results of the poll in the manner prescribed under Rule 13.39(5) of the Listing Rules will be announced after the AGM.

#### 8. RECOMMENDATION

The Board believes that the re-election of the Retiring Directors, the granting of Issue Mandate, the Repurchase Mandates and the extension of the Issue Mandate as set out in the AGM Notice are all in the best interest of the Company and its Shareholders. Accordingly, the Directors recommend that all Shareholders should vote in favour of the relevant resolutions as set out in the AGM Notice.

#### 9. GENERAL

Should there be any discrepancies between the Chinese and English versions of this circular, the English version shall prevail.

Yours faithfully,
For and on behalf of
COSCO SHIPPING Ports Limited
YANG Zhijian
Chairman

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

(1)Mr. ZHU Tao, aged 50, has been an Executive Director and the Managing Director of the Company since June 2022. He is the Chairman of the Risk Management Committee, and a member of the Executive Committee and the Investment and Strategic Planning Committee of the Company. He is also a non-executive director of Qingdao Port International Co., Ltd. (a listed company and an associate of the Company). Mr. ZHU served as business deputy manager and business manager of the Dispatching Division of the Liner Department of COSCO Container Lines Co., Ltd. ("COSCO Container Lines") (now known as COSCO SHIPPING Lines Co., Ltd. ("COSCO SHIPPING Lines")), deputy head of the Business Division of the Coastal Transportation Department of COSCO Container Lines, manager of the East and South China Operating Department of Sino-Japan Trade Division of COSCO Container Lines, deputy general manager and chairman of the Labour Union of Shanghai PANASIA Shipping Company Limited ("Shanghai PANASIA"), deputy general manager of Americas Trading Division of COSCO Container Lines, general manager of COSCO Container Lines (Netherlands) B.V., supervisor of the General Manager's Office of COSCO Container Lines, general manager and deputy party secretary of Shanghai PANASIA, and deputy general manager and member of the Party Committee of COSCO SHIPPING Lines, etc. Mr. ZHU graduated from Shanghai Jiao Tong University with a Master's Degree in Business Administration. He is an economist.

Save as disclosed above, at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. ZHU did not hold any directorships in any other listed public companies during the past three years. Mr. ZHU did not hold any other positions with the Company or other members of the Group and did not have any other relationships with any of the other Directors, senior management of the Company, substantial Shareholders or controlling Shareholders.

Pursuant to the service agreement entered into between the Company and Mr. ZHU, Mr. ZHU was appointed as an Executive Director and the Managing Director for a term of three years commencing on 28 June 2022. The service agreement is subject to termination by either party giving not less than three months' notice in writing to the other party pursuant to the terms of the agreement. The term of appointment of Mr. ZHU is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election in accordance with the Bye-laws. According to the service agreement, the remuneration of Mr. ZHU comprises a basic annual salary of HK\$2,570,000 and he is entitled to performance-based remuneration and target achievement incentives based on his performance results assessment. Mr. ZHU received HK\$1,404,747 for the year ended 31 December 2022. The remuneration of Mr. ZHU has been recommended by the Remuneration Committee of the Company and determined by the Board by reference to the importance of his management position in the Company, his level of responsibilities and the remuneration policy of the Company.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. ZHU beneficially owned 8,000 Shares and is interested in share options granted by the Company to his spouse for subscription of 371,026 Shares at an exercise price of HK\$7.27 each within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

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

(2) Dr. HSU Lai Tai, Rita (alias: Dr. FAN HSU Lai Tai, Rita) GBM, GBS, JP, aged 77, has been an Independent Non-executive Director of the Company since January 2009. She is the Chairman of the Remuneration Committee and a member of the Audit Committee and the Nomination Committee of the Company. Dr. FAN was appointed to the Legislative Council from 1983 to 1992 and was a member of the Executive Council from 1989 to 1992. She became the President of the Provisional Legislative Council in 1997, and has since been re-elected as the President of the First, Second and Third Legislative Council. Dr. FAN has served as the President of the legislature of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region ("HKSAR") for 11 years. Dr. FAN was a member of the Preliminary Working Committee for the Preparatory Committee for the HKSAR from 1993 to 1995 and of the Preparatory Committee for the HKSAR from 1995 to 1997, and was the Chairman of the Board of Education from 1986 to 1989 and the Chairman of the Education Commission from 1990 to 1992. She was elected as a Hong Kong Deputy to the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th sessions of the National People's Congress ("NPC") during 1998 to 2018, and was a Member of the Standing Committee of the 11th and 12th sessions of the NPC. Dr. FAN is currently an Independent Non-executive Director of China Overseas Land & Investment Limited and The Bank of East Asia, Limited (both are listed companies). She is also the Chairman of Endeavour Education Trust and the Chairman of the Management Committee of the Endeavour Education Centre. She also serves as a non-official member of the Candidate Eligibility Review Committee and a member of the Hong Kong Laureate Forum Council. Dr. FAN was awarded the Gold Bauhinia Star and the Grand Bauhinia Medal in 1998 and 2007 respectively by the Government of the HKSAR.

Save as disclosed above, at the Latest Practicable Date, Dr. FAN did not hold any directorships in any other listed public companies during the past three years. Dr. FAN did not hold any other positions with the Company or other members of the Group and did not have any relationships with any of the other Directors, senior management of the Company, substantial Shareholders or controlling Shareholders.

Pursuant to the letter of appointment entered into between the Company and Dr. FAN, Dr. FAN was appointed as an Independent Non-executive Director for the period from 21 May 2020 to the conclusion of the annual general meeting of the Company to be held in 2023 and the term of appointment of Dr. FAN is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election in accordance with the Bye-laws. If Dr. FAN is re-elected, a new letter of appointment will be entered into by the Company with her upon which she will be appointed for a term of approximately three years from the date of the AGM to the conclusion of the annual general meeting of the Company to be held in 2026 and subject to the retirement by rotation and re-election in accordance with the Bye-laws. According to the letter of appointment, Dr. FAN received HK\$410,000 for the year ended 31 December 2022 for also being the Chairman of the Remuneration Committee and a member of the Audit Committee and the Nomination Committee of the Company. The Director's fee of Dr. FAN is recommended by the Remuneration Committee of the Company and determined by the Board with reference to her duties and responsibilities and prevailing market conditions.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Dr. FAN did not have any interest in the Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, Dr. FAN confirmed that there are no other matters that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders in connection with her re-election and there is no other information that should be disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules.

Mr. Adrian David LI Man Kiu BBS, JP, aged 49, has been an Independent Non-executive (3) Director of the Company since May 2012. He is the Chairman of the Audit Committee and the Nomination Committee and a member of the Remuneration Committee of the Company. Mr. LI is Co-Chief Executive of The Bank of East Asia, Limited. He is an Independent Nonexecutive Director of two listed companies under the Sino Group (Sino Land Company Limited and Tsim Sha Tsui Properties Limited) and China State Construction International Holdings Limited. All the above are Hong Kong-listed companies. Mr. LI is a member of the Shanghai Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference and a Counsellor of the Hong Kong United Youth Association. He is Chairman of The Chinese Banks' Association, Vice President of The Hong Kong Institute of Bankers' Council, and a member of the MPF Industry Schemes Committee of the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority. He is a board member of The Community Chest of Hong Kong and serves on its Executive Committee, a member of the Advisory Board of The Salvation Army Hong Kong and Macau Territory, and a Trustee of The University of Hong Kong's occupational retirement schemes. Furthermore, Mr. LI serves as a member of the Election Committees responsible for electing the Chief Executive and Legislative Council Members of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Rgion ("HKSAR") as well as deputies of the HKSAR to the 14th National People's Congress. Mr. LI was a Non-executive Director of The Berkeley Group Holdings plc, which is listed in London. Mr. LI holds a Master of Management degree from the Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University in the US, and a Master of Arts degree and Bachelor of Arts degree in Law from the University of Cambridge in Britain. He is a member of The Law Society of England and Wales, and The Law Society of Hong Kong. He is also a member of the Hong Kong Academy of Finance and has been conferred as an Honorary Certified Banker by The Hong Kong Institute of Bankers. Mr. LI was awarded the Bronze Bauhinia Star by the Government of the HKSAR in 2022 in recognition of his contributions to the community.

Save as disclosed above, at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. LI did not hold any directorships in any other listed public companies during the past three years. Mr. LI did not hold any other positions with the Company or other members of the Group and did not have any relationships with any of the other Directors, senior management of the Company, substantial Shareholders or controlling Shareholders.

Pursuant to the letter of appointment entered into between the Company and Mr. LI, Mr. LI was appointed as an Independent Non-executive Director for the period from 21 May 2020 to the conclusion of the annual general meeting of the Company to be held in 2023 and the term of appointment of Mr. LI is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election in accordance with the Bye-laws. If Mr. LI is re-elected, a new letter of appointment will be entered into by the Company with him upon which he will be appointed for a term of approximately three years from the date of the AGM to the conclusion of the annual general meeting of the Company to be held in 2026 and subject to the retirement by rotation and re-election in accordance with the Bye-laws. According to the letter of appointment, Mr. LI received HK\$460,000 for the year ended 31 December 2022 for also being the Chairman of the Audit Committee and the Nomination Committee and a member of the Remuneration Committee of the Company. The Director's fee of Mr. LI is recommended by the Remuneration Committee of the Company and determined by the Board with reference to his duties and responsibilities and prevailing market conditions.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. LI did not have any interest in the Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

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

(4) Mr. YANG Liang Yee Philip, aged 74, has been an Independent Non-executive Director of the Company since April 2020. He is a member of the Environmental, Social and Governance Committee of the Company. Mr. YANG is also an independent non-executive director of Orient Overseas (International) Limited (a listed company and a subsidiary of each of China COSCO SHIPPING Corporation Limited (the ultimate controlling Shareholder) and COSCO SHIPPING Holdings Co., Ltd. ("COSCO SHIPPING Holdings", a listed company and a controlling Shareholder)). He is a full-time arbitrator in international commercial and maritime arbitration, the Honorary Chairman of Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, the member of the Expert Committee of China International Commercial Court of the Supreme People's Court of China, the International Advisory Board of China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission, the General Committee of Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration, and the council member of Shanghai Arbitration Commission (SHAC) and chairman of SHAC - Academy. Mr. YANG had been the Chairman of Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, the Vice Chairman of the Documentary Committee of the Baltic International Maritime Council in Denmark, the President of Asia-Pacific Regional Arbitration Group, the Hong Kong representative of ICC International Court of Arbitration, the Chairman of the East Asia Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and members of the Asian International Arbitration Centre International Advisory Board in Malaysia and the Korean Commercial Arbitration Board, and an independent non-executive director of COSCO SHIPPING Holdings. Mr. YANG as a full-time arbitrator has extensive

experience in dealing with cases related to international commercial, maritime and trade law and is very familiar with laws and practice in such areas. He has acted as an arbitrator in Hong Kong, London, Singapore, Malaysia, Australia, Austria, Korea, the USA and Mainland China in thousands of cases during the past over 30 years. He has also published many books and articles in English and Chinese on international commercial, maritime and trade law and practice. Mr. YANG has also devoted himself to the educational activities in various law schools in Hong Kong and Mainland China and is a visiting professor in more than ten universities.

Save as disclosed above, at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. YANG did not hold any directorships in any other listed public companies during the past three years. Mr. YANG did not hold any other positions with the Company or other members of the Group and did not have any relationships with any of the other Directors, senior management of the Company, substantial Shareholders or controlling Shareholders.

Pursuant to the letter of appointment entered into between the Company and Mr. YANG, Mr. YANG was appointed as an Independent Non-executive Director for the period from 21 May 2020 to the conclusion of the annual general meeting of the Company to be held in 2023 and the term of appointment of Mr. YANG is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election in accordance with the Bye-laws. If Mr. YANG is re-elected, a new letter of appointment will be entered into by the Company with him upon which he will be appointed for a term of approximately three years from the date of the AGM to the conclusion of the annual general meeting of the Company to be held in 2026 and subject to the retirement by rotation and re-election in accordance with the Bye-laws. According to the letter of appointment, Mr. YANG received HK\$320,000 for the year ended 31 December 2022 for also being a member of the Environmental, Social and Governance Committee of the Company. The Director's fee of Mr. YANG is recommended by the Remuneration Committee of the Company and determined by the Board with reference to his duties and responsibilities and prevailing market conditions.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. YANG did not have any interest in the Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

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

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



(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 1199)

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Annual General Meeting of COSCO SHIPPING Ports Limited (the "Company") will be held at 47th Floor, COSCO Tower, 183 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong on Wednesday, 24 May 2023 at 2:30 p.m. for the following purposes:

#### ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS

- 1. To receive, consider and adopt the audited consolidated financial statements and the reports of the directors of the Company (the "Directors") and independent auditor of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2022.
- 2. (a) To re-elect Mr. ZHU Tao as Director.
  - (b) To re-elect Dr. FAN HSU Lai Tai, Rita as Director.
  - (c) To re-elect Mr. Adrian David LI Man Kiu as Director.
  - (d) To re-elect Mr. YANG Liang Yee Philip as Director.
- 3. To authorise the board of Directors (the "Board") to fix the remuneration of the Directors for the year ending 31 December 2023.
- 4. To re-appoint PricewaterhouseCoopers as auditor of the Company and to authorise the Board to fix its remuneration.
- 5. As special business, to consider and, if thought fit, pass with or without modification, the following resolutions as Ordinary Resolutions of the Company:

#### (A) "THAT:

(a) subject to paragraph (c) of this Resolution, the exercise by the directors of the Company (the "Directors") during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with additional shares of HK\$0.10 each in the capital of the Company (the "Shares") and to make or grant offers, agreements and options (including warrants, bonds, notes and other securities which carry rights to subscribe for or are convertible into Shares) which would or might require Shares to be allotted be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;

- (b) the approval in paragraph (a) above shall authorise the Directors during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) to make and grant offers, agreements and options (including warrants, bonds, notes and other securities which carry rights to subscribe for or are convertible into Shares) which would or might require Shares to be allotted after the end of the Relevant Period;
- the aggregate number of Shares allotted or agreed conditionally (c) or unconditionally to be allotted (whether pursuant to an option or otherwise) and issued by the Directors pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above, otherwise than pursuant to (i) a Rights Issue (as hereinafter defined); or (ii) an issue of Shares upon the exercise of subscription rights under any option scheme or similar arrangement for the time being adopted for the grant or issue to the grantee as specified in such scheme or similar arrangement of Shares or rights to acquire the Shares; or (iii) an issue of Shares pursuant to any scrip dividends or similar arrangement providing for allotment of Shares in lieu of the whole or part of the dividend on Shares in accordance with the Byelaws of the Company, shall not exceed 20% of the total number of issued Shares as at the date of passing this Resolution, provided that if any subsequent consolidation or subdivision of Shares is effected, the maximum number of Shares that may be issued pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above as a percentage of the total number of issued Shares immediately before and after such consolidation or subdivision shall be the same and such maximum number of Shares shall be adjusted accordingly; and
- (d) for the purpose of this Resolution, "Relevant Period" means the period from the passing of this Resolution until whichever is the earliest of:
  - (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company; or
  - (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the Bye-laws of the Company and the applicable laws of Bermuda to be held; or

(iii) the date on which the authority set out in this Resolution is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting.

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

#### (B) "THAT:

- (a) subject to paragraph (b) of this Resolution, the exercise by the directors of the Company during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to repurchase shares of HK\$0.10 each in the capital of the Company (the "Shares") on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") or on any other stock exchange on which the shares of the Company may be listed and recognised by The Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong and the Stock Exchange for this purpose, subject to and in accordance with all applicable laws and the requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange or of any other stock exchange as amended from time to time, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the aggregate number of Shares to be repurchased by the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) of this Resolution shall not exceed 10% of the total number of the issued Shares as at the date of passing this Resolution, provided that if any subsequent consolidation or subdivision of Shares is effected, the maximum number of Shares that may be repurchased pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above as a percentage of the total number of issued Shares immediately before and after such consolidation or subdivision shall be the same and such maximum number of Shares shall be adjusted accordingly; and
- (c) for the purposes of this Resolution, "Relevant Period" means the period from the passing of this Resolution until whichever is the earliest of:
  - (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company; or

- (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the Bye-laws of the Company and the applicable laws of Bermuda to be held; or
- (iii) the date on which the authority set out in this Resolution is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting."
- (C) "THAT subject to the passing of Ordinary Resolutions nos. 5(A) and 5(B) set out in the notice convening this meeting, the general mandate granted to the directors of the Company to exercise the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with additional shares of HK\$0.10 each in the Company (the "Shares") pursuant to the Ordinary Resolution no. 5(A) set out in the notice convening this meeting be and is hereby extended by the addition thereto of the number of Shares repurchased by the Company under the authority granted pursuant to the Ordinary Resolution no. 5(B) set out in the notice convening this meeting, provided that such extended number of Shares shall not exceed 10% of the total number of issued Shares as at the date of passing the Ordinary Resolution no. 5(B) (such number of Shares to be subject to adjustment in the case of any consolidation or subdivision of any of the Shares into a smaller or larger number of Shares after the passing of this Resolution)."

By Order of the Board
COSCO SHIPPING Ports Limited
HUNG Man, Michelle

General Counsel & Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 19 April 2023

#### **Registered Office:**

Clarendon House 2 Church Street Hamilton HM 11 Bermuda

#### **Principal Place of Business:**

49th Floor, COSCO Tower 183 Queen's Road Central Hong Kong

#### Notes:

- 1. The annual general meeting will be held in the form of a physical meeting. Any member of the Company entitled to attend, speak and vote at the meeting is entitled to appoint one or more (if the relevant member holds more than one share) proxies to attend, speak and vote instead of him. A proxy need not be a member of the Company but must be present in person to represent the member.
- Where there are joint holders of any shares in the Company, any one of such joint holders may vote at the meeting, either in person or by proxy, in respect of such shares as if he were solely entitled thereto, but if more than one of such joint holders be present at the meeting, the vote of the senior who tenders a vote, whether in person or by proxy, shall be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint holders and, for this purpose, seniority shall be determined by the order in which the names stand in the register of members of the Company in respect of the joint holding.
- 3. To be valid, the proxy form together with any power of attorney or other authority if any under which it is signed or a certified copy of such power or authority must be deposited at the Company's Hong Kong Registrar and Transfer Office, Tricor Secretaries Limited at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting or any adjournment thereof.
- 4. Completion and return of the proxy form will not preclude a member of the Company from attending and voting in person at the meeting or any adjourned meeting thereof if the member of the Company so wish, and in such event, the proxy form will be deemed to be revoked.
- 5. For determining the entitlement to attend, speak and vote at the meeting, the register of members of the Company will be closed from Friday, 19 May 2023 to Wednesday, 24 May 2023, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be registered. In order to be eligible to attend, speak and vote at the meeting, all completed transfer documents, accompanied by relevant share certificates, must be lodged with the Company's Hong Kong Registrar and Transfer Office, Tricor Secretaries Limited at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong, for registration not later than 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, 18 May 2023.
- 6. With regard to item no. 2 in this notice, details of those retiring Directors proposed for re-election are set out in the Appendix to the Company's circular to shareholders dated 19 April 2023.
- 7. An explanatory statement as required by the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited in connection with the proposed repurchase mandate under Ordinary Resolution in item 5(B) in this notice is set out in the Company's circular to shareholders dated 19 April 2023.
- 8. All resolutions set out in this notice will be decided by poll at the meeting.
- 9. If Typhoon Signal No. 8 or above, or a "black" rainstorm warning is in effect any time after 12:00 noon on the date of the meeting, the meeting will be adjourned. The Company will post an announcement on the website of the Company at https://ports.coscoshipping.com and on the "Latest Listed Company Information" page of the Stock Exchange's website at https://www.hkexnews.hk to notify shareholders of the Company of the date, time and place of the adjourned meeting.