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# PROPOSALS FOR GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE NEW SHARES AND REPURCHASE ITS OWN SHARES, RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS, CHANGE OF AUDITOR 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 Tuesday, 20 May 2025 at 2:30 p.m. is set out on pages 18 to 23 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 Investor Services 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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# **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 Tuesday, 20 May 2025 at 2:30 p.m. or, where the context so admits, any adjournment thereof;

"AGM Notice" the notice dated 25 April 2025 convening the AGM as set

out on pages 18 to 23 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 (excluding any treasury shares) as at the date of

passing that resolution;

"Latest Practicable Date" 17 April 2025, 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 (excluding any treasury shares) 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. ZHU Tao<sup>1</sup> (Chairman & Managing Director)

Mr. MA Xianghui<sup>2</sup> Mr. CHEN Shuai<sup>2</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>

# General Counsel, Board Secretary, Chief Compliance Officer:

Ms. HUNG Man, Michelle

- Executive Director
- Non-executive Director
- Independent Non-executive Director

# **Registered Office:**

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25 April 2025

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, CHANGE OF AUDITOR AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

At the annual general meeting of the Company held on 24 May 2024, 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, re-election of retiring Directors and change of auditor of the Company 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 (excluding any treasury shares) 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 (excluding any treasury shares) 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 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 3,761,381,850 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 752,276,370 Shares representing not more than 20% of the total number of Shares in issue (excluding any treasury shares) 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 (excluding any treasury shares) 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 3,761,381,850 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 376,138,185 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 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.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the Company had no Shares repurchases and did not hold any treasury shares. If the power to repurchase Shares is exercised pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate, the Company will cancel the repurchased Shares following settlement of such repurchase.

## (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 2024 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\$
April 2024	4.89	4.29
May 2024	5.76	4.46
June 2024	6.04	5.17
July 2024	5.70	4.58
August 2024	5.00	4.47
September 2024	4.86	4.07
October 2024	5.25	4.41
November 2024	4.53	4.18
December 2024	4.70	4.35
January 2025	4.62	4.32
February 2025	4.67	4.33
March 2025	5.36	4.31
1 April 2025 to the Latest Practicable Date	4.70	3.71

# (e) Directors' Statements

The Directors 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 Byelaws of the Company.

The Directors confirmed that neither the explanatory statement as set out on pages 5 to 8 of this letter from the Chairman nor the Repurchase Mandate has unusual features.

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 2,691,333,399 Shares representing approximately 71.55% 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 79.50% 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 fall below 25%. The Directors have no present intention to repurchase Shares to the extent that it will result in the total number of Shares held by the public being reduced to less than 25% of the total number of Shares in issue if the Repurchase Mandate is approved at the AGM.

# (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 eight Directors, namely Mr. ZHU Tao (Chairman and Managing Director), Mr. MA Xianghui, Mr. CHEN Shuai, 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. MA Xianghui, Mr. CHEN Shuai, non-executive directors, and Prof. CHAN Ka Lok ("Prof. CHAN") and Mr. YANG Liang Yee Philip ("Mr. YANG"), independent non-executive directors, shall retire from office at the AGM (collectively, the "Retiring Directors"). Accordingly, the Retiring Directors, being eligible, will offer themselves for re-election at the AGM. Details of the Retiring Directors proposed for re-election 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 subject to re-election, 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 they will be able to continue to contribute to the Board with their perspectives, skills and experience.

In addition, Prof. CHAN and Mr. YANG, as independent non-executive Directors, have made annual confirmation to the Company on their independence pursuant to Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules. Taking into consideration the above factors, the Board has formed the view that Prof. CHAN and Mr. YANG meet 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 Mr. MA Xianghui, Mr. CHEN Shuai, Prof. CHAN and Mr. YANG, the retiring Directors, to stand for re-election by separate resolution to be approved by the Shareholders at the AGM.

#### 5. CHANGE OF AUDITOR

Reference is made to the announcement of the Company dated 16 April 2025 relating to the proposed change of auditor. It will be proposed at the AGM an ordinary resolution approving the appointment of BDO Limited ("BDO") as the new independent auditor of the Company.

PricewaterhouseCoopers ("PwC") has been holding office as the independent auditor of the Company for many years. The Board is of the view that, to uphold good corporate governance and to maintain the independence of the Company's auditor, changing the auditor of the Company is in the best interest of the Company and its shareholders as a whole. The Board therefore proposes PwC to retire as the independent auditor of the Company with effect from the conclusion of the AGM. China COSCO (Hong Kong) Limited, a controlling shareholder of the Company, has given notice, pursuant to the section 89 of the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda, of its intention to propose the following resolution as an ordinary resolution at the AGM.

#### "THAT:

BDO Limited be and is hereby appointed as auditor of the Company in place of the retiring auditor, PricewaterhouseCoopers, to hold office until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting at a remuneration to be fixed by the board of directors of the Company."

The Board resolved, with the recommendation from the Audit Committee of the Company, to propose the appointment of BDO Limited as the new independent auditor of the Company following the retirement of PwC, subject to the approval of Shareholders at the AGM. The Board and the Audit Committee have confirmed that there is no disagreement between the Company and PwC, and there are no matters in respect of the retirement of PwC that need to be brought to the attention of the holders of securities of the Company.

#### 6. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Pages 18 to 23 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 2024, the reelection of Retiring Directors and the fixing of the remuneration of Directors and the appointment of new 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 Thursday, 15 May 2025 to Tuesday, 20 May 2025, 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 Investor Services Limited of 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong, for registration not later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, 14 May 2025.

#### 7. 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 Investor Services 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.

## 8. 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.

## 9. RECOMMENDATION

The Board believes that the re-election of the Retiring Directors, the change of auditor of the Company, 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.

## 10. 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
ZHU Tao

Chairman and Managing Director

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

(1) Mr. MA Xianghui, aged 50, has been a Non-executive Director of the Company since June 2024. He is currently the general manager of the Finance and Accounting Division of China COSCO SHIPPING Corporation Limited ("COSCO SHIPPING", the ultimate controlling Shareholder of the Company), chairman of the board and chairman of the Party Committee of COSCO SHIPPING Finance Co., Ltd. Mr. MA is also a director of COSCO SHIPPING Specialized Carriers Co., Ltd. (listed in Shanghai), a non-executive director of COSCO SHIPPING International (Hong Kong) Co., Ltd. ("COSCO SHIPPING International") (listed in Hong Kong) and a director of China State owned Enterprise Mixed Ownership Reform Fund Co., Ltd. He was the treasury manager of the Finance Division of China COSCO Holdings Company Limited ("China COSCO Holdings") (now known as COSCO SHIPPING Holdings Co., Ltd.), general manager of the Finance Division of COSCO International Holdings Limited (now known as COSCO SHIPPING International), business manager of the Strategy Implementation Management Office of China Ocean Shipping (Group) Company/China COSCO Holdings, deputy general manager of the Capital Management & Operation Division of COSCO SHIPPING, deputy general manager of COSCO SHIPPING International, vice president of COSCO SHIPPING (Hong Kong) Co., Limited, and a non-executive director and vice chairman of Qilu Expressway Company Limited (listed in Hong Kong). Mr. MA has extensive experience in finance, capital operation, investment, mergers and acquisitions, strategic planning, etc. Mr. MA graduated from China School of Banking and Finance, major in Investment Economics and Management and obtained a Master's Degree in Economics from University of International Business and Economics. He is a fellowship member of Association of Chartered Certified Accountant (FCCA) and senior accountant.

Save as disclosed herein and at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. MA did not hold any directorships in any listed public companies during the past three years. Mr. MA did not hold any other positions with the Group and did not have any other relationships with any 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. MA, Mr. MA was appointed as a non-executive Director for an initial period from 26 June 2024 to the conclusion of the annual general meeting of the Company to be held in 2025. If Mr. MA 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 2028 and subject to retirement by rotation and re-election in accordance with the Bye-laws. According to the letter of appointment, Mr. MA does not receive any Director's fee from the Company for being a non-executive Director but the relevant expenses incurred by Mr. MA in performing his duties as a nonexecutive Director have been borne by the Company.

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

Save as disclosed herein, Mr. MA 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) Mr. CHEN Shuai, aged 50, has been a Non-executive Director of the Company since December 2024. Mr. CHEN is currently the general manager of Operation Management Division of China COSCO SHIPPING Corporation Limited (the ultimate controlling Shareholder of the Company). Mr. CHEN is also a director of COSCO SHIPPING Logistics & Supply Chain Management Co., Ltd., COSCO SHIPPING Logistics Co., Ltd., Shanghai PANASIA Shipping Co., Ltd., a director and a member of the executive committee of Orient Overseas Container Line Limited, and a director of Shanghai International Port (Group) Co., Ltd. (listed in Shanghai). Mr. CHEN had served in various capacities, including the assistant to manager and the deputy manager of container shipping division I of China Shipping Container Lines Co., Ltd. (currently known as COSCO SHIPPING Development Co., Ltd.), the assistant to general manager of China Shipping Container Lines (Hong Kong) Co., Ltd., the general manager of America Division of China Shipping Container Lines Co., Ltd., the assistant to general manager and deputy general manager of China Shipping Container Lines Co., Ltd, the deputy general manager of COSCO SHIPPING Holdings Co., Ltd., and the deputy general manager of COSCO SHIPPING Lines Co., Ltd. Mr. Chen graduated from Shanghai Maritime Academy with major in marine engineering management.

Save as disclosed herein and at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. CHEN did not hold any directorships in any listed public companies during the past three years. Mr. CHEN did not hold any other positions with the Group and did not have any other relationships with any 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. CHEN, Mr. CHEN was appointed as a non-executive Director for an initial period from 24 December 2024 to the conclusion of the annual general meeting to be held in 2025. If Mr. CHEN 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 2028 and subject to retirement by rotation and re-election in accordance with the Bye-laws. According to the letter of appointment, Mr. CHEN does not receive any Director's fee from the Company for being a non-executive Director but the relevant expenses incurred by Mr. CHEN in performing his duties as a non-executive Director have been borne by the Company.

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

Save as disclosed herein, Mr. CHEN 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.

**Prof. CHAN Ka Lok**, aged 63, has been an Independent Non-executive Director of the Company since October 2016. He is the Chairman of the Environmental, Social and Governance Committee and a member of the Remuneration Committee of the Company, Prof. CHAN is currently an Independent Non-executive Director of MTR Corporation Limited (listed in Hong Kong), Dean of the College of Business and Chair Professor of Finance at City University of Hong Kong. He is also a member of a number of committees, including the Human Capital Committee of The Financial Services Development Council of Hong Kong, TraHK Supervisory Committee, Hong Kong Academy of Finance, and Council of Advisers and Applied Research of Hong Kong Institute for Monetary and Financial Research. From 2014 to 2023, Prof. CHAN was the Wei-Lun Professor of Finance at the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK), serving as Dean of CUHK Business School from 2014 to 2019 and Chair of Finance Department from 2021 to 2023. Prior to that, Prof. CHAN was Synergis-Geoffrey Yeh Professor of Finance at Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) (2008-2014), where he served as Head of Finance Department (2003-2013) and Acting Dean of HKUST Business School (2013-2014). Prof. CHAN has also served as the President of Asian Finance Association from 2008 to 2010. Prof. CHAN obtained his Bachelor of Social Science degree in Economics from CUHK and Doctor of Philosophy degree in Finance from Ohio State University in the USA.

Save as disclosed above and at the Latest Practicable Date, Prof. CHAN did not hold any directorships in any other listed public companies during the past three years. Prof. CHAN 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 Prof. CHAN, Prof. CHAN was appointed as an Independent Non-executive Director for the period from 26 May 2022 to the conclusion of the annual general meeting of the Company to be held in 2025 and the term of appointment of Prof. CHAN is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election in accordance with the Bye-laws. If Prof. CHAN 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 2028 and subject to the retirement by rotation and re-election in accordance with the Bye-laws. According to the letter of appointment, Prof. CHAN received HK\$390,000 for the year ended 31 December 2024 for also being the Chairman of the Environmental, Social and Governance Committee and a member of the Remuneration Committee of the Company. The Director's fee of Prof. CHAN 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, Prof. CHAN did not have any interest in the Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Prof. CHAN has confirmed that (i) he has met the independence criteria as set out in Rule 3.13(1) to (8) of the Listing Rules; (ii) he has no past or present financial or other interest in the business of the Company or its subsidiaries or any connection with any core connected person (as defined under the Listing Rules) of the Company; and (iii) there are no other factors that may affect his independence at the Latest Practicable Date.

Save as disclosed above, Prof. CHAN 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 76, 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 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, member of the Korean Commercial Arbitration Board, the General Committee of Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration and the Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC) Advisory Council in Malaysia, 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 and 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 24 May 2023 to the conclusion of the annual general meeting of the Company to be held in 2026 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 2028 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 2024 for also being a member of the Environmental, Social and Governance Committee and 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.

Mr. YANG has confirmed that (i) he has met the independence criteria as set out in Rule 3.13(1) to (8) of the Listing Rules; (ii) he has no past or present financial or other interest in the business of the Company or its subsidiaries or any connection with any core connected person (as defined under the Listing Rules) of the Company; and (iii) there are no other factors that may affect his independence at the Latest Practicable Date.

Save as disclosed above, 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 Tuesday, 20 May 2025 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 2024.
- 2. (a) To re-elect Mr. MA Xianghui as Director
  - (b) To re-elect Mr. CHEN Shuai as Director
  - (c) To re-elect Prof. CHAN Ka Lok 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 2025.
- 4. To appoint auditor and to authorise the Directors to fix the remuneration of the auditor and in this connection, to consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolution as an Ordinary Resolution of the Company:

#### "THAT:

BDO Limited be and is hereby appointed as auditor of the Company in place of the retiring auditor, PricewaterhouseCoopers, to hold office until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting at a remuneration to be fixed by the board of directors of the Company."

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 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 (excluding any treasury 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 (excluding any treasury 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 (excluding any treasury 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, Board Secretary, Chief Compliance Officer

Hong Kong, 25 April 2025

#### **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 Investor Services 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 Thursday, 15 May 2025 to Tuesday, 20 May 2025, 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 Investor Services Limited at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong, for registration not later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, 14 May 2025.
- 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 25 April 2025.
- 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 25 April 2025.
- 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.