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# MTR CORPORATION LIMITED 香港鐵路有限公司

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability) (Stock Code: 66)

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the annual general meeting of MTR Corporation Limited (the '**Company**') will be held as a hybrid meeting at the venue located at Rotunda 3 (6/F), Kowloonbay International Trade & Exhibition Centre, 1 Trademart Drive, Kowloon Bay, Hong Kong with online access through an online platform on Wednesday, 22 May 2024 at 11:30 a.m. (the '**2024 AGM**') for the purpose of transacting the following business:

### **ORDINARY BUSINESS**

- (1) To receive the audited Financial Statements and the Reports of the Directors and the Auditors of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2023.
- (2) To declare a final dividend for the year ended 31 December 2023.
- (3) To re-elect retiring members of the Board of Directors of the Company:
  - (a) Mr Christopher Hui Ching-yu;
  - (b) Mr Hui Siu-wai; and
  - (c) Mr Adrian Wong Koon-man.
- (4) To elect Ms Ayesha Abbas MACPHERSON (also known as Mrs Ayesha Macpherson LAU) as a new member of the Board of Directors of the Company.
- (5) To re-appoint KPMG as Auditors of the Company and authorise the Board of Directors of the Company to determine their remuneration.

#### **SPECIAL BUSINESS**

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass with or without modification the following ordinary resolutions:

- (6) **'THAT:** 
  - (A) subject to paragraph (B) below, the exercise by the Board of Directors of the Company (the 'Board') during the Relevant Period of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue, grant, distribute and otherwise deal with additional Shares, to grant rights to subscribe for, or convert any security into, Shares (including the issue of any securities convertible into Shares, or options, warrants or similar rights to subscribe for any Shares) and to make or grant offers, agreements and options which will or might require such powers to be exercised during or after the end of the Relevant Period, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally APPROVED;

- (B) the aggregate number of Shares allotted, issued, granted, distributed or otherwise dealt with or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted, issued, granted, distributed or otherwise dealt with (whether pursuant to an option, conversion or otherwise) by the Board pursuant to the approval in paragraph (A) above, otherwise than pursuant to:
  - (i) a Rights Issue; or
  - (ii) any option scheme or similar arrangement for the time being adopted for the grant or issue to the members of the Executive Directorate and/or officers and/or employees of the Company and/or any of its subsidiaries of Shares or rights to acquire Shares; or
  - (iii) the exercise of rights of subscription or conversion under the terms of any warrant issued by the Company or any securities which are convertible into Shares; or
  - (iv) any scrip dividend or similar arrangement providing for the allotment of Shares in lieu of the whole or part of a dividend on Shares pursuant to the Articles of Association of the Company from time to time,

shall not exceed ten per cent. of the aggregate number of Shares in issue as at the date of passing this Resolution 6 (subject to adjustment in the case of any conversion of any or all of the Shares into a larger or smaller number of Shares in accordance with section 170(2)(e) of the Companies Ordinance (Chapter 622 of the Laws of Hong Kong) after the passing of this Resolution 6), and the said approval shall be limited accordingly;

- (C) any Shares to be allotted and issued (whether wholly or partly for cash or otherwise) pursuant to the approval in paragraph (A) above shall not be issued at a discount of more than ten per cent. to the Benchmarked Price of such Shares; and
- (D) for the purpose of this Resolution 6:
  - (i) 'Relevant Period' means the period from (and including) the date of passing this Resolution 6 until the earlier of:
    - (a) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
    - (b) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the Articles of Association of the Company or by law to be held; and
    - (c) the revocation or variation of the authority given under this Resolution 6 by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting;
  - (ii) 'Rights Issue' means an offer of Shares open for a period fixed by the Board to holders of Shares on the register of members (and, if appropriate, to the holders of warrants and other securities which carry a right to subscribe or purchase shares in the Company on the relevant register) on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of such Shares (and, if appropriate, such warrants and other securities) (subject to such exclusions or other arrangements as the Board may deem necessary or expedient in relation to fractional entitlements or having regard to any legal or practical restrictions or obligations under the laws of, or the requirements of any recognised regulatory body or any stock exchange in, any jurisdiction or territory applicable to the Company);
  - (iii) 'Shares' means shares of all classes in the capital of the Company and warrants and other securities which carry a right to subscribe or purchase shares in the Company; and
  - (iv) 'Benchmarked Price' means the higher of:
    - (a) the closing price of the Shares as quoted on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the 'Stock Exchange') on the date of the agreement involving the proposed issue of the Shares under this Resolution 6; and
    - (b) the average closing price of the Shares as quoted on the Stock Exchange for the 5 trading days immediately prior to the earlier of the date: (1) of announcement of the proposed transaction or arrangement involving the proposed issue of the Shares; (2) of the agreement involving the proposed issue of Shares; and (3) on which the price of the Shares that are proposed to be issued is fixed.'

## (7) **'THAT:**

- (A) subject to paragraph (B) below, the exercise by the Board during the Relevant Period of all the powers of the Company to buy back Shares on the Stock Exchange or any other stock exchange on which the Shares may be listed and which is recognised for this purpose by the Securities and Futures Commission and the Stock Exchange, in accordance with all applicable laws, including the Hong Kong Code on Share Buy-backs and the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (as amended from time to time), be and is hereby generally and unconditionally APPROVED;
- (B) the aggregate number of Shares which may be bought back or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be bought back pursuant to the approval in paragraph (A) above shall not exceed ten per cent. of the aggregate number of the Shares in issue as at the date of passing of this Resolution 7 (subject to adjustment in the case of any conversion of any or all of the Shares into a larger or smaller number of Shares in accordance with section 170(2)(e) of the Companies Ordinance (Chapter 622 of the Laws of Hong Kong) after the passing of this Resolution 7), and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and
- (C) for the purpose of this Resolution 7:
  - (i) 'Relevant Period' means the period from (and including) the passing of this Resolution 7 until the earlier of:
    - (a) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
    - (b) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the Articles of Association of the Company or by law to be held; and
    - (c) the revocation or variation of the authority given under this Resolution 7 by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting; and
  - (ii) 'Shares' means shares of all classes in the capital of the Company and warrants and other securities which carry a right to subscribe or purchase shares in the Company.'

By Order of the Board Gillian Elizabeth Meller Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 12 April 2024

*Members of the Board:* Dr Rex Auyeung Pak-kuen (*Chairman*)\*\*, Dr Jacob Kam Chak-pui (*Chief Executive Officer*), Andrew Clifford Winawer Brandler\*, Dr Bunny Chan Chung-bun\*, Walter Chan Kar-lok\*, Dr Dorothy Chan Yuen Tak-fai\*, Cheng Yan-kee\*, Hui Siu-wai\*, Sunny Lee Wai-kwong\*, Rose Lee Wai-mun\*, Jimmy Ng Wing-ka\*, Dr Carlson Tong\*, Sandy Wong Hang-yee\*, Adrian Wong Koon-man\*, Professor Anna Wong Wai-kwan\*, Christopher Hui Ching-yu (Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury)\*\*, Secretary for Transport and Logistics (Lam Sai-hung)\*\*, Permanent Secretary for Development (Works) (Ricky Lau Chun-kit)\*\* and Commissioner for Transport (Angela Lee Chung-yan)\*\*

Members of the Executive Directorate: Dr Jacob Kam Chak-pui, Jeny Yeung Mei-chun, Margaret Cheng Wai-ching, Linda Choy Siu-min, Carl Michael Devlin, Michael George Fitzgerald, Dr Tony Lee Kar-yun, Gillian Elizabeth Meller, David Tang Chi-fai and Sammy Wong Kwan-wai

\* independent non-executive director

\*\* non-executive director

*Registered Office:* MTR Headquarters Building, Telford Plaza, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

#### Notes:

- 1. The 2024 AGM will be held as a hybrid meeting, whereby shareholders of the Company ('Shareholders') may participate in the meeting physically or through an online platform. Shareholders (or proxies) who wish to participate in the Meeting through the online platform, please refer to the letter dated 12 April 2024 in yellow sent together with this circular for relevant details.
- 2. Certain meeting arrangements will be implemented at the venue of the 2024 AGM including, without limitation: (i) seats available for physical attendees being limited, with all other attendees able to attend the meeting online via the online platform; and (ii) eligible attendees having the option to submit questions in advance to the Company by visiting the Company's website (www.mtr.com.hk) starting from 9:00 a.m. on 12 April 2024 and until 12:00 noon on 16 May 2024. Both physical and virtual attendees will also be able to raise questions (either through the online platform or at the meeting venue) during the Q&A session. The Company will endeavour to answer as many relevant questions as possible at the meeting within the time allotted and, for questions which have not been dealt with at the meeting, the Company will try to address them afterwards as far as possible.

Any material change in the meeting arrangements will be announced closer to the date of the 2024 AGM.

- 3. A Shareholder entitled to attend, speak and vote at the meeting convened by the above notice is entitled to appoint a proxy (or proxies) to attend, speak and, on a poll, vote instead of him. A proxy need not be a Shareholder. Given the limited capacity of the meeting venue, the Company would like to remind Shareholders that physical attendance in person at the 2024 AGM is not necessary for the purpose of exercising their voting rights and recommends Shareholders to participate in the 2024 AGM through the online platform provided or submit their form of proxy as early as possible. The form of proxy can be downloaded from the Company's website (www.mtr.com.hk) or the Stock Exchange's website.
- 4. To be valid, a proxy form must be completed and delivered to Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited ('**Share Registrar**'), as soon as possible and in any event by 11:30 a.m. on 20 May 2024, being at least 48 hours before the time for holding the meeting (or 24 hours before a poll is taken, if the poll is taken more than 48 hours after it is demanded). If a proxy form is signed by an attorney, the power of attorney or other authority relied on to sign it (or a copy which has been certified by a notary or an office copy) must be delivered to the Share Registrar with the proxy form, except that a power of attorney which has already been registered with the Company need not be so delivered. Proxy forms sent electronically or by any other data transmission process will not be accepted.

Address for delivering the	Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited
completed proxy form:	17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong

- 5. Completion and delivery of a proxy form will not preclude a Shareholder from attending in person and voting at the meeting or any adjournment thereof (whether physically or through the online platform) if a Shareholder so wishes, but a proxy's authority to vote on a resolution is to be regarded as revoked if the Shareholder attends the meeting in person and votes on that particular resolution (whether physically or through the online platform).
- 6. Entitlement to attend, speak and vote at the 2024 AGM: The register of members of the Company ('Register of Members') will be closed from Thursday, 16 May 2024 to Wednesday, 22 May 2024 (both dates inclusive), during which time no transfers of shares in the Company ('Shares') will be effected. To be eligible to attend, speak and vote at the 2024 AGM, all completed transfer documents, accompanied by the relevant share certificates have to be lodged for registration with the Share Registrar no later than 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 14 May 2024.

	Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong
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- 7. The Board has recommended to pay a final dividend for the year ended 31 December 2023 (the 'Final Dividend') of HK\$0.89 per share and, if such dividend is declared by the Shareholders by passing Resolution 2, it is currently expected to be distributed on 16 July 2024, to those Shareholders whose names appear on the Register of Members as at the close of business on 31 May 2024. In addition, the Company plans to send a circular on or about 11 June 2024 to the Shareholders whose names appeared on the Register of Members as at the close of business on 31 May 2024, setting out the terms of the scrip dividend scheme in respect of the Final Dividend pursuant to which the Board proposes to offer the Shareholders whose names appeared on the Register of Members as at the close of business on 31 May 2024 (except for those with registered addresses in New Zealand or the United States of America or any of its territories or possessions), subject to the Final Dividend being declared by the Shareholders by passing Resolution 2, the right to choose to receive new Shares instead of cash in respect of some or all of their Final Dividend.
- 8. **Entitlement to Final Dividend**: The Register of Members will be closed from Tuesday, 28 May 2024 to Friday, 31 May 2024 (both dates inclusive), during which time no transfers of Shares will be effected. To qualify for the proposed Final Dividend, all completed transfer documents, accompanied by the relevant share certificates have to be lodged for registration with the Share Registrar at the address stated in Note 6 above no later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, 27 May 2024.

- 9. In relation to Resolution 3, three retiring directors will offer themselves for re-election. Mr Christopher Hui Ching-yu, Mr Hui Siu-wai and Mr Adrian Wong Koon-man will retire from office by rotation at the 2024 AGM pursuant to Articles 91 and 92(a) of the Articles of Association of the Company ('**Articles**'), and will offer themselves for re-election. The details of the retiring directors who will offer themselves for re-election are set out in Appendix 1 to the circular containing this notice.
- 10. In relation to Resolution 4, approval is being sought from Shareholders to elect Ms Ayesha Abbas MACPHERSON (also known as Mrs Ayesha Macpherson LAU) as a new member of the Board. Details of Mrs Ayesha Macpherson LAU are set out in Appendix 1 to the circular containing this notice. The Company has received a confirmation from Mrs Lau concerning her independence as an independent non-executive director ('**INED**') in accordance with the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the '**Listing Rules**') and, accordingly, if Mrs Lau is elected as a new member of the Board, she will become an INED of the Company.
- 11. By Resolution 6, approval is being sought from the Shareholders, as a general mandate in compliance with section 141 of the Companies Ordinance (Chapter 622 of the Laws of Hong Kong) (the '**Companies Ordinance**') and the Listing Rules, so that in the event it becomes desirable for the Company to issue any new Shares, the Board is given a mandate to allot and issue new Shares up to ten per cent. of the aggregate number of Shares in issue at a discount of not more than ten per cent. to the "Benchmarked Price" as described under the Listing Rules and defined in Resolution 6 (rather than twenty per cent. as allowed by the Listing Rules). The members of the Board wish to state, however, that they have no immediate plans to issue any new Shares, other than pursuant to the Company's scrip dividend scheme approved by the Shareholders at the Company's 2019 annual general meeting.
- 12. In relation to Resolution 7, an explanatory statement (as required by the Listing Rules and the Companies Ordinance) is set out in Appendix 2 to the circular containing this notice.
- 13. The Shareholders should note that the Auditors are entitled under the Companies Ordinance, to attend the annual general meeting and to be heard (including answering questions) on any part of the business of the meeting which concerns them as Auditors. The Auditors are not responsible for the preparation of the Company's consolidated financial statements. The objective of an audit of consolidated financial statements is to enable the auditors to express an opinion as to whether the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework, such as Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards. The Auditors provide reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the Company's consolidated financial statements, taken as a whole, are free from material misstatement.
- 14. The registration for attending the 2024 AGM will start at or around 10:30 a.m. on 22 May 2024.
- 15. If a Typhoon Warning Signal No. 8 or above is hoisted or a Black Rainstorm Warning is in force in Hong Kong, or "extreme conditions" are announced by The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region at or any time between 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. on the date of the 2024 AGM, the 2024 AGM may be adjourned to a later date and/or time as determined by the Company.

If the 2024 AGM is adjourned, the Company will, if required, post an announcement on the Company's website (<u>www.mtr.com.hk</u>) and on the Stock Exchange's website to notify the Shareholders that the 2024 AGM has been adjourned (however, a failure to post such a notice shall not affect the adjournment of the 2024 AGM). Shareholders may also telephone the Share Registrar's hotline on (852) 2862 8648 to enquire about the holding of the 2024 AGM or the adjourned 2024 AGM, if applicable.

When the date, time and location of the adjourned 2024 AGM has been fixed, the Company will post a further announcement on its website and the website of the Stock Exchange to notify the Shareholders of the date, time and location of the adjourned 2024 AGM. The 2024 AGM will still be held as scheduled when an Amber or Red Rainstorm Warning signal and/or a Typhoon Warning Signal No. 3 or below is in force.

- 16. The Company is committed to making available meeting facilities to enable all eligible attendees to be able to participate in the annual general meeting. As such, simultaneous Cantonese, Putonghua, English and sign language interpretation will be provided at the 2024 AGM. If any eligible attendees need any other meeting facilities to assist them in participating in the 2024 AGM, please contact the Share Registrar's hotline on (852) 2862 8628 on or before 22 April 2024.
- 17. If you experience any technical difficulties or require assistance in using the online platform to join the Meeting or during the Meeting, please contact the Share Registrar's hotline on (852) 2862 8699 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on 22 May 2024. Please note that the hotline cannot help to record your votes on any of the resolutions.
- 18. This notice is in English and Chinese. In case of any inconsistency, the English version shall prevail.
- 19. References to time and dates in this document are to Hong Kong time and dates.