

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual general meeting of the abovenamed company (the "Company") will be held at Coral Room, Furama Hotel Hong Kong, 1 Connaught Road Central, 3/F., Hong Kong on 23 August 2001 at 3:30 p.m. for the following purposes:

- 1. To receive and consider the audited financial statements and the reports of the directors and auditors for the year ended 31 March 2001.
- 2. To declare a final dividend of 6 cents per share for the year ended 31 March 2001.
- 3. To elect directors and to authorise the board of directors to fix their remuneration.
- 4. To appoint auditors and to authorise the board of directors to fix their remuneration.
- 5. As special business, to consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolutions as ordinary resolutions:

A. THAT

- (a) subject to paragraph (c), the exercise by the directors of the Company during the Relevant Period of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with additional shares in the capital of the Company and to make or grant offers, agreements and options which might require the exercise of such power be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the approval in paragraph (a) shall authorise the directors of the Company during the Relevant Period to make or grant offers, agreements and options which might require the exercise of such power after the end of the Relevant Period;
- (c) the aggregate nominal amount of share capital allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted (whether pursuant to an option or otherwise) by the directors of the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a), otherwise than pursuant to a Rights Issue, a scrip dividend scheme of the Company or the exercise of the subscription rights under the share option scheme of the Company, shall not exceed 20 per cent of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue as at the date of this resolution and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and



(d) for the purposes of this resolution:

"Relevant Period" means the period from the passing of this resolution until whichever is the earlier of:

- (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
- (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the Bye-laws of the Company or any applicable law to be held; and
- (iii) the revocation or variation of this resolution by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting; and

"Right Issue" means an offer of shares open for a period fixed by the directors of the Company to holders of shares on the register of members of the Company on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of such shares (subject to such exclusion or other arrangements as the directors of the Company 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).

B. THAT

- (a) the exercise by the directors of the Company during the Relevant Period of all powers of the Company to purchase its own shares, subject to and in accordance with all applicable laws, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the aggregate nominal amount of shares of the Company purchased by the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) during the Relevant Period shall not exceed 10 per cent of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue as at the date of this resolution and the said approval be limited accordingly; and



(c) for the purposes of this resolution:

"Relevant Period" means the period from the passing of this resolution until whichever is the earlier of:

- (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
- (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the Bye-laws of the Company or any applicable law to be held; and
- (iii) the revocation or variation of this resolution by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting.
- C. **THAT** conditional upon resolution no. 5B above being passed, the aggregate nominal amount of the number of shares in the capital of the Company which are repurchased by the Company under the authority granted to the directors as mentioned in resolution no. 5B above shall be added to the aggregate nominal amount of share capital that may be allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted by the directors of the Company pursuant to resolution no. 5A above.

By Order of the Board **Lam Hing Lun, Alain** *Company Secretary*

Hong Kong, 18 July 2001



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Notes:

- (1) A member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting convened by the above notice is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend and vote in his stead. A proxy need not be a member of the Company. In order to be valid, the form of proxy must be deposited at the Company's principal office in Hong Kong together with a power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which it is signed or a notarially certified copy of that power or authority, not less than 48 hours before the time for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting.
- (2) The register of members of the Company will be closed from 20 August 2001 to 23 August 2001, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be effected. In order to qualify for the final dividend to be approved at the annual general meeting, all transfers accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's Branch Share Registrars in Hong Kong, Secretaries Limited, at 5th Floor, Wing On Centre, 111 Connaught Road Central, Hong Kong not later than 4:00 p.m. on 17 August 2001.