# **NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at Chater Room II, Function Room Level, The Ritz-Carlton Hong Kong, 3 Connaught Road Central, Hong Kong on 22nd May, 2001 at 4:00 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 31st December, 2000.
- 2. To re-elect Directors and authorize the Board of Directors to determine their remuneration.
- To re-appoint Auditors and authorize the Board of Directors to determine their remuneration. 3.
- 4. As special business, to consider and, if thought fit, pass with or without amendments, the following resolutions as Ordinary Resolutions:

### "THAT

- subject to paragraph (c) of this Resolution, pursuant to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, the exercise by the Directors of the Company during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) 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 powers be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- the approval in paragraph (a) of this Resolution shall authorize the Directors during the (b) Relevant Period to make or grant offers, agreements and options which might require the exercise of such powers after the end of the Relevant Period;
- (C) the aggregate nominal amount of share capital allotted, issued or otherwise dealt with or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted, issued or otherwise dealt with (whether pursuant to an option or otherwise) by the Directors of the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) of this Resolution, otherwise than pursuant to (i) a Rights Issue (as hereinafter defined); or (ii) an issue of shares of the Company upon the exercise of rights of subscription or conversion under the terms of any warrants of the Company or any securities which are convertible into shares of the Company; or (iii) the exercise of the share option scheme for the employees, including Directors of the Company and/or any of its subsidiaries adopted and approved by the Company at the general meeting of the Company held on 26th January, 1994; or (iv) an issue of shares in lieu of the whole or part of the dividend on shares of the Company in accordance with the bye-laws of the Company, shall not exceed 20 per cent of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company at the date of passing this Resolution, and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and

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for the purposes of this Resolution: (d)

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

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

"Rights Issue" means an offer of shares or offer or issue of warrants or options to subscribe for shares open for a period fixed by the Directors of the Company to holders of shares whose names appear 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 exclusions 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 recognized regulatory body or any stock exchange in, any territory applicable to the Company)."

#### "THAT В.

- subject to paragraph (b) of this Resolution, the exercise by the Directors of the Company during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all powers of the Company to repurchase its own shares on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") or any other stock exchange on which the shares of the Company may be listed and is recognized by the Securities and Future Commission and the Stock Exchange for this purpose, subject to and in accordance with all applicable laws and the requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange as amended from time to time, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- the aggregate nominal amount of the shares of the Company which the Company is authorized to repurchase pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) of this Resolution during the Relevant Period shall not exceed 10 per cent of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company at the date of passing this Resolution, and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and

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- for the purposes of this Resolution: (C)
  - "Relevant Period" means the period from the passing of this Resolution until whichever is the earlier of:
  - the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company; or (i)
  - (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; or
  - the revocation or variation of the authority given under this Resolution by an ordinary (iii) resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting."
- "THAT conditional upon the passing of the Resolutions set out in paragraph 4A and 4B of the notice convening this meeting, the general mandate granted to the Directors of the Company to allot, issue and deal with additional shares of the Company pursuant to the Resolution set out in paragraph 4A of the notice convening this meeting be and is hereby extended by the addition to the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company which may be allotted, issued or otherwise dealt with or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted, issued or otherwise dealt with by the Directors of the Company pursuant to such general mandate of an amount representing the aggregate nominal amount of the shares of the Company repurchased by the Company under the authority granted pursuant to the Resolution set out in paragraph 4B of the notice convening this meeting."

By Order of the Board Eric Chan Kwong Leung Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 6th April, 2001

## Notes:

- A member entitled to attend and vote at the above meeting 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.
- 2 In order to be valid, forms of proxy, together with the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed or a notarially certified copy of that power of attorney or authority must be deposited with of the branch share registrars of the Company in Hong Kong, Secretaries Limited at 5th Floor, Wing On Centre, 111 Connaught Road Central, Hong Kong, not less than 48 hours before the time fixed for holding the above meeting or any adjournment thereof.
- The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 18th May, 2001 to 22nd May, 2001(both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered. In order to qualify for attending and voting at the above meeting, all share transfers, accompanied by the relevant share certificates, must be lodged with the branch share registrars of the Company in Hong Kong, Secretaries Limited at 5th Floor, Wing On Centre, 111 Connaught Road Central, Hong Kong, for registration not less than 4:00 p.m. on 17th May, 2001.
- An explanatory statement containing further details regarding the proposed Resolutions set out in paragraph 4A, 4B and 4C of the notice convening the above meeting will be sent to members of the Company together with the annual report 2000.