

Notice of Annual General Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at Coral Room, 3rd Floor, Furama Hotel Hong Kong, 1 Connaught Road Central, Hong Kong on 28 May 2001 at 10:00 a.m. for the following purposes:

1. To receive and adopt the Financial Statements and reports of the Directors and Auditors for the year ended 31 December 2000;
2. To declare a final dividend for the year ended 31 December 2000;
3. To elect Directors;
4. To approve Directors' fees;
5. To appoint auditors and to authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration;
6. As special business, to consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolutions as Ordinary Resolutions:
 - A. **"THAT**
 - (a) subject to paragraph (c) below and pursuant to section 57B of the Companies Ordinance, 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 or securities convertible into such shares or options, warrants or similar rights to subscribe for any shares in the Company or convertible securities 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;

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- (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 would or 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 (i) a Rights Issue; (ii) the allotment of warrants pursuant to the subscription of provisionally allotted warrants issued by the Company; (iii) the exercise of rights of subscription or conversion under the terms of any warrants issued by the Company or any securities which are convertible into shares of the Company; (iv) any option scheme or similar arrangement for the time being adopted for the grant or issue to officers and/or employees of the Company and/or any of its subsidiaries of shares or rights to acquire shares of the Company; or (v) any scrip dividend or similar arrangement providing for the allotment of shares in lieu of the whole or part of a dividend on shares of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association 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 passing this Resolution and the said approval shall be limited accordingly;
- (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;

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- (ii) 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 any applicable law to be held; and
- (iii) the revocation or variation of the authority given under this Resolution by ordinary resolution of the shareholders in general meeting.

“Rights Issue” means an offer of shares open for a period fixed by the Directors of the Company to holders of shares of the Company on the register 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 recognised regulatory body or any stock exchange in, any territory outside Hong Kong).”

B. **“THAT**

- (a) subject to paragraph (b), the exercise by the Directors of the Company during the Relevant Period of all the powers of the Company to repurchase its own securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Stock Exchange”) or any other stock exchange on which the securities of the Company may be listed and recognised by the Securities and Futures 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 of Hong Kong Limited or of any other stock exchange as amended from time to time, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;

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(b) the aggregate nominal amount of securities of the Company which may be repurchased by the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) of this Resolution during the Relevant Period shall not exceed: (i) in the case of shares, 10 per cent of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue as at the date of passing this Resolution; and (ii) in the case of warrants, 10% of the number of warrants of the Company in issue (whether in their nil-paid or fully-paid form) as at the date of passing this Resolution, and the said approval shall be limited accordingly;

(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 Articles of Association of the Company or any applicable law to be held; and
- (iii) the revocation or variation of the authority given under this Resolution by ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting.”

C. **“THAT** conditional upon Resolution numbered 6B being passed, the aggregate nominal amount of the shares in the capital of the Company which are repurchased by the Company under the authority granted to the Directors as mentioned in Resolution numbered 6B 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 numbered 6A, provided that the amount of share capital repurchased by the Company shall not exceed 10 per cent of the total nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue as at the date of passing this Resolution.”

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- D. **“THAT** the authorised share capital of the Company be increased from HK\$1,200,000,000 divided into 1,200,000,000 ordinary shares of HK\$1.00 each to HK\$2,000,000,000 divided into 2,000,000,000 ordinary shares of HK\$1.00 each by the creation of an additional 800,000,000 ordinary shares of HK\$1.00 each which shall rank pari passu in all respects with the existing ordinary shares of the Company.”
7. To transact any other business.

By order of the Board
Marianne Lim
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 26 April 2001

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Notes:

1. A member entitled to attend and vote is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend and on a poll vote instead of him; a proxy need not be a member of the Company. To be valid, a form 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 or authority, must be deposited with the Company's Registered Office, not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting.
2. The transfer books and Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 21 May 2001 to 28 May 2001 (both days inclusive) to determine entitlements to the final dividend. To rank for the final dividend, shareholders must ensure that transfers are lodged with the Company's Registrars, Tengis Limited, 4/F, Hutchison House, 10 Harcourt Road, Central, Hong Kong for registration not later than 4:00 p.m. on 18 May 2001.
3. Concerning item (6) above, the Directors wish to state that they have no immediate plans to repurchase any existing shares or to issue any new shares of the Company, approval is being sought from Members as a general mandate pursuant to the provision of the Companies Ordinance and the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.