

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual general meeting of Shanxi Central Pharmaceutical International Limited (the “**Company**”) will be held at 10:00 a.m. on 31 October, 2001 at Plaza IV, Lower Lobby, Century Hong Kong Hotel, 238 Jaffe Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong to transact the following ordinary business:

1. to receive and consider the audited combined financial statements and reports of the directors and auditors for the year ended 31 May, 2001;
2. to authorise the board of directors to fix the directors’ remuneration, to fix the maximum number of directors for the time being at 10, to authorise the board of directors to fill up any vacancies on the board of directors and to appoint additional directors up to the maximum number and to re-elect the retiring director;
3. to re-appoint the Company’s auditors and to authorise the directors to fix their remuneration;

and, as special business, to consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolutions as ordinary resolutions:–

ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS

4. **THAT:–**
 - (a) subject to paragraph (c) below, pursuant to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Stock Exchange**”), 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 unissued 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;
 - (b) the approval in paragraph (a) above shall authorise the directors of the Company during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) to make or grant offers, agreements and options which would or might require shares to be allotted and issued after the end of the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined); and
 - (c) the aggregate nominal amount of share capital allotted and issued or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted and issued (whether pursuant to options or otherwise) by the directors of the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above, otherwise than pursuant to (i) a Rights Issue (as hereinafter defined); or (ii) the exercise of any option under the share option scheme of the Company; or (iii) any scrip dividend or similar arrangement providing for the allotment and issue of shares in lieu of the whole or part of a dividend on shares in accordance with the bye-laws of the Company in force from time to time shall not exceed 20 per cent. of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue on the date of passing this Resolution and the said approval shall be limited accordingly.

5. **THAT:-**

- (a) subject to paragraph (b) below, the exercise by the directors of the Company during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all powers of the Company to purchase its own shares on the Stock Exchange, subject to and in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Stock Exchange, the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda and all other applicable laws in this regard, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved; and
 - (b) the aggregate nominal amount of shares which may be purchased by the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) shall not exceed 10 per cent. of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of the passing of this Resolution and the authority pursuant to paragraph (a) of this Resolution shall be limited accordingly.
6. **THAT** subject to the passing of Resolutions numbered 4 and 5 set out in the notice convening this meeting, the aggregate nominal amount of shares which are to be purchased by the Company pursuant to the authority granted to the directors of the Company as mentioned in Resolution numbered 5 set out in the notice convening this meeting shall be added to the aggregate nominal amount of share capital of the Company that may be allotted and issued or agreed to be allotted and issued by the directors of the Company pursuant to Resolution numbered 4 set out in the notice convening this meeting.

For the purposes of Resolutions numbered 4 and 5:-

"Relevant Period" means the period from the date of the passing of the relevant Resolution 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 of the Company, the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda or any other applicable law of Bermuda to be held; or
- (iii) the passing of an ordinary resolution by the shareholders of the Company in general meeting revoking or varying the authority given to the directors of the Company by the relevant Resolution.

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“**Rights Issue**” means an offer of shares in the Company, or offer or issue of warrants, options or other securities giving rights to subscribe for shares open for a period fixed by the directors of the Company to holders of shares in the Company on the register on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of 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, or the expense or delay which may be involved in determining the existence or extent of any restrictions or obligations under the laws of, or the requirements of, any jurisdiction outside Hong Kong or any recognised regulatory body or any stock exchange outside Hong Kong).

By Order of the Board
Hou Li Ping
Chairman

Hong Kong, 24 September, 2001

Head office and principal place of business:

Rooms 3710-3714
Sun Hung Kai Centre
30 Harbour Road, Wan Chai
Hong Kong

Notes:

- 1 A member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting convened by the above notice is entitled to appoint one or more proxy to attend and, subject to the provisions of the bye-laws of the Company, vote in his stead. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.
- 2 In order to be valid, the form of proxy must be deposited 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, at the offices of the Company's Hong Kong branch registrar and transfer office, Tengis Limited, at 4th Floor, Hutchison House, 10 Harcourt Road, Central, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting.
- 3 In relation to proposed resolutions nos. 4 and 6 above, approval is being sought from the shareholders for the grant to the directors of a general mandate to authorise the allotment and issue of shares under the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the “**Listing Rules**”). The Directors have no immediate plans to issue any new shares of the Company other than shares which may fall to be issued under the share option scheme of the Company or any scrip dividend scheme which may be approved by shareholders.
- 4 In relation to proposed resolution no. 5 above, the Directors wish to state that they will exercise the powers conferred thereby to repurchase shares in circumstances which they deem appropriate for the benefit of the shareholders. An explanatory statement containing the information necessary to enable the shareholders to make an informed decision to vote on the proposed resolution as required by the Listing Rules will be set out in a separate document to be despatched to the shareholders with the annual report for the year ended 31 May, 2001.
5. The register of members of the Company will be temporarily closed from 29 October, 2001 to 31 October, 2001 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares will be registered. In order to qualify for attending the proposed annual general meeting, all completed transfer forms accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's share registrar in Hong Kong, Tengis Limited, at 4th Floor, Hutchison House, 10 Harcourt Road, Central, Hong Kong, no later than 4:00 p.m. on 26 October, 2001.