

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at Island Ballroom, Level 5, Island Shangri-La Hotel, Two Pacific Place, Supreme Court Road, Hong Kong on Tuesday, 6 May 2003 at 10:30 a.m. for the following purposes:

- 1 To receive and consider the audited accounts and the Reports of the Directors and the Auditors for the year ended 31 December 2002.
- 2 To declare a final dividend and a special dividend for the year ended 31 December 2002.
- 3 To re-elect retiring Directors.
- 4 To re-appoint Auditors and authorise the Board of Directors to fix their remuneration.
- 5 To consider as Special Business the following resolution as an Ordinary Resolution:

## **"THAT:**

- A. subject to paragraph (C), a general mandate be and is hereby unconditionally granted to the Directors of the Company to exercise during the Relevant Period all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and dispose of additional shares in the Company and to make or grant offers, agreements and options which would or might require the exercise of such powers;
- B. the mandate 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 powers after the end of the Relevant Period;
- C. the aggregate nominal value 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 mandate in paragraph (A), otherwise than pursuant to (i) Rights Issue or (ii) any option scheme or similar arrangement for the time being adopted for the grant or issue to the officers and/or employees of the Company and/or any of its subsidiaries of shares or rights to acquire shares of the Company or (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 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 of the Company pursuant to the New Articles of Association of the Company from time to time, shall not exceed twenty per cent of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue at the date of this Resolution and the said mandate shall be limited accordingly;

D. for the purpose 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; or
- ii. the expiration of the period within which the next Annual General Meeting of the Company is required by law to be held; or
- iii. the date on which the authority set out in this Resolution is revoked or varied by an 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 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)."

6 To consider as Special Business the following resolution as an Ordinary Resolution:

## **"THAT:**

- A. a general mandate be and is hereby unconditionally given to the Directors of the Company to exercise during the Relevant Period all the powers of the Company to purchase or otherwise acquire shares of the Company 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, provided that the aggregate nominal amount of shares so purchased or otherwise acquired shall not exceed ten per cent of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue at the date of this Resolution;
- B. for the purpose 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; or
- ii. the expiration of the period within which the next Annual General Meeting of the Company is required by law to be held; or
- iii. the date on which the authority set out in this Resolution is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders in general meeting."

7 To consider as Special Business the following resolution as an Ordinary Resolution:

**"THAT** conditional upon the passing of Resolutions (5) and (6) set out in the Notice convening this Meeting, the aggregate nominal amount of the shares which are purchased or otherwise acquired by the Company pursuant to Resolution (6) shall be added to the aggregate nominal amount of the shares which may be issued pursuant to Resolution (5)."

By Order of the Board Alice Tso Mun Wai Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 7 April 2003

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Notes:

- (i) The Register of Members will be closed from 30 April 2003 to 6 May 2003, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be effected.
- (ii) Any member entitled to attend and vote at the above meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and, on a poll, vote instead of him. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.
- (iii) To be valid, the instrument appointing a proxy and 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 at the registered office of the Company not less than forty-eight hours before the time for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting or poll (as the case may be) at which the person named in such instrument proposes to vote.
- (iv) Concerning item 3 above, Messrs Henry Fan Hung Ling, Li Shilin, Carl Yung Ming Jie, Hamilton Ho Hau Hay, Alexander Reid Hamilton and Hansen Loh Chung Hon shall retire by rotation in the Annual General Meeting pursuant to Article 104(A) of the New Articles of Association of the Company and they, all being eligible, shall offer themselves for re-election.
- (v) Concerning item 5 above, the approval is being sought from members for a general mandate to authorise allotment of shares under Section 57B of the Companies Ordinance and the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, in order to ensure flexibility and discretion to the Directors in the event that it becomes desirable to issue any shares of the Company up to twenty per cent of the issued share capital of the Company. The Directors wish to state that they have no immediate plans to issue shares in the Company.
- (vi) Concerning item 6 above, the approval is being sought from members for a general mandate to repurchase shares in the Company, in order to ensure flexibility and discretion to the Directors in the event that it becomes desirable to repurchase any shares in the Company up to ten per cent of the issued share capital of the Company.
- (vii) Concerning item 7 above, the approval is being sought from members to extend the general mandate to allot shares by adding repurchased securities to the twenty per cent general mandate.

"Please also refer to the published version of this announcement in The Standard and Hong Kong Economic Times."