# ↓ 恒隆地產有限公司 HANG LUNG PROPERTIES LIMITED

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting ("the Meeting") of Hang Lung Properties Limited ("the Company") will be held at 28th Floor, Standard Chartered Bank Building, 4 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong on Thursday, 13th November, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. for the following purposes:

- 1. To receive and consider the Financial Statements and Reports of the Directors and Auditors for the year ended 30th June, 2003.
- 2. To declare a final ordinary dividend.
- 3. To re-elect directors and authorise the Board of Directors to fix directors' fees.
- 4. To re-appoint auditors and authorise the directors to fix their remuneration.

### As special business:

To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolutions as Ordinary Resolutions:

### 5. A. **"THAT**:

- (a) subject to paragraphs (b) and (c) below, the exercise by the directors of the Company during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to purchase shares in the capital of the Company be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the aggregate nominal amount of ordinary shares of HK\$1 each in the capital of the Company ("Ordinary Shares") which may be purchased by the Company on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited or on any other stock exchange recognised for this purpose by the Securities and Futures Commission and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited under the Hong Kong Code on Share Repurchases pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above shall not exceed 10 per cent. of the aggregate nominal amount of the Ordinary Shares in the share capital of the Company in issue at the date of passing this Resolution, and the said approval shall be limited accordingly;

- (c) the aggregate nominal amount of convertible cumulative preference shares of HK\$7,500 each in the capital of the Company ("Convertible Preference Shares") which may be purchased by the Company on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, Societe de la Bourse de Luxembourg (Luxembourg Stock Exchange) or on any other stock exchange recognised for this purpose by the Securities and Futures Commission and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited under the Hong Kong Code on Share Repurchases pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above shall not exceed 10 per cent. of the aggregate nominal amount of the Convertible Preference Shares in the share capital of the Company in issue at the date of passing this Resolution, and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and
- (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;
  - (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next Annual General Meeting of the Company is required by 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."

### B. **"THAT**:

- (a) subject to paragraph (c) below, pursuant to Section 57B of the Companies Ordinance, the exercise by the directors of the Company during the Relevant Period (as defined in Resolution No. 5A(d) in the Notice of the Meeting) of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with additional shares in the capital of the Company and to allot, issue or grant securities convertible into shares in the capital of the Company or options, warrants or similar rights to subscribe for any such shares or such convertible securities and to make or grant offers, agreements and options which might require the exercise of such powers be and it is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the approval in paragraph (a) above shall authorise the directors of the Company during the Relevant Period to allot, issue or grant securities convertible into shares in the capital of the Company and 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 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) above, otherwise than pursuant to (i) a Rights Issue (as hereinafter defined), (ii) the exercise of rights of subscription under the terms of any warrants issued by the Company or the exercise of rights of conversion attaching to any Convertible Preference Shares (as defined in Resolution No. 5A(c) in the Notice of the Meeting), (iii) 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 (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 in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company, shall not exceed the aggregate of: (aa) in the case of Ordinary Shares (as defined in Resolution No. 5A(b) in the Notice of the Meeting), 20 per cent. of the aggregate nominal amount of the Ordinary Shares in the share capital of the Company in issue at the date of passing this Resolution plus (bb) in the case of Convertible Preference Shares, 20 per cent. of the aggregate nominal amount of the Convertible Preference Shares in the share capital of the Company in issue at the date of passing this Resolution plus (cc) if the directors are so authorised by a separate ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company set out as Resolution No. 5C in the Notice of the Meeting, the nominal amount of the share capital of the Company repurchased by the Company subsequent to the passing of this Resolution, up to a maximum equivalent to 10 per cent. in the case of Ordinary Shares, the aggregate nominal amount of the Ordinary Shares in issue at the date of passing this Resolution and in the case of Convertible Preference Shares, the aggregate nominal amount of the Convertible Preference Shares in issue at the date of passing this Resolution, and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and
- (d) for the purpose of this Resolution:

"Rights Issue" means an offer of shares or other securities open for a period fixed by the directors of the Company to holders of shares of the Company or any class thereof on the register on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of such shares or class thereof (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)."

- C. "**THAT** the directors of the Company be and they are hereby authorised to exercise the powers of the Company referred to in paragraph (a) of the resolution set out as Resolution No. 5B in the Notice of the Meeting in respect of the share capital of the Company referred to in sub-paragraph (cc) of paragraph (c) of such Resolution."
- 6. Any other business.

By Order of the Board Robin S W Ching Secretary

Hong Kong, 20th October, 2003

Registered Office: 28th Floor 4 Des Voeux Road Central Hong Kong

#### Notes:

- 1. A member entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting 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. All proxies must be deposited at the registered office of the Company, 28th Floor, 4 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong, not less than 48 hours before the time fixed for holding the Meeting or any adjournment thereof.
- 2. A poll can be demanded by the Chairman of the Meeting; or by at least 3 members present in person or by proxy at the Meeting; or by any member or members present in person or by proxy and representing not less than one-tenth of the total voting rights of all members having the right to vote at the Meeting. It shall be taken in such manner and at such time and place as the Chairman directs, and the result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the Meeting at which the poll was demanded. The demand for a poll shall not prevent the continuance of the Meeting for the transaction of any business other than the question on which a poll has been demanded.
- 3. The Register of Members for ordinary shares will be closed from Wednesday, 5th November, 2003 to Friday, 7th November, 2003, both days inclusive, during which period no share transfers will be effected. In order to qualify for the proposed final ordinary dividend, all transfers accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's Share Registrars, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited at 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong not later than 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 4th November, 2003.
- 4. With respect to Resolution No. 5A above, approval is being sought from the members for a general mandate to repurchase shares to be given to the directors.
- 5. Concerning Resolution No. 5B above, the directors have no immediate plans to issue any new shares of the Company; approval is being sought from the members as a general mandate in compliance with the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.
- 6. With respect to Resolution No. 5C above, approval is being sought from the members for an extension of the general mandate granted to the directors to issue shares by including the number of shares repurchased under the authority granted pursuant to Resolution No. 5A.

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## **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

The following is the **Explanatory Statement** required to be sent to shareholders under the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities (the "Listing Rules") on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") in connection with the general mandate for repurchase of shares to be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting to be held on 13th November, 2003 and also constitutes the Memorandum required by Section 49BA(3) of the Companies Ordinance:

- (i) It is proposed that up to 10 per cent. of the ordinary shares of HK\$1 each ("Ordinary Shares") and the convertible cumulative preference shares of HK\$7,500 each ("Convertible Preference Shares") of the Company (collectively the "Shares") in issue at the date of passing of the resolution to approve the general mandate may be repurchased. As at 14th October, 2003, the latest practicable date for determining such figures, the numbers of Ordinary Shares and Convertible Preference Shares in issue were 2,889,333,907 shares and 112,435 shares respectively. On the basis of such figures (and assuming no further Ordinary Shares are issued as a result of the exercise of conversion rights attaching to Convertible Preference Shares presently in issue and no Ordinary Shares and Convertible Preference Shares after 14th October, 2003 and up to the date of passing such resolution), the directors would be authorised to repurchase Ordinary Shares and Convertible Preference Shares up to a limit of 288,933,390 shares and 11,243 shares respectively.
- (ii) The directors believe that it is in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders to have a general authority from shareholders to enable the directors to repurchase Shares on the market. Such repurchases may, depending on market conditions and funding arrangements at the time, lead to an enhancement of the net value of the Company and its assets and/or its earnings per Share and will only be made when the directors believe that such repurchases will benefit the Company and its shareholders.
- (iii) Repurchases pursuant to the mandate would be funded from the available cash flow and/or working capital facilities of the Company. The funds employed by the Company in connection with a repurchase of Shares would be those legally available for such use under the Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association and the applicable laws of Hong Kong.

- (iv) There might be an adverse impact on the working capital or gearing position of the Company as compared with the position disclosed in the audited accounts contained in the annual report for the year ended 30th June, 2003 in the event that the repurchases were to be carried out in full at any time during the proposed repurchase period. However, the directors do not propose to exercise the repurchase mandate to such extent as would, in the circumstances, have a material adverse effect on the working capital requirements of the Company or the gearing levels which in the opinion of the directors are from time to time appropriate for the Company.
- (v) There are no directors or (to the best of knowledge of the directors having made all reasonable enquiries) any associates of directors of the Company who have a present intention, in the event that the general mandate is granted by shareholders, to sell Shares to the Company.
- (vi) The directors have undertaken to the Stock Exchange to exercise the power of the Company to make repurchases pursuant to the general mandate in accordance with the Listing Rules and the laws of Hong Kong.
- (vii) The directors are not aware of any consequences which would arise under the Hong Kong Code on Takeovers and Mergers as a consequence of any repurchases pursuant to the general mandate. As at 14th October, 2003, Hang Lung Group Limited together with its subsidiaries were beneficially interested in an aggregate of 1,793,867,570 Ordinary Shares representing 62.1 per cent. of the Ordinary Shares in the share capital of the Company in issue as at that date.
- (viii) No repurchases have been made by the Company of Shares whether on the Stock Exchange or otherwise in the six months prior to the date of this document.
- (ix) No connected persons of the Company (as defined in the Listing Rules) have notified it of a present intention to sell Shares to the Company and no such persons have undertaken not to sell any such Shares to the Company in the event that the general mandate is granted by shareholders.

(x) The highest and lowest prices at which the Ordinary Shares of the Company have traded on the Stock Exchange in each of the previous twelve months are as follows:

	Highest (HK\$)	Lowest (HK\$)
October 2002	7.65	6.60
November 2002	7.65	7.20
December 2002	7.80	7.30
January 2003	7.80	7.25
February 2003	7.75	7.05
March 2003	7.75	7.10
April 2003	7.55	6.55
May 2003	7.40	6.75
June 2003	7.75	7.00
July 2003	8.20	7.15
August 2003	9.50	7.95
September 2003	10.00	9.10

(xi) There was no trading in the Convertible Preference Shares of the Company on the Stock Exchange in each of the previous twelve months.