

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is Hereby Given That the Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at Plaza IV, Lower Lobby, Novotel Century Hong Kong Hotel, 238 Jaffe Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong on 18 June 2004 at 2:30 p.m. for the following purposes:–

1. to receive and adopt the audited consolidated financial statements and the reports of the Directors and Auditors for the year ended 31 December 2003.
2. to re-elect retiring Director and to fix the Directors' remuneration.
3. to re-appoint Auditors and authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration.
4. as Special Business, to consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolutions as Ordinary Resolutions:–

A. "THAT

- (a) subject to sub-paragraph (c) of this Resolution, the exercise by the directors of the Company (the "Directors") during the Relevant Period (as defined below) of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with additional shares 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 sub-paragraph (a) of this Resolution shall authorise the Directors during the 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 or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted (whether pursuant to an option or otherwise) by the Directors pursuant to the approval in sub-paragraph (a) of this Resolution, otherwise than pursuant to (i) a Rights Issue (as defined below), (ii) 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, (iii) the exercise of 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 the cash payment for a 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 share capital of the Company in issue as at the date of this Resolution and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and

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(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;
- (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; and
- (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 or other securities of the Company open for a period fixed by the Directors 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 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 the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China).”

B. “THAT

- (a) subject to sub-paragraph (b), the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period of all the powers of the Company to purchase shares in the capital of the Company and/or other securities of the Company be and is hereby generally and unconditional approved;
- (b) the aggregate nominal amount of share capital of the Company to be purchased or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be purchased by the Company pursuant to the approval in sub-paragraph (a) during the Relevant Period shall (i) in the case of shares of the Company, not exceed 10 per cent. of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue at the date of passing this Resolution, and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and
- (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;
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- (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; and
- (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."

C. "THAT conditional upon Resolution 4A and Resolution 4B set out in the notice convening the meeting of which this Resolution forms part being passed, the aggregate nominal amount of the shares of the Company which are purchased by Company after the date of the passing of this Resolution (up to a maximum of 10 per cent. of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company as stated in Resolution 4B set out in the notice convening this meeting of which this Resolution forms part) 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 pursuant to Resolution 4A set out in the notice convening this meeting of which this Resolution forms part."

5. as Special Business, to consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolution as a special resolution of the Company:—

"THAT the Bye-laws of the Company be amended as follows:—

A. by inserting the following new definition in Bye-law 1:—

" "associate" the meaning attributed to it in the rules of the Designated Stock Exchange. ";

B. by substituting the existing definition of "clearing house" with the following new definition in Bye-law 1:—

" "clearing house" a clearing house recognised by the laws of the jurisdiction in which the shares of the Company are listed or quoted on a stock exchange in such jurisdiction. ";

C. by substituting the existing Bye-law 2(e) with the following new Bye-law 2(e):—

"(e) expressions referring to writing shall, unless the contrary intention appears, be construed as including printing, lithography, photography and other modes of representing words or figures in a visible form, and including where the representation takes the form of electronic display, provided that both the mode of service of the relevant document or notice and the Member's election comply with all applicable Statutes, rules and regulations;";

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- D. by replacing the full stop "." appearing at the end of Bye-law 2(j) with a semi-colon ";", by inserting the word "and" immediately after the semi-colon and by inserting the following new Bye-law 2(k):–
- "(k) references to a document being executed include references to it being executed under hand or under seal or by electronic signature or by any other method and references to a notice or document include a notice or document recorded or stored in any digital, electronic, electrical, magnetic or other retrievable form or medium and information in visible form whether having physical substance or not.";
- E. by substituting the existing Bye-law 6 with the following new Bye-law 6:–
- "6. The Company may from time to time by special resolution, subject to any confirmation or consent required by law, reduce its authorised or issued share capital or, save for the use of share premium as expressly permitted by the Act, any share premium account or other undistributable reserve.";
- F. (a) by inserting after the words "Subject to Sections 42 and 43 of the Act," appearing in the beginning of Bye-law 9, the words "these Bye-laws, and to any special rights conferred on the holders of any shares or attaching to any class of shares,"; and
- (b) by inserting the following new sentences at the end of Bye-law 9:–
- "Where the Company purchases for redemption a redeemable share, purchases not made through the market or by tender shall be limited to a maximum price as may from time to time be determined by the Company in general meeting, either generally or with regard to specific purchases. If purchases are by tender, tenders shall be available to all Members alike.";
- G. (a) by inserting after the words "two persons" appearing in the second line of Bye-law 10(a) with the words "(or in the case of a Member being a corporation, its duly authorised representative)"; and
- (b) by inserting after the words "two holders present in person" appearing in the fourth line of Bye-law 10(a), the words "(or in the case of a Member being a corporation, its duly authorised representative)";
- H. by substituting in Bye-law 12(1), the words "Subject to the Act, and these Bye-laws" with the following words:–
- "Subject to the Act, these Bye-laws and any direction that may be given by the Company in general meeting";
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- I. by inserting, in Bye-law 43(1)(a), after the words "the name and address of each Member, the number and class of shares held by him and," the words "in respect of any shares that are not fully paid,";
- J. by inserting, in Bye-law 44, after the words "any other newspapers in accordance with the requirements of any Designated Stock Exchange", the following words:-
 "or by any means in such manner as may be accepted by the Designated Stock Exchange";
- K. by substituting the existing Bye-law 46 with the following new Bye-law 46:
 "46. Subject to these Bye-laws, any Member may transfer all or any of his shares by an instrument of transfer in the usual or common form or in a form prescribed by the Designated Stock Exchange or in any other form approved by the Board and may be under hand or, if the transferor or transferee is a clearing house or its nominee(s), by hand or by machine imprinted signature or by such other manner of execution as the Board may approve from time to time.";
- L. by substituting the words "Save as provided" appearing at the beginning of the second sentence in Bye-law 47 with the words "Without prejudice to";
- M. by inserting, in Bye-law 51, after the words "by advertisement in an appointed newspaper and, where applicable any other newspapers in accordance with the requirements of any Designated Stock Exchange", the following words:-
 "or by any means in such manner as may be accepted by the Designated Stock Exchange";
- N. by substituting the word "notice" appearing in the first line and second line of Bye-law 59(2) with the word "Notice";
- O. by substituting the second sentence in Bye-law 61(2) with the following new sentence:-
 "Two (2) Members entitled to vote and present in person (or in the case of a Member being a corporation by its duly authorised representative) or by proxy shall form a quorum for all purposes.";
- P. by substituting the word "notice" appearing in the sixth line of Bye-law 64 with the word "Notice";
- Q. by substituting the existing Bye-law 66 with the following new Bye-law 66:-
 "66. Subject to any special rights or restrictions as to voting for the time being attached to any shares by or in accordance with these Bye-laws, at any general meeting on a show of hands every Member present in person (or being a corporation, is present by a representative duly authorised under Section 78 of the Act), or by proxy shall have one vote and on a poll every Member present in person or by proxy or, in the case of a Member being a corporation, by its duly authorised representative shall have one vote for every fully paid share of which he is the

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holder but so that no amount paid up or credited as paid up on a share in advance of calls or instalments is treated for the foregoing purposes as paid up on the share. Notwithstanding anything contained in these Bye-laws, where more than one proxy is appointed by a Member which is a clearing house (or its nominee(s)), each such proxy shall have one vote on a show of hands. A resolution put to the vote of a meeting shall be decided on a show of hands unless (before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands or on the withdrawal of any other demand for a poll) a poll is demanded:

- (a) by the chairman of such meeting; or
- (b) by at least three Members present in person (or in the case of a Member being a corporation by its duly authorised representative) or by proxy for the time being entitled to vote at the meeting; or
- (c) by a Member or Members present in person (or in the case of a Member being a corporation by its duly authorised representative) 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; or
- (d) by a Member or Members present in person (or in the case of a Member being a corporation by its duly authorised representative) or by proxy and holding shares in the Company conferring a right to vote at the meeting being shares on which an aggregate sum has been paid up equal to not less than one-tenth of the total sum paid up on all shares conferring that right.

A demand by a person as proxy for a Member or in the case of a Member being a corporation by its duly authorised representative shall be deemed to be the same as a demand by a Member.”;

- R. by re-numbering the existing Bye-law 76 as Bye-law 76(1) and by inserting the following new Bye-law 76(2):

“(2) Where any Member is, under the rules of the Designated Stock Exchange, required to abstain from voting on any particular resolution of the Company or restricted to voting only for or only against any particular resolution of the Company, any votes cast by or on behalf of such Member in contravention of such requirement or restriction shall not be counted.”;

- S. by substituting the existing Bye-law 84(2) with the following new Bye-law 84(2):–

“(2) Where a Member is a clearing house (or its nominee(s) and, in each case, being a corporation), it may authorise such persons as it thinks fit to act as its representatives at any meeting of the Company or at any meeting of any class of Members provided that the authorisation shall specify the number and class of shares in respect of which each such representative is so

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authorised. Each person so authorised under the provisions of this Bye-law shall be deemed to have been duly authorised without further evidence of the facts and be entitled to exercise the same rights and powers on behalf of the clearing house (or its nominee(s)) as if such person was the registered holder of the shares of the Company held by the clearing house (or its nominee(s)) in respect of the number and class of shares specified in the relevant authorisation including the right to vote individually on a show of hands."

- T. by substituting the existing Bye-law 86(1) with the following new Bye-law 86(1):–
- "(1) Unless otherwise determined by the Company in general meeting, the number of Directors shall not be less than two (2). There shall be no maximum number of Directors unless otherwise determined from time to time by the Members in general meeting. The Directors shall be elected or appointed in the first place at the statutory meeting of Members and thereafter at the annual general meeting in accordance with Bye-law 87 or at any special general meeting and shall hold office until the next appointment of Directors or until their successors are elected or appointed. Any general meeting may authorise the Board to fill any vacancy in their number left unfilled at a general meeting."
- U. by substituting the words "special resolution" appearing in Bye-law 86(4) with the words "ordinary resolution";
- V. by substituting the existing Bye-law 88 with the following new Bye-law 88:–
- "No person other than a Director retiring at the meeting shall, unless recommended by the Directors for election, be eligible for election as a Director at any general meeting unless a Notice signed by a Member (other than the person to be proposed) duly qualified to attend and vote at the meeting for which such notice is given of his intention to propose such person for election and also a Notice signed by the person to be proposed of his willingness to be elected shall have been lodged at the head office or at the Registration Office provided that the minimum length of the period, during which such Notice(s) are given, shall be at least seven (7) days and that the period for lodgment of such Notice(s) shall commence no earlier than the day after the dispatch of the notice of the general meeting appointed for such election and end no later than seven (7) days prior to the date of such general meeting.";
- W. by deleting the words "whereupon the Board resolves to accept such resignation" appearing at the end of Bye-law 89(1);
- X. by substituting the word "Directors" appearing in the twelfth line of Bye-law 100(c) with the word "directors";

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Y. by substituting the existing Bye-law 103 with the following new Bye-law 103:–

- “103. (1) A Director shall not vote (nor be counted in the quorum) on any resolution of the Board approving any contract or arrangement or any other proposal in which he or any of his associate is materially interested, but this prohibition shall not apply to any of the following matters namely:
- (i) any contract or arrangement for the giving to such Director or his associate(s) any security or indemnity in respect of money lent by him or any of his associates or obligations incurred or undertaken by him or any of his associates at the request of or for the benefit of the Company or any of its subsidiaries;
 - (ii) any contract or arrangement for the giving of any security or indemnity to a third party in respect of a debt or obligation of the Company or any of its subsidiaries for which the Director or his associate(s) has himself/themselves assumed responsibility in whole or in part whether alone or jointly under a guarantee or indemnity or by the giving of security;
 - (iii) any contract or arrangement concerning an offer of shares or debentures or other securities of or by the Company or any other company which the Company may promote or be interested in for subscription or purchase, where the Director or his associate(s) is/are or is/are to be interested as a participant in the underwriting or sub-underwriting of the offer;
 - (iv) any contract or arrangement in which the Director or his associate(s) is/are interested in the same manner as other holders of shares or debentures or other securities of the Company by virtue only of his/their interest in shares or debentures or other securities of the Company;
 - (v) any contract or arrangement concerning any other company in which the Director or his associate(s) is/are interested only, whether directly or indirectly, as an officer or executive or a shareholder other than a company in which the Director and/or his associate(s) is/are beneficially interested in five (5) per cent or more of the issued shares or of the voting rights of any class of shares of such company (or any third company through which his interest or that of any of his associates is derived); or
 - (vi) any proposal concerning the adoption, modification or operation of a share option scheme, a pension fund or retirement, death or disability benefits scheme or other arrangement which relates both to directors, his associates and employees of the Company or of any of its subsidiaries and does not provide in respect of any Director, or his associate(s), as such any privilege or advantage not accorded to the employees to which such scheme or fund relates.

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- (2) A company shall be deemed to be a company in which a Director and/or his associate(s) owns five (5) per cent. or more if and so long as (but only if and so long as) he and/or his associates, (either directly or indirectly) are the holders of or beneficially interested in five (5) per cent. or more of any class of the equity share capital of such company or of the voting rights available to members of such company (or of any third company through which his interest or that of any of his associates is derived). For the purpose of this paragraph there shall be disregarded any shares held by a Director or his associate(s) as bare or custodian trustee and in which he or any of them has no beneficial interest, any shares comprised in a trust in which the interest of the Director or his associate(s) is/are in reversion or remainder if and so long as some other person is entitled to receive the income thereof, and any shares comprised in an authorised unit trust scheme in which the Director or his associate(s) is/are interested only as a unit holder.
- (3) Where a company in which a Director and/or his associate(s) holds five (5) per cent. or more is materially interested in a transaction, then that Director and/or his associate(s) shall also be deemed materially interested in such transaction.
- (4) If any question shall arise at any meeting of the Board as to the materiality of the interest of a Director (other than the chairman of the meeting) or as to the entitlement of any Director (other than such chairman) to vote and such question is not resolved by his voluntarily agreeing to abstain from voting, such question shall be referred to the chairman of the meeting and his ruling in relation to such other Director shall be final and conclusive except in a case where the nature or extent of the interest of the Director concerned as known to such Director has not been fairly disclosed to the Board. If any question as aforesaid shall arise in respect of the chairman of the meeting such question shall be decided by a resolution of the Board (for which purpose such chairman shall not vote thereon) and such resolution shall be final and conclusive except in a case where the nature or extent of the interest of such chairman as known to such chairman has not been fairly disclosed to the Board."

Z. by inserting the word ", electronic" after the words "conference telephone" appearing in the second line of Bye-law 116(2);

AA. by substituting the existing Bye-law 122 with the following new Bye-law 122:–

"122. A resolution in writing signed by all the Directors except such as are temporarily unable to act through ill-health or disability, and all the alternate Directors, if appropriate, whose appointors are temporarily unable to act as aforesaid shall be as valid and effectual as if a resolution had been passed at a meeting of the Board duly convened and held provided that such number is sufficient to constitute a quorum and that a copy of such resolution has been given or the contents thereof communicated to all the Directors for the time being entitled to receive notices of Board meetings in the same manner as notices of meetings are required to be given by these Bye-laws and further provided that no Director is aware of or has received any

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objection to the resolution from any Director. Such resolution may be contained in one document or in several documents in like form each signed by one or more of the Directors or alternate Directors and for this purpose a facsimile signature of a Director or an alternate Director shall be treated as valid.”;

AB. by substituting the existing Bye-law 133(1)(c) with the following new Bye-law 133(1)(c):–

“(1) of all resolutions and proceedings of each general meeting of the Members and meetings of the Board,”;

AC. by renumbering the existing Bye-law 136 as Bye-law 136(1) and by inserting the following new Bye-law 136(2):–

“(2) Notwithstanding any provision contained in these Bye-laws, the Directors may, if permitted by applicable law, authorise the destruction of documents set out in sub-paragraphs (a) to (e) of paragraph (1) of this Bye-law and any other documents in relation to share registration which have been microfilmed or electronically stored by the Company or by the share registrar on its behalf provided always that this Bye-law shall apply only to the destruction of a document in good faith and without express notice to the Company and its share registrar that the preservation of such document was relevant to a claim.”;

AD. by inserting, in Bye-law 153, after the words “Subject to Section 88 of the Act”, the following words:–

“and Bye-law 153A”;

AE. by inserting the following new Bye-law 153A:–

“To the extent permitted by and subject to due compliance with all applicable Statutes, rules and regulations, including, without limitation, the rules of the Designated Stock Exchange, and to obtaining all necessary consents, if any, required thereunder, the requirements of Bye-law 153 shall be deemed satisfied in relation to any person by sending to the person in any manner not prohibited by the Statutes, a summary financial statement derived from the Company’s annual accounts and the directors’ report which shall be in the form and containing the information required by applicable laws and regulations, provided that any person who is otherwise entitled to the annual financial statements of the Company and the directors’ report thereon may, if he so requires by notice in writing served on the Company, demand that the Company sends to him, in addition to a summary financial statement, a complete printed copy of the Company’s annual financial statement and the directors’ report thereon.”

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AF. by inserting the following new Bye-law 153B:–

“The requirement to send to a person referred to in Bye-law 153 the documents referred to in that provision or a summary financial report in accordance with Bye-law 153A shall be deemed satisfied where, in accordance with all applicable Statutes, rules and regulations, including, without limitation, the rules of the Designated Stock Exchange, the Company publishes copies of the documents referred to in Bye-law 153 and, if applicable, a summary financial report complying with Bye-law 153A, on the Company’s computer network or in any other permitted manner (including by sending any form of electronic communication), and that person has agreed or is deemed to have agreed to treat the publication or receipt of such documents in such manner as discharging the Company’s obligation to send to him a copy of such documents.”

AG. by substituting the words “fourteen (14) days” appearing in the fourth line of Bye-law 154(2) with the words “twenty-one (21) days”;

AH. by substituting the last sentence of Bye-law 159 with the following new sentence:–

“If the auditing standards of a country or jurisdiction other than Bermuda are used, the financial statements and the report of the Auditor should disclose this fact and name of such country or jurisdiction.”;

AI. by deleting the word “given” appearing in the first line of Bye-law 160 and by inserting, in Bye-law 160, the following:–

(a) after the words “Any Notice” appearing at the beginning of Bye-law 160, the following words:–

“or document (including any “corporate communication” within the meaning ascribed thereto under the rules of the Designated Stock Exchange), whether or not, to be given or issued under these Bye-laws”;

(b) after the words “cable, telex or facsimile transmission message”, the words “or other form of electronic transmission or communication”;

(c) after the words “by transmitting it to any such address or transmitting it to any telex or facsimile transmission number”, the words “or electronic number or address or website”;

(d) after the words “by advertisement in appointed newspapers (as defined in the Act) or in”, the words “newspapers published daily and circulating generally in the territory of and in”; and

(e) after the words “in accordance with the requirements of the Designated Stock Exchange”, the words “or, to the extent permitted by the applicable laws, by placing it on the Company’s website and giving to the member a notice stating that the notice or other document is available there (a “notice of availability”). The notice of availability may be given to the Member by any of the means set out above.”;

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AJ. by deleting the word "and" appearing at the end of Bye-law 161(a) and by substituting the existing Bye-law 161(b) with the following new Bye-laws 161(b), 161(c) and 161(d):-

"(b) if sent by electronic communication, shall be deemed to be given on the day on which it is transmitted from the server of the Company or its agent. A notice placed on the Company's website is deemed given by the Company to a Member on the day following that on which a notice of availability is deemed served on the Member;

(c) if served or delivered in any other manner contemplated by these Bye-laws, shall be deemed to have been served or delivered at the time of personal service or delivery or, as the case may be, at the time of the relevant despatch, transmission or publication; and in proving such service or delivery a certificate in writing signed by the Secretary or other officer of the Company or other person appointed by the Board as to the fact and time of such service, delivery, despatch, transmission or publication shall be conclusive evidence thereof; and

(d) may be given to a Member either in the English language or the Chinese language, subject to due compliance with all applicable Statutes, rules and regulations.";

AK. by inserting, in Bye-law 163, after the words "a cable or telex or facsimile", the following words:-

"or electronic" .;

and

AL. by substituting the word "respecting" with the words "in respect of" in Bye-law 168;

and that the directors of the Company be and are hereby authorised to do all such acts, deeds and things as they shall, in their absolute discretion deem fit, in order to effect and complete the foregoing."

By Order of the Board
Chan Lok Kwan
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 23 April 2004

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Notes:

- (1) The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from Monday, 14 June 2004 to Friday, 18 June 2004 (both day inclusive), for the purpose of establishing the entitlement of members to vote at the meeting convened by the above notice. During this period, no transfer of shares of the Company will be registered. In order to qualify for voting, all transfers of shares of the Company, accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged for registration with the Company's Branch Registrar in Hong Kong, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited at shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong not later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, 11 June 2004.
- (2) Any member entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting shall be entitled to appoint another person as his proxy to attend and vote instead of him. A member who is the holder of two or more shares may appoint more than one proxy to represent him and vote on his behalf at the Meeting. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.
- (3) In order to be valid, the form of proxy completed in accordance with the instructions set out therein, 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 at the principal place of business of the Company in Hong Kong situated at 15th Floor, Sing Ho Finance Building, 166-168 Gloucester Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the Meeting or any adjournment thereof.
- (4) The Bye-laws of the Company are written in English. There is no official Chinese translation in respect thereof. Therefore, the Chinese version of Resolution 5 above on amendments of Bye-laws is purely a translation only. Should there be any discrepancies, the English version will prevail.
- (5) With regard to the Ordinary Resolution set out in 4A above, the Directors wish to state that they have no immediate plans to issue any new shares of the Company. Approval is being sought from members as a general mandate in accordance with the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.
- (6) An explanatory statement regarding the general mandate for the purchase of shares sought in the Ordinary Resolution set out in 4B above will be circulated with the 2003 Annual Report and Accounts to be sent to shareholders.