

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the annual general meeting of the Company will be held at Ground Floor, Function Room 1, City Garden Hotel, 9 City Garden Road, North Point, Hong Kong on Friday, 28 May 2004 at 3:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

1. To receive and consider the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2003 and the Reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon.
2. To declare a final dividend.
3. To re-elect retiring directors, to grant power to the board of directors to appoint additional director(s) and to fix directors' remuneration.
4. To re-appoint auditors and to authorise the board of directors to fix their remuneration.
5. As special business, to consider and, if thought fit, pass with or without amendments, the following resolutions as ordinary resolutions of the Company:

A. **"THAT**

- (a) subject to 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 issue, allot and deal with additional 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) of this resolution shall be in addition to any other authorisation given to the Directors and 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 shares issued, allotted, or dealt with by the Directors pursuant to the approval granted in paragraph (a) of this resolution, otherwise than the issue of shares by way of rights, scrip dividend schemes or similar arrangements in accordance with the Bye-laws of the Company or any

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options granted under the share option scheme of the Company, shall not exceed 20% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company on 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 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 Bermuda laws or the Bye-laws of the Company to be held; and
- (iii) the date on which the authority sets out in this resolution is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in a general meeting.”

### B. **“THAT**

- (a) subject to paragraph (b) 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 repurchase issued shares in the capital of the Company in accordance with all applicable laws and requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the aggregate nominal amount of securities to be repurchased by the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) of this resolution shall not exceed 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of share capital of the Company in issue on the date of this resolution and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and

- (c) for the purpose of this resolution, "Relevant Period" means the period from the passing of this 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 Bermuda laws or the Bye-laws of the Company to be held; and
  - (iii) the date on which the authority sets out in the Resolution is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in a general meeting."

C. **"THAT** the general unconditional mandate granted to the directors of the Company to issue, allot and deal with shares pursuant to Ordinary Resolution No. 5A set out in the notice convening this meeting be and is hereby extended by addition thereto of an amount representing the aggregate nominal amount of the shares in the capital of the Company repurchased by the Company under the authority granted pursuant to Ordinary Resolution No. 5B set out in the notice convening this meeting, provided that such amount shall not exceed 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company on the date of passing this resolution."

6. As special business, to consider and, if thought fit, pass with or without amendments, the following resolutions as special resolutions of the Company:

**"THAT** the existing Bye-laws of the Company be and are hereby amended in the following manner:

- (a) by adding the following definition in Bye-law 1 immediately after the definition of "Act"
  - ""associate" the meaning attributed to it in the rules of the Designated Stock Exchange.";
- (b) by deleting the existing definition of "clearing house" in Bye-law 1 and substituting therefor the following new definition:

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“clearing house” a recognized clearing house within the meaning of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of Laws of Hong Kong) or a clearing house recognized by the laws of the jurisdiction in which the shares of the Company are listed or quoted on the stock exchange in such jurisdiction.”;

- (c) by re-numbering the existing Bye-law 76 as Bye-law 76(1) and adding the following new Bye-law 76(2) immediately thereafter:

“76(2) Where any Member is, under the rules of the Designated Stock Exchange, required to abstain from voting on any particular resolution or restricted to voting only for or only against any particular resolution, any votes cast by or on behalf of such Member in contravention of such requirement or restriction shall not be counted.”;

- (d) by deleting the existing Bye-law 88 in its entirety and substituting therefor the following:

“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 in writing 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 in writing signed by the person to be proposed of his willingness to be elected shall have been lodged at the Office or the head 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.”;

- (e) by deleting the existing Bye-law 103 in its entirety and substituting therefor the following:

- “103. (1) A Director shall not vote (nor be counted in the quorum) on any resolution of the Board approving of any contract or arrangement or any other proposal in which he or any of his associate(s) is/are 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 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 or any of its subsidiaries 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

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- (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 Director or his associate(s) 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.”
- (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 his associates (as defined by the rules, where applicable, of the Designated Stock Exchange), (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 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/have 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 authorized unit trust scheme in which the Director or his associate(s) is/are interested only as a unit holder and any shares which carry no voting right at general meetings and very restrictive dividend and return of capital right.
- (3) Where a company in which the Director and/or his associate(s) holds five (5) per cent. or more is/are materially interested in a transaction, then that Director/ 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 his associate(s) 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

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in a case where the nature or extent of the interest of the Director and/or his associate(s) 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.””

By order of the board  
**LEUNG Sau Fong**  
*Company Secretary*

Hong Kong, 29 April 2004

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### *Notes:*

- i. Any member of the Company 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 of the Company.
- ii. 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 thereof, must be deposited at the branch share registrar of the Company in Hong Kong, Hong Kong Registrars Limited at Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting or any adjournment thereof.
- iii. The register of members of the Company will be closed from Thursday, 20 May 2004, to Friday, 28 May 2004, both dates inclusive, during which period no share transfers will be effected. To qualify for the final dividend, all transfers accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong for registration not later than 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 19 May 2004. The cheques for dividend payment will be sent on about Friday, 4 June 2004.
- iv. Pursuant to Bye-law 87(1) of the Company's Bye-laws, Mr. Chung Pui Lam will retire by rotation at the forthcoming annual general meeting of the Company, and being eligible, offer himself for re-election. The biography of Mr. Chung Pui Lam is disclosed in the section headed "Directors and Senior Management" in the Company's 2003 Annual Report.