# **Notice of Annual General Meeting**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at Level 39, Atrium Room, Island Shangri-La, Hong Kong, Pacific Place, Supreme Court Road, Hong Kong on Tuesday, 10 May 2005 at 9:30 a.m. for the following purposes:

- 1. To receive and consider the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements and the Reports of the Directors and Auditors for the year ended 31 December 2004.
- 2. To declare a final dividend for the year ended 31 December 2004.
- 3. To re-elect the retiring Directors and to authorise the Board to fix the remuneration of Directors.
- 4. To re-appoint Auditors and to authorise the Board to fix their remuneration.
- 5. As special business, to consider and, if thought fit, to pass with or without modifications the following resolutions as ordinary resolutions:

# A. **"THAT:**

- (a) subject to paragraph (c) of this Resolution and pursuant to section 57B of the Companies Ordinance, the exercise by the Directors of the Company during the Relevant Period of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with additional shares in the capital of the Company or securities convertible into such shares or options, warrants or similar rights to subscribe for any shares in the Company and to make or grant offers, agreements and options which might require the exercise of such power be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the approval in paragraph (a) of this Resolution 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 power 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) of this Resolution, otherwise than pursuant to (i) a Rights Issue; (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) any option scheme or similar arrangement for the time being adopted for the grant or issue 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 20 per cent. of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue as at the date of the passing of this Resolution and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and
- (d) for the purposes 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 the Articles of Association of the Company or any applicable 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.

"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 exclusions 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)."

## B. "THAT:

- (a) subject to paragraph (b) of this Resolution, the exercise by the Directors of the Company during the Relevant Period of all the powers of the Company to repurchase its own shares on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") or any other stock exchange on which the securities of the Company may be listed and recognised by the Securities and Futures Commission and the Stock Exchange for this purpose, subject to and in accordance with all applicable laws and the requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange or of any other stock exchange as amended from time to time, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the aggregate nominal amount of shares of the Company which may be repurchased by the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) of this Resolution during the Relevant Period shall not exceed 10 per cent. of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue on the date of the passing of 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 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 Articles of Association of the Company or any applicable law to be held; and
- (iii) the revocation or variation of the authority given under this Resolution by ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting."

- C. "THAT conditional upon Resolutions numbered 5A and 5B set out in the notice convening this meeting being passed, the aggregate nominal amount of the number of shares in the capital of the Company which are repurchased by the Company under the authority granted to the Directors of the Company as mentioned in Resolution numbered 5B set out in the notice convening this meeting 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 of the Company pursuant to Resolution numbered 5A set out in the notice convening this meeting, provided that the amount of share capital repurchased by the Company shall not exceed 10 per cent. of the total nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue on the date of the passing of this Resolution."
- 6. As special business, to consider and, if thought fit, to pass with or without modifications the following resolution as a special resolution:

# **SPECIAL RESOLUTION**

"THAT the Articles of Association of the Company be and are hereby amended in the following manner:-

(a) Article 91

by deleting the existing Article 91 in its entirety and substituting therefor the following new Article:

- 91. Subject to the manner of retirement by rotation of Directors as from time to time prescribed under the Listing Rules, at each annual general meeting one-third of the Directors for the time being (or, if their number is not a multiple of three (3), then the number nearest to but not less than one-third) shall retire from office by rotation provided that every Director (including those appointed for a specific term) shall be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years.
- (b) Article 102

by deleting the last sentence "A managing director and a Director holding any other executive office shall not be subject to retirement by rotation.""

By Order of the Board

Dr. Fu Yuning

Chairman

Hong Kong, 6 April 2005

Registered Office: 38th Floor East, China Merchants Tower, Shun Tak Centre, 168-200 Connaught Road Central, Hong Kong.

### Notes:

- 1. A member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting convened pursuant to the above notice is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend and vote in his place. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.
- 2. In order 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 of attorney or authority, must be deposited at the Company's registered office at 38th Floor East, China Merchants Tower, Shun Tak Centre, 168-200 Connaught Road Central, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the meeting.
- 3. The register of members of the Company will be closed from 4 May 2005 to 10 May 2005, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be effected. In order to qualify for the final dividend to be approved at the meeting, all transfers accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's Share Registrar, 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 3 May 2005.
- 4. Concerning resolutions numbered 5A and 5C above, the Board wishes to state that it has no immediate plans to issue any new shares in the Company. The ordinary resolution is being sought from members as a general mandate in compliance with section 57B of the Companies Ordinance and the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange.
- 5. Concerning resolution numbered 5B above, the Board wishes to state that it has no immediate plans to repurchase any existing shares pursuant to the relevant mandate. Approval is being sought from members as a general mandate to be given to the Directors to repurchase shares. The Explanatory Statement required by the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange in connection with the proposed repurchase mandate will be despatched to members together with the notice of the meeting.
- The amendments to the Company's Articles of Association are for the purpose of complying with the new requirements under the revised Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, which became effective from 1 January 2005.
- 7. As at the date of this notice, the Board of Directors of the Company comprises Dr. Fu Yuning, Mr. Zhao Huxiang, Mr. Li Yinquan, Mr. Hu Zheng, Mr. Meng Xi, Mr. Li Yi, Mr. To Wing Sing and Mr. Yu Liming as executive directors; and Mr. Tsang Kam Lan, Mr. Kut Ying Hay, Mr. Lee Yip Wah Peter and Mr. Li Kwok Heem John as independent non-executive directors.