## notice of annual general meeting

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of the Company will be held in the Ballroom, 1st Floor, The Harbour Plaza, 20 Tak Fung Street, Hung Hom, Kowloon, Hong Kong on Thursday, 11th May 2006 at 12:00 noon for the following purposes:

## **Ordinary Business**

- 1. To receive and consider the Statement of Accounts and the Reports of the Directors and Auditors for the year ended 31st December 2005.
- 2. To declare a final dividend and a special dividend.
- 3. To re-elect retiring Directors.
- 4. To appoint Auditors and authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration.

## **Special Business**

5. To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as an Ordinary Resolution:

#### "THAT:

- (a) a general mandate be and is hereby unconditionally given to the Directors during the Relevant Period to issue and dispose of additional shares of the Company not exceeding twenty per cent of the existing issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing this resolution, such mandate to include the granting of offers or options (including bonds and debentures convertible into shares of the Company) which might be exercisable or convertible during or after the Relevant Period; and
- (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;
  - (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 this resolution by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting."
- 6. To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as an Ordinary Resolution:

#### "THAT:

- (a) subject to paragraph (b) below, the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period of all the powers of the Company to repurchase shares of HK\$1.00 each in the issued capital 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 as amended from time to time, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the number of shares of the Company which may be repurchased by the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above shall not exceed ten per cent of the number of shares of the Company in issue at the date of this resolution; and

- (c) 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 this resolution by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting."
- 7. To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as an Ordinary Resolution:
  - "THAT the general mandate granted to the Directors to allot, issue and deal with additional shares pursuant to Resolution 5 set out in the notice convening this meeting be and is hereby extended by the addition thereto of an amount representing the aggregate nominal amount of any share capital of the Company repurchased by the Company under the authority granted pursuant to Resolution 6 set out in the notice convening this meeting, provided that such amount shall not exceed ten per cent of the aggregate nominal amount of the existing issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing the relevant resolution."
- 8. To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as a Special Resolution:
  - "THAT the Articles of Association of the Company be altered by:
  - (a) adding the following definition in Article 2 immediately after the definition of "Associate":
    - "Clearing House" shall mean a recognised clearing house within the meaning of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571) of the laws of Hong Kong as modified from time to time.
  - (b) deleting the existing Article 78 and substituting therefor the following new Article:
    - "78. The Chairman of the Board of Directors, failing whom the Deputy Chairman or the Managing Director, shall preside as chairman at every General Meeting. If there be no such Chairman, Deputy Chairman or Managing Director, or if at any meeting none of them is willing to take the chair or is present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, the Directors present shall choose one of their number, (and if no Director be present, or if all the Directors present decline to take the chair, the members present shall choose one of their number) to be chairman of the meeting."
  - (c) adding the following new Article immediately after Article 96:
    - "96A. Any Clearing House (or its nominee(s)) which is a member of the Company may authorise or appoint such person(s) as it thinks fit to act as its representative(s) or proxy(ies) at any meeting of the Company or of any class of members of the Company provided that, if more than one person is so authorised or appointed, the authorisation or instrument of proxy shall specify the number and class of shares in respect of which each such person is so authorised or appointed. A person so authorised or appointed shall be entitled to exercise the same powers on behalf of the Clearing House (or its nominee(s)) which he represents as that Clearing House (or its nominee(s)) could exercise as if he were an individual member of the Company including, where applicable, the right to vote individually on a show of hands notwithstanding any contrary provisions contained in these Articles."

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- (d) adding the following new Article immediately after Article 100:
  - "100A. An Alternate Director shall be responsible and liable for his own act, omission and default. An Alternate Director shall not be deemed to be an agent of the Director who appoints him. The Director who appoints the Alternate Director shall not be vicariously liable for any acts, including but not limited to any tort, committed by the Alternate Director while acting in the capacity of Alternate Director."
- (e) deleting in Article 106(d) the words "or if he be absent from Hong Kong for a greater period than six months without such consent previously obtained.""

By Order of the Board

### **Lillian Wong**

Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 9th March 2006

## Notes:

- (1) At the Annual General Meeting, the Chairman of the Meeting will exercise his power under Article 80 of the Company's Articles of Association to put each of the above resolutions to the vote by way of a poll.
- (2) A member of the Company entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and on a poll, vote for him. (The number of proxies appointed by any member who is a holder of two or more shares shall not exceed two). A proxy need not be a member. To be valid, all proxies must be deposited at the registered office of the Company, 44 Kennedy Road, Hong Kong, not later than 48 hours before the time for holding the Meeting.
- (3) The register of members will be closed from Thursday, 4th May 2006 to Thursday, 11th May 2006, both days inclusive. To qualify for the final dividend and special dividend, all transfers accompanied by the relevant share certificates should be lodged with the Company's Registrars, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, Rooms 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong, not later than 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 3rd May 2006.
- (4) Regarding Resolution 3 above, Mr. Neil McGee and Mr Wan Chi-tin will retire pursuant to Article 99 of the Company's Articles of Association, while Mr. Ralph Raymond Shea and Mr. Wong Chung-hin will retire under Article 116. All of the aforementioned Directors, being eligible, will offer themselves for re-election at the Meeting. For particulars of these Directors required to be disclosed by the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("Listing Rules"), shareholders may refer to the circular mentioned in Note (6) below.
- (5) With reference to Resolutions 5 and 7 above, the Directors wish to state that they have no immediate plans to issue any new shares in the Company.
- (6) With reference to Resolution 6 above, the Directors wish to state that they will exercise the powers conferred thereby to repurchase shares in circumstances which they deem appropriate for the benefit of the shareholders. The explanatory statement containing the information relating to the repurchase of shares, as required by the Listing Rules, will be despatched to the members together with the 2005 annual report.
- (7) Regarding Resolution 8 above, the proposed amendments to the Company's Articles of Association are also set out in the circular mentioned in Note (6) above.