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# CHINA PIONEER PHARMA HOLDINGS LIMITED 中国先锋医药控股有限公司

(incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability) (Stock Code: 01345)

## PROPOSALS FOR GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE SHARES AND REPURCHASE SHARES; RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS; DECLARATION OF FINAL DIVIDEND; AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A notice convening the annual general meeting of China Pioneer Pharma Holdings Limited to be held at Azalea Hall, 1/F, Radisson Blu Hotel Shanghai Hong Quan, 210 Taopu Road, Putuo District, Shanghai on Friday, 28 April 2017 at 10 a.m. is set out on pages 15 to 20 of this circular. A form of proxy for use at the annual general meeting is also enclosed. Such form of proxy is also published on the website of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited at www.hkexnews.hk.

Whether or not you are able to attend the annual general meeting, you are requested to complete the form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return it to the Hong Kong branch share registrar of the Company, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong, as soon as possible but in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the annual general meeting or any adjournment thereof. Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude shareholders from attending and voting in person at the annual general meeting or any adjourned meeting thereof if they so wish.

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## DEFINITIONS

In this circular, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions shall have the following meanings:

"Annual General Meeting"	the annual general meeting of the Company to be held at Azalea Hall, 1/F, Radisson Blu Hotel Shanghai Hong Quan, 210 Taopu Road, Putuo District, Shanghai on Friday, 28 April 2017 at 10 a.m., or any adjournment thereof and notice of which is set out on pages 15 to 20 of this circular	
"Articles of Association"	the articles of association of the Company	
"Board"	the board of Directors	
"Companies Law"	the Companies Law, Chapter 22 (Law 3 of 1961, as consolidated and revised) of the Cayman Islands as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time	
"Company"	China Pioneer Pharma Holdings Limited (中国先锋医 药控股有限公司), an exempted company incorporated on 5 February 2013 with limited liability under the laws of the Cayman Islands, with its Shares listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange	
"Director(s)"	the director(s) of the Company	
"Final Dividend"	the proposed final dividend of RMB10.3 cents per Share for the year ended 31 December 2016 to Shareholders whose names appear on the register of members of the Company on the Record Date	
"Group"	the Company and its subsidiaries	
"HK\$"	Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong	
"Hong Kong"	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC	
"Issue Mandate"	a general and unconditional mandate proposed to be granted to the Directors at the Annual General Meeting to allot, issue and/or deal with the Shares not exceeding 20 per cent of the number of the issued Shares as at the date of passing of the relevant resolution granting the Issue Mandate	

## DEFINITIONS

"Latest Practicable Date"	17 March 2017, being the latest practicable date prior to the printing of this circular for the purpose of ascertaining certain information contained in this circular		
"Listing Rules"	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange, as amended from time to time		
"Memorandum"	the memorandum of association of the Company		
"Pioneer Pharma"	Pioneer Pharma Shareholding Company Limited, a company established in the PRC and majority owned by Mr. Li Xinzhou and his spouse		
"PRC"	the People's Republic of China, and for the purpose of this circular, excluding Hong Kong, the Macau Special Administrative Region of the PRC and Taiwan Region		
"Record Date"	Monday, 8 May 2017		
"Repurchase Mandate"	a general and unconditional mandate proposed to be granted to the Directors at the Annual General Meeting to repurchase Shares not exceeding 10 per cent of the number of the issued Shares as at the date of passing of the relevant resolution granting the Repurchase Mandate		
"RMB"	Renminbi, the lawful currency of the PRC		
"SFO"	Securities and Futures Ordinance, Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong, as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time		
"Share(s)"	ordinary share(s) in the share capital of the Company with a par value of US\$0.01 each		
"Shareholder(s)"	the holder(s) of the Share(s)		
"Stock Exchange"	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited		
"Takeovers Code"	the Hong Kong Code on Takeovers and Mergers, as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time		
"US\$"	United States dollars, the lawful currency of the United States		

In this circular, the terms "close associate", "core connected person", "controlling shareholder", "subsidiary" and "substantial shareholder" shall have the meanings given to such terms in the Listing Rules, unless the context otherwise requires.



# CHINA PIONEER PHARMA HOLDINGS LIMITED 中国先锋医药控股有限公司

(incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability) (Stock Code: 01345)

Executive Directors: Mr. Li Xinzhou (Chairman) Mr. Zhu Mengjun (Chief Executive Officer)

Non-executive Directors: Mr. Wang Yinping Mr. Wu Mijia

Independent Non-executive Directors: Mr. Xu Zhonghai Mr. Lai Chanshu Mr. Wong Chi Hung, Stanley Registered office: 190 Elgin Avenue George Town Grand Cayman KY1-9005 Cayman Islands

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23 March 2017

To the Shareholders

Dear Sir or Madam,

# PROPOSALS FOR GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE SHARES AND REPURCHASE SHARES; RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS; DECLARATION OF FINAL DIVIDEND; AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this circular is to give you the notice of Annual General Meeting and the following proposals to be put forward at the Annual General Meeting: (a) the grant to the Directors of the Issue Mandate and the Repurchase Mandate; (b) the re-election of the retiring Directors; and (c) information relating to the Final Dividend.

#### 2. ISSUE MANDATE

In order to ensure flexibility and give discretion to the Directors in the event that it becomes desirable for the Company to issue any new Shares, approval is to be sought from the Shareholders, pursuant to the Listing Rules, for the general mandate to issue Shares. At the Annual General Meeting, an ordinary resolution no. 8 will be proposed to grant the Issue Mandate to the Directors to exercise the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with the additional Shares not exceeding 20 per cent of the number of issued Shares as at the date of passing of the resolution in relation to the Issue Mandate.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the issued Shares comprised 1,333,334,000 Shares. Subject to the passing of the ordinary resolution no. 8 and on the basis that no further Shares are issued or repurchased after the Latest Practicable Date and up to the Annual General Meeting, the Company will be allowed to issue a maximum of 266,666,800 Shares.

In addition, subject to a separate approval of the ordinary resolution no. 10, the number of Shares repurchased by the Company under ordinary resolution no. 9 will also be added to extend the 20 per cent limit of the Issue Mandate as mentioned in the ordinary resolution no. 8 provided that such additional amount shall not exceed 10 per cent of the number of Shares in issue as at the date of passing the resolutions in relation to the Issue Mandate and the Repurchase Mandate. The Directors wish to state that they have no immediate plans to issue any new Shares pursuant to the Issue Mandate.

The Issue Mandate, if approved, will continue to be in force from the passing of the said resolution until whichever of the following first occurs: (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 any applicable laws or the Articles of Association or to be held; and (iii) the revocation or variation of the authority given under such ordinary resolution by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders in general meeting.

#### 3. **REPURCHASE MANDATE**

In addition, an ordinary resolution will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting to approve the granting of the Repurchase Mandate to the Directors to exercise the powers of the Company to repurchase Shares representing up to 10 per cent of the number of issued Shares as at the date of passing of the resolution in relation to the Repurchase Mandate.

The Repurchase Mandate, if approved, will continue to be in force from passing of the said resolution until whichever of the following first occurs: (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 any applicable laws or the Articles of Association to be held; and (iii) the revocation or variation of the authority given under the resolution by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders in general meeting.

The Company has no current intention of exercising the Repurchase Mandate.

An explanatory statement required by the Listing Rules to be sent to the Shareholders in connection with the proposed Repurchase Mandate is set out in Appendix II to this circular. This explanatory statement contains all information reasonably necessary to enable the Shareholders to make an informed decision on whether to vote for or against the relevant resolution at the Annual General Meeting.

#### 4. **RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS**

In accordance with article 104(1) of the Articles of Association, the Directors being Mr. Wu Mijia, Mr. Wang Yinping and Mr. Wong Chi Hung, Stanley shall retire by rotation and being eligible, have offered themselves for re-election as Directors at the Annual General Meeting.

Details of the above retiring Directors who are subject to re-election at the Annual General Meeting are set out in Appendix I to this circular in accordance with the relevant requirements of the Listing Rules.

#### 5. FINAL DIVIDEND

As stated in the announcement issued by the Company dated 22 March 2017 relating to the annual results of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2016, the Board recommends the payment of the Final Dividend of RMB10.3 cents per Share for the year ended 31 December 2016 to the Shareholders whose names appear on the register of members of the Company on the Record Date. The Final Dividend is subject to the Shareholders' approval at the Annual General Meeting and a resolution will be put to the Shareholders for voting at the Annual General Meeting.

The last day for dealing in Shares cum entitlements to the Final Dividend will be Tuesday, 2 May 2017. The register of members of the Company will be closed on Monday, 8 May 2017, during which the registration of transfer of Shares will be suspended.

To qualify for the Final Dividend, all transfers of Shares accompanied by the relevant share certificates and transfer forms must be lodged with the Hong Kong branch share registrar of the Company, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at Shops 1712–1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong, for registration not later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, 5 May 2017.

Shareholders whose names appear on the register of members of the Company on the Record Date, i.e. Monday, 8 May 2017, will be entitled to the Final Dividend. Payment of such Final Dividend in Hong Kong Dollars is expected to be made to the Shareholders on Monday, 15 May 2017 after the Shareholders' approval at the Annual General Meeting on Friday, 28 April 2017. The Final Dividend will be paid in Hong Kong dollars, the amount of which is to be calculated by reference to the middle rate last published by People's Bank of China for the conversion of Renminbi to Hong Kong dollars as at 2 May 2017.

#### 6. NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Set out on pages 15 to 20 of this circular is the notice of the Annual General Meeting containing, inter alia, ordinary resolutions in relation to granting the Directors the Issue Mandate and the Repurchase Mandate and approving the re-election of the retiring Directors. The register of members of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, 18 April 2017 to Friday, 28 April 2017, both days inclusive, in order to determine the identity of the Shareholders who are entitled to attend the Annual General Meeting. All transfers of Shares accompanied by the relevant share certificates and transfer forms must be lodged with the Company's branch share 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 before 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, 13 April 2017.

#### 7. FORM OF PROXY

A form of proxy is enclosed for use at the Annual General Meeting. Such form of proxy is also published on the website of the Stock Exchange at www.hkexnews.hk. Whether or not you intend to be present at the Annual General Meeting, you are requested to complete the form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return it to the Hong Kong branch share registrar of the Company, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time fixed for the holding of the Annual General Meeting or at any adjournment thereof. Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude Shareholders from attending and voting in person at the Annual General Meeting or any adjoined meeting thereof if they so wish.

#### 8. VOTING BY POLL

Pursuant to Rule 13.39(4) of the Listing Rules, any vote of Shareholders at a general meeting (save for certain procedural or administrative matters) must be taken by poll. The chairman of the Annual General Meeting shall therefore demand voting on all resolutions set out in the notice of the Annual General Meeting be taken by way of poll pursuant to article 81 of the Articles of Association.

On a poll, every Shareholder present in person or by proxy or, in the case of a Shareholder being a corporation, by its duly authorised representative shall have one vote for every fully paid Share of which he is the holder. A Shareholder entitled to more than one vote on a poll needs not use all his votes or cast all the votes he uses in the same way.

#### 9. RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

This circular, for which the Directors collectively and individually accept full responsibility, includes particulars given in compliance with the Listing Rules for the purpose of giving information with regard to the Company. The Directors, having made all reasonable enquiries, confirm that to the best of their knowledge and belief the

information contained in this circular is accurate and complete in all material respects and not misleading or deceptive, and there are no other matters, the omission of which would make any statement herein or this circular misleading.

#### 10. **RECOMMENDATION**

The Directors consider that the proposed resolutions for the granting to the Directors of the Issue Mandate and the Repurchase Mandate, approving the re-election of the retiring Directors and declaration of the Final Dividend are in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole. The Directors therefore recommend the Shareholders to vote in favour of all the resolutions to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

Yours faithfully, By Order of the Board China Pioneer Pharma Holdings Limited Li Xinzhou Chairman

#### APPENDIX I DETAILS OF DIRECTORS PROPOSED FOR RE-ELECTION

The following are the particulars of the Directors (as required by the Listing Rules) proposed to be re-elected at the Annual General Meeting.

WU Mijia (吳米佳), aged 43, is a non-executive Director. Mr. Wu joined the Company in October 2013. Mr. Wu has over 13 years of experience in finance and investment. He has been the managing director of Shanghai Ceton Investment Management (上海策通投資管理有限公司) since June 2008. Prior to that, Mr. Wu served as a director at UBS AG, Hong Kong Branch between May and August 2007 and a vice president at BNP Paribas, Hong Kong branch between September 2005 and December 2006. He was an assistant vice president at ABN AMRO Bank (China) Co., Ltd. where he worked between October 2002 and June 2005. Mr. Wu graduated from Guangdong University of Foreign Studies (廣東外語外貿大學) with a bachelor's degree in international business in June 1996. Mr. Wu obtained a master's degree in business administration from the Manchester Business School of the University of the Manchester in June 2001 and an executive master's degree in business administration from the Cheung Kong Graduate School of Business (長江商學院) in October 2012. Mr. Wu is a member of the audit committee and a member of the remuneration committee of the Company.

Mr. Wu has automatically renewed his letter of appointment with the Company for a term of one year commencing from 16 October 2016. Mr. Wu is entitled to a fixed annual director's fee of HK\$240,000 which was determined by the Board with reference to his qualifications, duties and responsibilities with the Group and the then prevailing market conditions. Save as disclosed above, Mr. Wu had not received any other payments (whether fixed or discretionary in nature) from the Group for the year ended 31 December 2016.

WANG Yinping (王引平), aged 55, is our non-executive Director. Mr. Wang joined the Group in January 2015 as an executive Director and chief executive officer, and redesignated from the position of executive Director to non-executive Director, and has resigned as the chief executive officer in December 2016. Mr. Wang is very experienced in corporate management. He joined Sinochem Import and Export Corporation (中國化工進 出口總公司) (now known as China Sinochem Group Corporation (中國中化集團公司), "Sinochem Group") in 1987. Since then, he had taken various senior positions within the group of Sinochem Group until 2014, when he resigned as the vice president of Sinochem Group. During the 27 years he spent with Sinochem Group, Mr. Wang had taken the following major positions. From 1988 to 1992, Mr. Wang was the vice general manager of Sinochem Group Hainan Company (中化集團海南公司). From 1993 to 1997, he was the general manager of Sinochem Group Pudong Company (中化集團浦東公司). From 1997 to 1998, he was the vice general manager of China Foreign Economy and Trade Trust Co., Ltd. (中國對外經濟貿易信託有限公司), a member company of the group of Sinochem Group. From 1998 to 1999, he was the general manager of the human resources department of Sinochem Group. During this period, he was also the vice president of Sinochem Group. From 2001 to 2004, he was the general manager of Sinochem International Trade Co., Ltd. (中化國際貿易股份有限公司) (now known as Sinochem International Corporation (中化國際(控股)股份有限公司), a company listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange with the stock code of 600500. During the same period, he was also the director of the board of Bank of Communications Co., Ltd. (交通銀行股份有限公司), a company listed on the Stock Exchange with the stock code of 3328 and on the Shanghai

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Stock Exchange with the stock code of 601328. In 2005, he was re-appointed as the vice president of Sinochem Group. During 2010 to 2014, he was also the chairman of the board of China Foreign Economy and Trade Trust Co., Ltd. (中國對外經濟貿易信託有限公司), the chairman of the board and general manager of Sinochem Lantian Co., Ltd. (中化藍天集團 有限公司), and the chairman of the board of Zhejiang Int'l Group Co., Ltd (浙江英特集團股份有限公司), a company listed on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange with the stock code of 000411. Mr. Wang was appointed as a director of Western Potash Corp., a company listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange (Stock Quote: WPX) on 16 September 2015 and resigned on 29 September 2016, and was appointed as an independent non-executive director of Yida China Holdings Limited (億達中國控股有限公司), a company listed on the Stock Exchange with the stock code of 3639 on 31 December 2016. Mr. Wang graduated from Renmin University of China (中國人民大學) with a bachelor's degree in law in 1985. He also received an MBA degree from China Europe International Business School (中歐國際工商 學院) in 2004.

Mr. Wang was appointed to the Board on 1 January 2015. Pursuant to a service contract for a term of three years commencing from 1 January 2015, Mr. Wang was entitled to a fixed annual director's fee of RMB1,000,000 during the term of the agreement which was determined by the Board with reference to his qualifications, duties and responsibilities with the Group and the then prevailing market conditions. Mr. Wang has re-entered into a letter of appointment with the Company on 29 December 2016 for a term of 3 years commencing from 29 December 2016 and may be terminated in accordance with the terms of letter of appointment. Mr. Wang will be entitled to a director's fee to be determined by the Board with reference to his qualifications, duties and responsibilities with the Group and the prevailing market conditions. Save as disclosed above, Mr. Wang had not received any other payments (whether fixed or discretionary in nature) from the Group for the year ended 31 December 2016.

As of the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Wang as beneficial owner was interested in 1,300,000 Shares.

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WONG Chi Hung, Stanley (黃志雄), aged 54, is our independent non-executive Director. Mr. Wong joined the Group in October 2013. Mr. Wong has experience in auditing, accounting and financial advisory services. He was appointed as the director of KBS Fashion Group Limited (formerly known as Aquasition Corp.), a company listed on the NASDAQ (stock quote: KBSF) since August 2014 and resigned on 15 March 2015. He has been an independent non-executive director of Great Wall Motor Company Limited (長城汽車股份有限公司), a company listed on the Stock Exchange (stock code: 2333) and Shanghai Stock Exchange (stock code: 601633) since November 2010. Mr. Wong has served as a chief financial officer of Hongri International Holdings Company Limited (紅日國際控 股有限公司) since November 2009. He served as a chief executive officer of China Biologic Products, Inc. (中國生物製品有限公司) between March 2007 and May 2008 and a consultant of the same company between June 2008 and December 2008. Mr. Wong is a fellow member of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and a fellow member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants. He holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from University of Kent (肯特大學) and an EMBA from Peking University (北京 大學). He is also a qualified independent director recognised by the Shanghai Stock Exchange. Mr. Wong is the chairman of the audit committee of the Company.

Mr. Wong has automatically renewed his letter of appointment with the Company for a term of one year commencing from 16 October 2016. Mr. Wong is entitled to a fixed annual director's fee of HK\$350,000 which was determined by the Board with reference to his qualifications, duties and responsibilities with the Group and the then prevailing market conditions. Save as disclosed above, Mr. Wong had not received any other payments (whether fixed or discretionary in nature) from the Group for the year ended 31 December 2016.

Save as disclosed herein and as at the Latest Practicable Date, each of the above Directors did not have, and was not deemed to have any interests or short positions in any Shares, underlying Shares or interests in debentures of the Company and its associated corporations within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Save as disclosed above and immediately preceding the Latest Practicable Date, each of the above Directors has not held any directorships in other listed public companies during the past three years, does not hold any other position with the Company or other members of the Group and does not have any other relationships with any of the other Directors, senior management, substantial shareholders or controlling shareholders of the Company.

Save as disclosed above, there are no other matters concerning each of the above Directors that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders in connection with his re-election and there is no other information that should be disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules.

The following is an explanatory statement required by the Stock Exchange to be sent to the Shareholders under the Listing Rules in connection with the proposed Repurchase Mandate.

#### 1. LISTING RULES

The Listing Rules permit companies with a primary listing on the Stock Exchange to repurchase their shares on the Stock Exchange subject to certain restrictions, the most important of which are summarized below:

- (i) the shares to be repurchased by a company must be fully paid-up;
- (ii) the company has previously sent to its shareholders an explanatory statement complying with the Listing Rules; and
- (iii) all on market repurchase of shares by a company with its primary listing on the Stock Exchange must be approved in advance by an ordinary resolution, either by way of a specific approval in relation to specific transactions or by a general mandate to the directors of the company to make such repurchase, and a copy of such resolution together with the necessary documentation have been delivered to the Stock Exchange in accordance with the Listing Rules.

#### 2. SHARE CAPITAL

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the issued Share capital comprised 1,333,334,000 Shares of nominal value of US\$0.01 each. Subject to the passing of the resolution granting the Repurchase Mandate and on the basis that no further Shares are issued or repurchased before the Annual General Meeting, the Company will be allowed to repurchase a maximum of 133,333,400 Shares which represent 10 per cent of the issued Shares during the period ending on 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 any applicable laws or the Articles of Association to be held; and (iii) the revocation or variation of the authority given under the resolution by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders in general meeting.

#### 3. REASONS AND FUNDING OF REPURCHASES

The Directors believe that it is in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole to seek a general authority from the Shareholders to enable the Company to repurchase its Shares. Such repurchases may, depending on market conditions and funding arrangements at the time, lead to an enhancement of the net asset value per Share and/or its earnings per Share and will only be made when the Directors believe that such a repurchase will benefit the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

Repurchases of Shares will be financed out of funds legally available for the purpose in accordance with the Articles of Association, the Listing Rules and the applicable laws and regulations of the Cayman Islands. The Companies Law provides that the amount of capital repaid in connection with a share repurchase may be paid out of the profits of the Company or the proceeds of a fresh issue of Shares made for the purposes of the

repurchase or out of capital subject to and in accordance with the Companies Law. The amount of premium payable on repurchase may only be paid out of either the profits of the Company or out of the share premium account before or at the time the Company's Shares are repurchased in the manner provided for in the Companies Law.

The Directors have no present intention to repurchase any Shares and they would only exercise the power to repurchase in circumstances where they consider that the repurchase would be in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole. The Directors consider that if the Repurchase Mandate was to be exercised in full, it may not have a material adverse impact on the working capital or the gearing position of the Company, as compared with the positions disclosed in the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company as at 31 December 2016, being the date to which the latest published audited consolidated financial statements of the Company were made up. 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 on the gearing levels which in the opinion of the Directors are from time to time appropriate for the Company.

#### 4. TAKEOVERS CODE

If as a result of a repurchase of Shares pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate, a Shareholder 's proportionate interest in the voting rights of the Company increases, such increase will be treated as an acquisition for the purposes of Rule 32 of the Takeovers Code. Accordingly, a Shareholder, or a group of Shareholders acting in concert (within the meaning of the Takeovers Code), depending on the level of increase in the Shareholder's interest, could obtain or consolidate control of the Company and become obliged to make a mandatory offer in accordance with Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code. Save as aforesaid, the Directors are not aware of any consequences which would arise under the Takeovers Code as a result of any repurchase of Shares pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, to the best knowledge and belief of the Directors, Mr. Li Xinzhou and his spouse Ms. Wu Qian are parties acting in concert (the "Concert Parties") for the purpose of the Takeovers Code, and are deemed to be interested in a total of 932,879,000 Shares, representing approximately 69.97% of the issued share capital of the Company. Mr. Li Xinzhou is the founder of a discretionary trust, through which UBS Trustees (BVI) Limited through its controlled corporations in its capacity as trustee held 921,824,000 Shares. In the event that the Directors should exercise in full the Repurchase Mandate, the aggregate interests of the Concert Parties will be increased to approximately 77.74% of the issued share capital of the Company. On the basis of the aforesaid increase of shareholding, the Directors are not aware of any consequences of such repurchases of Shares that would result in a Shareholder, or group of Shareholders acting in concert, becoming obliged to make a mandatory offer under Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code if the Repurchase Mandate was exercised in full. As the exercise of the Repurchase Mandate in full would result in insufficient public float of the Company, the Directors have no intention to exercise the Repurchase Mandate to such an extent that results in a public shareholding of less than the minimum public float requirement of 25% of the total number of issued Shares.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the following Shareholders had interests representing 5% or more of the issued share capital of the Company:

		Number of	
Name of substantial	Capacity/	shares	% of issued
shareholder	Nature of interest	interested	share capital
Li Xinzhou	Founder of a discretionary	921,824,000	69.14%
	trust (Notes 1 & 6)	(Long Position)	
	Interest of spouse (Note 2)	1,403,000	0.11%
	-	(Long Position)	
	Beneficial owner	9,652,000	0.72%
		(Long Position)	
Wu Qian	Founder of a discretionary	921,824,000	69.14%
	trust (Notes 3 & 6)	(Long Position)	
	Interest of spouse (Note 4)	9,652,000	0.72%
	1 I	(Long Position)	
	Beneficial owner	1,403,000	0.11%
		(Long Position)	
Tian Tian Limited	Interest of controlled	921,824,000	69.14%
	corporation (Note 5)	(Long Position)	
UBS Trustees (BVI)	Trustee (Note 1 & 6)	921,824,000	69.14%
Limited		(Long Position)	07.11/0
Pioneer Pharma	Beneficial owner	921,824,000	69.14%
(BVI) Co., Ltd.	Denencial Uwilei	(Long Position)	07.1470

Notes:

- 1. Mr. Li Xinzhou is a founder of the discretionary trust and is deemed to be interested in 921,824,000 Shares held under the discretionary trust.
- 2. Such 1,403,000 Shares are held by Ms. Wu Qian, the spouse of Mr. Li Xinzhou. Accordingly, Mr. Li Xinzhou is deemed to be interested in such 1,403,000 Shares.
- 3. Ms. Wu Qian is a founder of the discretionary trust and is deemed to be interested in 921,824,000 Shares held under the discretionary trust.
- 4. Such 9,652,000 Shares are held by Mr. Li Xinzhou, the spouse of Ms. Wu Qian. Accordingly, Ms. Wu Qian is deemed to be interested in such 9,652,000 Shares.
- 5. Tian Tian Limited through its controlled corporation, Pioneer Pharma (BVI) Co., Ltd, is deemed to be interested in 921,824,000 Shares held by Pioneer Pharma (BVI) Co., Ltd.
- 6. UBS Trustees (BVI) Limited, as trustee of the discretionary trust, through its controlled corporations (being Tian Tian Limited and Pioneer Pharma (BVI) Co., Ltd.) is deemed to be interested in 921,824,000 Shares held by Pioneer Pharma (BVI) Co., Ltd.

# 5. DIRECTORS, THEIR CLOSE ASSOCIATES AND CORE CONNECTED PERSONS

None of the Directors nor, to the best of their knowledge having made reasonable enquiries, any of their close associates has any present intention, in the event that the Repurchase Mandate is approved by Shareholders, to sell Shares to the Company. No core connected person of the Company has notified the Company that he/she/it has any present intention to sell Shares to the Company, or has undertaken not to do so, in the event that the Repurchase Mandate is approved by the Shareholders.

#### 6. UNDERTAKING OF THE DIRECTORS

The Directors have undertaken to the Stock Exchange to exercise the power of the Company to make repurchases pursuant to the proposed Repurchase Mandate in accordance with the Listing Rules, the applicable laws of the Cayman Islands and in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

#### 7. SHARE REPURCHASE MADE BY THE COMPANY

No repurchases of Shares have been made by the Company in the six months prior to the Latest Practicable Date (whether on the Stock Exchange or otherwise).

#### 8. SHARE PRICES

The following table shows the highest and lowest prices at which the Shares have been traded on the Stock Exchange during the 12 months preceding the Latest Practicable Date:

	Highest	Lowest
Month	traded prices	traded prices
	HK\$	HK\$
2016		
April	2.24	1.79
May	1.93	1.56
June	1.79	1.61
July	1.98	1.62
August	2.79	1.84
September	2.74	2.08
October	2.53	2.14
November	3.11	2.50
December	2.88	2.60
2017		
January	2.85	2.54
February	2.82	2.41
March (up to the Latest Practicable Date)	3.04	2.59



# CHINA PIONEER PHARMA HOLDINGS LIMITED 中国先锋医药控股有限公司

(incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability) (Stock Code: 01345)

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** the annual general meeting (the "Meeting") of China Pioneer Pharma Holdings Limited (the "Company") will be held at Azalea Hall, 1/F, Radisson Blu Hotel Shanghai Hong Quan, 210 Taopu Road, Putuo District, Shanghai on Friday, 28 April 2017 at 10 a.m. for considering and, if thought fit, passing, with or without amendments, the following resolutions as ordinary resolutions of the Company:

#### **ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS**

- 1. To receive and adopt the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries and the reports of the directors and auditor of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2016.
- 2. To declare a final dividend for the year ended 31 December 2016.
- 3. To re-elect Mr. Wu Mijia as a non-executive director of the Company.
- 4. To re-elect Mr. Wang Yinping as a non-executive director of the Compnay.
- 5. To re-elect Mr. Wong Chi Hung, Stanley as an independent non-executive director of the Company.
- 6. To authorise the board of directors of the Company to fix the remuneration of the directors of the Company.
- 7. To re-appoint Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu as auditor of the Company and authorise the board of directors of the Company to fix its remuneration.

8. To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as an ordinary resolution:

## "That:

- (i) subject to paragraph (iii) below, the exercise by the directors of the Company during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue or otherwise deal with additional shares in the capital of the Company or securities convertible into shares, or options, warrants or similar rights to subscribe for shares or such convertible securities of the Company and to make or grant offers, agreements and/or options (including bonds, warrants and debentures convertible into shares of the Company) which may require the exercise of such powers be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (ii) the approval in paragraph (i) above shall be in addition to any other authorisation given to the directors of the Company and shall authorise the directors of the Company during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) to make or grant offers, agreements and/or options which may require the exercise of such power after the end of the Relevant Period;
- (iii) the aggregate number of shares allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted (whether pursuant to options or otherwise) by the directors of the Company during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) pursuant to paragraph (i) above, otherwise than pursuant to (1) a Rights Issue (as hereinafter defined); or (2) the grant or exercise of any option under the share option scheme of the Company or any other option, scheme or similar arrangement for the time being adopted for the grant or issue to the directors, officers and/or employees of the Company and/or any of its subsidiaries of shares or rights to acquire shares of the Company; or (3) 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 in force from time to time; or (4) any issue of shares in the Company upon the exercise of rights of subscription or conversion under the terms of any existing convertible notes issued by the Company or any existing securities of the Company which carry rights to subscribe for or are convertible into shares of the Company, shall not exceed the aggregate of 20 per cent of the number of shares of the Company in issue as at the date of passing this resolution and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and

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- (iv) for the purpose of this resolution:
  - (a) "Relevant Period" means the period from the passing of this resolution until whichever is the earliest of:
    - the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
    - (2) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by any applicable laws or the articles of association of the Company to be held;
    - (3) the revocation or variation of the authority given under this resolution by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting; and
  - (b) "Rights Issue" means an offer of shares of the Company, or an offer or issue of warrants, options or other securities giving rights to subscribe for shares, open for a period fixed by the directors of the Company to holders of shares of the Company or any class thereof whose names appear on the register of members 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, or the expense or delay which may be involved in determining the exercise or extent of any restrictions or obligations under the laws of, or the requirements of, any jurisdiction applicable to the Company, any recognised regulatory body or any stock exchange applicable to the Company)."

9. To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as an ordinary resolution:

#### "That:

- (i) subject to paragraph (iii) below, the exercise by the directors of the Company during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to repurchase shares of the Company on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") or on any other stock exchange on which the shares of the Company may be listed and recognised for this purpose by the Securities and Futures Commission and the Stock Exchange under the Code on Share Buy-backs and, subject to and in accordance with all applicable laws and the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (ii) the approval in paragraph (i) of this resolution above shall be in addition to any other authorisation given to the Directors of the Company and shall authorise the Directors of the Company on behalf of the Company during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) to procure the Company to repurchase its shares at a price determined by the Directors of the Company;
- (iii) the aggregate number of the shares of the Company, which may be repurchased by the Company during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) pursuant to the approval in paragraph (i) above shall not exceed 10 per cent of the number of the shares of the Company in issue as at the date of passing of this resolution, and the said approval shall be limited accordingly;
- (iv) subject to the passing of each of the paragraphs (i), (ii) and (iii) of this resolution, any prior approvals of the kind referred to in paragraphs (i), (ii) and (iii) of this resolution which had been granted to the directors of the Company and which are still in effect be and are hereby revoked; and
- (v) for the purpose of this resolution:

"Relevant Period" means the period from the passing of this resolution until whichever is the earliest of:

- (a) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
- (b) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by any applicable laws or the articles of association of the Company to be held; and

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- (c) the revocation or variation of the authority given under this resolution by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting."
- 10. To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as an ordinary resolution:

"That conditional upon the resolutions numbered 8 and 9 set out in the notice convening this meeting being passed, the general mandate granted to the directors of the Company to exercise the powers of the Company to allot, issue and otherwise deal with new shares of the Company and to make or grant offers, agreements and options which might require the exercise of such powers pursuant to the ordinary resolution numbered 8 set out in the notice convening this meeting be and is hereby extended by the addition to the number of shares of the Company which may be allotted or agreed conditional or unconditionally to be allotted by the directors of the Company pursuant to such general mandate of an amount representing the number of shares of the Company under the authority granted pursuant to ordinary resolution numbered 9 set out in the notice convening this meeting, provided that such extended amount shall not exceed 10 per cent of the number of shares of the Company in issue as at the date of passing of this resolution."

By Order of the Board China Pioneer Pharma Holdings Limited Li Xinzhou Chairman

Hong Kong, 23 March 2017

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Notes:

- (i) Ordinary resolution numbered 10 will be proposed to the shareholders for approval provided that ordinary resolutions numbered 8 and 9 are passed by the shareholders of the Company.
- (ii) A shareholder entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting is entitled to appoint another person as his/her proxy to attend and vote instead of him/her; a proxy need not be a shareholder of the Company. A shareholder who is the holder of two or more shares may appoint more than one proxy to represent him/her and vote on his/her behalf at the Meeting. On a poll, votes may be given either personally or by proxy.

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- (iii) In the case of joint holders, any one of such joint holders may vote at the Meeting, either in person or by proxy, in respect of such share as if he/she were solely entitled thereto, but if more than one of such joint holders be present at the Meeting, the vote of the senior who tenders a vote, whether in person or by proxy, will be accepted to the exclusion of the vote(s) of the other joint holder(s) and for this purpose seniority shall be determined as that one of the said persons so present whose name stands first on the register of members of the Company in respect of such share shall alone be entitled to vote in respect thereof.
- (iv) In order to be valid, a form of proxy must be deposited at the Hong Kong branch share registrar of the Company, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong, together with the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed (or a notarially certified copy thereof) not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the above meeting or any adjournment thereof. The completion and return of the form of proxy shall not preclude shareholders of the Company from attending and voting in person at the above meeting (or any adjourned meeting thereof) if they so wish.
- (v) The transfer books and register of members of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, 18 April 2017 to Friday, 28 April 2017, both days inclusive, to determine the entitlement of the Shareholders to attend the Meeting, during which period no share transfers can be registered. In order to qualify for attending the Meeting, all transfers accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Hong Kong branch share registrar of the Company, 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 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, 13 April 2017.
- (vi) Subject to the approval of shareholders at the Meeting, the proposed final dividend will be payable to shareholders whose names appear on the register of members of the Company on Monday, 8 May 2017. The transfer books and register of members of the Company will be closed on Monday, 8 May 2017, during which period no transfers of shares of the Company will be registered. All transfers of Shares accompanied by the relevant share certificates and transfer forms must be lodged with the Hong Kong share registrar of the Company, 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 4:30 p.m. on Friday, 5 May 2017.
- (vii) In respect of ordinary resolutions numbered 3 to 5 above, Mr. Wu Mijia, Mr. Wang Yinping and Mr. Wong Chi Hung, Stanley shall retire at the Meeting and being eligible, have offered themselves for re-election at the above meeting. Details of the above retiring directors are set out in Appendix I to the accompanied circular dated 23 March 2017.
- (viii) In respect of the ordinary resolution numbered 8 above, the directors of the Company (the "Directors") wish to state that they have no immediate plans to issue any new shares of the Company. Approval is being sought from the shareholders of the Company as a general mandate for the purposes of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the "Listing Rules").
- (ix) In respect of ordinary resolution numbered 9 above, the Directors wish to state that they will exercise the powers conferred by the general mandate to repurchase shares of the Company in circumstances which they deem appropriate for the benefits of the Company and shareholders of the Company as a whole. The explanatory statement containing the information necessary to enable shareholders to make an informed decision on whether to vote for or against the resolution to approve the repurchase by the Company of its own shares, as required by the Listing Rules, is set out in Appendix II to the accompanied circular dated 23 March 2017.