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CHINA MERCHANTS CHINA DIRECT INVESTMENTS LIMITED 招商局中國基金有限公司

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 133)

PROPOSALS RELATING TO
GENERAL MANDATE TO BUY BACK SHARES
AND
RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS
AND
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A notice convening the annual general meeting of China Merchants China Direct Investments Limited to be held at Tianshan Room, Level 5, Island Shangri-La, Hong Kong, Two Pacific Place, Supreme Court Road, Central, Hong Kong on Friday, 25 May 2018 at 10:00 a.m., at which the above proposals will be considered, is set out on pages 10 to 12 of this circular. Whether or not you are able to attend the meeting, please complete and return the accompanying form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon as soon as possible and in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting. Completion and return of the form of proxy shall not preclude you from attending and voting at the annual general meeting if you so wish.

This circular is required to be sent to Shareholders under the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and also constitutes the memorandum required under section 239(2) of the Companies Ordinance (Chapter 622 of the Laws of Hong Kong).

DEFINITIONS

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

"Annual General Meeting" the annual general meeting of the Company to be held on

Friday, 25 May 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at Tianshan Room, Level 5, Island Shangri-La, Hong Kong, Two Pacific Place,

Supreme Court Road, Central, Hong Kong

"Articles of Association" the articles of association of the Company as amended,

supplemented or modified from time to time

"Board" board of Directors

"Companies Ordinance" the Companies Ordinance, Chapter 622 of the Laws of Hong

Kong

"Company" China Merchants China Direct Investments Limited, a

company duly incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability, the shares of which are listed on the Stock Exchange

"Director(s)" director(s) of the Company

"Hong Kong" the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's

Republic of China

"Investment Manager" China Merchants China Investment Management Limited, a

fund management company incorporated in Hong Kong with

limited liability and registered under the SFO

"Latest Practicable Date" 18 April 2018, being the latest practicable date prior to the

printing of this circular for ascertaining certain information

contained in this circular

"Listing Rules" the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock

Exchange

"SFO" the Securities and Futures Ordinance, Chapter 571 of the

Laws of Hong Kong

"Shareholders" holders of Shares

"Shares" share(s) of the Company

"Stock Exchange" The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

"Takeovers Code" The Code on Takeovers and Mergers



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Executive Directors:

Mr. HONG Xiaoyuan (Chairman)

Mr. CHU Lap Lik, Victor

Mr. WANG Xiaoding

Mr. TSE Yue Kit

Ms. KAN Ka Yee, Elizabeth

(Alternate to Mr. CHU Lap Lik, Victor)

Non-executive Directors:

Mr. KE Shifeng

Mr. ZHANG Rizhong

Independent Non-executive Directors:

Mr. LIU Baojie

Mr. TSANG Wah Kwong

Dr. LI Fang

24 April 2018

Registered Office:

Hong Kong

1609, Three Pacific Place1 Queen's Road East

To the Shareholders

Dear Sir or Madam,

PROPOSALS RELATING TO GENERAL MANDATE TO BUY BACK SHARES AND RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

INTRODUCTION

At the annual general meeting of the Company held on 26 May 2017, a general mandate was given to the Directors to exercise the powers of the Company to buy back Shares. Such mandate will lapse at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting. Ordinary resolutions will therefore be proposed at the Annual General Meeting to renew the general mandate to buy back Shares and to re-elect the retiring Directors.

GENERAL MANDATE TO BUY BACK SHARES

The Directors propose that they be granted at the Annual General Meeting a general and unconditional mandate to exercise all the powers of the Company to buy back Shares up to a maximum of 10 per cent of the issued Shares as at the date of the resolution subject to the criteria set out in this circular (the **Buy-Back Mandate**).

The authority conferred on the Directors by the general mandate above will continue in force until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company or any earlier date as referred to in paragraph (c) of resolution 5 set out in the notice of the Annual General Meeting.

(a) EXERCISE OF THE BUY-BACK MANDATE

Whilst the Directors do not presently intend to buy back any Shares they believe that the flexibility afforded by the mandate granted to them, if the Ordinary Resolution set out as item 5 of the notice of the Annual General Meeting is passed, would be beneficial to the Company.

The Shares proposed to be bought back by the Company must be fully paid up. It is proposed that up to 10 per cent of the Shares in issue at the date of the passing of the resolution may be bought back. As at the Latest Practicable Date, 152,333,013 Shares were in issue. On the basis of such figures, the Directors would be authorised to buy back up to 15,233,301 Shares during the period up to the next annual general meeting of the Company in 2019 or the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by law to be held or the revocation or variation of the Buy-Back Mandate by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders in general meeting of the Company, whichever occurs first.

(b) REASONS FOR BUY-BACK

Buy-back of Shares will only be made when the Directors believe that such a buy-back will benefit the Company and the Shareholders. Such buy-back may, depending on the market conditions and funding arrangements at the time, lead to an enhancement of the net asset value of the Company and its net assets and/or its earnings per Share.

(c) FUNDING OF BUY-BACK

Buy-back pursuant to the Buy-Back Mandate would be financed entirely from the Company's available cash flow or working capital facilities. Any buy-back will be made out of funds of the Company legally permitted to be utilised in this connection in accordance with the Articles of Association and the laws of Hong Kong. Under the Companies Ordinance, payment in respect of a share buy-back may be made out of the Company's distributable profits and/or out of the proceeds of a fresh issue of Shares made for the purpose of the buy-back.

There could be a material adverse impact on the working capital or gearing position of the Company (as compared with the position disclosed in the audited accounts contained in the annual report for the year ended 31 December 2017) in the event that the Buy-Back Mandate is exercised in full. However, the Directors do not propose to exercise the Buy-Back Mandate to such extent as would, in the circumstances, have a material adverse effect on the working capital requirements of the Company or its gearing levels which in the opinion of the Directors are from time to time appropriate for the Company.

(d) DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

None of the Directors, and to the best of their knowledge, having made all reasonable enquiries, none of their close associates (as defined in the Listing Rules), have any present intention, if the Buy-Back Mandate is granted, to sell any Shares to the Company.

No core connected persons (as defined in the Listing Rules) have notified the Company that they have a present intention to sell Shares to the Company, or have undertaken not to do so, if the Buy-Back Mandate is granted.

(e) DIRECTOR'S UNDERTAKING

The Directors have undertaken to the Stock Exchange that, so far as the same may be applicable, they will exercise the Buy-Back Mandate in accordance with the Listing Rules and the applicable laws of Hong Kong.

(f) SHARES BUY-BACK MADE BY THE COMPANY

No buy-back of Shares has been made by the Company during the six months (whether on the Stock Exchange or otherwise) prior to the date of this circular.

(g) TAKEOVERS CODE CONSEQUENCES

If as a result of a buy-back of Shares a Shareholders proportionate interest in the voting rights of the Company increases, such increase will be treated as an acquisition for the purposes of the Takeovers Code. As a result, a Shareholder, or group of Shareholders acting in concert, depending on the level of increase of the Shareholders interests, 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.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, China Merchants Group Limited ("CMG") and its subsidiaries held 42,022,041 Shares representing approximately 27.59% of the issued Shares. If the Directors exercise in full the Buy-Back Mandate, the interest of CMG and its subsidiaries in the Company will increase to approximately 30.65% if their present shareholdings remain the same.

In the event that the Buy-Back Mandate is exercised in full, an obligation to make a general offer to Shareholders under Rules 26 and 32 of the Takeovers Code may arise. The Directors have no present intention to exercise the power to buy back Shares pursuant to the Buy-Back Mandate to such an extent as to result in takeover obligations. In the event that the Buy-Back Mandate is exercised in full, the number of Shares held by the public would not fall below 25%.

(h) MARKET PRICES

The highest and lowest prices at which Shares have been traded on the Stock Exchange during each of the previous twelve months before the printing of this circular were:

	Traded M	Traded Market Price	
	Highest	Lowest	
	HK\$	HK\$	
2017			
April	11.84	11.20	
May	12.20	11.30	
June	11.60	11.04	
July	12.38	11.26	
August	12.86	11.86	
September	14.00	12.32	
October	14.12	13.12	
November	13.94	13.00	
December	13.60	12.54	
2018			
January	15.28	12.98	
February	14.98	12.74	
March	14.42	12.84	
April (up to the Latest Practicable Date)	13.02	12.26	

RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the Executive Directors of the Company are Mr. HONG Xiaoyuan, Mr. CHU Lap Lik, Victor, Mr. WANG Xiaoding and Mr. TSE Yue Kit; the Non-executive Directors of the Company are Mr. KE Shifeng and Mr. ZHANG Rizhong; and the Independent Non-executive Directors of the Company are Mr. LIU Baojie, Mr. TSANG Wah Kwong and Dr. LI Fang. Besides, Ms. KAN Ka Yee, Elizabeth is the Alternate Director to Mr. CHU Lap Lik, Victor.

Pursuant to Article 105 of the Articles of Association, Mr. TSE Yue Kit, Mr. KE Shifeng and Mr. LIU Baojie shall retire from office by rotation at the Annual General Meeting and shall be eligible for re-election. Details of the Directors proposed to be re-elected at the Annual General Meeting are set out in the Appendix to this circular.

Mr. LIU Baojie has served as an Independent Non-executive Director of the Company almost 9 years. Notwithstanding his years of service as an Independent Non-executive Director, the Board is satisfied that, as well proven by the independent judgment and valuable advice given by Mr. LIU over the years, Mr. LIU has the required integrity, independence and experience to fulfill his role as an Independent Non-executive Director.

The Company is of the view that Mr. LIU Baojie meets the independence guidelines set out in Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules and is independent in accordance with the terms of the guidelines.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The notice convening the Annual General Meeting is set out on pages 10 to 12 of this circular. Shareholders are advised to read the notice and to complete and return the accompanying form of proxy for use at the Annual General Meeting in accordance with the instructions printed thereon.

VOTING BY WAY OF POLL

Pursuant to Rule 13.39(4) of the Listing Rules, all votes at the Annual General Meeting will be taken by poll except where the chairman, in good faith, decides to allow a resolution which relates purely to a procedural or administrative matter to be voted on by a show of hands. The Company will announce the results of the poll in the manner prescribed under Rule 13.39(5) of the Listing Rules.

RECOMMENDATION

The Directors believe that the general mandate for Directors to buy back Shares and the proposed re-election of retiring Directors are all in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders. Accordingly, the Directors recommend that all Shareholders should vote in favour of the resolutions to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

By Order of the Board
HONG Xiaoyuan
Chairman

Mr. TSE Yue Kit (Executive Director)

Mr. TSE Yue Kit, aged 56, has been an Executive Director of the Company since November 2000 and holds directorship in the Investment Manager and a subsidiary of the Company. Mr. TSE is the General Manager in the Funds Division of China Merchants Finance Holdings Company Limited, which is a substantial Shareholder. Mr. TSE has a number of years extensive experiences in accounting, auditing, corporate finance as well as investment. Mr. TSE is licensed with the Securities and Futures Commission in Hong Kong as responsible officer. Mr. TSE obtained his bachelor's degree with honours in Accountancy from the University of Exeter, UK. Save as disclosed above, Mr. TSE did not hold any directorship in other listed public companies in the last three years, and he is not holding any position with the Company or other members of the Company's group.

The service contract between the Company and Mr. TSE has a fixed term of three years. However, Mr. TSE will be subject to rotational retirement and re-election requirements at annual general meetings pursuant to Article 105 of the Articles of Association. Mr. TSE did not and will not receive any Directors' fee or other emoluments from the Company. Save as disclosed above, Mr. TSE is not connected with any Directors, senior management of the Company or substantial or controlling Shareholders. As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. TSE did not have any interests in the Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. TSE has confirmed that there are no other matters relating to his re-election that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders and there is no other information which is required to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements of Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules.

Mr. KE Shifeng (Non-Executive Director)

Mr. KE Shifeng, aged 52, has been a Non-executive Director of the Company since December 2009. He has 22 years investment experience. Between 1997 and 2011, Mr. KE was the senior portfolio manager for Martin Currie Investment Management Limited providing research and investment management services to its clients investing in the Greater China (including Taiwan) markets. Mr. KE and his team ran a range of China strategies, including the China Fund Inc. (CHN US, a NYSE listed company), Martin Currie China Hedge Fund, Taiwan Opportunities Fund and Martin Currie China A Share Fund with total assets under management reaching US\$5.5 billion at the end of 2011. In November 2011, Mr. KE as a founding partner co-founded Open Door Group providing investment management services to foreign institutional clients investing in the Greater China area. In May 2017, Mr. KE with three senior investment analysts co-founded Hangzhou Heartland Investment Management Limited, an onshore investment management platform providing Renminbi investment management services to domestic high-net worth clients and institutional investors investing in the Greater China area. Mr. KE holds a law degree from Renmin University of China and an MBA degree from The University of Edinburgh, UK. Save as disclosed above, Mr. KE did not hold any directorship in other listed public companies in the last three years, and he is not holding any position with the Company or other members of the Company's group.

The service contract between the Company and Mr. KE has a fixed term of three years. However, Mr. KE will be subject to rotational retirement and re-election requirements at annual general meetings pursuant to Article 105 of the Articles of Association. There is no agreement on the amount of the remuneration payable to Mr. KE. At the annual general meeting of the Company held on 26 May 2017, it was approved that the Directors' fee for the year ended 31 December 2017 be determined by the Board. The Board has resolved that the Directors' fee payable to Mr. KE for the year ended 31 December 2017 be fixed at HK\$240,000 with reference to his duties and responsibility with the Company. Mr. KE did not receive other emoluments from the Company for the year ended 31 December 2017. Mr. KE is not connected with any Directors, senior management of the Company or substantial or controlling Shareholders. As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. KE did not have any interests in the Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. KE has confirmed that there are no other matters relating to his re-election that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders and there is no other information which is required to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements of Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules.

Mr. LIU Baojie (Independent Non-executive Director)

Mr. LIU Baojie, aged 54, has been an Independent Non-executive Director of the Company since December 2009. He is also a Member of the Audit Committee of the Company. He has about 20 years of experience in the financial services industry. He is currently Chief Executive Officer of Huaneng Invesco WLR (Beijing) Investment Fund Management Company Ltd., and prior to this, he had worked for two other investment management companies focusing on China investment. Before that he held various positions with financial institutions, including Bank of America, ICEA Capital Limited and J.P. Morgan. Mr. LIU holds an MBA degree from University of Utah, USA. Save as disclosed above, Mr. LIU did not hold any directorship in other listed public companies in the last three years, and he is not holding any position with the Company or other members of the Company's group.

The service contract between the Company and Mr. LIU has a fixed term of three years. However, Mr. LIU will be subject to rotational retirement and re-election requirements at annual general meetings pursuant to Article 105 of the Articles of Association. There is no agreement on the amount of the remuneration payable to Mr. LIU. At the annual general meeting of the Company held on 26 May 2017, it was approved that the Directors' fee for the year ended 31 December 2017 be determined by the Board. The Board has resolved that the Directors' fee payable to Mr. LIU for the year ended 31 December 2017 be fixed at HK\$240,000 with reference to his duties and responsibility with the Company. Mr. LIU did not receive other emoluments from the Company for the year ended 31 December 2017. Mr. LIU is not connected with any Directors, senior management of the Company or substantial or controlling Shareholders. As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. LIU did not have any interests in the Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. LIU has confirmed that there are no other matters relating to his re-election that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders and there is no other information which is required to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements of Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at Tianshan Room, Level 5, Island Shangri-La, Hong Kong, Two Pacific Place, Supreme Court Road, Central, Hong Kong, on Friday, 25 May 2018 at 10:00 a.m. for the following purposes:

- 1. To receive and consider the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements, the Report of the Directors and the Independent Auditor's Report for the year ended 31 December 2017.
- 2. To declare a final dividend.
- 3. (a) Each as a separate resolution, to re-elect the following retiring Directors:
 - (1) To re-elect Mr. TSE Yue Kit as Director;
 - (2) To re-elect Mr. KE Shifeng as Director;
 - (3) To re-elect Mr. LIU Baojie as Director; and
 - (b) To authorise the Board of Directors to fix the Directors' fee.
- 4. To re-appoint Messrs. Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu as Auditor and authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

5. As special business, to consider and, if thought fit, to pass with or without modifications the following resolution as Ordinary Resolution:

"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 buy back 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 total number of shares of the Company which may be bought back 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 total number of the shares of the Company in issue on the date of passing of this Resolution (such total number to be subject to adjustment in the case of any conversion of any or all of the shares of the Company into a larger or smaller number of shares of the Company after 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 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 the authority given under this Resolution by ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting."

By Order of the Board

HONG Xiaoyuan

Chairman

Hong Kong, 24 April 2018

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notes:

- (1) A member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting convened by the above notice is entitled to appoint more than one proxy to attend, speak and vote instead of him. A proxy needs not be a member of the Company.
- (2) In order to be valid, the form of proxy, together with the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed, or a copy of such authority notarially certified, must be deposited at the Company's registered office at 1609, Three Pacific Place, 1 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the meeting or any adjournment thereof. Completion and return of the form of proxy shall not preclude you from attending and voting at the annual general meeting if you so wish.
- (3) The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 21 May 2018 to 25 May 2018, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be effected. In order to determine the identity of members who are entitled to attend and vote at the meeting, all share transfer documents accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai, Hong Kong not later than 4:30 p.m. on 18 May 2018. 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 after the close of business at 4:30 p.m. on 31 May 2018. In order to qualify for the proposed final dividend, all share transfer documents accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited at the above address not later than 4:30 p.m. on 31 May 2018.
- (4) With regard to item 3 of this notice, details of retiring Directors proposed for re-election namely, Mr. TSE Yue Kit, Mr. KE Shifeng and Mr. LIU Baojie, are set out in the appendix to the Circular to the shareholders of the Company dated 24 April 2018.
- (5) At the annual general meeting of the Company held on 26 May 2017, Ordinary Resolution was passed giving a general mandate to the Directors to buy back shares of the Company on the Stock Exchange. Under the terms of the Companies Ordinance and the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange, this general mandate lapses at the conclusion of the annual general meeting for 2018, unless renewed at that meeting. The Ordinary Resolution sought in item 5 of this notice renews the mandate in respect of the buy-back of shares of the Company.
- (6) With reference to the Ordinary Resolution sought in item 5 of this notice, the Directors wish to state that they have no immediate plans to buy back any existing shares of the Company. Approval is being sought from members as a general mandate pursuant to the Companies Ordinance and the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange.
- (7) The Circular required by the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange in connection with the proposed buy-back mandate and re-election of retiring Directors will be dispatched to the shareholders of the Company.
- (8) As at the date of this notice, the Executive Directors of the Company are Mr. HONG Xiaoyuan, Mr. CHU Lap Lik, Victor, Mr. WANG Xiaoding and Mr. TSE Yue Kit; the Non-executive Directors of the Company are Mr. KE Shifeng and Mr. ZHANG Rizhong; and the Independent Non-executive Directors of the Company are Mr. LIU Baojie, Mr. TSANG Wah Kwong and Dr. LI Fang. Besides, Ms. KAN Ka Yee, Elizabeth is the Alternate Director to Mr. CHU Lap Lik, Victor.