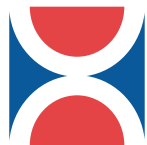


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## **XINAO GAS HOLDINGS LIMITED**

**(新奧燃氣控股有限公司\*)**

*(incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)*

### **NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Annual General Meeting (the “Meeting”) of XinAo Gas Holdings Limited (the “Company”) will be held at Taishan Room, 5th Floor, Island Shangri-La Hong Kong, Pacific Place, Supreme Court Road, Admiralty, Hong Kong on Tuesday, 21 May 2002 at 9:30 am for the following purposes:

1. To receive and consider the audited financial statements and the reports of the directors and auditors for the year ended 31 December 2001;
2. To re-elect retiring directors and to authorise the board of directors to fix the directors’ fees;
3. To re-appoint the auditors and to authorise the board of directors to fix their remuneration; and
4. As special business, to consider and, if thought fit, pass, with or without modification, the following resolutions which will be proposed as ordinary resolutions:

(1) **“THAT:**

- (a) subject to paragraph (c) below, and pursuant to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Growth Enterprise Market (“GEM”) of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Stock Exchange”) or the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange, 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 and deal with any unissued shares in the capital of the Company and to make or grant offers, agreements and options (including but not limited to warrants, bonds and debentures convertible into shares of the Company) which might require the exercise of such power be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the approval in paragraph (a) shall authorise the directors of the Company during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) to make or grant offers, agreements and options (including but not limited to warrants, bonds and debentures convertible into shares of the Company) which might require the exercise of such power after the end of the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined);

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(c) the aggregate nominal value of the share capital allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted or issued (whether pursuant to an option or otherwise) by the directors of the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above, otherwise than pursuant to (i) a Rights Issue (as hereinafter defined); or (ii) an issue of shares upon the exercise of the subscription rights attaching to any warrants which may be issued by the Company from time to time; or (iii) an issue of shares upon the exercise of options which may be granted under any option scheme or similar arrangement for the time being adopted or to adopt for the grant or issue to any officers, employees and/or directors of the Company and/or any of its subsidiaries and/or any other participants of such scheme or arrangement of shares or rights to acquire shares; or (iv) any scrip dividend scheme or similar arrangement providing for the allotment and issue of shares in lieu of the whole or part of a dividend on shares in accordance with the articles of association of the Company; or (v) a specific authority granted by the shareholders of the Company in general meeting, shall not exceed 20 per cent. of the aggregate of the total nominal value of share capital of the Company in issue at the date of passing of this Resolution, and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and

(d) for the purpose of this Resolution:

“Relevant Period” means the period from the passing of this Resolution until whichever is the 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 the articles of association of the Company or any applicable laws to be held; or
- (iii) the passing of an ordinary resolution by shareholders of the Company in general meeting revoking, varying or renewing the authority given to the directors of the Company by this Resolution; and

“Rights Issue” means an offer of shares or issue of options, warrants or other securities giving the right to subscribe for shares, open for a period fixed by the directors of the Company to holders of shares whose names appear on the register of shareholders of the Company (and, where appropriate, to holders of other securities of the Company entitled to the offer) on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of such shares (or, where appropriate, such other securities), subject in all cases 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 applicable to the Company.

(2) **“THAT:**

- (a) subject to paragraph (b) below, the exercise by the directors of the Company during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all powers of the Company to repurchase securities of the Company on the Growth Enterprise Market (“GEM”) or on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Stock Exchange”), subject to and in accordance with all applicable laws and/or the requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the GEM or the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on

the Stock Exchange as amended from time to time, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;

- (b) the aggregate nominal value of securities of the Company repurchased by the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) shall in the case of shares not exceed 10 per cent. of the aggregate of the total nominal value of share capital of the Company in issue at the date of passing of this Resolution, and the authority granted pursuant to paragraph (a) above 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; or
- (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 laws to be held; or
- (iii) the passing of an ordinary resolution by shareholders of the Company in general meeting revoking, varying or renewing the authority given to the directors of the Company by this Resolution.”

- (3) “**THAT** conditional upon Resolutions numbered 1 and 2 set out in item 4 of the notice of this meeting being passed, the general mandate granted to the directors of the Company and for the time being in force to exercise the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with any unissued shares pursuant to Resolution numbered 1 set out in item 4 of the notice of this meeting be and is hereby extended by the addition to the aggregate nominal value of the share capital of the Company which may be allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted by the directors of the Company pursuant to such general mandate of an amount representing the aggregate nominal value of the share capital of the Company repurchased by the Company under the authority granted pursuant to Resolution numbered 2 set out in item 4 of the notice of this meeting, provided that such extended amount shall not exceed 10 per cent. of the aggregate of the total nominal value of share capital of the Company in issue at the date of passing of the said Resolution.”

By order of the Board  
**Xinao Gas Holdings Limited**  
**CHENG Chak Ngok**  
*Company Secretary*

Hong Kong, 28 March 2002

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*Notes:*

1. In order to qualify for attending the forthcoming Meeting of the Company, all share transfers accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Central Registration Hong Kong Limited, Rooms 1901-5, 19th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 185 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the appointed time for holding the Meeting.
2. Every shareholder of the Company entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend and, on a poll, vote in his stead. A proxy need not be a shareholder of the Company.
3. To be valid, a form of proxy and the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed or a notarially certified copy of that power or authority, must be deposited at the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Central Registration Hong Kong Limited, Rooms 1901-5, 19th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 185 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the Meeting.
4. Completion and delivery of the form of proxy will not be preclude a shareholder of the Company from attending and voting at the Meeting if the shareholder of the Company so desires.
5. An explanatory statement containing further details regarding Ordinary Resolution numbered 2 set out in item 4 of the notice of this Meeting as required by the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Growth Enterprise Limited of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited will be despatched to the shareholders of the Company together with The Company's 2001 annual report.

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