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(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands and continued in Bermuda with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 8215)

# (1) PROPOSALS INVOLVING GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE NEW SHARES AND TO REPURCHASE SHARES; (2) RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; AND (3) NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A notice convening the AGM to be held at Portion 2, 12/F., The Center, 99 Queen's Road Central, Central, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 21 June 2023 at 10:00 a.m. is set out on pages 17 to 22 of this circular. A form of proxy for use at the AGM is enclosed with this circular. Such form of proxy is also published on the websites of the Stock Exchange (www.hkexnews.com) and the Company (www.fcfg.com.hk).

Whether or not you are able to attend the AGM in person, you are requested to complete the enclosed form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return it to the branch share registrar and transfer office of the Company in Hong Kong, Tricor Investor Services Limited, at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong as soon as possible and in any event by 10:00 a.m. on Monday, 19 June 2023, or not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding any adjournment of the AGM. Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting in person at the AGM or any adjournment thereof should you so wish and, in such event, the form of proxy previously submitted shall be deemed to be revoked.

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# **DEFINITIONS**

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

"AGM Notice" the notice dated 24 May 2023 convening the AGM as set

out on pages 17 to 22 of this circular

"Annual General Meeting" or

"AGM"

an annual general meeting of the Company convened to be held at Portion 2, 12/F., The Center, 99 Queen's Road Central, Central, Hong Kong on Wednesday, 21 June 2023

at 10:00 a.m. and any adjournment of such meeting

"Board" the board of Directors

"Bye-Laws" the bye-laws of the Company (as amended from time to

time)

"Companies Act" the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda (as amended from

time to time)

"Company" First Credit Finance Group Limited (第一信用金融集團有

限公司), a company incorporated in the Cayman Islands and continued in Bermuda with limited liability, the Shares

of which are listed on GEM

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

"GEM" GEM of the Stock Exchange

"GEM Listing Rules" the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on GEM (as

amended from time to time)

"Group" the Company and its subsidiaries

"HK\$" Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong

"Hong Kong" Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC

"Issue Mandate" the general and unconditional mandate proposed to be

granted to the Directors to exercise the powers of the Company to allot, issue or otherwise deal with additional Shares during the period as set out in the Ordinary Resolution numbered 4 up to a maximum of 20% of the aggregate number of issued Shares as at the date of

passing of the Ordinary Resolution numbered 4

# **DEFINITIONS**

"Latest Practicable Date"	22 May 2023, being the latest practicable date prior to the printing of this circular for ascertaining certain information for the purpose of inclusion in this circular
"Memorandum of Continuance"	the memorandum of continuance of the Company (as amended from time to time)
"Ordinary Resolution(s)"	the proposed ordinary resolution(s) as set out in the AGM Notice
"PRC"	the People's Republic of China excluding, for the purpose of this circular, Hong Kong, Macau Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China and Taiwan
"Repurchase Mandate"	the general and unconditional mandate proposed to be granted to the Directors to exercise the powers of the Company to repurchase Shares during the period as set out in the Ordinary Resolution numbered 5 up to a maximum of 10% of the aggregate number of issued Shares as at the date of passing of the Ordinary Resolution numbered 5
"SFC"	the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong
"SFO"	the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong)
"Share(s)"	ordinary share(s) of HK $\$0.02$ each in the share capital of the Company
"Shareholder(s)"	holder(s) of the Share(s)
"Stock Exchange"	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
"Takeovers Code"	The Code on Takeovers and Mergers issued by the SFC
"%"	per cent

References to time and dates in this circular are to Hong Kong time and dates.



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24 May 2023

To the Shareholders

Dear Sir or Madam,

# (1) PROPOSALS INVOLVING GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE NEW SHARES AND TO REPURCHASE SHARES; (2) RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; AND (3) NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

# 1. INTRODUCTION

The purposes of this circular are to provide you with information in respect of the resolutions to be proposed at the AGM regarding the Issue Mandate, the Repurchase Mandate, the re-election of Directors and to give you the AGM Notice.

#### 2. GENERAL MANDATE TO ISSUE SHARES

At the annual general meeting of the Company held on 24 June 2022, general mandates were granted to the Directors to allot, issue or otherwise deal with additional Shares and to exercise the powers of the Company to repurchase its own Shares. Such general mandates will lapse at the conclusion of the AGM. Ordinary resolutions will therefore be proposed to seek the Shareholders' approval at the AGM to renew these general mandates to allot, issue or otherwise deal with additional Shares and to repurchase Shares.

Ordinary resolutions will be proposed at the AGM for granting to the Directors the Issue Mandate to allot, issue or otherwise deal with additional Shares up to a maximum of 20% of the aggregate number of issued Shares as at the date of passing of the Ordinary Resolution numbered 4 and adding to the Issue Mandate such number of Shares representing the aggregate number of Shares repurchased by the Company pursuant to and in accordance with the Repurchase Mandate. The Issue Mandate shall be in force during the period from the date of passing of the Ordinary Resolution numbered 4 until whichever is the earliest of:

- (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
- (ii) the expiry of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the Bye-Laws, the Companies Act or other applicable laws to be held; or
- (iii) the passing of an ordinary resolution by the Shareholders in general meeting revoking or varying the authority given to the Directors.

### 3. GENERAL MANDATE TO REPURCHASE SHARES

It will also be proposed at the AGM the Ordinary Resolution numbered 5 for granting to the Directors the Repurchase Mandate to exercise the powers of the Company to repurchase Shares up to a maximum of 10% of the aggregate number of issued Shares as at the date of passing of the Ordinary Resolution numbered 5. The Repurchase Mandate shall be in force during the period from the date of passing of the Ordinary Resolution numbered 5 until whichever is the earliest of:

- (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
- (ii) the expiry of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the Bye-Laws, the Companies Act or other applicable laws to be held; or
- (iii) the passing of an ordinary resolution by the Shareholders in general meeting revoking or varying the authority given to the Directors.

In accordance with the requirements of the GEM Listing Rules, the Company is required to send to the Shareholders an explanatory statement containing all the information reasonably necessary to enable them to make an informed decision on whether to vote for or against the Ordinary Resolution numbered 5 in relation to the grant of the Repurchase Mandate. Such explanatory statement is set out in Appendix I to this circular.

#### 4. RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The Bye-Laws provide that at each annual general meeting, one-third of the Directors for the time being (or, if their number is not a multiple of three, the number nearest to but not less than one-third) shall retire from office by rotation provided that every Director shall be subject to retirement at least once every three years. The Bye-Laws further provide that a retiring Director shall be eligible for re-election. The Directors to retire by rotation shall include any Director who wishes to retire and not to offer himself/herself for re-election. Any further Directors so to retire shall be those of the other Directors subject to retirement by rotation who have been longest in office since their last re-election or appointment and so that as between persons who became or were last re-elected Directors on the same day those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree among themselves) be determined by lot. Any Director appointed to fill a casual vacancy on the Board or as an addition to the existing Board shall not be taken into account in determining which particular Directors or the number of Directors who are to retire by rotation. In accordance with such provisions of the Bye-Laws, Ms. Ho Yuen May May ("Ms. Ho"), Ms. Lai Szu Yu ("Ms. Lai") and Mr. Choy Sze Chung Jojo ("Mr. Choy") (collectively, the "Retiring Directors") will retire from office by rotation at the AGM.

Ms. Ho, Ms. Lai and Mr. Choy each being eligible, will offer themselves for re-election at the AGM.

According to the GEM Listing Rules and the board diversity policy of the Company, the Nomination Committee will, among other things, undertake the nomination and selection of independent non-executive Director candidates on the completion of their specified terms and make relevant recommendations to the Board.

Furthermore, when changes to composition of the Board or members of any committee of the Company are required or when casual vacancies arise, the Nomination Committee shall adhere to the principles stated in the Board Diversity Policy. The Nomination Committee will take into account the existing composition of the Board and the business requirements of the Group, and nominate potential candidates by reference to their capacity and the selection criteria to the Board for approval.

The Nomination Committee had, among other matters, evaluated the performance of each of the Retiring Directors and found their performance satisfactory. The Nomination Committee has also assessed and reviewed the annual confirmation of independence based on the independence criteria as set out in Rule 5.09 of the GEM Listing Rules received from each of the independent non-executive Directors and confirmed that all of them remained independent.

In view of the knowledge, experience and skills of Mr. Choy, in business management, operation, financial accounting, corporate governance and compliance, the Board believes that his expertise will enable him to fulfil his role as an independent non-executive Director effectively and can provide useful and constructive opinion and make contribution to the Board and future development of the Company.

Based on the background of Ms. Ho, Ms. Lai and Mr. Choy including but not limited to gender, cultural and educational background, ethnicity, professional experience, skills and knowledge, it is believed that Ms. Ho, Ms. Lai and Mr. Choy can contribute to the diversity of the Board.

Accordingly, the Nomination Committee recommended to the Board that the Retiring Directors stand for re-election as Directors at the AGM. Having considered the above aspects and in view of the contribution that the Retiring Directors have made to the Board, their re-election will be in the best interests of the Company and its Shareholders as a whole.

As a good corporate governance practice, each of the Retiring Directors abstained from voting at the relevant Board meeting on the respective propositions of their recommendations for re-election by the Shareholders at the AGM.

The details of the Directors proposed to be re-elected at the AGM are set out in Appendix II to this circular.

# 5. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND VOTING BY POLL

The AGM Notice is set out on pages 17 to 22 of this circular. At the AGM, resolutions will be proposed to approve, *inter alia*, the grant and extension of the Issue Mandate, the grant of the Repurchase Mandate and the re-election of Directors.

A form of proxy for use at the AGM is enclosed with this circular. Whether or not you are able to attend the AGM in person, you are requested to complete the enclosed form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return it to the branch share registrar and transfer office of the Company in Hong Kong, Tricor Investor Services Limited, at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong as soon as possible and in any event by 10:00 a.m. on Monday, 19 June 2023, or not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding any adjournment of the AGM. Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting in person at the AGM or any adjournment thereof should you so wish and, in such event, the form of proxy previously submitted shall be deemed to be revoked.

For determining the entitlement to attend and vote at the AGM, the register of members of the Company will be closed for registration of transfer of Shares from Friday, 16 June 2023 to Wednesday, 21 June 2023, both days inclusive, during which no transfer of Shares will be registered. In order to qualify for the entitlement to attend and vote at the AGM, all completed share transfer documents accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the branch share registrar and transfer office of the Company in Hong Kong, Tricor Investor Services Limited, at the address mentioned above for registration no later than 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, 15 June 2023.

Pursuant to Rule 17.47(4) of the GEM Listing Rules, any vote of shareholders at a general meeting must 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. An announcement on the poll results will be published by the Company after the AGM in the manner prescribed under Rule 17.47(5) of the GEM Listing Rules.

# 6. RECOMMENDATION

The Directors consider that the grant and extension of the Issue Mandate, the grant of the Repurchase Mandate and the re-election of Directors who offer themselves for re-election are in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole. Accordingly, the Directors recommend the Shareholders to vote in favour of the relevant resolutions to be proposed at the AGM.

# 7. RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

This circular, for which the Directors collectively and individually accept full responsibility, includes particulars given in compliance with the GEM 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.

#### 8. GENERAL INFORMATION

Your attention is drawn to the additional information set out in Appendix I (Explanatory statement on the Repurchase Mandate) and Appendix II (Details of the Directors proposed to be re-elected at the Annual General Meeting) to this circular.

# 9. SUSPENSION OF TRADING

Trading in the Shares has been suspended since 24 November 2017 pursuant to the direction of the SFC made under Section 8(1) of the Securities and Futures (Stock Market Listing) Rules (Chapter 571V of the Laws of Hong Kong) and will remain suspended until further notice.

Yours faithfully,
For and on behalf of the Board
First Credit Finance Group Limited
Ho Yuen May May
Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer

This Appendix serves as an explanatory statement, as required by the GEM Listing Rules, to enable you to make an informed decision on whether to vote for or against the ordinary resolution to be proposed at the AGM in relation to the grant of the Repurchase Mandate.

#### REASONS FOR REPURCHASE OF SHARES

The Directors believe that the grant of the Repurchase Mandate is in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole. Repurchases of Shares may, depending on market conditions and funding arrangements at the time, result in an enhancement of the net asset value per Share and/or earnings per Share. The Directors are seeking for the grant of the Repurchase Mandate to give the Company the flexibility to repurchase Shares if and when appropriate. The number of Shares to be repurchased and the price and other terms upon which the same are repurchased will be decided by the Directors at the relevant time, having regard to the circumstances then pertaining.

#### SHARE CAPITAL В.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the issued share capital of the Company comprised 3,628,800,000 Shares.

Subject to the passing of the Ordinary Resolution numbered 5 in respect of the granting of the Repurchase Mandate and on the basis that the aggregate number of issued Shares remains unchanged on the date of the AGM, i.e. being 3,628,800,000 Shares, the Directors would be authorised under the Repurchase Mandate to repurchase, during the period within which the Repurchase Mandate remains in force, an aggregate number of Shares up to a maximum of 362,880,000 Shares, representing 10% of the aggregate number of issued Shares as at the date of the AGM.

#### C. **FUNDING OF REPURCHASES**

In repurchasing Shares, the Company may only apply funds legally available for such purpose in accordance with its Memorandum of Continuance, Bye-Laws, the Companies Act and the applicable laws and regulations of Bermuda. The Companies Act provides that a company may only repurchase its own shares out of capital paid up on its shares to be repurchased, or out of funds of the company which would otherwise be available for dividend or distribution or out of the proceeds of a fresh issue of shares made by the company for the purpose of the repurchase. Any amount of premium payable on a repurchase over the par value of the shares may only be effected out of either funds of the company that would otherwise be available for dividend or distribution, or out of the company's share premium account. Further, such repurchase may not be made if, on the date on which the repurchase is to be effected, there are reasonable grounds for believing that the company is, or after the repurchase would be, unable to pay its liabilities as they become due.

# D. IMPACT OF REPURCHASES

There might be a material adverse impact on the working capital or gearing position of the Company (as compared with the position disclosed in the audited consolidated financial statements contained in the annual report of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2022) in the event that the Repurchase Mandate was to be carried out in full at any time during the proposed period within which the Repurchase Mandate remains in force. However, the Directors do not intend to exercise the Repurchase Mandate to such extent as would, in the circumstances, have a material adverse effect on the working capital requirements or the gearing levels of the Company which in the opinion of the Directors are from time to time appropriate for the Company.

#### E. GENERAL

The Directors have undertaken to the Stock Exchange to exercise the power of the Company to make repurchases of Shares pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate in accordance with the GEM Listing Rules and the applicable laws of Bermuda.

None of the Directors and, to the best of their knowledge having made all reasonable enquiries, any of their respective close associates (as defined in the GEM Listing Rules), has any present intention to sell any Shares to the Company in the event that the grant of the Repurchase Mandate is approved by the Shareholders.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the Company had not been notified by any core connected persons (as defined in the GEM Listing Rules) of the Company that they have a present intention to sell any Shares to the Company, or that they have undertaken not to sell any Shares held by them to the Company in the event that the grant of the Repurchase Mandate is approved by the Shareholders.

# F. TAKEOVERS CODE

Pursuant to Rule 32 of the Takeovers Code, if, on the exercise of the power of the Company to repurchase 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 of voting rights for the purposes of the Takeovers Code. Accordingly, if a Shareholder or a group of Shareholders acting in concert (as defined under the Takeovers Code), depending on the level of increase in the Shareholders' interest, could obtain or consolidate control of the Company, such Shareholder or group of Shareholders would become obliged to make a mandatory offer in accordance with Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code for all the Shares not already owned by such Shareholder or group of Shareholders.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, to the best of the Directors' knowledge having made all reasonable enquiries, Mr. Xiao Guoliang was interested in 1,070,400,000 Shares, representing approximately 29.50% of the total issued share capital of the Company. In the event that the Repurchase Mandate was exercised in full and assuming that there was no further issue or repurchase of Shares during the period from the Latest Practicable Date up to and including the date of the AGM, the shareholding of Mr. Xiao Guoliang in the Company would increase to approximately 32.77%. In such circumstance, Mr. Xiao Guoliang would become obliged to make a mandatory offer in accordance with Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code for all the Shares not already owned by him.

The Directors have no intention to repurchase Shares which would result in the number of Shares held by the public being reduced to less than 25%.

#### G. REPURCHASES OF SHARES MADE BY THE COMPANY

No repurchase of Shares had been made by the Company in the six months preceding the Latest Practicable Date (whether on GEM or otherwise).

#### MARKET PRICES OF SHARES H.

Trading in the Shares has been suspended since 24 November 2017 and will continue to be suspended until further notice. The highest and lowest prices per Share at which the Shares have been traded on GEM during each of the 12 months immediately preceding the Latest Practicable Date were therefore not available.

# DETAILS OF THE DIRECTORS PROPOSED TO BE RE-ELECTED AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The details of the Directors who will retire by rotation and offer themselves for re-election according to the Bye-Laws are provided below.

# 1. MS. HO YUEN MAY MAY – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

#### Position and experience

Ms. Ho Yuen May May, aged 55, is an executive Director and the chief executive officer of the Company. She was appointed as the chief executive officer of the Company in March 2020 and was subsequently appointed as a Director in October 2020. Ms. Ho joined the Group in 2018 and was a managerial staff responsible for the overall management, business strategy and development of Asia Wealth Securities Limited ("Asia Wealth Securities"), a company incorporated in Hong Kong and a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. Ms. Ho graduated from The Chinese University of Hong Kong in 1990 with a degree of Bachelor of Social Science majoring in Journalism and Communications. She has more than 10 years of experience in the securities industry with extensive management experience, in particular experience as a responsible officer specialised in Type 1 (dealing in securities) regulated activity under the SFO.

Ms. Ho is a member of the credit committee of the Company and an authorised representative of the Company. Ms. Ho is also a director of certain subsidiaries of the Company. Save as disclosed above, Ms. Ho did not hold any other positions in the Company or other members of the Group as at the Latest Practicable Date and she has not held any directorship in any other publicly listed companies in the past three years.

# Length of service

Pursuant to the service agreement entered into between the Company and Ms. Ho, her current term of service as an executive Director is for a period of three years commencing from 19 March 2022 subject to early termination in accordance with the terms thereof. Ms. Ho's appointment is also subject to the retirement and re-election provisions in accordance with the Bye-Laws.

# Relationships

As far as the Directors are aware, Ms. Ho does not have any relationships with any other Directors, senior management, substantial shareholders (as defined in the GEM Listing Rules), or controlling shareholders (as defined in the GEM Listing Rules) of the Company.

#### Director's emoluments

Pursuant to the service agreement entered into between the Company and Ms. Ho, Ms. Ho is currently entitled to receive a fixed salary of HK\$55,000 per month and an additional sum equivalent to her then current monthly salary (or such pro-rated sum for an incomplete year of service) which shall be payable in December every year during her term. Ms. Ho's remuneration package was determined with reference to her role, qualification, level of experience, the contribution to be made by her to the Company and the prevailing market conditions. Ms. Ho is also entitled to discretionary bonus as may be determined having regard to her performance.

#### **Interest in Shares**

Ms. Ho had no interests in the Shares or underlying Shares of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO as at the Latest Practicable Date.

# Information that needs to be disclosed and matters that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders

Ms. Ho was a director of BIGWIN DEVELOPMENT LIMITED ("Bigwin") and HONWORLD INTERNATIONAL LIMITED ("Honworld"), both being companies incorporated in Hong Kong. Bigwin and Honworld were dissolved by striking off on 14 June 2002 and 24 August 2007 respectively under section 291(6) of the predecessor Companies Ordinance then in force (Chapter 32 of the Laws of Hong Kong). Prior to their respective dissolution, Bigwin and Honworld were principally engaged in the provision of column writing service to media companies in Hong Kong. To the best knowledge and belief of Ms. Ho, Bigwin and Honworld were solvent at the time of their respective dissolution.

As far as the Directors are aware, save as disclosed above, there is no information to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements under Rules 17.50(2)(h) to 17.50(2)(v) of the GEM Listing Rules, and there are no other matters concerning the re-election of Ms. Ho that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

#### 2. MS. LAI SZU YU – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

# Position and experience

Ms. Lai Szu Yu, aged 34, joined the Group as an executive Director in April 2019, and was appointed as the compliance officer of the Company in December 2019. Ms. Lai graduated from the University of Southern California in 2011 with a degree of Bachelor of Arts majoring in Economics. She has different experience in financial accounting and education. She used to work at a law firm in Hong Kong, overseeing and streamlining the firm's operations. She managed the administration and accounting departments.

Ms. Lai is a member of the credit committee and the compliance committee of the Company and a director of a subsidiary of the Company. Save as disclosed above, Ms. Lai did not hold any other position with the Company or other members of the Group as at the Latest Practicable Date and she has not held any directorship in any other publicly listed companies in the past three years.

## Length of service

Pursuant to the service agreement entered into between the Company and Ms. Lai, her current term of service is for a period of three years commencing from 30 April 2022 subject to early termination in accordance with the terms thereof. Ms. Lai's appointment is also subject to the retirement and re-election provisions in accordance with the Bye-Laws.

## Relationships

As far as the Directors are aware, Ms. Lai does not have any relationships with any other Directors, senior management, substantial shareholders (as defined in the GEM Listing Rules), or controlling shareholders (as defined in the GEM Listing Rules) of the Company.

# **Director's emoluments**

Pursuant to the service agreement entered into between the Company and Ms. Lai, Ms. Lai is currently entitled to receive a fixed salary of HK\$20,000 per month, which was determined with reference to her role, qualification, level of experience, contribution to be made by her to the Company as well as the prevailing market conditions. Ms. Lai is also entitled to discretionary bonus as may be determined having regard to her performance.

#### **Interests in Shares**

Ms. Lai had no interests in the Shares or underlying Shares of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO as at the Latest Practicable Date.

# DETAILS OF THE DIRECTORS PROPOSED TO BE RE-ELECTED AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

# Information that needs to be disclosed and matters that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders

As far as the Directors are aware, there is no information to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements under Rules 17.50(2)(h) to 17.50(2)(v) of the GEM Listing Rules, and there are no other matters concerning the re-election of Ms. Lai that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

#### 3. MR. CHOY SZE CHUNG JOJO – INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## Position and experience

Mr. Choy Sze Chung Jojo, aged 64, was appointed as an independent non-executive Director in November 2017. Mr. Choy obtained a master of business administration degree from the University of Wales, Newport in 2004 and a master of business law degree from the Monash University in 2007. Mr. Choy was awarded Fellowship by Canadian Chartered Institute of Business Administration and Honorary Doctorate of Management by Lincoln University in 2019. Mr. Choy is a fellow member of each of the Institute of Financial Accountants, the Institute of Public Accountants, The Hong Kong Institute of Directors and the Institute of Compliance Officers. Mr. Choy has extensive experience in the securities industry and has worked as a responsible officer and representative in various securities companies in Hong Kong. He is currently the vice chairman and a responsible officer of National Resources Securities Limited for Type 1 (dealing in securities), Type 4 (advising on securities) and Type 9 (asset management) regulated activities under the SFO and also the permanent honorable president of the Institute of Securities Dealers Limited. Mr. Choy is currently an independent non-executive director of Luye Pharma Group Limited (stock code: 2186), New Sparkle Roll International Group Limited (stock code: 0970) and Zhaojin Mining Industry Company Limited (stock code: 1818), all being limited companies whose shares are listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange.

Mr. Choy is the chairman of the audit committee as well as a member of the nomination committee, the remuneration committee and the compliance committee of the Company. Save as disclosed above, Mr. Choy did not hold any other position with the Company or other members of the Group as at the Latest Practicable Date and he has not held any directorship in any other publicly listed companies in the past three years.

# Length of service

Pursuant to the letter of appointment signed between the Company and Mr. Choy, the current term of service of Mr. Choy is for a period of two years commencing from 14 November 2021 subject to early termination in accordance with the terms thereof. Mr. Choy's appointment is also subject to retirement and re-election provisions in accordance with the Bye-Laws.

# Relationships

As far as the Directors are aware, Mr. Choy does not have any relationships with any other Directors, senior management, substantial shareholders (as defined in the GEM Listing Rules), or controlling shareholders (as defined in the GEM Listing Rules) of the Company.

#### **Director's emoluments**

Pursuant to the letter of appointment signed between the Company and Mr. Choy, Mr. Choy is currently entitled to receive a director's fee of HK\$120,000 per annum, which was determined with reference to his role, qualification, level of experience, contribution to be made by him to the Company as well as the prevailing market conditions.

#### **Interest in Shares**

Mr. Choy had no interests in the Shares or underlying Shares of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO as at the Latest Practicable Date.

# Information that needs to be disclosed and matters that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders

As far as the Directors are aware, save as disclosed above, there is no other information to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements under Rules 17.50(2)(h) to 17.50(2)(v) of the GEM Listing Rules, and there are no other matters concerning the reelection of Mr. Choy that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.



(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands and continued in Bermuda with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 8215)

# NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** the annual general meeting ("**AGM**") of First Credit Finance Group Limited ("**Company**") will be held at Portion 2, 12/F., The Center, 99 Queen's Road Central, Central, Hong Kong on Wednesday, 21 June 2023 at 10:00 a.m. for the following purposes:

# As ordinary business:

- 1. To receive, consider and adopt the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company and the reports of the directors and the auditors of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2022.
- 2. To pass the following resolutions, each as a separate resolution:
  - (a) To re-elect Ms. Ho Yuen May May as an executive director of the Company.
  - (b) To re-elect Ms. Lai Szu Yu as an executive director of the Company.
  - (c) To re-elect Mr. Choy Sze Chung Jojo as an independent non-executive director of the Company.
  - (d) To authorise the board of directors of the Company to fix the remuneration of the directors of the Company.
- 3. To re-appoint Elite Partners CPA Limited, Certified Public Accountants, as the auditors of the Company and to authorise the board of directors of the Company to fix its remuneration.

As special business, to consider and, if thought fit, pass with or without amendments the following resolutions as ordinary resolutions:

#### ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS

#### 4. "THAT

- (a) subject to paragraphs (c) and (d) of this resolution, and pursuant to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on GEM of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and all other applicable laws, the exercise by the directors of the Company ("Directors") 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 share capital of the Company ("Shares") and to make or grant offers, agreements and options (including bonds, warrants, debentures or other securities convertible into Shares) which might require the exercise of such powers be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the approval in paragraph (a) of this resolution shall be in addition to any other authorisations given to the Directors and shall authorise the Directors during the Relevant Period to make or grant offers, agreements and options (including bonds, warrants, debentures or other securities convertible into Shares) which might require the exercise of such powers during or after the end of the Relevant Period;
- (c) the aggregate number of Shares allotted, issued or dealt with or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted, issued or dealt with (whether pursuant to options or otherwise) by the Directors pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) of this resolution, otherwise than pursuant to (i) a Rights Issue (as hereinafter defined); or (ii) the exercise of any options under the share option scheme of the Company or other similar arrangement adopted by the Company from time to time; or (iii) scrip dividend schemes or similar arrangements providing for the allotment and issue of Shares in lieu of the whole or part of a dividend on Shares in accordance with the bye-laws of the Company ("Bye-Laws"); or (iv) specific authority granted or to be granted by the shareholders of the Company ("Shareholders") in general meetings, shall not exceed 20% of the aggregate number of issued Shares as at the date of passing of this resolution and the approval in paragraph (a) of this resolution shall be limited accordingly;

- (d) if, after the passing of this resolution, the Company conducts a share consolidation or subdivision, the number of Shares subject to the limit set out in paragraph (c) of this resolution shall be adjusted to the effect that the number of Shares subject to the limit set out in paragraph (c) of this resolution as a percentage of the total number of issued Shares at the time immediately before and after such consolidation or subdivision shall be the same; and
- (e) for the purpose of this resolution:

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

- (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
- (ii) the expiry of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the Bye-Laws, the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda (as amended from time to time) or other applicable laws to be held; or
- (iii) the passing of an ordinary resolution by the Shareholders in general meeting revoking or varying the authority given under this resolution.

"Rights Issue" means an offer of Shares, or offer or issue of warrants, options or other securities giving rights to subscribe for Shares open for a period fixed by the Company or the Directors to holders of Shares on the register of members of the Company on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of Shares (subject to such exclusions or other arrangements as the Directors 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 jurisdiction or any recognised regulatory body or any stock exchange applicable to the Company)."

## 5. "THAT

(a) Subject to paragraphs (b) and (c) of this resolution, 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 ("Shares") on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("Stock Exchange"), or any other stock exchange on which the Shares may be listed and which is recognised by The Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong and the Stock Exchange for this purpose, in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations and requirements of the Stock Exchange (or of such other stock exchange) as amended from time to time be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;

- (b) the aggregate number of Shares which may be repurchased by the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) of this resolution during the Relevant Period shall not exceed 10% of the aggregate number of issued Shares as at the date of passing of this resolution and the approval in paragraph (a) of this resolution shall be limited accordingly;
- (c) if, after the passing of this resolution, the Company conducts a share consolidation or subdivision, the number of Shares subject to the limit set out in paragraph (b) of this resolution shall be adjusted to the effect that the number of Shares subject to the limit set out in paragraph (b) of this resolution as a percentage of the total number of issued Shares at the time immediately before and after such consolidation or subdivision shall be the same; and
- (d) for the purpose of this resolution, "**Relevant Period**" means the period from the date of passing of this resolution until whichever is the earliest of:
  - (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
  - (ii) the expiry of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the bye-laws of the Company, the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda (as amended from time to time) or other applicable laws to be held; or
  - (iii) the passing of an ordinary resolution by the shareholders of the Company in general meeting revoking or varying the authority given under this resolution."
- 6. "THAT conditional upon resolutions no. 4 and no. 5 above being duly passed, the general and unconditional mandate granted to the directors of the Company to allot, issue or otherwise deal with additional shares in the share capital of the Company ("Shares") pursuant to resolution no. 4 above be and is hereby extended by the addition thereto the aggregate number of Shares repurchased by the Company under the authority granted pursuant to resolution no. 5 above."

For and on behalf of the Board

First Credit Finance Group Limited

Ho Yuen May May

Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer

Hong Kong, 24 May 2023

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#### Notes:

- 1. A shareholder of the Company ("Shareholder") entitled to attend and vote at the AGM is entitled to appoint another person as his/her/its proxy to attend and vote on his/her/its behalf. A Shareholder who is the holder of two or more shares may appoint more than one proxy to represent him/her/it and vote on his/her/its behalf. A proxy needs not be a Shareholder. In order to be valid, the form of proxy must be deposited at the branch share registrar and transfer office of the Company in Hong Kong, Tricor Investor Services Limited, at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong together with a power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which it is signed, or a certified copy of that power of attorney or authority, by 10:00 a.m. on Monday, 19 June 2023 or not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding any adjournment of the AGM.
- 2. In the case of joint holders of shares in the Company, the vote of the senior who tenders a vote, whether in person or by proxy, shall be accepted to the exclusion of the vote(s) of the other joint holder(s), and for this purpose, seniority shall be determined by the order in which the names stand in the register of members of the Company in respect of the joint holding.
- Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude a Shareholder from attending and voting in person at
  the AGM or any adjournment thereof should he/she/it so wish, and in such event, the form of proxy previously
  submitted shall be deemed to be revoked.
- 4. For determining the entitlement to attend and vote at the AGM, the register of members of the Company will be closed for registration of transfer of shares of the Company from Friday, 16 June 2023 to Wednesday, 21 June 2023, both days inclusive, during which no transfer of shares of the Company will be registered. In order to qualify for the entitlement to attend and vote at the AGM, all completed share transfer documents accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the branch share registrar and transfer office of the Company in Hong Kong, Tricor Investor Services Limited, at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong for registration no later than 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, 15 June 2023.
- 5. Trading in the shares of the Company has been suspended since 24 November 2017 pursuant to the direction of the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong made under Section 8(1) of the Securities and Futures (Stock Market Listing) Rules (Chapter 571V of the Laws of Hong Kong) and will remain suspended until further notice.
- 6. References to time and dates in this notice are to Hong Kong time and dates.

As at the date of this notice, the Board comprises Ms. Ho Yuen May May (Chief Executive Officer), Ms. Lai Szu Yu, Mr. Lui Cheuk Fung and Ms. Xie Si as executive directors; and Mr. Choy Sze Chung Jojo, Dr. Fung Kam Man, Mr. Li Long, Mr. Wang Zhiwei, and Mr. Wong Kin Ning as independent non-executive directors.

This notice, for which the directors collectively and individually accept full responsibility, includes particulars given in compliance with the GEM 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 notice 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 notice misleading.

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