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# TO ISSUE AND REPURCHASE SHARES, PROPOSED RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS, PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BYE-LAWS AND ADOPTION OF AMENDED AND RESTATED BYE-LAWS AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A notice convening the AGM to be held at 40th Floor, Tower Two, Lippo Centre, 89 Queensway, Hong Kong on Wednesday, 8 June 2022 at 10:15 a.m. or any adjourned meeting thereof and using the e-Meeting System to approve matters referred to in this circular is set out on pages 12 to 17 of this circular.

Your attention is drawn to Appendix 1 headed "Special arrangements for the AGM" for the arrangements for the holding of the AGM. Shareholders are encouraged to attend and vote at the AGM using the e-Meeting System or appoint the chairman of the AGM or other persons as their proxies or corporate representatives to attend and vote on their behalf at the AGM using the e-Meeting System.

Whether or not you are able or intend to attend the AGM, 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 (i.e. 10:15 a.m. on Monday, 6 June 2022) before the time appointed for holding the AGM to Tricor Tengis Limited, the Company's Branch Share Registrar in Hong Kong, at Level 54, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong. Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting at the AGM should you so wish and in such event, the instrument appointing the proxy shall be deemed to be revoked.

Should there be any discrepancies between the English and the Chinese versions of this circular, the English version shall prevail.

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

"AGM"	the annual general meeting of the Company to be held at 40th Floor, Tower Two, Lippo Centre, 89 Queensway, Hong Kong on Wednesday, 8 June 2022 at 10:15 a.m., notice of which is set out on pages 12 to 17 of this circular, or any adjourned meeting thereof;
"Board"	board of the Directors;
"Bye-law(s)"	bye-law(s) of the Company;
"close associates"	has the meaning ascribed to it in rule 1.01 of the Listing Rules;
"Companies Act"	Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda;
"Company"	Hongkong Chinese Limited (香港華人有限公司*), a company incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability, the Shares of which are listed on the Stock Exchange;
"core connected persons"	has the meaning ascribed to it in rule 1.01 of the Listing Rules;
"Director(s)"	director(s) of the Company;
"DNP"	the Directors' Nomination Policy of the Company;
"e-Meeting System"	the online meeting system adopted by the Company for the purpose of the AGM;
"Existing Bye-laws"	the existing Bye-laws in effect;
"HK\$"	Hong Kong dollar, the lawful currency of Hong Kong;
"HKEX"	Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited;
"Hong Kong"	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China;
"Intermediaries"	banks, brokers, custodians or Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited;
"Latest Practicable Date"	22 April 2022, being the latest practicable date prior to the printing of this circular for ascertaining certain information contained therein;

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# DEFINITIONS

"LCR"	Lippo China Resources Limited, a fellow subsidiary of the Company listed on the Stock Exchange;
"Lippo"	Lippo Limited, an intermediate holding company of the Company listed on the Stock Exchange;
"Listing Rules"	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange;
"Mr Chan"	Mr Leon Nim Leung Chan;
"Mr Lee"	Mr John Luen Wai Lee;
"New Bye-laws"	the amended and restated Bye-laws to be considered and approved for adoption by the Shareholders at the AGM (with proposed amendments marked-up against the Existing Bye-laws (a consolidated version thereof is posted on the websites of the Company and HKEX) in this circular);
"Pandemic"	the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic;
"Regulations"	the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation (Chapter 599F of the laws of Hong Kong) and the Prevention and Control of Disease (Prohibition on Gathering) Regulation (Chapter 599G of the laws of Hong Kong);
"Retiring Directors"	Mr Lee and Mr Chan;
"SFO"	the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the laws of Hong Kong);
"Share(s)"	ordinary share(s) of HK\$1.00 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;
"Three Committees"	the Audit Committee, the Remuneration Committee and the Nomination Committee; and
"%"	per cent.



(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability) (Stock Code: 655)

Executive Directors: Dr Stephen Riady (Chairman) Mr John Luen Wai Lee, BBS, JP (Chief Executive Officer)

*Non-executive Director:* Mr Leon Nim Leung Chan

Independent non-executive Directors: Mr Victor Ha Kuk Yung Mr King Fai Tsui Mr Edwin Neo Registered Office: Clarendon House Church Street Hamilton HM 11 Bermuda

Principal Place of Business: 40th Floor Tower Two Lippo Centre 89 Queensway Hong Kong

29 April 2022

To the Shareholders

Dear Sir or Madam,

## PROPOSED GRANT OF GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE AND REPURCHASE SHARES, PROPOSED RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS, PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BYE-LAWS AND ADOPTION OF AMENDED AND RESTATED BYE-LAWS AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this circular is to provide Shareholders with all the information reasonably necessary to enable them to make an informed decision on whether to vote for or against the resolutions mentioned herein which will be dealt with at the AGM to be held at 40th Floor, Tower Two, Lippo Centre, 89 Queensway, Hong Kong on Wednesday, 8 June 2022 at 10:15 a.m. and using the e-Meeting System, and to convene the AGM, notice of which is set out on pages 12 to 17 of this circular. Your attention is drawn to Appendix 1 headed "Special arrangements for the AGM" for the arrangements for the holding of the AGM. This circular contains information concerning the proposed general mandates to issue and repurchase Shares, the proposed re-election of retiring Directors and the proposed amendments to Bye-laws and adoption of amended and restated Bye-laws which is required to be sent to Shareholders under the Listing Rules.

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#### GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE AND REPURCHASE SHARES

As the previous general mandates to issue and repurchase Shares granted to the Directors at the annual general meeting of the Company held on 8 June 2021 will expire on conclusion of the AGM, ordinary resolutions relating to renewal of general mandates will be proposed at the AGM:

- (i) authorising the Directors to allot, issue and otherwise deal with additional Shares (and securities convertible into Shares) not exceeding 20% of the total number of issued Shares as at the date of passing of the resolution, as set out in Resolution No. 5A of the notice of AGM;
- (ii) authorising the Directors to repurchase Shares not exceeding 10% of the total number of issued Shares as at the date of passing of the resolution, as set out in Resolution No. 5B of the notice of AGM; and
- (iii) authorising the addition to the mandate to issue new Shares (referred to at (i) above) those Shares repurchased by the Company pursuant to the repurchase mandate (referred to at (ii) above), as set out in Resolution No. 5C of the notice of AGM.

In accordance with the Listing Rules, and in particular the rules regulating repurchase of securities on the Stock Exchange, the Company is required to send to Shareholders an explanatory statement containing all the information reasonably 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 Shares. This explanatory statement is set out below.

#### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

At the AGM, an ordinary resolution will be proposed which, if passed, will give the Directors a general and unconditional mandate to exercise all powers of the Company to repurchase issued Shares subject to the criteria set out in this circular. In particular, Shareholders should note that the maximum number of Shares that may be repurchased pursuant to the mandate must not exceed such number of Shares representing 10% of the total number of shares as at the date of passing of the relevant resolution.

#### 1. Share capital

As at the Latest Practicable Date, there were 1,998,280,097 Shares in issue. On the basis of this figure and assuming no further Shares of the Company are issued or repurchased prior to the AGM, not more than 399,656,019 Shares (representing approximately 20% of the total number of Shares in issue) may be issued by the Company, and not more than 199,828,009 Shares (representing approximately 10% of the total number of Shares in issue) may be repurchased on the Stock Exchange during the period from the passing of the resolutions at the AGM until whichever is the earliest 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 law or the Bye-laws of the Company to be held; or (iii) the revocation or variation of the authority given under the resolutions by ordinary resolutions of the Shareholders in general meeting.

#### 2. Reasons for repurchases

While it is not possible to anticipate in advance any specific circumstances in which the Directors might think it appropriate to repurchase Shares, the Directors believe that an ability to do so would give the Company additional flexibility that would be beneficial to the Company. The repurchases may, depending on market conditions and funding arrangements of the Company at the time, lead to an enhancement of the net asset value per Share and/or earnings per Share. Shareholders can be assured that the Directors would only make such repurchases in circumstances where they consider them to be in the interests and for the benefit of the Company.

#### 3. Funding of repurchase

The Company is empowered by its Memorandum of Association and Bye-laws to repurchase its Shares. Repurchases of Shares must be funded out of funds legally available for the purpose in accordance with the Bye-laws and the laws of Bermuda. The Companies Act provides that the amount of capital paid in connection with a share repurchase may only be paid out of the capital paid up on the relevant shares, or the funds of the Company which would otherwise be available for dividend or distribution or the proceeds of a fresh issue of shares made for the purpose. The amount of premium payable on repurchase may only be paid out of either the funds of the Company which would otherwise be available for dividend or distribution or out of the share premium account of the Company. The Companies Act further provides that such repurchase may only be made if on the effective date of the repurchase, there are no reasonable grounds for believing that the Company is, and after the repurchase would be, unable to pay its debts as they fall due.

On the basis of the consolidated financial position of the Company as at 31 December 2021 (being the date to which the latest published audited financial statements of the Company have been made up) and in particular the working capital position of the Company at that time and the number of Shares now in issue, the Directors consider that there might be a material adverse impact on the working capital or gearing position of the Company in the event that the proposed repurchases were to be carried out in full at any time during the proposed repurchase period.

However, no repurchases would be made in circumstances that would have a material adverse impact on the working capital or gearing position of the Company (as compared with the financial position as at 31 December 2021) unless the Directors believe that such repurchases are in the interests and for the benefit of the Company.

#### 4. Share prices

During each of the twelve months immediately preceding and up to and including the Latest Practicable Date, the highest and lowest traded prices for Shares on the Stock Exchange were as follows:

	Highest <i>HK\$</i>	Lowest HK\$
2021		
April	0.70	0.64
May	0.67	0.64
June	0.68	0.60
July	0.64	0.58
August	0.65	0.57
September	0.64	0.56
October	0.61	0.58
November	0.67	0.56
December	0.69	0.55
2022		
January	0.63	0.56
February	0.67	0.57
March	0.67	0.55
April (up to and including the Latest Practicable Date)	0.66	0.61

#### 5. Disclosure of Interests

The Directors have undertaken to the Stock Exchange that they will exercise the power of the Company to make repurchases pursuant to the proposed resolution in accordance with the Listing Rules and all applicable laws of Bermuda, the jurisdiction in which the Company was incorporated, and in accordance with the regulations set out in the Memorandum of Association and Bye-laws of the Company.

If, as a result of a share repurchase by the Company, a Shareholder's proportionate interest in the voting rights of the Company increases, such increase will be treated as an acquisition for the purpose of the Takeovers Code. As a result, a Shareholder or group of Shareholders acting in concert, could obtain or consolidate control of the Company and thereby become obliged to make a mandatory offer in accordance with Rules 26 and 32 of the Takeovers Code.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, to the best of the knowledge and belief of the Company, Lippo was beneficially interested in 1,477,715,492 Shares, representing approximately 73.95% of the total number of issued Shares. In the event that the Directors exercise in full the power to repurchase Shares which is proposed to be granted pursuant to the relevant ordinary resolution at the AGM, the shareholding interest of Lippo in the Company would be increased to approximately 82.17%. Such increase would not give rise to an obligation to make a mandatory offer under Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code. The Directors are not aware of any consequence which would arise

under the Takeovers Code as a result of any purchases by the Company of its Shares. The Directors have no intention to exercise the repurchase mandate to such extent as would cause the public float to fall below 25% or such other minimum percentage as prescribed by the Listing Rules from time to time.

None of the Directors nor, to the best of their knowledge and belief having made all reasonable enquiries, any of their respective close associates presently intend to sell any Shares to the Company or its subsidiaries in the event that the grant to the Directors of a repurchase mandate is approved by the Shareholders.

No core connected persons of the Company have notified the Company that they have any present intention to sell any Shares, or that they have undertaken not to sell any Shares held by them to the Company in the event that the Company is authorised to make purchases of Shares.

#### 6. Share purchases made by the Company

The Company has not purchased any of its Shares (whether on the Stock Exchange or otherwise) in the six months preceding the Latest Practicable Date.

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

In accordance with Bye-law 87 of the Bye-laws, the Retiring Directors will retire from office by rotation at the AGM and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

The Nomination Committee of the Board has made recommendations to the Board after evaluation of the Retiring Directors in accordance with the DNP and in turn the Board recommends the Shareholders to approve the re-election of the Retiring Directors at the AGM.

Particulars of the Retiring Directors are as follows:

#### Mr John Luen Wai Lee, BBS, JP

Mr Lee, aged 73, was appointed a Director of the Company on 1 September 1992 and the Chief Executive Officer of the Company on 25 March 2011. He is the Managing Director and the Chief Executive Officer of Lippo and an executive director and the Chief Executive Officer of LCR as well as an independent non-executive director of New World Development Company Limited and UMP Healthcare Holdings Limited, both of which are listed on the Stock Exchange. He is an authorised representative of the Company, Lippo and LCR. He is a director of Prime Success Limited and Hennessy Holdings Limited which, together with Lippo, have discloseable interests in the Company under the provisions of the SFO. In addition, he holds directorships in certain subsidiaries of the Company, Lippo and LCR. Save as disclosed herein, he has not held any directorship in other public listed companies for the last three years.

Mr Lee is a Fellow of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He was a partner of Price Waterhouse (now known as PricewaterhouseCoopers) in Hong Kong and has extensive experience in corporate finance and capital markets. He is an Honorary Fellow of the City University of Hong Kong, a Justice of Peace in Hong Kong and an

awardee of the Bronze Bauhinia Star by the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. He is active in public service. Over the years, he has served as a member or chairman of different government boards and committees in Hong Kong, including a member of the Hong Kong Hospital Authority and the Chairman of the Hospital Governing Committee of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. Currently, he serves as the Chairman of the Hospital Governing Committee of Hong Kong Children's Hospital, a member of the Public Service Commission and a member of the Investment Committee of the Hospital Authority Provident Fund Scheme.

Save as disclosed herein, as at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr Lee did not have any relationship with any Director, senior management and substantial or controlling shareholder of the Company.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr Lee and his spouse were interested in 2,000,270 Shares and 270 Shares respectively. Save as disclosed herein, as at the Latest Practicable Date, he was not interested or deemed to be interested in any Shares or underlying Shares pursuant to Part XV of the SFO.

Mr Lee entered into a letter agreement with the Company for his appointment as an Executive Director of the Company for a term of two years commencing from 1 January 2021, which is terminable by either party by giving three months' prior written notice or in accordance with the provisions of the Bye-laws. He is also subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the Company's annual general meetings in accordance with the Bye-laws. With effect from 1 April 2022, he is entitled to receive a director's fee of HK\$258,000 per annum. In addition, he entered into an employment agreement for his employment as the Chief Executive Officer of the Company with effect from 1 January 2015, which is terminable by either party by giving three months' prior written notice. Under the above employment agreement, he is entitled to receive a monthly salary of HK\$48,375, discretionary bonus and other fringe benefits. Discretionary bonus is not fixed in the employment agreement and is determined by the Remuneration Committee of the Board from time to time. For the year ended 31 December 2021, he received director's fee, salaries, fringe benefits and pension contribution totalling approximately HK\$845,000 from the Company. His emoluments were determined by reference to his duties and responsibilities.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr Lee did not have any matter that was required to be disclosed pursuant to paragraphs (h) to (v) of rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules or that needed to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

#### Mr Leon Nim Leung Chan

Mr Chan, aged 66, was appointed an independent non-executive Director of the Company on 16 September 1992 and was re-designated as a non-executive Director of the Company on 30 September 2004. He is also a non-executive director of Lippo and LCR. He is a member of the Three Committees of the board of directors of each of the Company, Lippo and LCR. Save as disclosed herein, he has not held any directorship in other public listed companies for the last three years.

Mr Chan is a practising lawyer and presently the principal partner of Messrs Y.T. Chan & Co. He was admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of Hong Kong in 1980 and was also admitted as a solicitor in England in 1984 and in Victoria, Australia in 1985. He was a member of the Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal from May 1993 to April 2008.

Save as disclosed herein, as at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr Chan did not have any relationship with any Director, senior management and substantial or controlling shareholder of the Company.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr Chan was not interested or deemed to be interested in any Shares or underlying Shares pursuant to Part XV of the SFO.

Mr Chan entered into a letter agreement with the Company for his appointment as a non-executive Director of the Company for a term of two years commencing from 1 January 2022, which is terminable by either party by giving three months' prior written notice or in accordance with the provisions of the Bye-laws. He is also subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the Company's annual general meetings in accordance with the Bye-laws. With effect from 1 April 2022, he is entitled to receive a director's fee of HK\$258,000 per annum, which was determined by reference to the prevailing market rate for non-executive directors of listed companies in Hong Kong. He is also entitled to receive additional fees for serving as members of the Three Committees of the Board. For the year ended 31 December 2021, he received a director's fee of HK\$246,000 from the Company and additional fees totalling HK\$158,400 for serving as a member of the Three Committees of the Board.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr Chan did not have any matter that was required to be disclosed pursuant to paragraphs (h) to (v) of rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules or that needed to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

# PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BYE-LAWS AND ADOPTION OF AMENDED AND RESTATED BYE-LAWS

The Board proposes to amend the Existing Bye-laws to conform to the core shareholder protection standards set out in the recently amended Appendix 3 to the Listing Rules and allow general meetings of the Company to be held as an entirely electronic meeting where Shareholders may attend by electronic means in addition to a physical meeting where Shareholders physically attend or a hybrid meeting where Shareholders can attend physically or by electronic means. The amendments also set out other related powers of the Board and the chairman of the general meetings, including making arrangements for attendance as well as ensuring the security and orderly conduct of such general meetings. Further, there are also proposed amendments to reflect certain updates in the applicable laws of Bermuda and the Listing Rules. The other proposed house-keeping amendments to the Existing Bye-laws are in line with the aforesaid proposed amendments. The Board further proposes to adopt the New Bye-laws in substitution for, and to the exclusion of, the Existing Bye-laws.

The major areas of the proposed amendments that will be incorporated in the New Bye-laws are summarized below:

1. To amend the relevant provisions of the Existing Bye-Laws to comply or better align with the requirements of Appendix 3 to the Listing Rules;

- 2. to add some new definitions and make corresponding changes to the relevant provisions of the Existing Bye-laws;
- 3. to include additional details to be specified in a notice of general meeting in light of allowing general meetings to be held at one or more meeting locations, or as a hybrid meeting or an electronic meeting;
- 4. to revise the provisions on proceedings when a quorum is not present after the time appointed for the meeting;
- 5. to provide for the proceedings of general meetings as a physical meeting to be held at one or more locations, or as a hybrid meeting or an electronic meeting, and the powers of the Board and the chairman of the meeting in relation thereto;
- 6. to provide that the Directors may change or postpone the meeting to another date, time and/or place, change the electronic facilities and/or change the form of the meeting (a physical meeting, a hybrid meeting or an electronic meeting) without approval from the Shareholders;
- 7. to provide that votes (other than on a show of hands) may be cast by such means, electronic or otherwise, as the Directors or the chairman of the meeting may determine;
- 8. to make other house-keeping amendments and consequential amendments in line with the above amendments to the Existing Bye-laws;
- 9. to provide that the Board may resolve to capitalise all or any part of any amount for the time being standing to the credit of any reserve or fund (including the profit and loss account) whether or not the same is available for distribution by applying such sum in paying up unissued shares to be allotted to (i) employees (including Directors) of the Company and/or its affiliates upon exercise or vesting of any options or awards granted under any share incentive scheme or employee benefit scheme or other arrangement which relates to such persons that has been adopted or approved by the Shareholders, or (ii) any trustee of any trust to whom shares are to be allotted and issued by the Company in connection with the operation of any share incentive scheme or employee benefit scheme or other arrangement which relates to such persons that has been adopted or approved by the Shareholders, or (iii) any trustee of any trust to whom shares are to be allotted and issued by the Company in connection with the operation of any share incentive scheme or employee benefit scheme or other arrangement which relates to such persons that has been adopted or approved by the Shareholders; and
- 10. to make other amendments to better align with the wordings in the applicable laws of Bermuda and the Listing Rules.

The proposed amendments are set out in Appendix 2 to this circular.

The legal advisers to the Company as to Hong Kong laws have confirmed that the proposed New Bye-laws comply with the requirements of the Listing Rules and the legal advisers to the Company as to Bermuda laws have confirmed that the proposed New Bye-laws do not violate the applicable laws of Bermuda. The Company confirms that there is nothing unusual about the proposed New Bye-laws.

The proposed adoption of the New Bye-laws is subject to the approval of the Shareholders by way of a special resolution at the AGM, details of which are set out in the proposed special resolution in agenda item no. 6 in the notice of the AGM.

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The notice convening the AGM is set out on pages 12 to 17 of this circular. The AGM will also be held using the e-Meeting System. Your attention is drawn to Appendix 1 headed "Special arrangements for the AGM" for the arrangements for the holding of the AGM. A form of proxy for use at the AGM is enclosed. Whether or not you are able or intend to attend the AGM, please complete and return the accompanying form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon to Tricor Tengis Limited, the Company's Branch Share Registrar in Hong Kong, at Level 54, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong as soon as possible and in any event not less than 48 hours (i.e. 10:15 a.m. on Monday, 6 June 2022) before the time appointed for the holding of the AGM. Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting at the AGM should you so wish and in such event, the instrument appointing the proxy shall be deemed to be revoked.

#### VOTING BY POLL AT GENERAL MEETINGS

Pursuant to the requirements under the Listing Rules, any votes of shareholders at a general meeting must be taken by poll except where the chairman of the meeting, in good faith and in compliance with the Listing Rules, decides to allow a resolution to be voted on by a show of hands. Therefore, the Chairman of the AGM will exercise his power under the Bye-laws to demand a poll for each resolution set out in the notice of AGM. The Company will appoint scrutineers to handle vote-taking procedures at the AGM. The results of the poll will be published on the websites of HKEX at www.hkexnews.hk and the Company at www.hkchinese.com.hk as soon as possible after the conclusion of the AGM.

#### RECOMMENDATION

The Directors consider that the proposed grant of general mandates to issue and repurchase Shares, the proposed re-election of retiring Directors and the proposed amendments to Bye-laws and adoption of amended and restated Bye-laws are each in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders, and accordingly recommend that the Shareholders vote in favour of the resolutions to be proposed at the AGM.

Yours faithfully, By Order of the Board **HONGKONG CHINESE LIMITED** John Luen Wai Lee Chief Executive Officer



(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability) (Stock Code: 655)

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Annual General Meeting of Hongkong Chinese Limited (the "Company") will be held at 40th Floor, Tower Two, Lippo Centre, 89 Queensway, Hong Kong on Wednesday, 8 June 2022 at 10:15 a.m. and using the e-Meeting System for the following purposes:

- 1. To receive and adopt the audited Consolidated Financial Statements of the Company and its subsidiaries, the Report of the Directors and the Independent Auditor's Report for the year ended 31 December 2021.
- 2. To consider and declare a final dividend for the year ended 31 December 2021.
- 3. A. To consider the re-election of Mr John Luen Wai Lee as a Director of the Company;
  - B. To consider the re-election of Mr Leon Nim Leung Chan as a Director of the Company; and
  - C. To authorise the Board of Directors of the Company to fix the Directors' remuneration.
- 4. To consider the re-appointment of Ernst & Young as the Auditor of the Company and to authorise the Board of Directors of the Company to fix its remuneration.
- 5. As special business, to consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolutions as Ordinary Resolutions:
  - A. **"THAT**:
    - (a) subject to paragraphs (c) and (d) 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 allot, issue and deal with additional shares in the capital of the Company and to make or grant offers, agreements and options (including warrants, bonds, debentures and other securities which carry rights to subscribe for or are convertible into shares of the Company), which would or might require the exercise of such powers be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;

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- (b) the approval in paragraph (a) 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 to make or grant offers, agreements and options (including warrants, bonds, debentures and other securities which carry rights to subscribe for or are convertible into shares of the Company), which might require the exercise of such powers after the end of the Relevant Period;
- (c) the aggregate number of shares allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted (whether pursuant to an option or otherwise) by the Directors of the Company pursuant to paragraphs (a) and (b) above, otherwise than pursuant to: (i) a Rights Issue (as hereinafter defined); (ii) the exercise of any options granted under any share option scheme of the Company; (iii) an issue of shares upon exercise of subscription rights pursuant to warrants (if any) issued by the Company; or (iv) 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, shall not exceed 20% of the total number of shares of the Company in issue as at the date of passing of this resolution, and the said approval shall be limited accordingly;
- (d) the Company may not issue securities convertible into shares for cash consideration unless the initial conversion price is not lower than the Benchmarked Price (as hereinafter defined) of the shares at the time of the relevant placing, and the Company may not issue warrants, options or similar rights to subscribe for (i) any new shares of the Company or (ii) any securities convertible into new shares of the Company, for cash consideration; and
- (e) for the purpose of this resolution:

"Benchmarked Price" means the higher of:

- (a) the closing price on the date of the relevant placing agreement or other agreement involving the proposed issue of securities under the general mandate in this resolution; and
- (b) the average closing price in the 5 trading days immediately prior to the earlier of:
  - the date of announcement of the placing or the proposed transaction or arrangement involving the proposed issue of securities under the general mandate in this resolution;
  - (ii) the date of the placing agreement or other agreement involving the proposed issue of securities under the general mandate in this resolution; and
  - (iii) the date on which the placing or subscription price is fixed;

"Relevant Period" means the period from the passing of this resolution until whichever is the earliest 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 law or the Bye-laws of the Company to be held; or
- (iii) 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

"Rights Issue" means an offer by way of rights to holders of shares whose names appear on the Register of Members of the Company on a fixed record date which enables those holders to subscribe shares in proportion to their then shareholdings (subject 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)."

#### B. **"THAT**:

- (a) subject to paragraph (b) 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 issued 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 are or may be listed and recognised by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong and the Stock Exchange for this purpose, subject to and in accordance with all applicable laws and/or 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 aggregate number of shares of the Company which may be repurchased by the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above during the Relevant Period shall not exceed 10% of the total number of shares of the Company in issue as at the date of passing of this resolution, and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and

(c) for the purpose of this resolution:

"Relevant Period" means the period from the passing of this resolution until whichever is the earliest 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 law or the Bye-laws of the Company to be held; or
- (iii) the revocation or variation of the authority given under this resolution by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting."
- C. "THAT conditional on the passing of the resolutions set out in Resolutions No. 5A and 5B of the notice convening this meeting, 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 additional shares of the Company and to make or grant offers, agreements and options which might require the exercise of such powers pursuant to the resolution set out in Resolution No. 5A of the notice convening this meeting be and is hereby extended by the addition to the aggregate number of shares of the Company which may be allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted by the Directors of the Company repurchased by the Company under the authority granted pursuant to the resolution set out in Resolution set out in Resolution No. 5B of the notice convening this meeting, provided that such extended number of shares shall not exceed 10% of the total number of shares of the Company in issue as at the date of passing of this resolution."
- 6. As special business, to consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as a Special Resolution:

#### "THAT:

- (a) the proposed amendments to the existing Bye-laws of the Company (the "Proposed Amendments"), the details of which are set out in Appendix 2 to the circular of the Company dated 29 April 2022, be and are hereby approved;
- (b) the amended and restated Bye-laws of the Company (the "New Bye-laws"), which incorporated the Proposed Amendments and all previous amendments to the Bye-laws of the Company approved by the shareholders of the Company, in the form of the document produced to this meeting and marked "A" and initiated by the Chairman of this meeting for the purpose of identification, be and are hereby approved and adopted as the New Bye-laws of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of the existing Bye-laws of the Company with immediate effect; and

(c) any Director of the Company be and is hereby authorised to do all things in his absolute discretion to effect and record the adoption of the New Bye-laws."

By Order of the Board HONGKONG CHINESE LIMITED Kelsch Wong Secretary

29 April 2022

Registered Office: Clarendon House Church Street Hamilton HM 11 Bermuda

Principal Place of Business: 40th Floor Tower Two Lippo Centre 89 Queensway Hong Kong

Notes:

- 1. Your attention is drawn to Appendix 1 headed "Special arrangements for the AGM" for the arrangements for the holding of the AGM. Shareholders are encouraged to attend and vote at the above annual general meeting or any adjournment thereof (the "AGM") using the e-Meeting System or appoint the chairman of the AGM or other persons as their proxies or corporate representatives to attend and vote on their behalf at the AGM using the e-Meeting System.
- 2. A member entitled to attend and vote at the AGM is entitled to appoint another person as his proxy to attend and vote in his stead in accordance with the Bye-laws of the Company. A member who is the holder of two or more shares may appoint more than one proxy to represent him and vote on his behalf in accordance with the Bye-laws of the Company. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.
- 3. To be valid, a form of proxy must be delivered to Tricor Tengis Limited ("Tricor"), the Company's Branch Share Registrar in Hong Kong, at Level 54, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours (i.e. 10:15 a.m. on Monday, 6 June 2022) before the time appointed for the holding of the AGM. Delivery of the form of proxy will not preclude a member from attending and voting in person at the AGM should he so wish and in such event, the instrument appointing the proxy shall be deemed to be revoked.
- 4. The Register of Members of the Company will be closed during the following periods:
  - (i) from Thursday, 2 June 2022 to Wednesday, 8 June 2022 (both dates inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares will be registered, for the purpose of ascertaining shareholders' entitlement to attend and vote at the AGM. In order to be entitled to attend and vote at the AGM, all transfers of shares accompanied by the relevant share certificates and transfer forms must be lodged with Tricor at Level 54, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong not later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, 1 June 2022; and

- (ii) from Wednesday, 15 June 2022 to Friday, 17 June 2022 (both dates inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares will be registered, for the purpose of ascertaining shareholders' entitlement to the proposed final dividend. In order to qualify for the proposed final dividend scheduled to be paid on Friday, 24 June 2022, all transfers of shares accompanied by the relevant share certificates and transfer forms must be lodged with Tricor at Level 54, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong not later than 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 14 June 2022.
- 5. At the AGM, the Chairman of such meeting will exercise his power under Bye-law 66(a) of the Bye-laws of the Company to put each of the above resolutions to the vote by way of a poll as required under the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.
- 6. Should there be any discrepancies between the English and the Chinese versions of this notice, the English version shall prevail.

In view of the uncertainties of the development of the Pandemic and corresponding changes to the measures imposed by the Hong Kong Government and the Regulations from time to time, the AGM will be held at 40th Floor, Tower Two, Lippo Centre, 89 Queensway, Hong Kong and also by using the e-Meeting System.

For so long as reduced gathering restrictions under the Regulations are in place and subject to the Regulations, Shareholders may not be permitted to attend the AGM in person. All registered Shareholders will be able and are encouraged to join the AGM using the e-Meeting System. The e-Meeting System can be accessed from any location with access to the internet via smartphone, tablet device or computer.

Through the e-Meeting System, registered Shareholders/proxies or corporate representatives will be able to view the live video streaming and participate in voting and submitting questions online. Login details and information regarding the e-Meeting System will be posted to the Shareholders 7 business days before the AGM.

#### How to attend and vote

For so long as reduced gathering restrictions under the Regulations are in place and subject to the Regulations, Shareholders may not be able to attend the AGM in person. As such, they will be able to exercise their attendance and voting rights in one of the following ways:

- 1. To attend and vote at the AGM using the e-Meeting System which will enable live streaming and interactive platform for submitting questions and voting online; or
- 2. To appoint the chairman of the AGM or other persons as their proxies or corporate representatives to attend and vote on their behalf at the AGM at the AGM venue or using the e-Meeting System (as the case may be).

The proxy's authority and instruction will be revoked if any shareholder attend and vote at the AGM.

Any non-registered shareholder may instruct his/her/its bank, broker or other custodian to appoint a proxy or corporate representative to attend and vote on his/her/its behalf at the AGM.

Online voting system will be used at the AGM to enhance the efficiency in the poll counting process. This will be a fully paperless AGM process that will facilitate easy and intuitive voting procedures for Shareholders.

Due to the changing Pandemic situations in Hong Kong, the Company may be required to adopt further changes to the AGM arrangements at short notice. Shareholders are advised to check the websites of the Company (www.hkchinese.com.hk) and HKEX (www.hkexnews.hk) for the latest announcement and information relating to the AGM.

The proposed amendments to the relevant existing Bye-laws are shown by mark-ups as follows:

<u>1.</u>	"announcement"	an official publication of a Notice or document of the Company, including a publication, subject to and to such extent permitted by the Listing Rules, by electronic communication or by advertisement published in the newspapers or in such manner or means ascribed and permitted by the Listing Rules and applicable laws.
	"capital"	the share capital <u>of the Company</u> from time to time <del>of the</del> <del>company</del> .
	" <u>close</u> associate"	the meaning attributed to it in the rules of the Designated Stock Exchange in relation to any Director, shall have the same meaning as defined in the Listing Rules as modified from time to time, except that for purposes of Bye-law 100 where the transaction or arrangement to be approved by the Board is a connected transaction referred to in the Listing Rules, it shall have the same meaning as that ascribed to "associate" in the Listing Rules.
	"dollars" and "HK\$"	Hong Kong dollars, the legal currency of Hong Kong.
	"elected shares"	has the meaning given to it in Bye-law 142(1)(b)(iv).
	<u>"electronic</u> communication"	a communication sent, transmitted, conveyed and received by wire, by radio, by optical means or by other electron magnetic means in any form through any medium.
	"electronic meeting"	a general meeting held and conducted wholly and exclusively by virtual attendance and participation by Members and/or proxies by means of electronic facilities.
	"Hong Kong"	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China.
	<u>"hybrid meeting"</u>	a general meeting convened for the (i) physical attendance by Members and/or proxies at the Principal Meeting Place and where applicable, one or more Meeting Locations and (ii) virtual attendance and participation by Members and/or proxies by means of electronic facilities.
	"Listing Rules"	the rules and regulations of the Designated Stock Exchange.
	"Meeting Location"	has the meaning given to it in Bye-law 64(A).

# APPENDIX 2 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BYE-LAWS

"non-elected shares"	has the meaning given to it in Bye-law 142(1)(a)(iv).
"Notice of availability"	has the meaning given to it in Bye-law 158(1)(f).
"Office"	the registered office of the Company-for the time being.
"physical meeting"	a general meeting held and conducted by physical attendance and participation by Members and/or proxies at the Principal Meeting Place and/or where applicable, one or more Meeting Locations.
<u>"Principal Meeting</u> <u>Place"</u>	has the meaning given to it in Bye-law 59(2).
<u>"Subscription Rights</u> <u>Reserve"</u>	has the meaning given to it in Bye-law 146(1)(a).
"substantial shareholder"	a person who is entitled to exercise, or to control the exercise of, 10% or more (or such other percentage as may be prescribed by the Listing Rules from time to time) of the voting power at any general meeting of the Company.

- 2.(e) expressions referring to writing shall, unless the contrary intention appears, be construed as including printing, lithography, photography and other modes of representing <u>or</u> reproducing words or figures in a legible and non-transitory form or, to the extent permitted by and in accordance with the Statutes and other applicable laws, rules and regulations, any visible substitute for writing (including an electronic communication), or modes of representing or reproducing words partly in one visible form and partly in another visible form, and including where the representation takes the form of electronic display, provided that both the mode of service of the relevant document or notice and the Member's election comply with all applicable Statutes, rules and regulations;
- 2.(h) a resolution shall be a special resolution when it has been passed by a majority of not less than three-fourths of votes cast by such Members as, being entitled so to do, vote in person or, in the case of such Members as are corporations, by their respective duly authorised representative or, where proxies are allowed, by proxy at a general meeting of which not less than twenty one (21) clear days' Notice, specifying (without prejudice to the power contained in these Bye-laws to amend the same) the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution, Notice has been duly given. Provided that, except in the case of an annual general meeting, if it is so agreed by a majority together holding not less than ninety five (95) per cent. in nominal value of the shares giving that right and in the case of an annual general meeting, if it is so agreed by all Members entitled to attend and vote thereat, a resolution may be proposed and passed as a special resolution at a meeting of which less than twenty one (21) clear days' Notice has been given in accordance with Bye-law 59;

- 2.(i) a resolution shall be an ordinary resolution when it has been passed by a simple majority of votes cast by such Members as, being entitled so to do, vote in person or, in the case of any Member being a corporation, by its duly authorised representative or, where proxies are allowed, by proxy at a general meeting of which not less than fourteen (14) clear days' Notice has been duly given in accordance with Bye-law 59;
- 2.(k) a resolution shall be an extraordinary resolution when it has been passed by a majority of not less than two thirds of votes cast by such Members as, being entitled so to do, vote in person or, in the case of such Members as are corporations, by their respective duly authorised representative or, where proxies are allowed, by proxy at a general meeting of which Notice has been duly given in accordance with Bye-law 59;
- 2.(<u>l</u>k) references to a document (<u>including</u>, <u>but without limitation</u>, <u>a resolution in writing</u>) being <u>signed or executed include references to it being <u>signed or executed under hand or under seal</u> or by electronic signature <u>or by electronic communication</u> or by any other method and references to a notice or document include a notice or document recorded or stored in any digital, electronic, electrical, magnetic or other retrievable form or medium and information in visible form whether having physical substance or not-;</u>
- 2.(m) a reference to a meeting: (a) shall mean a meeting convened and held in any manner permitted by these Bye-laws and any Member or Director attending and participating at a meeting by means of electronic facilities shall be deemed to be present at that meeting for all purposes of the Statutes and these Bye-laws, and attend, participate, attending, participating, attendance and participation shall be construed accordingly;
- 2.(n) references to a person's participation in the business of a general meeting include without limitation and as relevant the right (including, in the case of a corporation, through a duly authorised representative) to speak or communicate, vote, be represented by a proxy and have access in hard copy or electronic form to all documents which are required by the Statutes or these Bye-laws to be made available at the meeting, and participate and participating in the business of a general meeting shall be construed accordingly;
- 2.(o) references to electronic facilities include, without limitation, website addresses, webinars, webcast, video or any form of conference call systems (telephone, video, web or otherwise); and
- 2.(p) where a Member is a corporation, any reference in these Bye-laws to a Member shall, where the context requires, refer to a duly authorised representative of such Member.

- 3.(2) Subject to the Act, the Company's memorandum of association and, where applicable, the <u>Listing Rulesrules of any Designated Stock Exchange</u> and/or <u>the rules of any competent</u> regulatory authority, any power of the Company to purchase or otherwise acquire its own shares shall be exercisable by the Board upon such terms and subject to such conditions as it thinks fit.
- 3.(3) Subject to compliance with the <u>Listing Rules and the rules of any other competent rules and</u> regulations of the Designated Stock Exchange and any other relevant regulatory authority, the Company may give financial assistance for the purpose of or in connection with a purchase made or to be made by any person of any shares in the Company.
- 6. The Company may from time to time by special resolution, subject to any confirmation or consent required by law, reduce its <del>authorised or</del> issued share capital or, save for the use of share premium as expressly permitted by the Act, any share premium account or other undistributable reserve.
- 9. Subject to Sections 42 and 43 of the Act, these Bye-laws, and to any special rights conferred on the holders of any shares or attaching to any class of shares, any preference shares may be issued or converted into shares that, at a determinable date or at the option of the Company or the holder if so authorised by its memorandum of association, are liable to be redeemed on such terms and in such manner as the Company before the issue or conversion may by ordinary resolution of the Members determine. Where the Company purchases for redemption a redeemable share, purchases not made through the market or by tender shall be limited to a maximum price as may from time to time be determined by the Company in general meeting, either generally or with regard to specific purchases. If purchases are by tender, tenders shall be available to all Members alike.
- 10. Subject to the Act and without prejudice to Bye-law 8, all or any of the special rights for the time being attached to the shares or any class of shares may, unless otherwise provided by the terms of issue of the shares of that class, from time to time (whether or not the Company is being wound up) be varied, modified or abrogated either with the consent in writing of the holders of not less than three-fourths in nominal value of the issued shares of that class or with the sanction of a special resolution passed at a separate general meeting of the holders of the shares of that class. To every such separate general meeting all the provisions of these Bye-laws relating to general meetings of the Company shall, mutatis mutandis, apply, but so that:
  - (a) the necessary quorum (other than at an adjourned meeting) shall be two persons (or in the case of a Member being a corporation, its duly authorised representative) holding or representing by proxy not less than one third in nominal value of the issued shares of that class and at any adjourned meeting of such holders, two holders present in person (or (in the case of a Member being a corporation;) its duly authorised representative) or by proxy (whatever the number of shares held by them) shall be a quorum; and
  - (b) every holder of shares of the class shall be entitled on a poll to one vote for every such share held by him.; and

- (c) any holder of shares of the class present in person or by proxy may demand a poll.
- 12. (1)Subject to the Act, these Bye-laws, any direction that may be given by the Company in general meeting and, where applicable, the Listing Rules<del>rules of any Designated</del> Stock Exchange and without prejudice to any special rights or restrictions for the time being attached to any shares or any class of shares, the unissued shares of the Company (whether forming part of the original or any increased capital) shall be at the disposal of the Board, which may offer, allot, grant options over or otherwise dispose of them to such persons, at such times and for such consideration and upon such terms and conditions as the Board may in its absolute discretion determine but so that no shares shall be issued at a discount to their nominal value. Neither the Company nor the Board shall be obliged, when making or granting any allotment of, offer of, option over or disposal of shares, to make, or make available, any such allotment, offer, option or shares to Members or others with registered addresses in any particular territory or territories being a territory or territories where, in the absence of a registration statement or other special formalities, this would or might, in the opinion of the Board, be unlawful or impracticable. Members affected as a result of the foregoing sentence shall not be, or be deemed to be, a separate class of mMembers for any purpose whatsoever.
  - (2) The Board may issue warrants or convertible securities or securities of similar nature conferring the right upon the holders thereof to subscribe for any class of shares or securities in the capital of the Company on such terms as it may from time to time determine.
- 16. Every share certificate shall be issued under the Seal or a facsimile thereof <u>or with the Seal</u> <u>printed thereon</u> and shall specify the number and class and distinguishing numbers (if any) of the shares to which it relates, and the amount paid up thereon and may otherwise be in such form as the Directors may from time to time determine. <u>The seal of the Company may</u> <u>only be affixed or imprinted to a share certificate with the authority of the Directors, or be</u> <u>executed under the signature of appropriate officials with statutory authority, unless</u> <u>otherwise determined by the Directors.</u> No certificate shall be issued <u>and</u> representing shares of more than one class. The Board may by resolution determine, either generally or in any particular case or cases, that any signatures on any such certificates (or certificates in respect of other securities) need not be autographic but may be affixed to such certificates by some mechanical means or may be printed thereon or that such certificates need not be signed by any person.
- 17. (2) Where a share stands in the names of two or more persons, the person first named in the Register shall as regards service of <u>mNotices</u> and, subject to the provisions of these Bye-laws, all or any other matters connected with the Company, except the transfer of the shares, be deemed the sole holder thereof.
- 22. The Company shall have a first and paramount lien on every share (not being a fully paid share) for all moneys (whether presently payable or not) called or payable at a fixed time in respect of that share. The Company shall also have a first and paramount lien on every share (not being a fully paid share) registered in the name of a Member (whether or not jointly

with other Members) for all amounts of money presently payable by such Member or his estate to the Company whether the same shall have been incurred before or after notice to the Company of any equitable or other interest of any person other than such <u>mM</u>ember, and whether the period for the payment or discharge of the same shall have actually arrived or not, and notwithstanding that the same are joint debts or liabilities of such Member or his estate and any other person, whether a Member or not. The Company's lien on a share shall extend to all dividends or other moneys payable thereon or in respect thereof. The Board may at any time, generally or in any particular case, waive any lien that has arisen or declare any share exempt in whole or in part, from the provisions of this Bye-law.

- 23. Subject to these Bye-laws, the Company may sell in such manner as the Board determines any share on which the Company has a lien, but no sale shall be made unless some sum in respect of which the lien exists is presently payable, or the liability or engagement in respect of which such lien exists is liable to be presently fulfilled or discharged nor until the expiration of fourteen (14) clear days after a notice in writing, stating and demanding payment of the sum presently payable, or specifying the liability or engagement and demanding fulfilment or discharge thereof and giving notice of the intention to sell in default, has been served on the registered holder for the time being of the share or the person entitled thereto by reason of his death or bankruptcy.
- 25. Subject to these Bye-laws and to the terms of allotment, the Board may from time to time make calls upon the Members in respect of any moneys unpaid on their shares (whether on account of the nominal value of the shares or by way of premium), and each Member shall (subject to being given at least fourteen (14) clear days' Notice specifying the time and place of payment) pay to the Company as required by such nNotice the amount called on his shares. A call may be extended, postponed or revoked in whole or in part as the Board determines but no member shall be entitled to any such extension, postponement or revocation except as a matter of grace and favour.
- 33. The Board may, if it thinks fit, receive from any Member willing to advance the same, and either in money or money's worth, all or any part of the moneys uncalled and unpaid or instalments payable upon any shares held by him and upon all or any of the moneys so advanced (until the same would, but for such advance, become presently payable) pay interest at such rate (if any) as the Board may decide. The Board may at any time repay the amount so advanced upon giving to such Member not less than one month's Notice of its intention in that behalf, unless before the expiration of such <u>mN</u>otice the amount so advanced shall have been called up on the shares in respect of which it was advanced. Such payment in advance shall not entitle the holder of such share or shares to participate in respect thereof in a dividend subsequently declared.
- 35. When any share has been forfeited, <u>mNotice</u> of the forfeiture shall be served upon the person who was before forfeiture the holder of the share. No forfeiture shall be invalidated by any omission or neglect to give such Notice.
- 44. The Register and branch register of Members, as the case may be, shall be open to inspection between 10 a.m. and 12 noon during business hours by <u>Mmembers of the public</u> without charge or by any other person, upon a maximum payment of five Bermuda dollars, at the Office or such other place in Bermuda at which the Register is kept in accordance with the

Act or, if appropriate, upon a maximum payment of ten dollars at the Registration Office. The Register including any overseas or local or other branch register of Members may, after notice has been given by advertisement in an appointed newspaper and where applicable, any other newspapers in accordance with the requirements of any Designated Stock Exchange or by any means in such manner as may be accepted by the Designated Stock Exchange to that effect, be closed at such times or for such periods not exceeding in the whole thirty (30) days in each year as the Board may determine and either generally or in respect of any class of shares.

- 45. <u>Subject to the Listing Rules, Nn</u>otwithstanding any other provision of these Bye-laws the Company or the Directors may fix any date as the record date for:
  - (a) determining the Members entitled to receive any dividend, distribution, allotment or issue and such record date may be on, or at any time not more than thirty (30) days before or after, any date on which such dividend, distribution, allotment or issue is declared, paid or made; and
  - (b) determining the Members entitled to receive <u>mN</u>otice of and to vote at any general meeting of the Company.
- 46. Subject to these Bye-laws, any Member may transfer all or any of his shares in any manner permitted by and in accordance with the Listing Rules rules of the Designated Stock Exchange or by an instrument of transfer in the usual or common form or in a form prescribed by the Designated Stock Exchange or in any other form approved by the Board and may be under hand or, if the transferor or transferee is a clearing house or its nominee(s), by hand or by machine imprinted signature or by such other manner of execution as the Board may approve from time to time.
- 51. The registration of transfers of shares or of any class of shares may, after notice has been given by <u>announcement or by electronic communication or by</u> advertisement in <u>any an</u> appointed newspaper and, where applicable, any other newspapers in accordance with the requirements of any Designated Stock Exchange or by any means in such manner as may be accepted by the Designated Stock Exchange to that effect be suspended at such times and for such periods (not exceeding in the whole thirty (30) days in any year) as the Board may determine.
- 54. A person becoming entitled to a share by reason of the death or bankruptcy or winding-up of a Member shall be entitled to the same dividends and other advantages to which he would be entitled if he were the registered holder of the share. However, the Board may, if it thinks fit, withhold the payment of any dividend payable or other advantages in respect of such share until such person shall become the registered holder of the share or shall have effectually transferred such share, but, subject to the requirements of Bye-law 725(2) being met, such a person may vote at meetings.

- 55. (2) The Company shall have the power to sell, in such manner as the Board thinks fit, any shares of a Member who is untraceable, but no such sale shall be made unless:
  - (a) all cheques or warrants in respect of dividends of the shares in question, being not less than three in total number, for any sum payable in cash to the holder of such shares in respect of them sent during the relevant period in the manner authorised by these Bye-laws of the Company have remained uncashed;
  - (c) the Company, if so required by the <u>Listing Rulesrules governing the listing of shares on the Designated Stock Exchange</u>, has given notice to, and caused advertisement in newspapers in accordance with the requirements of, the Designated Stock Exchange to be made of its intention to sell such shares in the manner required by the Designated Stock Exchange, and a period of three (3) months or such shorter period as may be allowed by the Designated Stock Exchange has elapsed since the date of such advertisement.

For the purpose of the foregoing, the "relevant period" means the period commencing twelve (12) years before the date of publication of the advertisement referred to in paragraph (c) of this Bye-law and ending at the expiry of the period referred to in that paragraph.

- 56. <u>Subject to the Act, Aan annual general meeting of the Company shall be held in each financial year and such annual general other than the year in which its statutory meeting must be held within six is convened at such time (within a period of not more than fifteen (615) months after the holding of the last preceding annual general meeting end of the Company's financial year (unless a longer period would not infringe the Listing Rulesrules of the Designated Stock Exchange, if any) at such time and place as may be determined by the Board.</u>
- 57. Each general meeting, other than an annual general meeting, shall be called a special general meeting. <u>All Ggeneral meetings (including an annual general meeting, any adjourned meeting or postponed meeting)</u> may be held <u>as a physical meeting in any part of the world and at one or more locations as provided in Bye-law 64A, as a hybrid meeting or as an electronic meeting, as may be determined by the Board in its absolute discretion. The Board may whenever it thinks fit call special general meetings.</u>
- 58. Members holding at the date of deposit of the requisition not less than one-tenth of the paid up capital of the Company carrying the right of voting at general meetings of the Company shall at all times have the right, by written requisition to the Board or the Secretary of the Company, to require a special general meeting to be called by the Board for the transaction of any business or resolution specified in such requisition; and such meeting shall be held in the form of a hybrid meeting, an electronic meeting or a physical meeting and within two (2) months after the deposit of such requisition. If within twenty-one (21) days of such deposit the Board fails to proceed to convene such meeting the requisitionists themselves may convene such hybrid, electronic or physical meeting in accordance with the provisions of Section 74(3) of the Act. The Board may whenever it thinks fit call special general meetings, and Members holding at the date of deposit of the requisition not less than one

tenth of the paid up capital of the Company carrying the right of voting at general meetings of the Company shall at all times have the right, by written requisition to the Board or the Secretary of the Company, to require a special general meeting to be called by the Board for the transaction of any business specified in such requisition; and such meeting shall be held within two (2) months after the deposit of such requisition. If within twenty one (21) days of such deposit the Board fails to proceed to convene such meeting the requisitionists themselves may do so in accordance with the provisions of Section 74(3) of the Act.

- 59. (1) An annual general meeting shall be called by Notice of not less than twenty-one (21) clear days. and not less than twenty (20) clear business days and any <u>All other general meetings (including a special general meeting) at which the passing of a special resolution is to be considered shall be called by Notice of not less than twenty-one (21) clear days and not less than ten (10) clear business days. All other special general meetings may <u>must</u> be called by Notice of not less than fourteen (14) clear days and not less than ten (10) clear business days. All other special general meetings may <u>must</u> be called by Notice of not less than fourteen (14) clear days and not less than ten (10) clear business days but if permitted by the <u>Listing Rulesrules of the Designated Stock Exchange</u>, a general meeting may be called by shorter notice if it is so agreed:
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  - (a) in the case of a meeting called as an annual general meeting, by all the Members entitled to attend and vote thereat; and
  - (b) in the case of any other meeting, by a majority in number of the Members having the right to attend and vote at the meeting, being a majority together holdingrepresenting not less than ninety-five per cent. (95%) in nominal value of the issued shares giving that rightof the total voting rights at the meeting of all the Members.
  - The Notice shall specify (a) the time and date of the meeting, (b) save for an (2)electronic meeting, the place of the meeting and if there is more than one meeting location as determined by the Board pursuant to Bye-law 64A, the principal place of the meeting (the "Principal Meeting Place"), (c) if the general meeting is to be a hybrid meeting or an electronic meeting, the Notice shall include a statement to that effect and with details of the electronic facilities for attendance and participation by electronic means at the meeting or where such details will be made available by the Company prior to the meeting, and (d) particulars of resolutions to be considered at the meeting, in case of special business, the general nature of the business. The Notice convening an annual general meeting shall specify the meeting as such. Notice of every general meeting shall be given to all Members other than to such Members as, under the provisions of these Bye-laws or the terms of issue of the shares they hold, are not entitled to receive such nNotices from the Company, to all persons entitled to a share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy or winding-up of a Member and to each of the Directors and the Auditors.
- 61. (1) All business shall be deemed special that is transacted at a special general meeting, and also all business that is transacted at an annual general meeting, with the exception of sanctioning dividends, the reading, considering and adopting of the accounts and balance sheet (or its equivalent as determined by the Directors and/or Auditor under the accounting principles adopted by the Company from time to time)

and the reports of the Directors and Auditors and other documents required to be annexed to the such balance sheet, the election of Directors and appointment of Auditors and other officers in the place of those retiring and, the fixing of the remuneration of the Auditors, and the voting of remuneration or extra remuneration to the Directors.

- (2) No business other than the appointment of a chairman of a meeting shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum is present at the commencement of the business. Two (2) Members entitled to vote and present in person (or in the case of a Member being a corporation by its duly authorised representative) or by proxy or, for quorum purposes only, two persons appointed by the clearing house as authorised representative or proxy, shall form a quorum for all purposes.
- 62. If within thirty (30) minutes (or such longer time not exceeding one hour as the chairman of the meeting may determine to wait) after the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting, if convened on the requisition of Members, shall be dissolved. In any other case it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and place (where applicable) same place(s) or to such time and place as the Board (where applicable) such place(s) and in such form and manner referred to in Bye-law 57 as the chairman of the meeting (or in default, the Board) may absolutely determine. If at such adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for holding the meeting, the meeting shall be dissolved.
- 63. The presidentchairman of the BoardCompany or the chairman if there is more than one chairman, any one of them as may be agreed amongst themselves or failing such agreement, any one of them elected by all the Directors present shall preside as chairman at everya general meeting. If at any meeting the president or the no chairman, as the case may be, is not-present within fifteen (15) minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, or if neither of them is willing to act as chairman, the deputy chairman of the Board or if there is more than one deputy chairman, any one of them as may be agreed amongst themselves or failing such agreement, any one of them elected by all the Directors present shall preside as chairman of the meeting, or if neither of them is willing to act as chairman is present or is willing to act as chairman of the meeting, the Directors present shall choose one of their number to act, or if one Director only is present he shall preside as chairman if willing to act. If no Director is present, or if each of the Directors present declines to take the chair, or if the chairman chosen shall retire from the chair, the Members present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote shall elect one of their number to be chairman of the meeting.
- 64. <u>Subject to Bye-law 64C, The chairman may, with the consent of any meeting at which a quorum is present (and shall if so directed by the meeting), adjourn the meeting from time to time (or indefinitely) and/or from place to place(s) and/or from one form to another (a physical meeting, a hybrid meeting or an electronic meeting) as the meeting shall determine, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business which might lawfully have been transacted at the meeting had the adjournment not taken place. When a meeting is adjourned for fourteen (14) days or more, at least seven (7) clear days' Notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given specifying the time and place of the adjourned meeting details set out in Bye-law 59(2) but it shall not be necessary to specify in such motice the nature of the business to be transacted at the adjourned meeting and the</u>

general nature of the business to be transacted. Save as aforesaid, it shall be unnecessary to give <del>n</del>Notice of an adjournment.

- 64A. (1) The Board may, at its absolute discretion, arrange for persons entitled to attend a general meeting to do so by simultaneous attendance and participation by means of electronic facilities at such location or locations (the "Meeting Location(s)") determined by the Board at its absolute discretion. Any Member or any proxy attending and participating in such way or any Member participating in a hybrid meeting or an electronic meeting by means of electronic facilities is deemed to be present at and shall be counted in the quorum of the meeting.
  - (2) <u>All general meetings are subject to the following:</u>
    - (a) where a Member is attending a Meeting Location and/or in the case of a hybrid meeting, the meeting shall be treated as having commenced if it has commenced at the Principal Meeting Place;
    - (b) Members present in person or by proxy at a Meeting Location and/or Members participating in a hybrid meeting or an electronic meeting by means of electronic facilities shall be counted in the quorum for and entitled to vote at the meeting in question, and that meeting shall be duly constituted and its proceedings valid provided that the chairman of the meeting is satisfied that adequate electronic facilities are available throughout the meeting to ensure that Members at all Meeting Locations and Members participating in a hybrid meeting or an electronic meeting by means of electronic facilities are able to participate in the business for which the meeting has been convened;
    - (c) where Members attend a meeting by being present at one of the Meeting Locations and/or where Members participating in a hybrid meeting or an electronic meeting by means of electronic facilities, a failure (for any reason) of the electronic facilities or communication equipment, or any other failure in the arrangements for enabling those in a Meeting Location other than the Principal Meeting Place to participate in the business for which the meeting has been convened or in the case of a hybrid meeting or an electronic meeting, the inability of one or more Members or proxies to access, or continue to access, the electronic facilities despite adequate electronic facilities having been made available by the Company, shall not affect the validity of the meeting or the resolutions passed, or any business conducted there or any action taken pursuant to such business provided that there is a quorum present throughout the meeting; and
    - (d) if any of the Meeting Locations is outside the jurisdiction of the Principal Meeting Place and/or in the case of a hybrid meeting, unless otherwise stated in the Notice, the provisions of these Bye-laws concerning the service and giving of Notice for the meeting, and the time for lodging proxies, shall apply by reference to the Principal Meeting Place; and in the case of an electronic meeting, the time for lodging proxies shall be as stated in the Notice for the meeting.

- 64B. The Board and, at any general meeting, the chairman of the meeting may from time to time make arrangements for managing attendance and/or participation and/or voting at the Principal Meeting Place, any Meeting Location(s) and/or participation in a hybrid meeting or an electronic meeting by means of electronic facilities (whether involving the issue of tickets or some other means of identification, passcode, seat reservation, electronic voting or otherwise) as it shall in its absolute discretion consider appropriate, and may from time to time change any such arrangements, provided that a Member who, pursuant to such arrangements, is not entitled to attend, in person or by proxy, at any Meeting Location shall be entitled so to attend at one of the other Meeting Locations; and the entitlement of any Member so to attend the meeting or adjourned meeting or postponed meeting at such Meeting Location or Meeting Locations shall be subject to any such arrangement as may be for the time being in force and by the Notice of meeting or adjourned meeting or postponed meeting stated to apply to the meeting.
- 64C. If it appears to the chairman of the general meeting that:
  - (a) the electronic facilities at the Principal Meeting Place or at such other Meeting Location(s) at which the meeting may be attended have become inadequate for the purposes referred to in Bye-law 64A(1) or are otherwise not sufficient to allow the meeting to be conducted substantially in accordance with the provisions set out in the Notice of the meeting; or
  - (b) in the case of a hybrid meeting or an electronic meeting, electronic facilities being made available by the Company have become inadequate; or
  - (c) it is not possible to ascertain the view of those present or to give all persons entitled to do so a reasonable opportunity to communicate and/or vote at the meeting; or
  - (d) there is violence or the threat of violence, unruly behaviour or other disruption occurring at the meeting or it is not possible to secure the proper and orderly conduct of the meeting;

then, without prejudice to any other power which the chairman of the meeting may have under these Bye-laws or at common law, the chairman may, at his/her absolute discretion, without the consent of the meeting, and before or after the meeting has started and irrespective of whether a quorum is present, interrupt or adjourn the meeting (including adjournment for indefinite period). All business conducted at the meeting up to the time of such adjournment shall be valid.

64D. The Board and, at any general meeting, the chairman of the meeting may make any arrangement and impose any requirement or restriction the Board or the chairman of the meeting, as the case may be, considers appropriate to ensure the security and orderly conduct of a meeting (including, without limitation, requirements for evidence of identity to be produced by those attending the meeting, the searching of their personal property and the restriction of items that may be taken into the meeting place, determining the number and frequency of and the time allowed for questions that may be raised at a meeting). Members shall also comply with all requirements or restrictions imposed by the owner of the premises

at which the meeting is held. Any decision made under this Bye-law shall be final and conclusive and a person who refuses to comply with any such arrangements, requirements or restrictions may be refused entry to the meeting or ejected (physically or electronically) from the meeting.

- 64E. If, after the sending of Notice of a general meeting but before the meeting is held, or after the adjournment of a meeting but before the adjourned meeting is held (whether or not Notice of the adjourned meeting is required), the Directors, in their absolute discretion, consider that it is inappropriate, impracticable, unreasonable or undesirable for any reason to hold the general meeting on the date or at the time or place or by means of electronic facilities specified in the Notice calling the meeting, they may change or postpone the meeting to another date, time and/or place and/or change the electronic facilities and/or change the form of the meeting (a physical meeting, a hybrid meeting or an electronic meeting) without approval from the Members. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the Directors shall have the power to provide in every Notice calling a general meeting the circumstances in which a postponement of the relevant general meeting may occur automatically without further notice, including without limitation where a number 8 or higher typhoon signal, black rainstorm warning or other similar event is in force at any time on the day of the meeting. This Bye-law shall be subject to the following:
  - (a) when a meeting is so postponed, the Company shall endeavour to post a Notice of such postponement on the Company's website as soon as practicable (provided that failure to post such Notice shall not affect the automatic postponement of such meeting);
  - (b) when only the form of the meeting or electronic facilities specified in the Notice are changed, the Board shall notify the Members of details of such change in such manner as the Board may determine;
  - (c) when a meeting is postponed or changed in accordance with this Bye-law, subject to and without prejudice to Bye-law 64, unless already specified in the original Notice of the meeting, the Board shall fix the date, time, place (if applicable) and electronic facilities (if applicable) for the postponed or changed meeting and shall notify the Members of such details in such manner as the Board may determine; further all proxy forms shall be valid (unless revoked or replaced by a new proxy) if they are received as required by these Bye-laws not less than 48 hours before the time of the postponed or changed meeting; and
  - (d) notice of the business to be transacted at the postponed or changed meeting shall not be required, nor shall any accompanying documents be required to be recirculated, provided that the business to be transacted at the postponed or changed meeting is the same as that set out in the original Notice of general meeting circulated to the <u>Members.</u>
- 64F. All persons seeking to attend and participate in a hybrid meeting or an electronic meeting shall be responsible for maintaining adequate facilities to enable them to do so. Subject to Bye-law 64C, any inability of a person or persons to attend or participate in a general meeting by way of electronic facilities shall not invalidate the proceedings of and/or resolutions passed at that meeting.

- 64G. Without prejudice to other provisions in Bye-law 64, a physical meeting may also be held by means of such telephone, electronic or other communication facilities as permit all persons participating in the meeting to communicate with each other simultaneously and instantaneously, and participation in such a meeting shall constitute presence in person at such meeting.
- 66. Subject to any special rights or restrictions as to voting for the time being attached to (1)any shares by or in accordance with these Bye-laws, at any general meeting on a pollshow of hands every Member present in person (or being a corporation, is present by a representative duly authorised under Section 78 of the Act), or by proxy shall have one vote and on a poll every Member present in person or by proxy or, in the case of a Member being a corporation, by its duly authorised representative shall have one vote for every fully paid share of which he is the holder but so that no amount paid up or credited as paid up on a share in advance of calls or instalments is treated for the foregoing purposes as paid up on the share. Notwithstanding anything contained in these Bye-laws, where more than one proxy is appointed by a Member which is a elearing house (or its nominee(s)), each such proxy shall have one vote on a show of hands. A resolution put to the vote of a meeting shall be decided on a show of hands unless (1) voting by way of a poll is required by the rules of the Designated Stock Exchange, provided that the chairman of the meeting may, in good faith and in eompliance with the rules of the Designated Stock Exchange, decide to allow such resolution to be voted on by a show of hands; or (2) (before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands or on the withdrawal of any other demand for a poll) a poll is demanded: save that in the case of a physical meeting, the chairman of the meeting may in good faith, allow a resolution which relates purely to a procedural or administrative matter to be voted on by a show of hands in which case every Member present in person or by proxy(ies) shall have one vote provided that where more than one proxy is appointed by a Member which is a clearing house (or its nominee(s)), each such proxy shall have one vote on a show of hands. For purposes of this Bye-law, procedural and administrative matters are those that (i) are not on the agenda of the general meeting or in any supplementary circular that may be issued by the Company to its Members; and (ii) relate to the chairman's duties to maintain the orderly conduct of the meeting and/or allow the business of the meeting to be properly and effectively dealt with, whilst allowing all Members a reasonable opportunity to express their views. Votes may be cast by such means, electronic or otherwise, as the Directors or the chairman of the meeting may determine.
  - (2) In the case of a physical meeting where a show of hands is allowed, before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands, a poll may be demanded:
    - (a) by the chairman of such meeting; or
    - (<u>ab</u>) by at least three Members present in person (or in the case of a Member being a corporation by its duly authorised representative) or by proxy for the time being entitled to vote at the meeting; or

- (be) by a Member or Members present in person (or in the case of a Member being a corporation by its duly authorised representative) or by proxy and representing not less than one-tenth of the total voting rights of all Members having the right to vote at the meeting; or
- (cd) by a Member or Members present in person (or in the case of a Member being a corporation by its duly authorised representative) or by proxy and holding shares in the Company conferring a right to vote at the meeting being shares on which an aggregate sum has been paid up equal to not less than one-tenth of the total sum paid up on all shares conferring that right.

A demand by a person as proxy for a Member  $\overline{\text{or in the case of a Member being a corporation}}$ by its duly authorised representative shall be deemed to be the same as a demand by <u>thea</u> Member.

- 67. Unless a poll is required or duly demanded and the demand is not withdrawnWhere a resolution is voted on by a show of hands, a declaration by the chairman that a resolution has been carried, or carried unanimously, or by a particular majority, or not carried by a particular majority, or lost, and an entry to that effect made in the minute book of the Company, shall be conclusive evidence of the facts without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded for or against the resolution. Where a resolution put to the vote of a meeting is decided on by way of poll
- 68. If a poll is required or duly demanded, the result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting. The Company shall only be at which the poll was required or demanded. There shall be no requirement for the chairman to disclose the voting figures on a poll if such disclosure is required by the Listing Rules. A poll required or demanded shall be taken in such manner (including the use of ballot or voting papers or tickets) as the chairman directs.
- 69. A poll demanded on the election of a chairman, or on a question of adjournment, shall be taken forthwith. A poll demanded on any other question shall be taken either forthwith or at such time (being not later than thirty (30) days after the date of the demand) and place as the chairman directs. It shall not be necessary (unless the chairman otherwise directs) for notice to be given of a poll not taken immediately.
- 70. The demand for a poll shall not prevent the continuance of a meeting or the transaction of any business other than the question on which the poll has been demanded, and, with the consent of the chairman, it may be withdrawn at any time before the close of the meeting or the taking of the poll, whichever is the earlier.

- 703. <u>All questions submitted to a meeting shall be decided by a simple majority of votes except</u> where a greater majority is required by these Bye-laws or by the Act. In the case of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the chairman of such meeting shall be entitled to a second or casting vote in addition to any other vote he may have.
- 725. (1) A Member who is a patient for any purpose relating to mental health or in respect of whom an order has been made by any court having jurisdiction for the protection or management of the affairs of persons incapable of managing their own affairs may vote, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, by his receiver, committee, curator bonis or other person in the nature of a receiver, committee or curator bonis appointed by such court, and such receiver, committee, curator bonis or other person may vote on a poll by proxy, and may otherwise act and be treated as if he were the registered holder of such shares for the purposes of general meetings, provided that such evidence as the Board may require of the authority of the person claiming to vote shall have been deposited at the Office, head office or Registration Office, as appropriate, not less than forty-eight (48) hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting, or adjourned meeting, or pollpostponed meeting, as the case may be.
  - (2) Any person entitled under Bye-law 53 to be registered as the holder of any shares may vote at any general meeting in respect thereof in the same manner as if he were the registered holder of such shares, provided that forty-eight (48) hours at least before the time of the holding of the meeting or adjourned meeting or postponed meeting, as the case may be, at which he proposes to vote, he shall satisfy the Board of his entitlement to such shares, or the Board shall have previously admitted his right to vote at such meeting in respect thereof.
- 7<u>36</u>. (2) All members have the right to (a) speak at a general meeting, and (b) vote at a general meeting except where a Member is required, by the Listing Rules, to abstain from voting to approve the matter under consideration. A person is able to exercise the right to speak (and shall be presumed to be heard) at a general meeting when the person is in a position to communicate (including, in the case of hybrid meeting and electronic meeting, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, communication through facilities that provide for the conveyance of messages in real-time or near real-time via human voice, audio system, text messages, chat messaging and/or in any other means or functions as permitted by the Board or the chairman of the meeting from time to time) to all those attending the general meeting.
  - (3)(2) Where the Company has knowledge that any Member is, under the Listing Rulesrules of the Designated Stock Exchange, required to abstain from voting on any particular resolution of the Company or restricted to voting only for or only against any particular resolution of the Company, any votes cast by or on behalf of such Member in contravention of such requirement or restriction shall not be counted.
- 7<u>4</u>7. If:
  - (a) any objection shall be raised to the qualification of any voter; or
- (b) any votes have been counted which ought not to have been counted or which might have been rejected; or
- (c) any votes are not counted which ought to have been counted;

the objection or error shall not vitiate the decision of the meeting or adjourned meeting <u>or</u> <u>postponed meeting</u> on any resolution unless the same is raised or pointed out at the meeting or, as the case may be, the adjourned meeting <u>or postponed meeting</u> at which the vote objected to is given or tendered or at which the error occurs. Any objection or error shall be referred to the chairman of the meeting and shall only vitiate the decision of the meeting on any resolution if the chairman decides that the same may have affected the decision of the meeting. The decision of the chairman on such matters shall be final and conclusive.

- 769. The instrument appointing a proxy shall be (i) in writing under the hand of the appointor or of his attorney duly authorised in writing or, if the appointor is a corporation, either under its seal or under the hand of an officer, attorney or other person authorised to sign the same, or (ii) submitted by the appointor or his attorney duly authorised in writing or, if the appointor is a corporation, by an officer, attorney or other person authorised to submit the same, by electronic means in such manner and time as the Board may decide. In the case of an instrument of proxy purporting to be signed or submitted on behalf of a corporation by an officer thereof it shall be assumed, unless the contrary appears, that such officer was duly authorised to sign such instrument of proxy on behalf of the corporation without further evidence of the fact.
- The Company may, at its absolute discretion, provide an electronic address for the 77. (1)receipt of any document or information relating to proxies for a general meeting (including any instrument of proxy or invitation to appoint a proxy, any document necessary to show the validity of, or otherwise relating to, an appointment of proxy (whether or not required under these Bye-laws) and notice of termination of the authority of a proxy). If such an electronic address is provided, the Company shall be deemed to have agreed that any such document or information (relating to proxies as aforesaid) may be sent by electronic means to that address, subject as hereafter provided and subject to any other limitations or conditions specified by the Company when providing the address. Without limitation, the Company may from time to time determine that such electronic address may be used generally for such matters or specifically for particular meetings or purposes and, if so, the Company may provide different electronic addresses for different purposes. The Company may also impose any conditions on the transmission of and its receipt of such electronic communications including, for the avoidance of doubt, imposing any security or encryption arrangements as may be specified by the Company. If any document or information required to be sent to the Company under this Bye-law is sent to the Company by electronic means, such document or information is not treated as validly delivered to or deposited with the Company if the same is not received by the Company at its designated electronic address provided in accordance with this Bye-law or if no electronic address is so designated by the Company for the receipt of such document or information.

- 80. (2)The instrument appointing a proxy and (if required by the Board) the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed, or a certified copy of such power or authority, shall be delivered to such place or one of such places (if any) as may be specified for that purpose in or by way of note to or in any document accompanying the notice convening the meeting (or, if no place is so specified at the Office, head office or Registration Office-or the Office, as may be appropriate), or if the Company has provided an electronic address in accordance with the preceding paragraph, shall be received at the electronic address specified, not less than forty-eight (48) hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting or postponed meeting at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote or, in the case of a poll taken subsequently to the date of a meeting or adjourned meeting, not less than twenty-four (24) hours before the time appointed for the taking of the poll and in default the instrument of proxy shall not be treated as valid. No instrument appointing a proxy shall be valid after the expiration of twelve (12) months from the date named in it as the date of its execution, except at an adjourned meeting or postponed on a poll demanded at a meeting or an adjourned meeting in cases where the meeting was originally held within twelve (12) months from such date. Delivery of an instrument appointing a proxy shall not preclude a Member from attending and voting in person at the meeting convened and in such event, the instrument appointing a proxy shall be deemed to be revoked.
- <u>78+</u>. Instruments of proxy shall be in any common form or in such other form as the Board may approve (provided that this shall not preclude the use of the two-way form) and the Board may, if it thinks fit, send out with the <u>nNotice</u> of any meeting forms of instrument of proxy for use at the meeting. The instrument of proxy shall be deemed to confer authority to demand or join in demanding a poll and to-vote on any amendment of a resolution put to the meeting for which it is given as the proxy thinks fit. The instrument of proxy shall, unless the contrary is stated therein, be valid as well for any adjournment <u>or postponement</u> of the meeting as for the meeting to which it relates. The Board may decide, either generally or in any particular case, to treat a proxy appointment as valid notwithstanding that the appointment or any of the information required under these Bye-laws has not been received in accordance with the requirements of these Bye-laws. Subject to aforesaid, if the proxy appointment and any of the information required under these Bye-laws is not received in the manner set out in these Bye-laws, the appointee shall not be entitled to attend or to vote in respect of the shares in question.
- <u>7982</u>. A vote given in accordance with the terms of an instrument of proxy shall be valid notwithstanding the previous death or insanity of the principal, or revocation of the instrument of proxy or of the authority under which it was executed, provided that no intimation in writing of such death, insanity or revocation shall have been received by the Company at the Office, head office or the Registration Office (or such other place as may be specified for the delivery of instruments of proxy in the <u>nNotice</u> convening the meeting or other document sent therewith) two (2) hours at least before the commencement of the meeting or adjourned meeting; or <u>postponed meeting</u>the taking of the poll, at which the instrument of proxy is used.

- 814. (2) Where a Member is a clearing house (or its nominee(s) and, in each case, being a corporation), it may authorise such persons as it thinks fit to act as its representatives at any meeting of the Company or at any meeting of any class of Members provided that the authorisation shall specify the number and class of shares in respect of which each such representative is so authorised. Each person so authorised under the provisions of this Bye-law shall be deemed to have been duly authorised without further evidence of the facts and be entitled to exercise the same rights and powers on behalf of the clearing house (or its nominee(s)) as if such person was the registered holder of the shares of the Company held by the clearing house (or its nominee(s)) in respect of the number and class of shares specified in the relevant authorisation including, where a show of hands is allowed applicable, the right to vote individually on a show of hands.
- 825. (1) Subject to the Act, a resolution in writing signed (in such manner as to indicate, expressly or impliedly, unconditional approval) by or on behalf of all persons for the time being entitled to receive nNotice of and to attend and vote at general meetings of the Company shall, for the purposes of these Bye-laws, be treated as a resolution duly passed at a general meeting of the Company and, where relevant, as a special resolution so passed. Any such resolution shall be deemed to have been passed at a meeting held on the date on which it was signed by the last Member to sign, and where the resolution states a date as being the date of his signature thereof by any Member the statement shall be prima facie evidence that it was signed by him on that date. Such a resolution may consist of several documents in the like form, each signed by one or more relevant Members.
  - (2) Notwithstanding any provisions contained in these Bye-laws, a resolution in writing shall not be passed for the purpose of removing a Director before the expiration of his term of office under Bye-law 836(4) or for the purposes set out in Bye-law 1524(3) relating to the removal and appointment of the Auditor.
- 836. (1) Unless otherwise determined by the Company in general meeting, the number of Directors shall not be less than two (2). There shall be no maximum number of Directors unless otherwise determined from time to time by the Members in general meeting. The Directors shall be elected or appointed in the first place at the statutory meeting of Members and thereafter at the annual general meeting in accordance with Bye-law 847 or at any special general meeting <u>called for such purpose and who shall hold office until the next appointment of Directors for such term as the Members may determine or, in the absence of such determination, in accordance with Bye-law 84 or until their successors are elected or appointed <u>or their office is otherwise vacated</u>. Any general meeting may authorise the Board to fill any vacancy in their number left unfilled at a general meeting.
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  - (2) The Directors shall have the power from time to time and at any time to appoint any person as a Director either to fill a casual vacancy on the Board or, subject to authorisation by the Members in general meeting, as an addition to the existing Board but so that the number of Directors so appointed shall not exceed any maximum number determined from time to time by the Members in general meeting. Any

Director so appointed by the Board-shall hold office only until the next following general meeting of the Company (in the case of filling a casual vacancy) or-until the first next following annual general meeting of the Company after his appointment (in the case of an addition to the Board), and shall then be eligible for re-election at that meeting.

- (3) Neither a Director nor an alternate Director shall be required to hold any shares of the Company by way of qualification and a Director or alternate Director (as the case may be) who is not a Member shall be entitled to receive <u>mNotice</u> of and to attend and speak at any general meeting of the Company and of all classes of shares of the Company.
- 847. (1) Notwithstanding any other provisions in these Bye-laws, Aat each annual general meeting, one-third of the Directors for the time being (or, if their number is not a multiple of three (3), the number nearest to but not lessgreater than one-third) shall retire from office by rotation provided that every Director shall be subject to retirement at least once every three years. In addition, there shall also be required to retire by rotation any Director who at an annual general meeting and who was not elected or re-elected at either such annual general meeting and who has not otherwise ceased to be a Director (either by resignation, retirement, removal or otherwise) and been re-elected by a general meeting at or since either such annual general meeting, notwithstanding any other provisions in the Bye-laws and/or that the total number of Directors to retire at the relevant annual general meeting would as a result exceed one-third of the Directors for the time being.
  - (2) A retiring Director shall be eligible for re-election and shall continue to act as a Director throughout the meeting at which he retires. The Directors to retire by rotation shall include (so far as necessary to ascertain the number of directors to retire by rotation) any Director who wishes to retire and not to offer himself 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-elected Directors on the same day those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree among themselves) be determined by lot. Any Director appointed pursuant to Bye-law 836(2) shall not be taken into account in determining which particular Directors or the number of Directors who are to retire by rotation.
- 858. Save as expressly provided in these Bye-laws, a person shall only be eligible for election as a Director at any general meeting if:
  - (1) he is recommended or nominated by the Directors for election; or
  - (2) a Notice by a Member of his intention to propose that person for election as a Director and a Notice signed by that person of his willingness to be elected shall have been lodged at the head office or at the Registration Office during the period (being a period of at least seven (7) days) commencing on the day after the dispatch despatch of the nNotice of the general meeting at which elections to the office of Director are

to be considered and ending on the day that falls seven (7) days before the date of the general meeting (both days inclusive).

869. The office of a Director shall be vacated if the Director:

- resigns his office by notice in writing delivered to the Company at the Office or <u>head</u> office or tendered at a meeting of the Board;
- (2) becomes of unsound mind or dies;
- (3) without special leave of absence from the Board, is absent from meetings of the Board for six consecutive months, and his alternate Director, if any, shall not during such period have attended in his stead and the Board resolves that his office be vacated; or
- (4) becomes bankrupt or has a receiving order made against him or suspends payment or compounds with his creditors;
- (5) is prohibited by law from being a Director; or
- (6) ceases to be a Director by virtue of any provision of the Statutes or is removed from office pursuant to these Bye-laws.

No Director shall be required to vacate office or be ineligible for re-election or re-appointment as a Director, and no person shall be ineligible for appointment as a Directors, by reason only of his having attained any particular age.

- 8891. Notwithstanding Bye-laws 93, 94, 95 and 96, 97, 98 and 99, an executive director appointed to an office under Bye-law 8790 hereof shall receive such remuneration (whether by way of salary, commission, participation in profits or otherwise or by all or any of those modes) and such other benefits (including pension and/or gratuity and/or other benefits on retirement) and allowances as the Board may from time to time determine, and either in addition to or in lieu of his remuneration as a Director.
- 892. Any Director may at any time by Notice delivered to the Office or head office or at a meeting of the Directors appoint any person to be his alternate Director. Any person so appointed shall have all the rights and powers of the Director or Directors for whom such person is appointed in the alternative provided that such person shall not be counted more than once in determining whether or not a quorum is present. An alternate Director may be removed at any time by the person or body which appointed him and, subject thereto, the office of alternate Director shall continue until the next annual election of Directors or, if earlier, the date on which the relevant Director happening of any event which, if he were a Director, would cause him to vacate such office or if his appointor ceases for any reason to be a Director. Any appointment or removal of an alternate Director shall be effected by Notice signed by the appointor and delivered to the Office or head office or tendered at a meeting of the Board. An alternate Director. An alternate Director shall, if his appointor so requests, be entitled to receive notices of meetings of the Board or of committees of the Board to the same extent as, but in lieu of, the Director appointing him and shall be entitled to such extent

to attend and vote as a Director at any such meeting at which the Director appointing him is not personally present and generally at such meeting to exercise and discharge all the functions, powers and duties of his appointor as a Director and for the purposes of the proceedings at such meeting the provisions of these Bye-laws shall apply as if he were a Director save that as an alternate for more than one Director his voting rights shall be cumulative.

- 936. The ordinary remuneration of the Directors shall from time to time be determined by the Company in general meeting or by the Board and shall (unless otherwise directed by the resolution by which it is voted) be divided amongst the Board in such proportions and in such manner as the Board may agree or, failing agreement, equally, except that any Director who shall hold office for part only of the period in respect of which such remuneration is payable shall be entitled only to rank in such division for a proportion of remuneration related to the period during which he has held office. Such remuneration shall be deemed to accrue from day to day.
- 98101.Subject to the Act and to these Bye-laws, no Director or proposed or intending Director shall be disqualified by his office from contracting with the Company, either with regard to his tenure of any office or place of profit or as vendor, purchaser or in any other manner whatsoeverwhatever, nor shall any such contract or any other contract or arrangement in which any Director is in any way interested be liable to be avoided, nor shall any Director so contracting or being so interested be liable to account to the Company or the Members for any remuneration, profit or other benefits realised by any such contract or arrangement by reason of such Director holding that office or of the fiduciary relationship thereby established provided that such Director shall disclose the nature of his interest in any contract or arrangement in which he is interested in accordance with Bye-law 99102 herein.
- 10<u>0</u><del>3</del>. (1) A Director shall not vote (nor be counted in the quorum) on any resolution of the Board approving any contract or arrangement or any other proposal in which he or any of his <u>close</u> associates is materially interested, but this prohibition shall not apply to any of the following matters namely:
  - (i) the giving of any security or indemnity either:
    - (i) any contract or arrangement for the giving to such the Director or his close associate(s) any security or indemnity in respect of money lent by him or any of his associates or obligations incurred or undertaken by him or any of them his associates at the request of or for the benefit of the Company or any of its subsidiaries; or
    - (b) (ii) any contract or arrangement for the giving of any security or indemnity to a third party in respect of a debt or obligation of the Company or any of its subsidiaries for which the Director or his <u>close</u> associate(s) has himself/ themselves assumed responsibility in whole or in part <u>and</u> whether alone or jointly under a guarantee or indemnity or by the giving of security;

- (iii) any contract or arrangement proposal concerning an offer of shares or debentures or other securities of or by the Company or any other company which the Company may promote or be interested in for subscription or purchase, where the Director or his <u>close</u> associate(s) is/are or is/are to be interested as a participant in the underwriting or sub-underwriting of the offer;
- (iiiv) any contract proposal or arrangement concerning the benefit of employees of the Company or its subsidiaries including: in which the Director or his associate(s) is/are interested in the same manner as other holders of shares or debentures or other securities of the Company by virtue only of his/their interest in shares or debentures or other securities of the Company; or
  - (a) the adoption, modification or operation of any employees' share scheme or any share incentive or share option scheme under which the Director or his close associate(s) may benefit; or
  - (b) the adoption, modification or operation of a pension fund or retirement, death or disability benefits scheme which relates to the Director, his close associate(s) and employee(s) of the Company or any of its subsidiaries and does not provide in respect of any Director, or his close associate(s), as such any privilege or advantage not generally accorded to the class of persons to which such scheme or fund relates; or
- (iv) any contract or arrangement in which the Director or his <u>close</u> associate(s) is/are interested in the same manner as other holders of shares or debentures or other securities of the Company by virtue only of his/their interest in shares or debentures or other securities of the Company.; or
- (v) any proposal or arrangement concerning the adoption, modification or operation of a share option scheme, a pension fund or retirement, death or disability benefits scheme or other arrangement which relates both to directors, his associates and employees of the Company or of any of its subsidiaries and does not provide in respect of any Director, or his associate(s), as such any privilege or advantage not generally accorded to the class of persons to which such scheme or fund relates.
- 1014. (3) Without prejudice to the general powers conferred by these Bye-laws it is hereby expressly declared that the Board shall have the following powers:
  - (a) to give to any person the right or option of requiring at a future date that an allotment shall be made to him of any share at par or at such premium as may be agreed-;
  - (b) to give to any Directors, officers or servants of the Company an interest in any particular business or transaction or participation in the profits thereof or in the general profits of the Company either in addition to or in substitution for a salary or other remuneration-; and

- (c) to resolve that the Company be discontinued in Bermuda and continued in a named country or jurisdiction outside Bermuda subject to the provisions of the Act.
- 11<u>1</u>4. The Board may meet for the despatch of business, adjourn <u>or postpone</u> and otherwise regulate its meetings as it considers appropriate. Questions arising at any meeting shall be determined by a majority of votes. In the case of any equality of votes the chairman of the meeting shall have an additional or casting vote.
- 1125. A meeting of the Board may be convened by the Secretary on request of a Director or by any Director. The Secretary shall convene a meeting of the Board of which notice may be given whenever he shall be required so to do by any Director. Notice of a meeting of the Board shall be deemed to be duly given to a Director if it is given to such Director in writing or verbally (including in person or by telephone) or by electronic means to an electronic address from time to time notified to the Company by such Director or (if the recipient consents to it being made available on a website) by making it available on a website or in such other manner as the Board may from time to time determine whenever he shall be required so to do by the president or chairman, as the case may be, or any Director.
- 11<u>36</u>. (2) Directors may participate in any meeting of the Board by means of a conference telephone, electronic means (including telephonic or video-conferencing) or other communications equipment through which all persons participating in the meeting can communicate with each other simultaneously and instantaneously and, for the purpose of counting a quorum, such participation shall constitute presence at a meeting as if those participating were present in person.
- 11<u>58</u>. The Board may elect <u>aone or more</u> chairman and one or more deputy chairman of its meetings and determine the period for which they are respectively to hold such office. If no chairman or deputy chairman is elected, or if at any meeting <u>neither the no</u> chairman <del>nor any</del> deputy chairman is present within five (5) minutes after the time appointed for holding the same, the Directors present may choose one of their number to be chairman of the meeting.
- 1<u>1922</u>A resolution in writing signed by all the Directors except such as are temporarily unable to act through ill health or disability, and all the alternate Directors, if appropriate, whose appointors are temporarily unable to act as aforesaid shall be as valid and effectual as if a resolution had been passed at a meeting of the Board duly convened and held provided that such number is sufficient to constitute a quorum and that a copy of such resolution has been given or the contents thereof communicated to all the Directors for the time being entitled to receive notices of Board meetings in the same manner as notices of meetings are required to be given by these Bye-laws and further provided that no Director is aware of or has received any objection to the resolution from any Director. A notification of consent to such resolution given by a Director in writing to the Board by any means (including by means of electronic communication) shall be deemed to be his/her signature to such resolution in writing for the purpose of this Bye-law. Such resolution may be contained in one document or in several documents in like form each signed by one or more of the Directors or alternate Director shall be treated as valid. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a resolution in writing shall not be

passed in lieu of a meeting of the Board for the purposes of considering any matter or business in which a substantial shareholder of the Company or a Director has a conflict of interest and the Board has determined that such conflict of interest to be material.

- 12<u>4</u>7. (1) The officers of the Company shall consist of a president and vice president or chairman and deputy chairman, the Directors and Secretary and such additional officers (who may or may not be Directors) as the Board may from time to time determine, all of whom shall be deemed to be officers for the purposes of the Act and, subject to Bye-law 128(4), these Bye-laws.
  - (2) The Directors shall, as soon as may be after each appointment or election of Directors, elect amongst the Directors a president and a vice president or a chairman and a deputy chairman; and if more than one (1) Director is proposed for either of these offices, the election to such office shall take place in such manner as the Directors may determine.
- 129. The president or the chairman, as the case may be, shall act as chairman at all meetings of the Members and of the Directors at which he is present. In his absence a chairman shall be appointed or elected by those present at the meeting.
- 12832.(2) The Board shall within a period of fourteen (14) days from the occurrence of:
  - (a) any change among the Directors and Officers; or
  - (b) any change in the particulars contained in the Register of Directors and Officers,

cause to be entered on the Register of Directors and Officers the particulars of such change and of the date on which it occurred.

- (3) The Register of Directors and Officers shall be open to inspection by members of the public without charge at the Office between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on every during business hoursday.
- 1426. (1) (a) (ii) the Board, after determining the basis of allotment, shall give not less than two (2) weeks' Notice to the holders of the relevant shares of the right of election accorded to them and shall send with such <u>mNotice</u> forms of election and specify the procedure to be followed and the place at which and the latest date and time by which duly completed forms of election must be lodged in order to be effective;

- (iv) the dividend (or that part of the dividend to be satisfied by the allotment of shares as aforesaid) shall not be payable in cash on shares in respect whereof the cash election has not been duly exercised ("the "non-elected shares") and in satisfaction thereof shares of the relevant class shall be allotted credited as fully paid up to the holders of the non-elected shares on the basis of allotment determined as aforesaid and for such purpose the Board shall capitalise and apply out of any part of the undivided profits of the Company (including profits carried and standing to the credit of any reserves or other special account other than the Subscription Rights Reserve) as the Board may determine, such sum as may be required to pay up in full the appropriate number of shares of the relevant class for allotment and distribution to and amongst the holders of the non-elected shares on such basis; or
- (b) (ii) the Board, after determining the basis of allotment, shall give not less than two (2) weeks' Notice to the holders of the relevant shares of the right of election accorded to them and shall send with such <u>nNotice</u> forms of election and specify the procedure to be followed and the place at which and the latest date and time by which duly completed forms of election must be lodged in order to be effective;
  - (iv) the dividend (or that part of the dividend in respect of which a right of election has been accorded) shall not be payable in cash on shares in respect whereof the share election has been duly exercised ("the "elected shares") and in lieu thereof shares of the relevant class shall be allotted credited as fully paid up to the holders of the elected shares on the basis of allotment determined as aforesaid and for such purpose the Board shall capitalise and apply out of any part of the undivided profits of the Company (including profits carried and standing to the credit of any reserves or other special account other than the Subscription Rights Reserve) as the Board may determine, such sum as may be required to pay up in full the appropriate number of shares of the relevant class for allotment and distribution to and amongst the holders of the elected shares on such basis.
- (2) (a) The shares allotted pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (1) of this Bye-law shall rank pari passu in all respects with shares of the same class (if any) then in issue save only as regards participation in the relevant dividend or in any other distributions, bonuses or rights paid, made, declared or announced prior to or contemporaneously with the payment or declaration of the relevant dividend unless, contemporaneously with the announcement by the Board of their proposal to apply the provisions of sub paragraph (a) or (b) of paragraph (<u>1</u>2) of this Bye-law in relation to the relevant dividend or contemporaneously with their announcement of the distribution, bonus or rights in question, the Board shall specify that the shares to be allotted pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (1) of this Bye-law shall rank for participation in such distribution, bonus or rights.

- 1448. (1) The Company may, upon the recommendation of the Board, at any time and from time to time pass an ordinary resolution to the effect that it is desirable to capitalise all or any part of any amount for the time being standing to the credit of any reserve or fund (including the profit and loss account) whether or not the same is available for distribution and accordingly that such amount be set free for distribution among the Members or any class of Members who would be entitled thereto if it were distributed by way of dividend and in the same proportions, on the footing that the same is not paid in cash but is applied either in or towards paying up the amounts for the time being unpaid on any shares in the Company held by such Members respectively or in paying up in full unissued shares, debentures or other obligations of the Company, to be allotted and distributed credited as fully paid up among such Members, or partly in one way and partly in the other, and the Board shall give effect to such resolution provided that, for the purposes of this Bye-law-and subject to Section 40(2A) of the Act, a share premium account and any reserve or fund representing unrealised profits, may be applied only in paying up in full unissued shares of the Company to be allotted to such Members credited as fully paid. In carrying sums to reserve and in applying the same the Board shall comply with the provisions of the Act.
  - (2)Notwithstanding any provisions in these Bye-laws, the Board may resolve to capitalise all or any part of any amount for the time being standing to the credit of any reserve or fund (including the profit and loss account) whether or not the same is available for distribution by applying such sum in paying up unissued shares to be allotted to (i) employees (including Directors) of the Company and/or its affiliates (meaning any individual, corporation, partnership, association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated association or other entity (other than the Company) that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by or is under common control with, the Company) upon exercise or vesting of any options or awards granted under any share incentive scheme or employee benefit scheme or other arrangement which relates to such persons that has been adopted or approved by the Members at a general meeting, or (ii) any trustee of any trust to whom shares are to be allotted and issued by the Company in connection with the operation of any share incentive scheme or employee benefit scheme or other arrangement which relates to such persons that has been adopted or approved by the Members at a general meeting.
- 14650.(4) A certificate or report by the <u>aAuditors</u> for the time being of the Company as to whether or not the Subscription Rights Reserve is required to be established and maintained and if so the amount thereof so required to be established and maintained, as to the purposes for which the Subscription Rights Reserve has been used, as to the extent to which it has been used to make good losses of the Company, as to the additional nominal amount of shares required to be allotted to exercising warrantholders credited as fully paid, and as to any other matter concerning the Subscription Rights Reserve shall (in the absence of manifest error) be conclusive and binding upon the Company and all warrantholders and shareholders.

- 14953 Subject to Section 88 of the Act and Bye-law 1504, a printed copy of the Directors' report, accompanied by the balance sheet and profit and loss account (or their equivalent as determined by the Directors and/or Auditor under the accounting principles adopted by the <u>Company from time to time</u>), including every document required by law to be annexed thereto, made up to the end of the applicable financial year and containing a summary of the assets and liabilities of the Company under convenient heads and a statement of income and expenditure, together with a copy of the Auditor's<sup>2</sup> report, shall be sent to each person entitled thereto at least twenty one (21) days before the date of the general meeting <u>and at</u> the same time as the <u>nNotice</u> of annual general meeting and laid before the Company <del>in</del><u>at the</u> <u>annual</u> general meeting in accordance with the requirements of the Act provided that this Bye-law shall not require a copy of those documents to be sent to any person whose address the Company is not aware of or to more than one of the joint holders of any shares or debentures.
- 1504. To the extent permitted by and subject to due compliance with all applicable Statutes, rules and regulations, including, without limitation, the <u>Listing Rulesrules of the Designated</u> Stock Exchange, and to obtaining all necessary consents, if any, required thereunder, the requirements of Bye-law 14953 shall be deemed satisfied in relation to any person by sending to the person in any manner not prohibited by the Statutes, a summarysummarised financial statements derived from the Company's annual accounts and the dDirectors' report which shall be in the form and containing the information required by applicable laws and regulations, provided that any person who is otherwise entitled to the annual financial statements of the Company and the dDirectors' report thereon may, if he so requires by notice in writing served on the Company, demand that the Company sends to him, in addition to a summary summarised financial statements, a complete printed copy of the Company's annual financial statement and the dDirectors' report thereon.
- 1515. The requirement to send to a person referred to in Bye-law 14953 the documents referred to in that provision or a summary financial report in accordance with Bye-law 1504 shall be deemed satisfied where, in accordance with all applicable Statutes, rules and regulations, including, without limitation, the Listing Rulesrules of the Designated Stock Exchange, the Company publishes copies of the documents referred to in Bye-law 14953 and, if applicable, a summary financial report complying with Bye-law 1504, on the Company's computer network or in any other permitted manner (including by sending any form of electronic communication), and that person has agreed or is deemed to have agreed to treat the publication or receipt of such documents in such manner as discharging the Company's obligation to send to him a copy of such documents.
- 1526. (1) Subject to Section 88 of the Act, at the annual general meeting or at a subsequent special general meeting in each year, the Members shall appoint an <u>aA</u>uditor to audit the accounts of the Company and such <u>aA</u>uditor shall hold office until the Members appoint another <u>aA</u>uditor. Such <u>aA</u>uditor may be a Member but no Director or officer or employee of the Company shall, during his continuance in office, be eligible to act as an <u>aA</u>uditor of the Company.

- (3) The Members may, at any general meeting convened and held in accordance with these Bye-laws, by <u>extraordinaryspecial</u> resolution remove the Auditor at any time before the expiration of his term of office and shall by ordinary resolution at that meeting appoint another Auditor in his stead for the remainder of his term, in each case, in accordance with all applicable Statutes, rules and regulations, including, without limitation, the Act and the rules of the Designated Stock Exchange.
- 1559. The Directors may fill any casual vacancy in the office of Auditor but while any such vacancy continues the surviving or continuing Auditor or Auditors, if any, may act. The remuneration of any Auditor appointed by the Directors under this Bye-law may be fixed by the Board. Subject to Bye-law 152(3), an Auditor appointed under this Bye-law shall hold office until the next following annual general meeting of the Company and shall then be subject to appointment by the Members under Bye-law 152(1) at such remuneration to be determined by the Members under Bye-law 154If the office of auditor becomes vacant by the resignation or death of the Auditor, or by his becoming incapable of acting by reason of illness or other disability at a time when his services are required, the Directors shall as soon as practicable convene a special general meeting to fill the vacancy.
- 15761. The statement of income and expenditure and the balance sheet (or their equivalent as determined by the Directors and/or Auditor under the accounting principles adopted by the Company from time to time) provided for by these Bye laws shall be examined by the Auditor and compared by him with the books, accounts and vouchers relating thereto; and he shall make a written report thereon stating whether such statement and balance sheet are drawn up so as to present fairly the financial position of the Company and the results of its operations for the period under review and, in case information shall have been called for from Directors or officers of the Company, whether the same has been furnished and has been satisfactory. The financial statements of the Company shall be audited by the Auditor in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. The Auditor shall make a written report thereon in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the report of the Auditor shall be submitted to the Members in general meeting. The generally accepted auditing standards referred to herein may be those of a country or jurisdiction other than Bermuda. If the auditing standards of a country or jurisdiction other than Bermuda are used, the financial statements and the report of the Auditor should disclose this fact and name such country or jurisdiction.
- 15862.(1) Any Notice or document (including any "corporate communication" within the meaning ascribed thereto under the Listing Rulesrules of the Designated Stock Exchange), whether or not, to be given or issued under these Bye-laws from the Company to a Member shall be in writing or by cable, telex or facsimile transmission message or other form of electronic transmission or <u>electronic</u> communication and any such Notice and document may be given or issued by the following means:served or delivered by the Company on or to any Member either personally or
  - (a) by serving it personally on the relevant person;

- (b) by sending it through the post in a prepaid envelope addressed to such Member at his registered address as appearing in the Register or at any other address supplied by him to the Company for the purpose; or, as the case may be, by transmitting it to any such address or transmitting it to any telex or facsimile transmission number or electronic number or address or website supplied
- (c) by delivering or leaving it at such address as aforesaid;
- (d) by placing an him to the Company for the giving of Notice to him or which the person transmitting the notice reasonably and bona fide believes at the relevant time will result in the Notice being duly received by the Member or may also be served by advertisement in appointed newspapers (as defined in the Act) or other publication or in newspapers published daily and circulating generally in the territory of and in accordance with the Listing Rules; requirements of the Designated Stock Exchange or, to the extent permitted by the applicable laws, by placing it on the Company's website or the website of the Designated Stock Exchange and giving to the member a notice stating that the notice or other document is available there (a "notice of availability"). The notice of availability may be given to the Member by any of the means set out above.
- (e) by sending or transmitting it as an electronic communication to the relevant person at such electronic address as he may provide under Bye-law 158(5), subject to the Company complying with the Statues and any other applicable laws, rules and regulations from time to time in force with regard to any requirements for the obtaining of consent (or deemed consent) from such person;
- (f) by publishing it on the Company's website or the website to which the relevant person may have access, subject to the Company complying with the Statutes and any other applicable laws, rules and regulations from time to time in force with regard to any requirements for the obtaining of consent (or deemed consent) from such person and/or for giving notification to any such person that the Notice, document or publication is available on the Company's website (a "Notice of availability"); and
- (g) by sending or otherwise making it available to such person through such other means to the extent permitted by and in accordance with the Statutes and other applicable laws, rules and regulations.
- (2) The Notice of availability may be given by any of the means set out above.
- (3) In the case of joint holders of a share all  $\underline{nN}$  otices shall be given to that one of the joint holders whose name stands first in the Register and  $\underline{nN}$  otice so given shall be deemed a sufficient service on or delivery to all the joint holders.

- (4) Every person who, by operation of law, transfer, transmission, or other means whatsoever, shall become entitled to any share, shall be bound by every Notice in respect of such share, which, prior to his name and address (including electronic address) being entered in the Register as the registered holder of such share, shall have been duly given to the person from whom he derives title to such share.
- (5) Every Member or a person who is entitled to receive Notice from the Company under the provisions of the Statutes or these Bye-laws may register with the Company an electronic address to which notices can be served upon him.
- (6) Subject to any applicable laws, rules and regulations and the terms of these Bye-laws, any notice, document or publication, including but not limited to the documents referred to in Bye-laws 149, 150 and 158 may be given in the English language only or in both the English language and the Chinese language.

1<u>59</u>63.Any Notice or other document:

- (a) if served or delivered by post, shall where appropriate be sent by airmail and shall be deemed to have been served or delivered on the day following that on which the envelope containing the same, properly prepaid and addressed, is put into the post; in proving such service or delivery it shall be sufficient to prove that the envelope or wrapper containing the <u>nNotice</u> or document was properly addressed and put into the post and a certificate in writing signed by the Secretary or other officer of the Company or other person appointed by the Board that the envelope or wrapper containing the <u>nNotice</u> or other document was so addressed and put into the post shall be conclusive evidence thereof;
- (b) if sent by electronic communication, shall be deemed to be given on the day on which it is transmitted from the server of the Company or its agent. A <u>mNotice</u> placed on the Company's website <u>orf</u> the website <u>as designated byof</u> the Designated Stock Exchange is deemed given by the Company to a Member on the day following that on which a <u>mNotice</u> of availability is deemed served on the Member;
- (c) if published on the Company's website, shall be deemed to have been served on the day on which the Notice, document or publication first so appears on the Company's website to which the relevant person may have access or the day on which the Notice of availability is deemed to have been served or delivered to such person under these Bye-laws, whichever is later;
- (de) if served or delivered in any other manner contemplated by these Bye-laws, shall be deemed to have been served or delivered at the time of personal service or delivery or, as the case may be, at the time of the relevant despatch, transmission or publication; and in proving such service or delivery a certificate in writing signed by the Secretary or other officer of the Company or other person appointed by the Board as to the fact and time of such service, delivery, despatch, transmission or publication shall be conclusive evidence thereof; and

- (ed) if published as an advertisement in a newspaper or other publication permitted under these Bye-laws, shall be deemed to have been served on the day on which the advertisement first so appearsmay be given to a Member either in the English language or the Chinese language, subject to due compliance with all applicable Statutes, rules and regulations.
- 1604. (1) Any Notice or other document delivered or sent by post to or left at the registered address of any Member in pursuance of these Bye-laws shall, notwithstanding that such Member is then dead or bankrupt or that any other event has occurred, and whether or not the Company has notice of the death or bankruptcy or other event, be deemed to have been duly served or delivered in respect of any share registered in the name of such Member as sole or joint holder unless his name shall, at the time of the service or delivery of the <u>mNotice</u> or document, have been removed from the Register as the holder of the share, and such service or delivery shall for all purposes be deemed a sufficient service or delivery of such Notice or document on all persons interested (whether jointly with or as claiming through or under him) in the share.
  - (2) A <u>mNotice</u> may be given by the Company to the person entitled to a share in consequence of the death, mental disorder or bankruptcy of a Member by sending it through the post in a prepaid letter, envelope or wrapper addressed to him by name, or by the title of representative of the deceased, or trustee of the bankrupt, or by any like description, at the address, if any, supplied for the purpose by the person claiming to be so entitled, or (until such an address has been so supplied) by giving the <u>mNotice</u> in any manner in which the same might have been given if the death, mental disorder or bankruptcy had not occurred.
  - (3) Any person who by operation of law, transfer or other means whatsoever shall become entitled to any share shall be bound by every <u>nNotice</u> in respect of such share which prior to his name and address being entered on the Register shall have been duly given to the person from whom he derives his title to such share.
- 1615. For the purposes of these Bye-laws, a eable or telex or facsimile or electronic transmission message purporting to come from a holder of shares or, as the case may be, a Director or alternate Director, or, in the case of a corporation which is a holder of shares from a director or the secretary thereof or a duly appointed attorney or duly authorised representative thereof for it and on its behalf, shall in the absence of express evidence to the contrary available to the person relying thereon at the relevant time be deemed to be a document or instrument in writing signed by such holder or Director or alternate Director in the terms in which it is received. The signature to any Notice or document to be given by the Company may be written, printed or made electronically.
- 1626. (1) Subject to Bye-law 162(2), Fthe Board shall have power in the name and on behalf of the Company to present a petition to the court for the Company to be wound up.

1648.(1)The Directors, Secretary and other officers and every Auditor for the time being of the Company at any time, whether at present or in the past, and the liquidator or trustees (if any) for the time being acting or who have acted in relation to any of the affairs of the Company and everyone of them, and everyone of their heirs, executors and administrators, shall be indemnified and secured harmless out of the assets and profits of the Company from and against all actions, costs, charges, losses, damages and expenses which they or any of them, their or any of their heirs, executors or administrators, shall or may incur or sustain by or by reason of any act done, concurred in or omitted in or about the execution of their duty, or supposed duty, in their respective offices or trusts; and none of them shall be answerable for the acts, receipts, neglects or defaults of the other or others of them or for joining in any receipts for the sake of conformity, or for any bankers or other persons with whom any moneys or effects belonging to the Company shall or may be lodged or deposited for safe custody, or for insufficiency or deficiency of any security upon which any moneys of or belonging to the Company shall be placed out on or invested, or for any other loss, misfortune or damage which may happen in the execution of their respective offices or trusts, or in relation thereto; PROVIDED THAT this indemnity shall not extend to any matter in respect of any fraud or dishonesty which may attach to any of said persons.

#### FINANCIAL YEAR

165. Unless otherwise determined by the Directors, the financial year end of the Company shall be 31 December in each year.

### ALTERATION OF BYE-LAWS, AND AMENDMENT TO MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION AND NAME OF COMPANY

16770.No Member shall be entitled to require discovery of or any information in respect of any detail of the Company's trading or any matter which is or may be in the nature of a trade secret or secret process which may relate to the conduct of the business of the Company and which in the opinion of the Directors it will be inexpedient in the interests of the <u>mM</u>embers of the Company-to communicate to the public.

The following existing Bye-laws are proposed to be renumbered to the new numbers set opposite to them:

Existing Bye-law(s) number	New Bye-law(s) number
71 to 128	68 to 125
127(3) to (6)	124 (2) to (5)
130 to 168	126 to 164
169	166