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(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)
(Stock code: 1196)

(1) PROPOSED GRANT OF GENERAL MANDATES
TO ISSUE AND REPURCHASE SHARES;
(2) PROPOSED RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS;
(3) PROPOSED ADOPTION OF NEW SHARE OPTION SCHEME AND TERMINATION OF EXISTING SHARE OPTION SCHEME;
(4) PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BYE-LAWS;
AND
(5) NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A notice convening the annual general meeting of the Company to be held at Suite 3318, 33/F, Jardine House, 1 Connaught Place, Central, Hong Kong on Friday, 10 June 2022 at 11 a.m. is set out on pages 99 to 105 of this circular. A form of proxy for use at the annual general meeting is enclosed with this circular. Such form of proxy is also published on the website of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited at www.hkex.com.hk.

Whether or not you are able to attend the annual general meeting, you are requested to complete the accompanying form of proxy, in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and deposit the same at the Hong Kong branch share registrar and transfer office of the Company, Tricor Tengis Limited 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 before the time appointed for the holding of the annual general meeting (i.e. no later than Wednesday, 8 June 2022 at 11 a.m. (Hong Kong time)) or any adjournment thereof. Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting in person at the annual general meeting or any adjournment thereof should you so wish and in such event, the form of proxy shall be deemed to be revoked.

#### PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES FOR THE AGM

In order to prevent the spread of COVID-19 pandemic and to safeguard the health and safety of Shareholders, the Company will implement the following precautionary measures at the AGM:

- compulsory body temperature checks and health declarations
- compulsory wearing of surgical face masks
- no provision of refreshments and drinks and corporate gifts
- appropriate distancing and spacing in line with the guidance from the HKSAR Government will be maintained and as such, the Company may limit the number of attendees at the AGM as may be necessary to avoid over-crowding

In light of the continuing risks posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Company strongly encourages Shareholders NOT to attend the AGM in person, and advises Shareholders to appoint the Chairman of the AGM as their proxy to vote according to their indicated voting instructions as an alternative to attending the AGM in person. Subject to the development of COVID-19 pandemic, the Company may implement further changes and precautionary measures and may issue further announcement on such measures as appropriate.

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

"Adoption Date" being the date on which the New Share Option Scheme becomes

unconditional

"AGM" the annual general meeting of the Company to be convened and

held at Suite 3318, 33/F, Jardine House, 1 Connaught Place, Central, Hong Kong on Friday, 10 June 2022 at 11:00 a.m. to consider and, if thought fit, approve, among other things, the adoption of the New Share Option Scheme and the termination of the Existing Share Option Scheme, the proposed grant of the General Mandate and the Repurchase Mandate and the proposed

re-election of Directors, and the Proposed Amendments

"associate(s)" has the meaning ascribed to this term under the Listing Rules

"Board" the board of Directors

"Bye-law(s)" the bye-law(s) of the Company, as amended from time to time

"Company" Realord Group Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in

Bermuda with limited liability and the issued Shares of which are

listed on the main board of the Stock Exchange

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

"connected person" has the same meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules

"Current General Mandate" the general mandate approved at the annual general meeting of

the Company held on 18 June 2021 authorising the Directors to issue further new Shares not exceeding 20% of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of granting of the general

mandate

"Current Repurchase Mandate" the repurchase mandate approved at the annual general meeting of

the Company held on 18 June 2021 authorising the Directors to repurchase up to 10% of the issued share capital of the Company

as at the date of granting of the repurchase mandate

"Date of Grant" the date on which an Offer is offered to a Participant

"Directors" the directors of the Company

"Eligible Participant(s)"	any full time employees of the Group (including any directors, whether executive or non-executive and whether independent or not, of the Company)	
"Existing Bye-laws"	the existing Bye-laws of the Company adopted at the annual general meeting of the Company held on 10 August 2012	
"Existing Share Option Scheme"	the existing share option scheme of the Company adopted on 10 August 2012	
"General Mandate"	the general mandate proposed to be granted to the Directors at the AGM to issue further new Shares not exceeding 20% of the total number of issued Shares as at the date of the AGM and any additional Shares repurchased by the Company pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate granted to the Directors as at the date of the AGM	
"Grantee"	any participant who accepts the Offer in accordance with the terms of the New Share Option Scheme or (where the context so permits) the person(s) or the personal representatives(s) entitled to any such Option in consequence of the death of the original Grantee	
"Group"	the Company and all of its subsidiaries	
"Hong Kong"	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China	
"Issue Mandate"	a general and unconditional mandate proposed to be granted to the Directors to exercise all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with Shares in the manner as set out in the ordinary resolution numbered 5(c) of the notice of the AGM	
"Latest Practicable Date"	22 April 2022, being the latest practicable date prior to the printing of this circular for the purpose of ascertaining certain information contained in this circular	
"Listing Rules"	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange	
"New Bye-laws"	the new Bye-laws which consolidates all the Proposed Amendments as set out in Appendix IV to this circular (with proposed changes marked-up against the conformed version of the Existing Bye-laws posted on the website of the Stock Exchange) proposed to be adopted by the Shareholders with effect from the	

passing of the relevant special resolution

"New Share Option Scheme" the new share option scheme of the Company to be proposed for adoption by the Company at the AGM, the principal terms of which are set out in Appendix III to this circular "Offer" an offer for the grant of an Option(s) made in accordance with the New Share Option Scheme "Offer Date" the date on which an Offer is made to an Eligible Participant(s) "Option(s)" any option(s) to be granted to Eligible Participant(s) to subscribe for Share(s) under the Existing Share Option Scheme or, after its termination, under the New Share Option Scheme "Optionholder(s)" the relevant holder(s) of the Option(s) "Offer Period" in respect of any particular Option, the period to be determined and notified by the Directors to the grantee thereof at the time of making an Offer provided that such period shall not exceed the period of ten (10) years from the date of the grant of the particular Option but subject to the provisions for early termination thereof contained herein "Personal Representative(s)" the person or persons who, in accordance with the laws of succession applicable in respect of the death of a grantee, is or are entitled to exercise the Option granted to such grantee (to the extent not already exercised) "Proposed Amendments" the proposed amendments to the Existing Bye-laws "Register" the register of members of the Company "Repurchase Mandate" the general repurchase mandate proposed to be granted to the Directors at the AGM to repurchase Shares not exceeding 10% of the total number of issued Shares as at the date of the AGM "Scheme Mandate Limit" has the meaning ascribed to it under paragraph (e) of Appendix III set out on page 27 of this circular "Scheme Period" the period commencing on the Adoption Date and expiring at the closing of business on the tenth anniversary thereof; "SFO" the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong)

"Share Registrar" Tricor Tengis Limited, being the branch share registrar and

transfer office of the Company in Hong Kong, at Level 54, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong (or other share registrar as the Company may from time to time appoint)

"Share(s)" ordinary share(s) of HK\$0.10 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 Codes on Takeovers and Mergers and Share Buy-backs

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

"%" per cent.

#### PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES FOR THE AGM

The health of the Shareholders, staff and stakeholders is of paramount importance to the Company. In view of the spreading of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the Company will implement the following precautionary measures at the AGM to safeguard the health and safety of attending Shareholders and/or their proxies, staff and stakeholders from the risk of infection:

- (i) All attendees will be required to wear surgical face masks before they are permitted to attend, and during their attendance of, the AGM. Attendees are advised to observe good personal hygiene and maintain appropriate social distance with each other at all times when attending the AGM.
- (ii) There will be compulsory body temperature screening for all persons before entering the AGM venue. Should anyone seeking to attend the AGM decline to submit to temperature testing or be found to be suffering from a fever with a body temperature of 37.3 degrees Celsius or above or otherwise unwell, the Company will request such persons to stay in an isolated place for completing the voting procedures.
- (iii) Attendees may be asked if (i) he/she has travelled outside of Hong Kong within 14 days immediately before the AGM; (ii) he/she is subject to any Government of Hong Kong prescribed quarantine requirement; and (iii) he/she has any flu-like symptoms or close contact with any person under quarantine or with recent travel history. Any person who responds positively to any of these questions will be requested to stay in an isolated place for completing the voting procedures.
- (iv) Appropriate distancing and spacing in line with the guidance from the Government of Hong Kong will be maintained and as such, the Company may limit the number of attendees at the AGM as may be necessary to avoid over-crowding.
- (v) Each attendee will be assigned a designated seat to facilitate contact tracing and to ensure appropriate social distancing.
- (vi) No gifts, food or beverages will be provided at the AGM.
- (vii) Company staff and representatives at the AGM venue will assist with crowd control and queue management to ensure appropriate social distancing.
- (viii) Attendees who do not comply with the precautionary measures (i) to (iii) above or been found to have the symptom(s) of an upper respiratory system disease or be obeying a quarantine order may be denied entry to the AGM venue at the absolute discretion of the Company as permitted by law. Shareholders and/or their representatives who are denied entry to the venue of the AGM will, subject to the Regulations, be provided with voting slips of the AGM at the door and may complete, sign and return the voting slips to exercise their voting rights.
- (ix) Due to the constantly evolving COVID-19 pandemic situation, the Company may implement further changes and precautionary measures in relation to the AGM arrangements at short notice. Shareholders should check the website of the Company (http://www.realord.com.hk) or the Stock Exchange (www.hkexnews.hk) for any announcements.

Furthermore, the Company would like to remind Shareholders that physical attendance in person at the AGM is not necessary for the purpose of exercising voting rights and strongly recommends Shareholders to appoint the chairman of the AGM as their proxy and submit their form of proxy with voting instructions as early as possible.



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Madam Su Jiaohua (Chief Executive Officer)

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29 April 2022

To the Shareholders

Dear Sir or Madam,

# (1) PROPOSED GRANT OF GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE AND REPURCHASE SHARES;

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AND

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#### INTRODUCTION

At the forthcoming AGM, resolutions will be proposed to seek the Shareholders' approval for, among other things, (i) the granting of the General Mandate and the Repurchase Mandate to the Directors; (ii) the re-election of Directors; (iii) the proposed adoption of New Share Option Scheme and termination of Existing Share Option Scheme; and (iv) the proposed amendments to the Existing Bye-laws.

The purpose of this circular is to provide you with information relating to the resolutions to be proposed at the AGM for the granting of the General Mandate and the Repurchase Mandate, the re-election of Directors, the proposed adoption of New Share Option Scheme and termination of Existing Share Option Scheme, the amendments to the Existing Bye-laws and the notice of the AGM.

#### GENERAL MANDATE AND REPURCHASE MANDATE

At the annual general meeting of the Company held on 18 June 2021, Shareholders approved, among other things, the Current General Mandate and the Current Repurchase Mandate. As at the Latest Practicable Date, no Shares have been allotted and issued under the Current General Mandate and no Shares have been repurchased by the Company under the Current Repurchase Mandate, whether on the Stock Exchange or otherwise.

As the Current General Mandate and the Current Repurchase Mandate will expire at the conclusion of the AGM, the Directors propose to seek the approval of the Shareholders to grant to the Directors the General Mandate and the Repurchase Mandate at the AGM.

#### **General Mandate**

At the AGM, an ordinary resolution will be proposed such that the Directors be given an unconditional general mandate (i.e. the General Mandate) to allot, issue and deal with, unissued Shares or underlying shares of the Company (other than by way of rights or pursuant to a share option scheme of the Company or Directors and/or any of its subsidiaries or pursuant to any scrip dividend scheme or similar arrangements providing for the allotment and issue of Shares in lieu of whole or part of the dividend on Shares in accordance with the Bye-laws) or make or grant offers, agreements, options and warrants which might require the exercise of such power, not exceeding 20% of the total number of issued Shares as at the date of the AGM, provided that if any subsequent consolidation or subdivision of Shares is effected, the maximum number of Shares that may be issued pursuant to the relevant resolution as a percentage of the total number of issued Shares at the date immediately before and after such consolidation or subdivision shall be the same and such maximum number of Shares shall be adjusted accordingly.

In addition, a separate ordinary resolution will further be proposed for extending the General Mandate authorising the Directors to allot, issue and deal with Shares to the extent of the Shares repurchased pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate. Details on the Repurchase Mandate are further elaborated below.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the Company has an aggregate of 1,439,709,880 Shares in issue. Subject to the passing of the resolutions for the approval of the General Mandate and on the basis that no further Shares are issued or repurchased between the Latest Practicable Date and the date of the AGM, the Company would be allowed under the General Mandate to allot, issue and deal with a maximum of 287,941,976 Shares.

#### Repurchase Mandate

At the AGM, an ordinary resolution will also be proposed such that the Directors be given an unconditional general mandate (i.e. the Repurchase Mandate) to repurchase Shares on the Stock Exchange not exceeding 10% of the total number of Shares as at the date of the AGM provided that if any subsequent consolidation or subdivision of Shares is effected, the maximum number of Shares that may be repurchased pursuant to the relevant resolution as a percentage of the total number of issued Shares at the date immediately before and after such consolidation or subdivision shall be the same and such maximum number of Shares shall be adjusted accordingly.

Subject to the passing of the resolution for the approval of the Repurchase Mandate and on the basis that no further Shares are issued or repurchased between the Latest Practicable Date and the date of the AGM, the Company would be allowed under the Repurchase Mandate to repurchase a maximum of 143,970,988 Shares.

The General Mandate (including the extended General Mandate) and the Repurchase Mandate shall continue to be in force during the period from the date of passing of the resolutions for the approval of the General Mandate (including the extended General Mandate) and the Repurchase Mandate up to (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company; (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the Bye-laws, the Companies Act or any applicable laws of Bermuda to be held; or (iii) the revocation or variation of the General Mandate (including the extended General Mandate) or the Repurchase Mandate (as the case may be) by ordinary resolution of the Shareholders in general meeting, whichever occurs first.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the Company has outstanding options granted under the Existing Share Options Scheme of the Company convertible into 4,600,000 Shares. Saved as disclosed above, the Company has no outstanding options or other convertible securities which entitle the holders thereof to convert the same into Shares.

An explanatory statement in connection with the Repurchase Mandate is set out in Appendix I to this circular. The explanatory statement contains all the requisite information required under the Listing Rules to be given to the Shareholders to enable them to make an informed decision on whether to vote for or against the resolution approving the Repurchase Mandate.

#### RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

According to Bye-laws 87(1) and 87(2), at 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 less than one-third) shall retire from office by rotation provided that every Director shall be subject to retirement at least once every three years. A retiring Director shall be eligible for re-election. Any Director appointed pursuant to Bye-law 86(2) shall not be taken into account in determining which particular Directors or the number of Directors who are to retire by rotation.

According to Bye-law 86(2), the Directors shall have the power from time to time and at any time to appoint any person as a Director to fill a casual vacancy on the Board. Any Director so appointed by the Board shall hold office only until the next following annual general meeting of the Company and shall then be eligible for re-election at that meeting.

In accordance with Bye-laws 87(1) and 87(2), Mr. Lin Xiaodong ("Mr. Lin") and Mr. Yu Leung Fai ("Mr. Yu") shall retire from office by rotation at the AGM, and being eligible, will offer themselves for re-election as executive Directors.

Mr. Ho Chun Chung Patrick ("Mr. Ho") was appointed as an independent non-executive Director on 8 March 2022. In accordance with Bye-laws 86(2), Mr. Ho will hold office until the forthcoming AGM and being eligible, have offered himself for re-election at the AGM.

When identifying suitable candidates for directorship, the nomination committee of the Company carries out the selection process by making reference to the skills, experience, background, professional knowledge, personal integrity and time commitments of the proposed candidates, and also the Company's needs and other relevant statutory requirements and regulations required for the positions. All candidates must be able to meet the standards as set forth in Rules 3.08 and 3.09 of the Listing Rules. A candidate who is to be appointed as an independent non-executive Director should also meet the independence criteria set out in Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules. Qualified candidates will then be recommended to the Board for approval. Mr. Yu and Mr. Ho are existing independent non-executive Directors. Each of Mr. Yu and Mr. Ho, being an independent non-executive Director eligible for re-election at the AGM, has made an annual confirmation of independence pursuant to Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules.

At the AGM, ordinary resolution will be proposed to re-elect Mr. Lin as executive Director, and Mr. Yu and Mr. Ho as independent non-executive Director. Details of the retiring Directors who are proposed to be re-elected at the AGM are set out in Appendix II to this circular.

# PROPOSED ADOPTION OF THE NEW SHARE OPTION SCHEME AND TERMINATION OF THE EXISTING SHARE OPTION SCHEME

The Existing Share Option Scheme, which was adopted by the Company pursuant to an ordinary resolution passed by the Shareholders at the annual general meeting held on 10 August 2012, will expire on the tenth anniversary of its adoption pursuant to its terms. The Existing Share Option Scheme is the only share option scheme currently in force as at the Latest Practicable Date.

As the Existing Share Option Scheme will expire on 9 August 2022, to enable the Company to continue to grant options to Eligible Participants as incentives and/or rewards for their contributions to the growth of the Group and to provide the Group with a more flexible means to reward, remunerate, compensate and/or provide benefits to the Eligible Participants, as well as the intention of refreshing of the 10% scheme mandate limit, the Board proposes to recommend to the Shareholders at the AGM to terminate the Existing Share Option Scheme and to adopt the New Share Option Scheme.

The Existing Share Option Scheme was adopted more than nine years ago. Given that there has been a substantial change in the number of issued share capital of the Company during the past nine years, i.e. from 635,353,119 issued Shares as at the date of adoption of the Existing Share Option Scheme to 1,439,709,880 issued Shares as at the Latest Practicable Date, approving the adoption of the New Share Option Scheme to replace the Existing Share Option Scheme will have the effect of refreshing the limit on the total number of Shares which may be issued upon exercise of all Options to be granted to Eligible Participants under the New Share Option Scheme which must not exceed 10% of the Shares in issue as at the date of approval.

An ordinary resolution will be proposed at the AGM to terminate the Existing Share Option Scheme and adopt the New Share Option Scheme, details of which are set out in ordinary resolution numbered 8 in the notice convening the AGM. Following the termination of the Existing Share Option Scheme, no further options will be granted under such scheme, but in all other respects the provisions of the Existing Share Option Scheme will remain in full force and effect, and Options granted prior to such termination will continue to be valid and exercisable in accordance with the rules of the Existing Share Option Scheme. Apart from the Existing Share Option Scheme, the Company had no other share option scheme currently in force as at the Latest Practicable Date.

The purpose of the New Share Option Scheme (which shall take effect on the Adoption Date) is to attract and retain quality personnel and other persons and to provide them with incentive to contribute to the business and operation of the Group through granting of Options to Eligible Participants. Eligible Participants to whom Options shall be granted, are entitled to subscribe for the number of Shares at a subscription price specified in each Option granted under the New Share Option Scheme. The basis for determining the subscription price is also specified precisely in the rules of the New Share Option Scheme. Unless otherwise determined by the Board and provided in the offer of the grant of the relevant Option, there is no performance target which must be achieved, nor there is any specified minimum period prescribed under the New Share Option Scheme for which an Option must be held pursuant to the terms of the New Share Option Scheme before it can be exercised. Having said that, the Board believes that the requirement for a minimum subscription price as mentioned above will serve to protect the value of the Shares and encourage Eligible Participants to acquire proprietary interests in the Company which will increase in value in line with the contribution by the Eligible Participants to the Company, so as to achieve the purpose of the New Share Option Scheme.

The Directors will assess the Eligible Participants, namely the employees and directors of the Group, based on their individual performance, time commitment (including the years of service and working hours), responsibilities, work experience, professional qualifications, knowledge in the industry or employment conditions according to the prevailing market practice and industry standard, or where appropriate, contribution to the revenue, profits or business development of the Group during the financial year or in the future.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the Company has 1,439,709,880 Shares in issue. Assuming that there is no change in the issued share capital between the period from the Latest Practicable Date and the Adoption Date, the number of Shares, issuable pursuant to the New Share Option Scheme on the Adoption Date will be 143,970,988 Shares represents approximately 10% of the existing issued share capital of the Company. The Directors consider that it is not appropriate to state the value of all Options that can be granted pursuant to the New Share Option Scheme as if they had been granted on the Latest Practicable Date as a number of variables which are crucial for the calculation of the Option value have not been determined. Such variables include but are not limited to the exercise price, exercise period, lock-up period (if any), and predetermined performance targets (if any). The Directors believe that any calculation of the value of the Options as at the Latest Practicable Date based on a number of speculative assumptions would not be meaningful and would be misleading to Shareholders.

None of the Directors is trustee of the New Share Option Scheme or has a direct or indirect interest in the trustee. With respect to the operation of the New Share Option Scheme, the Company will, where applicable, comply with the relevant requirements under Chapter 17 of the Listing Rules.

#### Conditions precedent of the New Share Option Scheme

The adoption of the New Share Option Scheme is conditional upon:

- (a) the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange granting the listing of and permission to deal in any Shares which may fall to be issued by the Company pursuant to the exercise of Options in accordance with the terms and conditions of the New Share Option Scheme; and
- (b) the passing of an ordinary resolution to adopt the New Share Option Scheme by the Shareholders at AGM.

Subject to the obtaining of Shareholders' approval with respect to the adoption of the New Share Option Scheme at the AGM, the aggregate number of Shares which may be issued upon exercise of all Options to be granted under the New Share Option Scheme and any new share option scheme of the Company which may be adopted hereinafter must not, in aggregate, exceed 10% of the total number of Shares in issue as at the date of adoption of the New Share Option Scheme or any new share option scheme (as the case may be). The maximum aggregate number of Shares which may be issued upon exercise of all outstanding options granted and yet to be exercised under the New Share Option Scheme and any other share option schemes of the Company must not, in aggregate, exceed 30% of the total number of Shares in issue from time to time. No options may be granted under the New Share Option Scheme and any other share option schemes of the Company if this will result in such limit being exceeded.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the number of outstanding Options granted under the Existing Share Options Scheme is 4,600,000. Assuming that there is no change in the number of issued Shares between the Latest Practicable Date and the Adoption Date, the total number of Shares which may be issued upon exercise of all Options to be granted under the New Share Option Scheme would be 143,970,988 Shares. The aggregate of the outstanding 4,600,000 Options under the Existing Share Option Scheme and the number of up to 143,970,988 Options which may be granted under the Scheme Mandate Limit represents approximately 10.32% of the issued share capital of the Company as at the Latest Practicable Date, which is below the 30% limit as abovementioned.

A summary of the principal terms of the New Share Option Scheme which is proposed to be approved and adopted by the Company at the AGM is set out in Appendix III to this circular from pages 25 to 34. A copy of the New Share Option Scheme referred to in Appendix III to this circular will be published on the websites of the Stock Exchange (http://www.hkexnews.hk) and the Company (http://www.realord.com.hk) for 14 days from the date hereof up to and including the date of the AGM and available for inspection at the AGM.

#### **Application for listing**

Application will be made to the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange for the approval of the listing of, and permission to deal in, the Shares to be issued pursuant to the exercise of the Options granted under the New Share Option Scheme.

#### PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE EXISTING BYE-LAWS

#### Effect of the amendments

The Existing Bye-laws of the Company have not been amended since 10 August 2012. With a view to (i) bringing the Existing Bye-laws in line with certain amendments to the Listing Rules and the applicable laws of Bermuda; (ii) allowing general meetings to be held as an electronic meeting or as a hybrid meeting; and (iii) making other consequential and housekeeping changes, the Board proposes to make the Proposed Amendments to the Existing Bye-laws with effect from the date of the passing of the relevant special resolution at the AGM. The Proposed Amendments to the Existing Bye-laws will enable the Company to better meet the requirements of the relevant laws and regulations and normative documents of Bermuda and Hong Kong, which in turn help the Company in improving its corporate governance standards.

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

- 1. to include certain defined terms to align with the applicable laws of Bermuda, including "announcement", "close associate", "electronic meeting", "hybrid meeting", "Listing Rules", "Meeting Location" (as defined below), "physical meeting" and "Principal Meeting Place" (as defined below) and to update the relevant bye-laws in this regard correspondingly;
- 2. to remove the definitions of "associate" and "business day";

- 3. the English name of the Company be changed from "Cheong Ming Investments Limited" to "Realord Group Holdings Limited":
- 4. to include that an extraordinary resolution shall be passed by a majority of not less than two-thirds of votes cast by the members of the Company ("Members") entitled to do so at a general meeting of which notice has been duly given in accordance with Section 59 of the Bye-laws;
- 5. to remove the provision which provides that 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 and if purchases are by tender, tenders shall be available to all members alike;
- 6. to provide that the Board may issue 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;
- 7. to allow share certificate to be issued with the seal of the Company printed thereon;
- 8. to clarify that the principal register and branch register of Members, as the case may be, shall be open to inspection between 10 a.m. to 12 noon during business hours;
- 9. to provide flexibility by removing the restrictive requirement that the record dates for determining the Members' entitlement to receive any dividend, distribution, allotment or issue to be no more than 30 days before or after any such dividends, distribution, allotment or issue is declared, paid or made;
- 10. to allow the transfer of all or any the shares to be in a form prescribed by the designated stock exchange;
- 11. to allow publication of a book close notice in relation to the registration of transfers of shares by announcement or by electronic communication;
- 12. to provide that the Company must hold an annual general meeting in each financial year and such annual general meeting must be held within six (6) months after the end of the Company's financial year in compliance with the Listing Rules;
- 13. to provide that an annual general meeting must be called by notice of not less than twenty-one (21) clear days and all other general meetings (including a special general meeting) must be called by notice of not less than fourteen (14) clear days in compliance with the Listing Rules;

- 14. to provide that the Board may in its absolute discretion determine whether to hold a general meeting (including, inter alia, an annual general meeting, a special general meeting, any adjourned meeting or postponed meeting) as a physical meeting in any part of the world and at one or more locations, as a hybrid meeting or as an electronic meeting;
- 15. to include additional details to be specified in a notice of general meeting in light of the allowing of general meetings to be held at one or more meeting locations, or as a hybrid meeting or an electronic meeting;
- 16. to provide that the chairman of the general meeting may, with the consent of the general meeting at which a quorum is present or at his absolute discretion under certain prescribed circumstances, adjourn the meeting from time to time (or indefinitely), from place to place(s) and/or from one form to another (a physical meeting, a hybrid meeting or an electronic meeting);
- 17. to provide for the proceedings of general meetings which are 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 general meeting in relation thereto;
- 18. to allow the Directors to postpone or make changes to a general meeting when they in their absolute discretion consider it is inappropriate, impracticable, unreasonable or undesirable to hold the general meeting on or at the scheduled date or time or place or in the scheduled form, for example, in case of bad weather conditions or other similar events, and making corresponding changes to the relevant bye-laws;
- 19. to allow for votes to be cast by the Members electronically as the Directors or the chairman of the general meeting may determine;
- 20. to expressly allow the Members the right to speak and to vote at a general meeting except where a Member is required under the Listing Rules to abstain from voting;
- 21. to allow instruments of proxy to be returned to the Company by electronic means;
- 22. to empower the Board to treat a proxy appointment as valid notwithstanding that the appointment or any of the information required has not been received;
- 23. to change the circumstances in which an interested Director may vote and be counted in the quorum at a Board meeting following the requirement of the Listing Rules;
- 24. to allow service of a Board meeting by electronic means;
- 25. to clarify that, for quorum purposes only, two persons appointed by the clearing house as authorised representative or proxy may constitute the quorum for a general meeting of the Company;

- 26. to provide that 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;
- 27. to allow the Board to have more than one chairman;
- 28. to provide that a notification of consent to a resolution given by a Director in writing by any means shall be deemed to be the signature of such Director to a written resolution of Directors;
- 29. to empower the Board to resolve to capitalise all or any part of any amount for the time being standing to the credit of any reserve or fund to pay up in full unissued shares to be issued for the benefit of employees under any share incentive scheme approved by the Members;
- 30. to change the requirement to remove an auditor from "special resolution" to "extraordinary resolution" in compliance with the Bermuda Companies Act;
- 31. to allow the Board to appoint an auditor to fill a casual vacancy for practical reason;
- 32. to provide for more electronic channels for the giving or issue of any notice or document by or on behalf of the Company (including any "corporate communication" within the meaning ascribed thereto in the Listing Rules);
- 33. to clarify that a notice, document or publication is deemed to have been served on the day on which it first appears on the Company's website to which the recipient may have access or the day on which the notice of availability is deemed to have been delivered to such person, whichever is later, and if such notice, document or publication is issued as an advertisement in a newspaper, it shall be deemed to have been served on the day on which the advertisement first so appears;
- 34. to clarify that a former Director can also be indemnified for his actions in relation to the affairs of the Company during the time he was a Director;
- 35. to add the financial year end of the Company in the New Bye-laws; and
- 36. to make other miscellaneous amendments to update or clarify the relevant bye-laws where it is considered desirable or to better align the wordings with the Listing Rules and the applicable laws of Bermuda.

The full text of the proposed New Bye-laws (marked-up against the conformed version of the Existing Bye-laws posted on the website of the Stock Exchange) is set out in Appendix IV to this circular. The Chinese translation of the proposed New Bye-laws is for reference only. In case of any discrepancy or inconsistency between the English version and its Chinese translation, the English version shall prevail.

The legal advisers of the Company as to laws of Hong Kong have confirmed to the Company that the Proposed Amendments comply with the requirements of the Listing Rules and the legal advisers of the Company as to laws of Bermuda have confirmed to the Company that the Proposed Amendments do not contravene or violate the applicable laws of Bermuda. In addition, the Company has confirmed to the Stock Exchange that there is nothing unusual about the Proposed Amendments.

The Proposed Amendments are subject to the approval of the Shareholders by way of special resolution at the AGM.

#### **AGM**

A notice convening the AGM to be held at Suite 3318, 33/F, Jardine House, 1 Connaught Place, Central, Hong Kong on Friday, 10 June 2022 at 11:00 a.m. is set out on pages 99 to 105 of this circular. Ordinary resolutions will be proposed at the AGM to approve, among other things, the granting of the General Mandate (including the extended General Mandate) and the Repurchase Mandate, the re-election of Directors, the proposed adoption of New Share Option Scheme and the proposed amendments to the Existing Bye-laws.

A form of proxy for use at the AGM is enclosed with this circular and such form of proxy is also published at the website of the Stock Exchange at www.hkex.com.hk. Whether or not you are able to attend the AGM, you are requested to complete the accompanying form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and deposit the same at the Hong Kong branch share registrar and transfer office of the Company, Tricor Tengis Limited 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 before the time appointed for the holding of the AGM (i.e. no later than Wednesday, 8 June 2022 at 11:00 a.m. (Hong Kong Time)) or any adjournment thereof. Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting in person at the AGM or any adjournment thereof should you so wish and in such event, the instrument appointment a proxy shall be deemed to be revoked.

All the resolutions proposed to be approved at the AGM will be taken by poll and an announcement will be made by the Company after the AGM on the results of the AGM.

#### CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

For the purpose of determining Shareholders' entitlement to attend and vote at the AGM, the register of members of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, 7 June 2022 to Friday, 10 June 2022, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of Shares will be registered. In order to determine the identity of Shareholders who are entitled to attend and vote at the AGM, all Share transfers accompanied by the relevant Share certificates must be lodged with the Hong Kong branch share registrar and transfer office of the Company, Tricor Tengis Limited at Level 54, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong not later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, 6 June 2022 (Hong Kong time).

#### RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

This circular, for which the Directors collectively and individually accept full responsibility, includes particulars given in compliance with the Listing Rules for the purpose of giving information with regard to the Company. The Directors, having made all reasonable enquiries, confirm that to the best of their knowledge and belief the information contained in this circular is accurate and complete in all material respects and not misleading or deceptive, and there are no other matters the omission of which would make any statement herein or this circular misleading.

#### RECOMMENDATION

The Directors consider (i) the proposed grant of the General Mandate (including the extended General Mandate) and the Repurchase Mandate; (ii) the proposed re-election of Directors; (iii) the proposed adoption of New Share Option Scheme and termination of Existing Share Option Scheme; and (iv) the proposed amendments to the Existing Bye-laws are in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole. Accordingly, the Directors recommend the Shareholders to vote in favour of the relevant resolutions to be proposed at the AGM.

#### **GENERAL**

To the best of the Directors' knowledge, information and belief, having made all reasonable enquiries, no Shareholder is required to abstain from voting on any resolutions to be proposed at the AGM. The Board confirms that to the best of their knowledge, information and belief having made all reasonable enquiries, as at the Latest Practicable Date, there was no voting trust or other agreement or arrangement or understanding (other than an outright sale) entered into by or binding upon any Shareholder and there was no obligation or entitlement of any Shareholder whereby he has or may have temporarily or permanently passed control over the exercise of the voting right in respect of his Shares to a third party, either generally or on a case-by-case basis.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Your attention is drawn to the additional information set out in the Appendices to this circular.

Yours faithfully
For and on behalf of the Board of
Realord Group Holdings Limited
Lin Xiaohui
Chairman

This Appendix serves as an explanatory statement, as required by the Listing Rules, to provide requisite information to you for your consideration of the Repurchase Mandate.

#### 1. Repurchase of securities from connected parties

The Listing Rules prohibit the Company from knowingly purchasing its securities on the Stock Exchange from a core connected person (as defined in the Listing Rules), that is, a director, chief executive or substantial shareholder of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or their respective close associates (as defined in the Listing Rules) and a core connected person is prohibited from knowingly selling to the Company his/her/its securities of the Company.

No core connected person of the Company has notified the Company that he/she/it has a present intention to sell any Shares to the Company nor has any such core connected person undertaken not to sell any of the Shares held by him/her/it to the Company in the event that the Repurchase Mandate is passed.

#### 2. Share capital

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the issued share capital of the Company comprised 1,439,709,880 fully paid Shares.

Subject to the passing of the proposed resolution for the approval of the Repurchase Mandate and on the basis that no further Shares are issued or repurchased by the Company prior to the AGM, the Company will be allowed under the Repurchase Mandate to repurchase a maximum of 143,970,988 fully paid Shares, representing approximately 10% of the total number of issued Shares as at the date of the AGM.

#### 3. Reasons for the repurchase

The Directors believe that the Repurchase Mandate is in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole. An exercise of the Repurchase Mandate may, depending on market conditions and funding arrangements at the time, lead to an enhancement of the net assets per Share and/or earnings per Share and will only be made when the Directors believe that a repurchase will benefit the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

#### 4. Funding of repurchases

Repurchases would be funded entirely from the Company's available cash flow or working capital facilities which will be funds legally available under the Bermuda law and the memorandum of association of the Company and the Bye-laws and for such purpose.

An exercise of the Repurchase Mandate in full may have a material adverse impact on the working capital and gearing position of the Company compared with those as at 31 December 2021, being the date of its latest published audited consolidated accounts. The Directors do not, however, intend to make any repurchase in circumstances that would have a material adverse impact on the working capital or gearing position of the Company.

# 5. Share prices

The highest and lowest prices at which the Shares have traded on the Stock Exchange in each of the previous twelve calendar months immediately prior to the Latest Practicable Date were as follows:

	Highest	Lowest
	HK\$	HK\$
2021		
April	11.9	9.8
May	12.58	11.4
June	12.46	11.34
July	11.86	10.42
August	11.36	10.16
September	11.3	9.96
October	13.38	9.7
November	11.26	9.92
December	11.24	9.1
2022		
January	10.22	8.92
February	9.74	8.91
March	10.12	7.9
April (up to the Latest Practicable Date)	13.60	11.2

#### 6. Disclosure of interests and minimum public holding

None of the Directors or, to the best of their knowledge having made all reasonable enquiries, their associates, have any present intention to sell to the Company or its subsidiaries any of the Shares in the Company if the Repurchase Mandate is approved at the AGM.

The Directors have undertaken to the Stock Exchange that, so far as the same may be applicable, they will exercise the powers of the Company to make repurchases pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate in accordance with the Listing Rules and applicable laws of Bermuda.

If a Shareholder's proportionate interest in the voting rights of the Company increases on the Company exercising its powers to repurchase Shares pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate, such increase will be treated as an acquisition for the purposes of Rule 32 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 become obliged to make a mandatory offer in accordance with Rules 26 and 32 of the Takeovers Code.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Dr. Lin Xiaohui, the controlling shareholder of the Company, held 903,160,000 Shares via his controlled corporation, namely Manureen Holdings Limited, representing approximately 62.73% of the entire issued share capital of the Company. On the basis of 1,439,709,880 Shares in issue, if the Repurchase Mandate is exercised in full, the percentage interest in the Company of Dr. Lin Xiaohui would increase to approximately 80.81% of the then issued share capital of the Company. Such increase may result in the number of Shares in the hands of the public falling below the prescribed minimum percentage of 25%.

At as the Latest Practicable Date, the Directors have no intention to exercise the Repurchase Mandate to such an extent that will result in a requirement of the above Shareholder, or any other persons to make a general offer under the Takeovers Code or the number of Shares in the hands of the public falling below the prescribed minimum percentage of 25%.

#### 7. Shares repurchase made by the Company

The Company had not purchased any of its Shares (whether on the Stock Exchange or otherwise) during the previous six months immediately prior to the Latest Practicable Date.

### DETAILS OF DIRECTORS PROPOSED TO BE RE-ELECTED AT THE AGM

Details of the Directors who will retire from office at the AGM and being eligible, will offer themselves for re-election at the AGM, are set out below:

#### Mr. Lin Xiaodong ("Mr. Lin")

Mr. Lin, aged 39, obtained a Bachelor of Commerce and Administration in Commercial Law and International Business from the Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand in 2007. He has worked in the Branch Office of Shenzhen Municipal Office of the State Administration of Taxation\* (深圳市國家稅務局直屬分局) from 2007 to 2009. He has undertaken various managerial roles in a company owned by Dr. Lin Xiaohui and Madam Su Jiaohua since 2009. Mr. Lin is the brother of Dr. Lin Xiaohui, who is an executive Director of the Company, and the brother-in-law of Madam Su Jiaohua. Madam Su Jiaohua is an executive Director and the chief executive officer of the Company and the spouse of Dr. Lin Xiaohui.

The Company has entered into a service contract with Mr. Lin for a term of two years and renewable automatically for successive terms of one year unless terminated by either party giving to the other not less than three months' prior written notice. Mr. Lin is subject to retirement by rotation and/or re-election at general meetings in accordance with the Bye-laws. He is entitled to an annual remuneration of HK\$3,600,000 per annum and discretionary year-end bonus, which are subject to review by the Board from time to time with reference to his duties and responsibilities with the Company.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Lin has 1,000,000 share options of the Company.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Lin does not (i) hold any other position in the Group; (ii) hold any other directorship in listed public companies in Hong Kong or overseas in the three years prior to the Latest Practicable Date; (iii) have other major appointments and professional qualifications; and (iv) have any relationship with other directors, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company.

Save as disclosed, Mr. Lin did not have any other interests in the shares or underlying shares of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, there is no information relating to Mr. Lin that is required to be disclosed pursuant to Rules 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules.

Save as disclosed herein, there is no other matter relating to Mr. Lin that needs to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders and the Stock Exchange.

#### Mr. Yu Leung Fai ("Mr. Yu")

Mr. Yu, aged 45, was appointed as an independent non-executive Director of the Company, the chairman of the Audit Committee and a member of the Remuneration Committee and the Nomination Committee. Mr. Yu is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Certified Practicing Accountants of Australia and the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Mr. Yu obtained a bachelor's degree in commerce from University of Toronto, Canada in June 2000 and a bachelor's degree in law from University of London, United Kingdom in August 2005. Mr. Yu has over 20 years of experience in corporate services field. He first started his career as an auditor of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu. Since 2001, Mr. Yu joined Fung, Yu & Co. CPA Limited (formerly Fung, Yu & Co.) and is currently the company's managing partner. Mr. Yu has also been the company secretary of Beijing Media Corporation Limited (stock Code: 1000), Yuanda China Holdings Limited (stock Code: 2789) and Sany Heavy Equipment International Holdings Company Limited (stock Code: 631), and the independent non-executive director of Dowway Holdings Limited (stock Code: 8403), The Sincere Company, Limited (stock Code: 244) and CSMall Group Limited (stock Code: 1815), all of which are listed companies in Hong Kong, since 2010, 2012, 2017, 2019, 2021 and 2021, respectively. Mr. Yu joined the Group in June 2014.

The Company has entered into a letter of appointment with Mr. Yu for a term of two years and renewable automatically for successive terms of one year unless terminated by either party giving to the other not less than three months' prior written notice. Mr. Yu is subject to retirement by rotation and/or re-election at general meetings in accordance with the Bye-laws. He is entitled to director's fee of HK\$163,000 per annum, which is subject to review by the Board from time to time with reference to his duties and responsibilities with the Company.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Yu does not have any share options of the Company.

Save as disclosed, Mr. Yu did not have any other interests in the shares or underlying shares of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Yu does not (i) hold any other position in the Group; (ii) hold any other directorship in listed public companies in Hong Kong or overseas in the three years prior to the Latest Practicable Date; (iii) have other major appointments and professional qualifications; and (iv) have any relationship with other directors, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company.

Save as disclosed above, there is no information relating to Mr. Yu that is required to be disclosed pursuant to Rules 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules.

Save as disclosed herein, there is no other matter relating to Mr. Yu that needs to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders and the Stock Exchange.

#### Mr. Ho Chun Chung Patrick ("Mr. Ho")

Mr. Ho, aged 58, was appointed as an independent non-executive Director of the Company and a member of Audit Committee. Mr. Ho worked in PricewaterhouseCoopers from 1987 to 1992 and Gold Peak Industries (Holdings) Limited (stock code: 40) from 1992 to 2000 with his last position as financial controller and Chen Hsong Holdings Limited (stock code: 57) from 2002 to 2005 as financial controller. Mr. Ho was an independent non-executive director of Tesson Holdings Limited (stock code: 1201) from 2014 to 2016 and Asia Investment Finance Group Limited (currently known as Amber Hill Financial Holdings Limited) (stock code: 33) from 2015 to 2018 respectively. He has been the independent non-executive director of Ling Yui Holdings Limited (stock code: 784) since December 2017 and A&S Group (Holdings) Limited (stock code: 1737) since February 2018. Mr. Ho obtained a professional diploma in accountancy from the Hong Kong Polytechnic (currently known as The Hong Kong Polytechnic University) in November 1987 and a master degree in finance from the City University of Hong Kong in December 1996. Mr. Ho is an associate member of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and a fellow member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants since February 1991 and October 1995, respectively. Mr. Ho joined the Group in March 2022.

The Company has entered into a letter of appointment with Mr. Ho for a term of two years commencing from 8 March 2022 and renewable automatically for successive terms of one year unless terminated by either party giving to the other not less than three months' prior written notice. His directorship in the Company is subject to retirement by rotation and/or re-election at general meetings in accordance with the bye-laws of the Company. He is entitled to director's fee of HK\$156,000 per annum which is subject to review by the Board from time to time with reference to his duties and responsibilities with the Company.

Save as disclosed, Mr. Ho has not held any other directorship in the last three years in other public company the securities of which are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas and does not have any relationship with any other directors, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company and does not hold any position of the Company and other companies within the Group.

Save as disclosed, Mr. Ho did not have any other interests in the shares or underlying shares of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, there is no information relating to Mr. Ho that is required to be disclosed pursuant to Rules 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules.

Save as disclosed herein, there is no other matter relating to Mr. Ho that needs to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders and the Stock Exchange.

### SUMMARY OF THE PRINCIPAL TERMS OF THE NEW SHARE OPTION SCHEME

The following is a summary of the principal terms of the Share Option Scheme but does not form part of, nor was it intended to be, part of the Share Option Scheme nor should it be taken as affecting the interpretation of the rules of the Share Option Scheme:

#### (a) Purpose of the Share Option Scheme

The purpose of the Share Option Scheme is to provide incentives and/or rewards to Eligible Participants for their contributions to, and continuing efforts to promote the interests of the Group.

#### (b) Administration of the Share Option Scheme

The Share Option Scheme shall be subject to the administration of the Board whose decision on all matters arising in relation to this Scheme or its interpretation or effect shall (save as otherwise provided herein, including but not limited to (a) the Scheme Mandate Limit; (b) the grant of Options to any of the substantial Shareholder (as defined in the Listing Rules) of the Company, an independent non-executive Director, connected persons (as defined in the Listing Rules) of the Company or any of their respective associates in certain circumstances, and any changes in the terms thereof; (c) the adjustment to be made in the event of any alternation in the capital structure of the Company; (d) the cancelation of Options; (e) the alternation and termination of the Share Option Scheme, and in the absence of manifest error be final and binding on all persons who may be affected thereby.

#### (c) Grant and acceptance of Options

Subject to the terms of the Share Option Scheme, the Board may, in its absolute discretion, invite any Eligible Participant to take up Options to subscribe for Shares at a price calculated in accordance with paragraph (d) below, provided that no such grant shall be made if a prospectus is required to be issued under the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance (Chapter 32 of the Laws of Hong Kong) or any applicable laws or if such grant will result in the breach by the Company or the Directors of any applicable securities laws and regulations in any jurisdiction.

An offer of the grant of an Option shall be made to Eligible Participants in writing (and unless so made shall be invalid) in such form as the Board may from time to time determine and shall remain open for acceptance by the Eligible Participant concerned for a period of twenty-one (21) days inclusive of, from the date upon which it is made provided that no such offer shall be open for acceptance after the earlier of the 10th anniversary of the Adoption Date or the termination of the Share Option Scheme or the Eligible Participant to whom such offer is made has ceased to be an Eligible Participant.

A non-refundable nominal consideration of HK\$1.00 is payable by the grantee upon acceptance of an Option. An Option shall be deemed to have been accepted when the duplicate letter comprising acceptance of the Option duly signed by the Eligible Participant together with the said consideration of HK\$1.00 is received by the Company.

Any offer of the grant of an Option may be accepted in respect of less than the number of Shares in respect of which it is offered provided that it is accepted in such number of Shares as represents a board lot for the time being for the purpose of trading on the Stock Exchange or an integral multiple thereof.

#### (d) Exercise of Options and Price of Shares

An Option may be exercised in whole or in part by the grantee giving notice in writing to the Company stating that the Option is thereby exercised and the number of Shares in respect of which it is exercised. Each such notice must be accompanied by a remittance for the full amount of the subscription price for the Shares in respect of which the notice is given. Within thirty (30) days after receipt of the notice and the remittance and, where appropriate, receipt of the certificate of the Company's auditors or independent financial advisers, the Company shall allot and issue the relevant Shares to the grantee (or his legal personal representative(s)) credited as fully paid.

Holders of the Options are not entitled to voting, dividend, transfer and other rights of the holders of the Shares, including those arising on a liquidation of the Company, save as otherwise provided herein or under the relevant laws or the memorandum of association of the Company and the Articles in effect from time to time. Shares to be allotted and issued upon the exercise of an Option will be subject to all the provisions of the Articles of the Company for the time being in force and will rank pari passu in all respects with the existing fully paid Shares in issue on the date on which the Option is duly exercised or, if that date falls on a day when the register of members of the Company is closed, the first day of the re-opening of the register of members (the "Exercise Date") and accordingly will entitle the holders thereof to participate in all dividends or other distributions paid or made on or after the Exercise Date other than any dividend or other distribution previously declared or recommended or resolved to be paid or made if the record date therefor shall be before the Exercise Date. A Share allotted upon the exercise of an Option shall not carry voting rights until the name of the grantee has been duly entered onto the register of members of the Company as the holder thereof.

The subscription price for Shares under the Share Option Scheme may be determined by the Board at its absolute discretion but in any event will not be less than the highest of: (i) the closing price of the Shares on the Stock Exchange as shown in the daily quotations sheet of the Stock Exchange on the Offer Date, which must be a Business Day; (ii) the average of the closing prices of the Shares as shown in the daily quotations sheets of the Stock Exchange for the five (5) Business Days immediately preceding the Offer Date; and (iii) the nominal value of the Share on the Offer Date.

Where a relevant Option is to be granted under paragraph (f) or (g), for the purposes of (i) and (ii) above, the date of the Board meeting at which the grant was proposed shall be taken to be the Offer Date for such relevant Option, and the provisions of the immediate preceding paragraph above shall apply mutatis mutandis.

#### (e) Maximum number of Shares available for issue

- (i) Subject to the Listing Rules, the overall limit on the number of Shares which may be issued upon exercise of all outstanding Options granted and yet to be exercised under the Share Option Scheme and any other share option schemes of the Company must not exceed 30 per cent. of the relevant class of Shares in issue from time to time. No Options may be granted under the Share Option Scheme or any other share option schemes of the Company if this will result in this limit being exceeded.
- (ii) Subject to the limit mentioned in (e)(i) above, the total number of Shares which may be issued upon exercise of all Options to be granted under the Share Option Scheme and any other share option schemes of the Company must not, in aggregate, exceed 10% of the Shares in issue as at the date of the approval of the Share Option Scheme (the "Scheme Mandate Limit"), unless Shareholders' approval has been obtained pursuant to sub-paragraphs (iii) and (iv) below. Options lapsed in accordance with the terms of the Share Option Scheme will not be counted for the purpose of calculating the Scheme Mandate Limit.
- (iii) Subject to the limit mentioned in (e)(i) above, the Company may refresh the Scheme Mandate Limit at any time subject to approval of the Shareholders in general meeting, provided that the Scheme Mandate Limit as refreshed must not exceed 10% of the Shares in issue as at the date of passing the relevant resolution. Options previously granted under the Share Option Scheme and any other share option schemes of the Company (including those outstanding, cancelled, lapsed in accordance with such schemes or exercised Options) will not be counted for the purpose of calculating this limit. The Company must send a circular to the Shareholders containing such information as required under the Listing Rules.
- (iv) Subject to the limit mentioned in (e)(i) above, the Company may also seek separate approval of the Shareholders in general meeting for granting Options beyond the Scheme Mandate Limit provided that the Options in excess of the Scheme Mandate Limit are granted only to Eligible Participants specifically identified by the Company before such approval is sought. The Company must send a circular to the Shareholders containing a generic description of the specified Eligible Participants, the number and terms of Options to be granted, the purpose of granting Options to the specified Eligible Participants with an explanation as to how the terms of the Options serve such purpose and such other information as required under the Listing Rules.

# (f) Grant of Options to a Director, chief executive or substantial shareholder of the Company or any of their respective associates

Any grant of Options to a Director, chief executive or substantial shareholder of the Company or any of their respective associates must be approved by the independent non-executive Directors (excluding any independent non-executive Director who or whose associate who is the grantee of the Options). Where Options are proposed to be granted to a substantial Shareholder (as defined in the Listing Rules) of the Company or an independent non-executive Director or any of their respective associates and if such grant would result in the total number of Shares issued and to be issued upon exercise of the Options granted and to be granted (including Options exercised, cancelled and outstanding) in any 12-month period up to and including the date of grant to such person (i) representing in aggregate over 0.1% of the total issued Shares; and (ii) having an aggregate value, based on the closing price of the securities at the date of each grant, in excess of HK\$5 million, then the proposed grant must be subject to the approval of Shareholders taken on a poll in a general meeting. The grantee, his associates and all core connected persons of the Company must abstain from voting in favour of the proposed grant at such general meeting.

A circular must be prepared by the Company explaining the proposed grant, disclosing, among other matters, (i) the number and terms of the Options to be granted, (ii) containing a recommendation from the independent non-executive Directors (excluding any independent non-executive Director who is a grantee) on whether or not to vote in favour of the proposed grant, (iii) containing information as may be required by the Stock Exchange from time to time.

Any change in the terms of Options granted to a substantial Shareholder (as defined in the Listing Rules) or an independent non-executive Director, or any of their respective associates must be approved by Shareholders in a general meeting.

#### (g) Maximum entitlement of each Eligible Participant

The total number of Shares issued and to be issued upon exercise of the options granted to each Eligible Participant or grantee (including exercised and outstanding options) in any twelve (12)-month period up to the date of grant shall not exceed 1% of the Shares in issue. Where it is proposed that any offer is to be made to an Eligible Participant (or where approximate, an existing grantee) which would result in the Shares issued and to be issued upon exercise of all options granted and to be granted to such person (including exercised, cancelled and outstanding options) in the twelve (12)-month period up to and including the relevant date of grant to exceed such limit, such offer and any acceptance thereof must be conditional upon Shareholders' approval in general meeting with such Eligible Participant (or where appropriate, an existing grantee) and his, her or its close associates (or his, her or its associates if the Eligible Participant is a connected person) abstaining from voting. The Company must send a circular to the Shareholders disclosing the identity of the Eligible Participant or grantee, the number and terms of options to be granted (and options previously granted) to such Eligible Participant, the information required under the Listing Rules. The number and terms (including the subscription price) of options to be granted to such Eligible Participant must be fixed before the date on which Shareholders' approval is sought and the date of the Board meeting for proposing such further grant should be taken as the date of grant for the purpose of calculating the subscription price.

#### (h) Time of Exercise of Options

Subject to the terms of the Share Option Scheme, an Option may be exercised in whole or in part at any time during the period to be determined and notified by the Directors to the grantee thereof at the time of making an Offer provided that such period shall not exceed the period of ten (10) years from the date of the grant of the particular Option but subject to the provisions for early termination of the Share Option Scheme (the "Option Period").

The Board may at its discretion specify any condition in the offer letter at the grant of the relevant Option which must be satisfied before an Option may be exercised. Save as determined by the Board and provided in the offer of the grant of the relevant Option, there is no specified minimum period under the Share Option Scheme for which an Option must be held or the performance target which must be achieved before an Option can be exercised under the terms of the Share Option Scheme.

#### (i) Restrictions on the time of grant of Options

Grant of Options may not be made:

- (1) after inside information has come to the knowledge of the Company until it has been announced pursuant to the requirements of the Listing Rules; and
- (2) during the period commencing from one month immediately preceding the earlier of:
  - (a) the date of the meeting of the Board (as such date is first notified to the Stock Exchange in accordance with the Listing Rules) for approving the Company's results for any year, half-year, quarterly or any other interim period (whether or not required under the Listing Rules); and
  - (b) the deadline for the Company to publish its results for any year or half-year under the Listing Rules, or quarterly or any other interim period (whether or not required under the Listing Rules),

and ending on the date of the results announcements.

#### (j) Rights are personal to grantees

An Option shall be personal to the grantee and shall not be assignable and no grantee shall in any way sell, transfer, charge, mortgage, encumber or create any interest whatsoever in favour of any third party over or in relation to any Option or enter into any agreement so to do (where the Grantee is a company, any change of its major shareholder or any substantial change in its management will be deemed to be a sale or transfer of interest as aforesaid). Any breach of the foregoing by a Grantee shall entitle the Company to cancel any Option or any part thereof granted to such Grantee..

#### (k) Rights on cessation of employment by voluntary resignation or dismissal

If the grantee of an Option is an employee or a director of the Group and ceases to be an Eligible Participant by reason of voluntary resignation or dismissal or upon expiration of his term of directorship (unless immediately renewed upon expiration), or by termination of his employment or directorship on one or more of the grounds that he or she has been guilty of persistent or serious misconduct, bankruptcy, insolvency, composition with his or her creditors generally or conviction of any criminal offence (other than an offence which in the opinion of the Directors does not bring the grantee or the Group into disrepute) or any other ground(s) on which the Group would be entitled to terminate his or her employment pursuant to any applicable law, his or her Option (to the extent not already exercised) will lapse on the date of cessation of his or her employment.

#### (l) Rights on death

If the grantee of an Option ceases to be an Eligible Participant by reason of his or her death before exercising the Options in full and none of the events referred to in paragraph (k) above as ground for termination of his or her Options arises, his or her personal representative(s) may exercise the Option (to the extent not already exercised) within a period of six months following the date of death (or such longer period as the Board may determine), failing which it will lapse. If any of the events referred to in paragraph (p) to (r) below occurs during such period, his or her personal representative(s) may exercise the Option pursuant to paragraphs (p) to (r) respectively.

#### (m) Rights on cessation of employment by reason of ill-health or retirement

If the grantee of an Option is an employee and ceases to be an employee by reason of ill-health or retirement in accordance with his or her contract of employment, he or she may exercise the Option (to the extent not already exercised) within a period of six months following the date of such cessation, failing which it will lapse. The date of cessation shall be the last day on which the Grantee is actually at work with the Group whether salary is paid in lieu of notice or not. If any of the events referred to in paragraph (p) to (r) below occurs during such period, he or she may exercise the Option pursuant to paragraphs (p) to (r) respectively.

#### (n) Rights on cessation for other reasons

If the grantee of an Option who is an employee or a director of the Group ceases to be an Eligible Participant for any reason other than the reasons set out in paragraphs (l) and (m) above, his or her Option (to the extent not already exercised) will lapse on the date of cessation.

#### (o) Rights on a general offer

In the event of a general offer being made to all Shareholders (or all such holders other than the offeror and/or person controlled by the offeror and/or any person acting in concert (as defined in the Takeovers Code) with the offeror) and such offer becomes or is declared unconditional during the Option Period of the relevant Option, the grantee (or his or her personal representative(s)) shall be entitled to exercise the Option in full (to the extent not already exercised) at any time within thereafter and up to the close of such offer.

#### (p) Rights on winding up

In the event a notice is given by the Company to its members to convene an extraordinary general meeting for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, approving a resolution to voluntarily wind-up the Company, the Company shall on the same date as it despatches such notice to each member of the Company give notice thereof to all grantees and any grantee (or his or her personal representative(s) may by notice in writing to the Company accompanied by a remittance for the full amount of the aggregate subscription price in respect of the relevant Option (such notice shall be received by the Company no later than five (5) Business Days prior to the proposed general meeting)) exercise the Option (to the extent not already exercised) either to its full extent or to the extent that he or she may specify in his or her notice and the Company shall as soon as possible and in any event no later than the Business Day immediately prior to the date of the proposed general meeting referred to above, allot and issue such number of Shares to the grantee credited as fully paid.

#### (q) Rights on reconstruction, compromise or arrangement

If a compromise or arrangement between the Company and its members or creditors is proposed for the purpose of or in connection with a scheme for the reconstruction or amalgamation of the Company, the Company shall give notice to the grantee on the same date as it despatches the notice to each member or creditor of the Company to summon a meeting to consider such a compromise or arrangement, and thereupon the grantee (or his or her personal representative(s)) may by notice in writing to the Company accompanied by a remittance of the full amount of the subscription price in respect of which the notice is given (such notice shall be received by the Company no later than five (5) Business Days prior to the proposed meeting) exercise the Option (to the extent not already exercised) either to its full extent or to the extent specified in the notice and the Company shall as soon as possible and in any event no later than the Business Day immediately prior to the date of the proposed general meeting allot and issue such number of Shares to the grantee credited as fully paid.

#### (r) Cancellation of Options

The Board shall be entitled for the following causes to cancel any Option granted but not exercised by giving notice in writing to the Grantee stating that such Option is thereby cancelled with effect from the date specified in such notice (the "Cancellation Date"):

- (i) the Grantee commits or permits or attempts to commit or permit a breach of paragraph (j) in respect of that or any other Option or any terms or conditions attached to the grant of that or any other Option;
- (ii) the Grantee consents to the cancellation of the Option in writing; or
- (iii) the Grantee has, in the sole opinion of the Board, conducted himself/herself/itself in any manner whatsoever to the detriment of or prejudicial to the interests of the Group.

The Option which has not been exercised shall be deemed to have been cancelled with effect from the Cancellation Date. No compensation shall be payable upon any such cancellation. Where the Company cancels Options and issues new ones to the same holder of the Option, the issue of such new Options may only be made under a scheme with available unissued options (excluding the cancelled Options) within the Scheme Mandate Limit.

#### (s) Effect of alterations to share capital

In the event of any alteration in the capital structure of the Company by way of capitalisation issue, rights issue, consolidation, subdivision or reduction of the share capital of the Company (other than an issue of Shares as consideration in respect of a transaction while any Option remains exercisable), such corresponding alterations (if any) will be made in (i) the numbers or nominal amount of Shares subject to any Option so far as such Option remains unexercised and/or (ii) the subscription price per Share as the auditors or independent financial advisers for the time being of the Company shall at the request of the Company or any grantee certify in writing to be in their opinion fair and reasonable, provided that any such alterations shall be made on the basis that the grantee shall have the same proportion of the issued share capital of the Company to which he or she was entitled before such alteration and the aggregate subscription price payable by the grantee on the full exercise of any Option shall remain as nearly as possible the same as (but not greater than) it was before such event, but so that no such alterations shall be made the effect of which would be to enable a Share to be issue at less than its nominal value. Save in the case of a capitalisation issue, the auditors or independent financial advisers for the time being of the Company must confirm to the Directors in writing that such adjustment(s) satisfy the aforesaid requirements.

#### (t) Ranking of Shares

The Shares to be allotted upon the exercise of an Option will be subject to all the provisions of the Articles for the time being in force and will rank *pari passu* in all respects with the fully paid Shares in issue on the date on which the Option is exercised and accordingly will entitle the holders of Shares to participate in all dividends or other distributions paid or made on or after the date on which the Option is exercised other than any dividends or other distributions previously declared or recommended or resolved to be paid or made with respect to a record date which shall be before the date of allotment.

#### (u) Duration of the Share Option Scheme

The Share Option Scheme shall continue in force for the period commencing from the Adoption Date, which is expected to be the date of the EGM, and expiring at the close of business on the date which falls ten (10) years after the Adoption Date, after such period no further Options will be granted but the provisions of the Share Option Scheme shall remain in full force and effect in respect of any Options granted before its expiry or termination but not yet exercised.

#### (v) Alterations to the terms of the Share Option Scheme

- (i) The provisions relating to the matters set out in Rule 17.03 of the Listing Rules cannot be altered to the advantage of Eligible Participants without the prior approval of Shareholders in a general meeting.
- (ii) Any alterations to the terms and conditions of the Share Option Scheme which are of a material nature or any change to the terms of Options granted must be approved by Shareholders, except where the alterations take effect automatically under the existing terms of the Share Option Scheme.
- (iii) The amended terms of the Share Option Scheme or the Options must still comply with the relevant requirements of Chapter 17 of the Listing Rules.
- (iv) Any change to the authority of the Directors or the administrator of the Share Option Scheme in relation to any alteration to the terms of the Share Option Scheme must be approved by Shareholders in a general meeting.

#### (w) Conditions of the Share Option Scheme

The Share Option Scheme is conditional upon:

- (a) the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange granting the listing of and permission to deal in any Shares which may fall to be issued by the Company pursuant to the exercise of Options in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Scheme; and
- (b) the passing of an ordinary resolution at a general meeting of the Company to adopt the Share Option Scheme.

#### (x) Lapse of Options

An Option shall lapse automatically (to the extent not already exercised) on the earliest of:

- (i) the expiry of the Option Period;
- (ii) the expiry of any of the periods referred to in paragraphs (k) to (r); and
- (iii) the date of the commencement of the winding-up of the Company.

#### (y) Termination

The Company by an ordinary resolution in general meeting may at any time terminate the operation of the Share Option Scheme and in such event no further Options will be offered but in all other respects the provisions of the Share Option Scheme shall remain in force to the extent necessary to give effect to the exercise of any Options granted prior to such termination.

Details of the Options granted, including Options exercised or outstanding, under the Share Option Scheme and (if applicable) Options that become void or non-exercisable as a result of the termination must be disclosed in the circular to Shareholders seeking approval of any subsequent share option scheme to be established after such termination.

#### (z) Miscellaneous

The terms of the Share Option Scheme (and any other schemes adopted by the Company from time to time) shall be in accordance with the requirements set out in Chapter 17 of the Listing Rules.

The Company will comply with the relevant statutory requirements and the Listing Rules from time to time in force on a continuing basis in respect of the Share Option Scheme and any other schemes of the Company.

Any dispute arising in connection with the number of Shares of an Option and any of the matters referred to in paragraph (t) above shall be referred to the decision of the auditors or the independent financial advisers of the Company who shall act as experts and not as arbitrators and whose decision, in the absence of manifest error, shall be final and conclusive.

#### **BYE-LAWS**

OF

#### REALORD GROUP HOLDINGS LIMITED CHEONG MING INVESTMENTS LIMITED

(Adopted at a Special General Meeting held on 27 December, 1996) (Amended at an Annual General Meeting held on 3 September 2004) (Amended at an Annual General Meeting held on 9 September 2005) (Amended at an Annual General Meeting held on 7 September 2006) (Amended at an Annual General Meeting held on 10 September 2007) (Amended at an Annual General Meeting held on 28 July 2010) (Amended at an Annual General Meeting held on 10 August 2012)

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### **INTERPRETATION**

1. In these Bye-laws, unless the context otherwise requires, the words standing in the first column of the following table shall bear the meaning set opposite them respectively in the second column.

WORD	MEANING
"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.
"Act"	the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda.
"associate"	the meaning attributed to it in the rules of the Designated Stock Exchange.
"Auditor"	the auditor of the Company for the time being and may include any individual or partnership.
"bBusiness day"	shall mean a day on which the Designated Stock Exchange generally is open for the business of dealing in securities in Hong Kong. For the avoidance of doubt, where the Designated Stock Exchange is closed for the business of dealing in securities in Hong Kong on a business day by reason of a <u>nNumber 8</u> or higher typhoon signal, black rainstorm warning <u>or other similar event</u> , such day shall for the purposes of these Bye-laws be counted as a business day.
"Bye-laws"	these Bye-laws in their present form or as supplemented or amended or substituted from time to time.
"Board" or "Directors"	the board of directors of the Company or the directors present at a meeting of directors of the Company at which a quorum is present.
"capital"	the share capital from time to time of the Company.
"clear days"	in relation to the period of notice that period excluding the day when the notice is given or deemed to be given and the day for which it is given or on which it is to take effect.

"clearing house"	a clearing house recognised by the laws of the jurisdiction in which the shares of the Company are listed or quoted on a stock exchange in such jurisdiction.
"close associate"	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 103 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
"Company"	Realord Group Holdings Cheong Ming Investments Limited.
"competent regulatory authority"	a competent regulatory authority in the territory where the shares of the Company are listed or quoted on a stock exchange in such territory.
"debenture" and "debenture holder"	include debenture stock and debenture stockholder respectively.
"Designated Stock Exchange"	a stock exchange which is an appointed stock exchange for the purposes of the Act in respect of which the shares of the Company are listed or quoted and where such appointed stock exchange deems such listing or quotation to be the primary listing or quotation of the shares of the Company.
"dollars" and "\$"	dollars, the legal currency of Hong Kong.
"electronic"	shall mean relating to technology having electrical, digital, magnetic, wireless, optical electromagnetic or similar capabilities.
"electronic 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.
"head office"	such office of the Company as the Directors may from time to time determine to be the principal office of the Company.

"hybrid meeting" 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.

"Member" a duly registered holder from time to time of the shares in the

capital of the Company.

"Meeting Location" has the meaning given to it in Bye-law 64(A).

"month" a calendar month.

"Notice" written notice unless otherwise specifically stated and as further

defined in these Bye-laws.

"Office" the registered office of the Company for the time being.

"paid up" paid up or credited as paid up.

"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.

"Principal Meeting Place" shall have the meaning given to it in Bye-law 59(2).

"Register" the principal register and where applicable, any branch register of

Members of the Company to be kept pursuant to the provisions of

the Act.

"Registration Office" in respect of any class of share capital such place as the Board

may from time to time determine to keep a branch register of Members in respect of that class of share capital and where (except in cases where the Board otherwise directs) the transfers or other documents of title for such class of share capital are to be

lodged for registration and are to be registered.

"Seal" common seal or any one or more duplicate seals of the Company

(including a securities seal) for use in Bermuda or in any place

outside Bermuda.

"Secretary" any person firm or corporation appointed by the Board to perform

any of the duties of secretary of the Company and includes any

assistant, deputy, temporary or acting secretary.

"Statutes" the Act and every other act of the Legislature of Bermuda for the

time being in force applying to or affecting the Company, its

memorandum of association and/or these Bye-laws.

"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 rules of the Designated Stock Exchange from time to time) of

the voting power at any general meeting of the Company.

"year" a calendar year.

- 2. In these Bye-laws, unless there be something within the subject or context inconsistent with such construction:
  - (a) words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa;
  - (b) words importing a gender include both gender and the neuter;
  - (c) words importing persons include companies, associations and bodies of persons whether corporate or not;
  - (d) the words:
    - (i) "may" shall be construed as permissive;
    - (ii) "shall" or "will" shall be construed as imperative;
  - (e) expressions referring to writing shall, unless the contrary intention appears, be construed as including printing, lithography, photography and other modes of representing or 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;
  - (f) references to any act, ordinance, statute or statutory provision shall be interpreted as relating to any statutory modification or re enactment thereof for the time being in force;
  - (g) save as aforesaid words and expressions defined in the Statutes shall bear the same meanings in these Bye-laws if not inconsistent with the subject in the context;

- (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 Notice has been duly given in accordance with Bye-law 59;
- (i) 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;
- (ji) 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 Notice has been duly given in accordance with Bye-law 59;
- $(\underline{k}\underline{j})$  a special resolution shall be effective for any purpose for which an ordinary resolution is expressed to be required under any provision of these Bye-laws or the Statutes;
- (lk) references to a document (including, but without limitation, a resolution in writing) being signed or executed include references to it being signed or executed under hand or under seal or by electronic signature or by electronic communication 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;
- (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;
- (n) reference 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;
- (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

(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.

#### SHARE CAPITAL

- 3. (1) The share capital of the Company at the date on which these Bye-laws come into effect shall be divided into shares of a par value of \$0.10 each.
  - (2) Subject to the Act, the Company's memorandum of association and, where applicable, the rules of any Designated Stock Exchange and/or any competent 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) Subject to compliance with the rules and regulations of the Designated Stock Exchange and any other <u>competentrelevant</u> 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.

#### ALTERATION OF CAPITAL

- 4. The Company may from time to time by ordinary resolution in accordance with Section 45 of the Act:
  - (a) increase its capital by such sum, to be divided into shares of such amounts, as the resolution shall prescribe;
  - (b) consolidate and divide all or any of its capital into shares of larger amount than its existing shares;
  - (c) divide its shares into several classes and without prejudice to any special rights previously conferred on the holders of existing shares attach thereto respectively any preferential, deferred, qualified or special rights, privileges, conditions or such restrictions which in the absence of any such determination by the Company in general meeting, as the Directors may determine provided always that where the Company issues shares which do not carry voting rights, the words "non voting" shall appear in the designation of such shares and where the equity capital includes shares with different voting rights, the designation of each class of shares, other than those with the most favourable voting rights, must include the words "restricted voting" or "limited voting";
  - (d) sub divide its shares, or any of them, into shares of smaller amount than is fixed by the memorandum of association (subject, nevertheless, to the Act), and may by such resolution determine that, as between the holders of the shares resulting from such sub division, one or more of the shares may have any such preferred rights or be subject to any such restrictions as compared with the other or others as the Company has power to attach to unissued or new shares;

- (e) change the currency denomination of its share capital;
- (f) make provision for the issue and allotment of shares which do not carry any voting rights; and
- (g) cancel any shares which, at the date of the passing of the resolution, have not been taken, or agreed to be taken, by any person, and diminish the amount of its capital by the amount of the shares so cancelled.
- 5. The Board may settle as it considers expedient any difficulty which arises in relation to any consolidation and division under the last preceding Bye-law and in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing may issue certificates in respect of fractions of shares or arrange for the sale of the shares representing fractions and the distribution of the net proceeds of sale (after deduction of the expenses of such sale) in due proportion amongst the Members who would have been entitled to the fractions, and for this purpose the Board may authorise some person to transfer the shares representing fractions to their purchaser or resolve that such net proceeds be paid to the Company for the Company's benefit. Such purchaser will not be bound to see to the application of the purchase money nor will his title to the shares be affected by any irregularity or invalidity in the proceedings relating to the sale.
- 6. The Company may from time to time by ordinary resolution, subject to any confirmation or consent required by law, reduce its authorised or 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 in any manner permitted by law.
- 7. Except so far as otherwise provided by the conditions of issue, or by these Bye-laws, any capital raised by the creation of new shares shall be treated as if it formed part of the original capital of the Company, and such shares shall be subject to the provisions contained in these Bye-laws with reference to the payment of calls and instalments, transfer and transmission, forfeiture, lien, cancellation, surrender, voting and otherwise.

#### SHARE RIGHTS

8. Subject to any special rights conferred on the holders of any shares or class of shares, any share in the Company (whether forming part of the present capital or not) may be issued with or have attached thereto such rights or restrictions whether in regard to dividend, voting, return of capital or otherwise as the Company may by ordinary resolution determine or, if there has not been any such determination or so far as the same shall not make specific provision, as the Board may determine.

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.

#### **VARIATION OF RIGHTS**

- 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.
- 11. The special rights conferred upon the holders of any shares or class of shares shall not, unless otherwise expressly provided in the rights attaching to or the terms of issue of such shares, be deemed to be varied, modified or abrogated by the creation or issue of further shares ranking pari passu therewith.

#### **SHARES**

12. (1) Subject to the Act, and these Bye-laws, any direction that may be given by the Company in general meeting and, where applicable, the rules of any Designated 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

<u>value</u>. 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 <u>allotment</u>, 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.
- 13. The Company may in connection with the issue of any shares exercise all powers of paying commission and brokerage conferred or permitted by the Act. Subject to the Act, the commission may be satisfied by the payment of cash or by the allotment of fully or partly paid shares or partly in one and partly in the other.
- 14. Except as required by law, no person shall be recognised by the Company as holding any share upon any trust and the Company shall not be bound by or required in any way to recognise (even when having notice thereof) any equitable, contingent, future or partial interest in any share or any fractional part of a share or (except only as otherwise provided by these Bye-laws or by law) any other rights in respect of any share except an absolute right to the entirety thereof in the registered holder.
- 15. Subject to the Act and these Bye-laws, the Board may at any time after the allotment of shares but before any person has been entered in the Register as the holder, recognise a renunciation thereof by the allottee in favour of some other person and may accord to any allottee of a share a right to effect such renunciation upon and subject to such terms and conditions as the Board considers fit to impose.

#### SHARE CERTIFICATES

- 16. Every share certificate shall be issued under the Seal or a facsimile thereof or with the Seal printed thereon 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. No certificate shall be issued 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. (1) In the case of a share held jointly by several persons, the Company shall not be bound to issue more than one certificate therefor and delivery of a certificate to one of several joint holders shall be sufficient delivery to all such holders.

- (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 notices 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.
- 18. Every person whose name is entered, upon an allotment of shares, as a Member in the Register shall be entitled, without payment, to receive one certificate for all such shares of any one class or several certificates each for one or more of such shares of such class upon payment for every certificate after the first of such reasonable out of pocket expenses as the Board from time to time determines.
- 19. Share certificates shall be issued within the relevant time limit as prescribed in the Act or as the Designated Stock Exchange may from time to time determine, whichever is the shorter, after allotment or, except in the case of a transfer which the Company is for the time being entitled to refuse to register and does not register, after lodgment of a transfer with the Company.
- 20. (1) Upon every transfer of shares the certificate held by the transferor shall be given up to be cancelled, and shall forthwith be cancelled accordingly, and a new certificate shall be issued to the transferee in respect of the shares transferred to him at such fee as is provided in paragraph (2) of this Bye-law. If any of the shares included in the certificate so given up shall be retained by the transferor a new certificate for the balance shall be issued to him at the aforesaid fee payable by the transferor to the Company in respect thereof.
  - (2) The fee referred to in paragraph (1) above shall be an amount not exceeding the relevant maximum amount as the Designated Stock Exchange may from time to time determine provided that the Board may at any time determine a lower amount for such fee.
- 21. If a share certificate shall be damaged or defaced or alleged to have been lost, stolen or destroyed a new certificate representing the same shares may be issued to the relevant Member upon request and on payment of such fee as the Designated Stock Exchange may determine to be the maximum fee payable or such lesser sum as the Board may determine and, subject to compliance with such terms (if any) as to evidence and indemnity and to payment of the costs and reasonable out of pocket expenses of the Company in investigating such evidence and preparing such indemnity as the Board may think fit and, in case of damage or defacement, on delivery of the old certificate to the Company provided always that where share warrants have been issued, no new share warrant shall be issued to replace one that has been lost unless the Directors are satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that the original has been destroyed.

### LIEN

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  $\underline{\mathbf{Mmember}}$ , 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 of the Company 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.
- 24. The net proceeds of the sale shall be received by the Company and applied in or towards payment or discharge of the debt or liability in respect of which the lien exists, so far as the same is presently payable, and any residue shall (subject to a like lien for debts or liabilities not presently payable as existed upon the share prior to the sale) be paid to the person entitled to the share at the time of the sale. To give effect to any such sale the Board may authorise some person to transfer the shares sold to the purchaser thereof. The purchaser shall be registered as the holder of the shares so transferred and he shall not be bound to see to the application of the purchase money, nor shall his title to the shares be affected by any irregularity or invalidity in the proceedings relating to the sale.

### **CALLS ON SHARES**

- 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 notice 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.
- 26. A call shall be deemed to have been made at the time when the resolution of the Board authorising the call was passed and may be made payable either in one lump sum or by instalments.
- 27. A person upon whom a call is made shall remain liable for calls made upon him notwithstanding the subsequent transfer of the shares in respect of which the call was made. The joint holders of a share shall be jointly and severally liable to pay all calls and instalments due in respect thereof or other moneys due in respect thereof.

- 28. If a sum called in respect of a share is not paid before or on the day appointed for payment thereof, the person from whom the sum is due shall pay interest on the amount unpaid from the day appointed for payment thereof to the time of actual payment at such rate (not exceeding twenty per cent. (20%) per annum) as the Board may determine, but the Board may in its absolute discretion waive payment of such interest wholly or in part.
- 29. No Member shall be entitled to receive any dividend or bonus or to be present and vote (save as proxy for another Member) at any general meeting either personally or by proxy, or be reckoned in a quorum, or exercise any other privilege as a Member until all calls or instalments due by him to the Company, whether alone or jointly with any other person, together with interest and expenses (if any) shall have been paid.
- 30. On the trial or hearing of any action or other proceedings for the recovery of any money due for any call, it shall be sufficient to prove that the name of the Member sued is entered in the Register as the holder, or one of the holders, of the shares in respect of which such debt accrued, that the resolution making the call is duly recorded in the minute book, and that notice of such call was duly given to the Member sued, in pursuance of these Bye-laws; and it shall not be necessary to prove the appointment of the Directors who made such call, nor any other matters whatsoever, but the proof of the matters aforesaid shall be conclusive evidence of the debt.
- 31. Any amount payable in respect of a share upon allotment or at any fixed date, whether in respect of nominal value or premium or as an instalment of a call, shall be deemed to be a call duly made and payable on the date fixed for payment and if it is not paid the provisions of these Bye-laws shall apply as if that amount had become due and payable by virtue of a call duly made and notified.
- 32. On the issue of shares the Board may differentiate between the allottees or holders as to the amount of calls to be paid and the times of payment.
- 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 notice 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.

#### FORFEITURE OF SHARES

- 34. (1) If a call remains unpaid after it has become due and payable the Board may give to the person from whom it is due not less than fourteen (14) clear days' Notice:
  - (a) requiring payment of the amount unpaid together with any interest which may have accrued and which may still accrue up to the date of actual payment; and

- (b) stating that if the Notice is not complied with the shares on which the call was made will be liable to be forfeited.
- (2) If the requirements of any such Notice are not complied with, any share in respect of which such Notice has been given may at any time thereafter, before payment of all calls and interest due in respect thereof has been made, be forfeited by a resolution of the Board to that effect, and such forfeiture shall include all dividends and bonuses declared in respect of the forfeited share but not actually paid before the forfeiture.
- 35. When any share has been forfeited, notice 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.
- 36. The Board may accept the surrender of any share liable to be forfeited hereunder and, in such case, references in these Bye-laws to forfeiture will include surrender.
- 37. Until cancelled in accordance with the requirements of the Act, a forfeited share shall be the property of the Company and may be sold, re allotted or otherwise disposed of to such person, upon such terms and in such manner as the Board determines, and at any time before a sale, re allotment or disposition the forfeiture may be annulled by the Board on such terms as the Board determines.
- 38. A person whose shares have been forfeited shall cease to be a Member in respect of the forfeited shares but nevertheless shall remain liable to pay the Company all moneys which at the date of forfeiture were presently payable by him to the Company in respect of the shares, with (if the Directors shall in their discretion so require) interest thereon from the date of forfeiture until payment at such rate (not exceeding twenty per cent. (20%) per annum) as the Board determines. The Board may enforce payment thereof if it thinks fit, and without any deduction or allowance for the value of the forfeited shares, at the date of forfeiture, but his liability shall cease if and when the Company shall have received payment in full of all such moneys in respect of the shares. For the purposes of this Bye-law any sum which, by the terms of issue of a share, is payable thereon at a fixed time which is subsequent to the date of forfeiture, whether on account of the nominal value of the share or by way of premium, shall notwithstanding that time has not yet arrived be deemed to be payable at the date of forfeiture, and the same shall become due and payable immediately upon the forfeiture, but interest thereon shall only be payable in respect of any period between the said fixed time and the date of actual payment.
- 39. A declaration by a Director or the Secretary that a share has been forfeited on a specified date shall be conclusive evidence of the facts therein stated as against all persons claiming to be entitled to the share, and such declaration shall (subject to the execution of an instrument of transfer by the Company if necessary) constitute a good title to the share, and the person to whom the share is disposed of shall be registered as the holder of the share and shall not be bound to see to the application of the consideration (if any), nor shall his title to the share be affected by any

irregularity in or invalidity of the proceedings in reference to the forfeiture, sale or disposal of the share. When any share shall have been forfeited, notice of the declaration shall be given to the Member in whose name it stood immediately prior to the forfeiture, and an entry of the forfeiture, with the date thereof, shall forthwith be made in the register, but no forfeiture shall be in any manner invalidated by any omission or neglect to give such notice or make any such entry.

- 40. Notwithstanding any such forfeiture as aforesaid the Board may at any time, before any shares so forfeited shall have been sold, re allotted or otherwise disposed of, permit the shares forfeited to be bought back upon the terms of payment of all calls and interest due upon and expenses incurred in respect of the share, and upon such further terms (if any) as it thinks fit.
- 41. The forfeiture of a share shall not prejudice the right of the Company to any call already made or instalment payable thereon.
- 42. The provisions of these Bye-laws as to forfeiture shall apply in the case of non payment of any sum which, by the terms of issue of a share, becomes payable at a fixed time, whether on account of the nominal value of the share or by way of premium, as if the same had been payable by virtue of a call duly made and notified.

#### REGISTER OF MEMBERS

- 43. (1) The Company shall keep in one or more books a Register of its Members and shall enter therein the following particulars, that is to say:
  - (a) the name and address of each Member, the number and class of shares held by him and, in respect of any shares that are not fully paid, the amount paid or agreed to be considered as paid on such shares;
  - (b) the date on which each person was entered in the Register; and
  - (c) the date on which any person ceased to be a Member.
  - (2) Subject to the Act, the Company may keep an overseas or local or other branch register of Members resident in any place, and the Board may make and vary such regulations as it determines in respect of the keeping of any such register and maintaining a Registration Office in connection therewith.
- 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 mMembers of the public without charge at the Office, the Registration Office or such other place at which the Register is kept in accordance with the Act. 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. The Register and branch register of Members, as the case may be, shall be open to inspection by members of the public without charge at the Office, the Registration Office or such other place at which the Register is kept in accordance with the Act.

#### **RECORD DATES**

- 45. <u>Subject to the Listing Rules, nNotwithstanding any other provision of these Bye-laws the Company or the Directors may fix any date as the record date for:</u>
  - (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;
  - (b) determining the Members entitled to receive notice of and to vote at any general meeting of the Company.

#### TRANSFER OF SHARES

- 46. Subject to these Bye-laws, any Member may transfer all or any of his shares or in any manner permitted by and in accordance with the 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 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.
- 47. The instrument of transfer shall be executed by or on behalf of the transferor and the transferee provided that the Board may dispense with the execution of the instrument of transfer by the transferee in any case which it thinks fit in its discretion to do so. Save as provided in Bye-law 46, the Board may also resolve, either generally or in any particular case, upon request by either the transferor or transferee, to accept mechanically executed transfers. The transferor shall be deemed to remain the holder of the share until the name of the transferee is entered in the Register in respect thereof. Nothing in these Bye-laws shall preclude the Board from recognising a renunciation of the allotment or provisional allotment of any share by the allottee in favour of some other person.
- 48. (1) The Board may, in its absolute discretion, and without giving any reason therefor, refuse to register a transfer of any share (not being a fully paid up share) to a person of whom it does not approve, or any share issued under any share incentive scheme for employees upon which a restriction on transfer imposed thereby still subsists, and it may also, without prejudice to the foregoing generality, refuse to register a transfer of any share to more than four (4) joint holders or a transfer of any share (not being a fully paid up share) on which the Company has a lien.

- (2) No transfer shall be made to an infant or to a person of unsound mind or under other legal disability.
- (3) The Board in so far as permitted by any applicable law may, in its absolute discretion, at any time and from time to time transfer any share upon the Register to any branch register or any share on any branch register to the Register or any other branch register. In the event of any such transfer, the shareholder requesting such transfer shall bear the cost of effecting the transfer unless the Board otherwise determines.
- (4) Unless the Board otherwise agrees (which agreement may be on such terms and subject to such conditions as the Board in its absolute discretion may from time to time determine, and which agreement the Board shall, without giving any reason therefor, be entitled in its absolute discretion to give or withhold), no shares upon the Register shall be transferred to any branch register nor shall shares on any branch register be transferred to the Register or any other branch register and all transfers and other documents of title shall be lodged for registration, and registered, in the case of any shares on a branch register, at the relevant Registration Office, and, in the case of any shares on the Register, at the Office or such other place in Bermuda at which the Register is kept in accordance with the Act.
- 49. Without limiting the generality of the last preceding Bye-law, the Board may decline to recognise any instrument of transfer unless:
  - (a) a fee of such maximum sum as the Designated Stock Exchange may determine to be payable or such lesser sum as the Board may from time to time require is paid to the Company in respect thereof;
  - (b) the instrument of transfer is in respect of only one class of share;
  - (c) the instrument of transfer is lodged at the Office or such other place in Bermuda at which the Register is kept in accordance with the Act or the Registration Office (as the case may be) accompanied by the relevant share certificate(s) and such other evidence as the Board may reasonably require to show the right of the transferor to make the transfer (and, if the instrument of transfer is executed by some other person on his behalf, the authority of that person so to do); and
  - (d) if applicable, the instrument of transfer is duly and properly stamped.
- 50. If the Board refuses to register a transfer of any share, it shall, within two (2) months after the date on which the transfer was lodged with the Company, send to each of the transferor and transferee notice of the refusal.
- 51. The registration of transfers of shares or of any class of shares may, after notice has been given by announcement or by electronic communication or 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 suspended at such times and for such periods (not exceeding in the whole thirty (30) days in any year) as the Board may determine.

### TRANSMISSION OF SHARES

- 52. If a Member dies, the survivor or survivors where the deceased was a joint holder, and his legal personal representatives where he was a sole or only surviving holder, will be the only persons recognised by the Company as having any title to his interest in the shares; but nothing in this Bye-law will release the estate of a deceased Member (whether sole or joint) from any liability in respect of any share which had been solely or jointly held by him.
- 53. Subject to Section 52 of the Act, any person becoming entitled to a share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy or winding up of a Member may, upon such evidence as to his title being produced as may be required by the Board, elect either to become the holder of the share or to have some person nominated by him registered as the transferee thereof. If he elects to become the holder he shall notify the Company in writing either at the Registration Office or Office, as the case may be, to that effect. If he elects to have another person registered he shall execute a transfer of the share in favour of that person. The provisions of these Bye-laws relating to the transfer and registration of transfers of shares shall apply to such notice or transfer as aforesaid as if the death or bankruptcy of the Member had not occurred and the notice or transfer were a transfer signed by such Member.
- 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 75(2) being met, such a person may vote at meetings.

#### UNTRACEABLE MEMBERS

- 55. (1) Without prejudice to the rights of the Company under paragraph (2) of this Bye-law, the Company may cease sending cheques for dividend entitlements or dividend warrants by post if such cheques or warrants have been left uncashed on two consecutive occasions. However, the Company may exercise the power to cease sending cheques for dividend entitlements or dividend warrants after the first occasion on which such a cheque or warrant is returned undelivered.
  - (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 the Bye-laws of the Company have remained uncashed;

- (b) so far as it is aware at the end of the relevant period, the Company has not at any time during the relevant period received any indication of the existence of the Member who is the holder of such shares or of a person entitled to such shares by death, bankruptcy or operation of law; and
- (c) the Company, if so required by the rules governing the listing of shares on the Designated Stock Exchange, 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 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.

(3) To give effect to any such sale the Board may authorise some person to transfer the said shares and an instrument of transfer signed or otherwise executed by or on behalf of such person shall be as effective as if it had been executed by the registered holder or the person entitled by transmission to such shares, and the purchaser shall not be bound to see to the application of the purchase money nor shall his title to the shares be affected by any irregularity or invalidity in the proceedings relating to the sale. The net proceeds of the sale will belong to the Company and upon receipt by the Company of such net proceeds it shall become indebted to the former Member for an amount equal to such net proceeds. No trust shall be created in respect of such debt and no interest shall be payable in respect of it and the Company shall not be required to account for any money earned from the net proceeds which may be employed in the business of the Company or as it thinks fit. Any sale under this Bye-law shall be valid and effective notwithstanding that the Member holding the shares sold is dead, bankrupt or otherwise under any legal disability or incapacity.

#### GENERAL MEETINGS

- 56. Subject to the Act, aAn annual general meeting of the Company shall be held in each financial year other than the financial year in which its statutory meeting is convened and such annual general meeting must be held within six time (within a period of not more than fifteen (615) months after the endholding of the last preceding annual general meeting Company's financial year (unless a longer period would not infringe the rules of the Designated Stock Exchange, if any) at such time and place as may be determined by the Board.
- 57. Each general meeting, other than an annual general meeting, shall be called a special general meeting. All gGeneral meetings (including an annual general meeting, any adjourned meeting or postponed meeting) may be held 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.

58. 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 or resolution 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.

#### NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETINGS

- 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 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 (including a special general meeting) must may 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 rules of the Designated Stock Exchange, a general meeting may be called by shorter notice if it is so agreed:
  - (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 representing holding not less than ninety-five per cent. (95%) in nominal value of the total voting rights at the meeting of all the Members issued shares giving that right.
  - The Nnotice shall specify (a) the time and date of the meeting, (b) save for an electronic meeting, the place of the meeting and, in case of special business, 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. the general nature of the business. The Nnotice 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 notices 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.

60. The accidental omission to give Notice of a meeting or (in cases where instruments of proxy are sent out with the Notice) to send such instrument of proxy to, or the non receipt of such Notice or such instrument of proxy by, any person entitled to receive such Notice shall not invalidate any resolution passed or the proceedings at that meeting.

#### PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

- 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 and the reports of the Directors and Auditors and other documents required to be annexed to the balance sheet, the election of Directors and appointment of Auditors and other officers in the place of those retiring, 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 by proxy or, for quorum purposes only, two persons appointed by the clearing house as (or in the case of a Member being a corporation by its duly authorised representative) or by 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 (where applicable) same place(s) or to such time and (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, as—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 chairmanpresident of the Company or ifthe 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 aevery general meeting. If at any meeting the president or theno 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 Company 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. If no chairman or deputy 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 (in the case of a Member being a corporation) by its duly authorised representative 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, t</u>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' Nnotice of the adjourned meeting shall be given specifying details set out in Bye-law 59(2) the time and place of the adjourned meeting but it shall not be necessary to specify in such notice the nature of the business to be transacted at the adjourned meeting and the general nature of the business to be transacted. Save as aforesaid, it shall be unnecessary to give 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 ("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 an electronic meeting or a hybrid meeting by means of electronic facilities is deemed to be present at and shall be counted in the quorum of the meeting.
  - (2) All general meetings are subject to the following:
    - (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 an electronic meeting or a hybrid 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 an electronic meeting or a hybrid 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 an electronic meeting or a hybrid 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 an electronic

meeting or a hybrid 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.

- (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 an electronic meeting or a hybrid 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 an electronic meeting or a hybrid 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. (1) 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, an electronic meeting or a hybrid 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 a 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;

- 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 Members.
- All persons seeking to attend and participate in an electronic meeting or a hybrid 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.
- 65. If an amendment is proposed to any resolution under consideration but is in good faith ruled out of order by the chairman of the meeting, the proceedings on the substantive resolution shall not be invalidated by any error in such ruling. In the case of a resolution duly proposed as a special resolution, no amendment thereto (other than a mere clerical amendment to correct a patent error) may in any event be considered or voted upon.

### **VOTING**

66. (1) Subject to any special rights or restrictions as to voting for the time being attached to any shares by or in accordance with these Bye-laws, at any general meeting on a poll every Member present in person or in the case of a Member being a corporation by its duly authorised representative or by proxy 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. A resolution put to the vote of a meeting shall be decided by way of a poll 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, or on such other matters as permitted by and in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Designated Stock Exchange and any other relevant regulatory authority from time to time, to be voted on by a show of hands in which case every Member present in person (or being a

corporation, is present by a duly authorized representative), 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) <u>In the case of a physical meeting w</u> 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 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
  - (b) 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
  - (c) 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 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 the Member.

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- 68. Where 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. The result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting. The Company shall only be required to disclose the voting figures on a poll if such disclosure is required by the rules of the Designated Stock Exchange.
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- 71. On a poll votes may be given either personally or by proxy.
- 72. A person entitled to more than one vote on a poll need not use all his votes or cast all the votes he uses in the same way.
- 73. All questions submitted to a meeting shall be decided by a simple majority of votes except where a greater majority is required by these Bye-laws or by the Act. In the case of an equality of votes, the chairman of such meeting shall be entitled to a second or casting vote in addition to any other vote he may have.
- 74. Where there are joint holders of any share any one of such joint holder may vote, either in person or by proxy, in respect of such share as if he were solely entitled thereto, but if more than one of such joint holders be present at any meeting the vote of the senior who tenders a vote, whether in person or by proxy, shall be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint holders, and for this purpose seniority shall be determined by the order in which the names stand in the Register in respect of the joint holding. Several executors or administrators of a deceased Member in whose name any share stands shall for the purposes of this Bye-law be deemed joint holders thereof.
- 75. (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 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 postponed 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.
- 76. (1) No Member shall, unless the Board otherwise determines, be entitled to attend and vote and to be reckoned in a quorum at any general meeting unless he is duly registered and all calls or other sums presently payable by him in respect of shares in the Company have been paid.
  - (2) Where the Company has knowledge that any Member is, under the rules 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.

(3) 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 rules of the Designated Stock Exchange, to abstain from voting to approve the matter under consideration.

#### 77. 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 or postponed meeting on any resolution unless the same is raised or pointed out at the meeting or, as the case may be, the adjourned meeting or postponed meeting 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.

#### **PROXIES**

- 78. Any Member entitled to attend and vote at a meeting of the Company shall be entitled to appoint another person as his proxy to attend and vote instead of him. 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 at a general meeting of the Company or at a class meeting. A proxy need not be a Member. In addition, a proxy or proxies representing either a Member who is an individual or a Member which is a corporation shall be entitled to exercise the same powers on behalf of the Member which he or they represent as such Member could exercise.
- 79. The instrument appointing a proxy shall be 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. In the case of an instrument of proxy purporting to be signed 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.
- 80. (1) The Company may, at its absolute discretion, provide an electronic address for the 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 any 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.

- 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 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 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 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.
- 81. 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 notice of any meeting forms of instrument of proxy for use at the meeting. The instrument of proxy shall be deemed to confer authority 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 or postponement 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 vote in respect of the shares in question.

- 82. 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 or the Registration Office (or such other place as may be specified for the delivery of instruments of proxy in the notice convening the meeting or other document sent therewith) two (2) hours at least before the commencement of the meeting or adjourned meeting or postponed meeting, at which the instrument of proxy is used.
- 83. Anything which under these Bye-laws a Member may do by proxy he may likewise do by his duly appointed attorney and the provisions of these Bye-laws relating to proxies and instruments appointing proxies shall apply mutatis mutandis in relation to any such attorney and the instrument under which such attorney is appointed.

#### CORPORATIONS ACTING BY REPRESENTATIVES

- 84. (1) Any corporation which is a Member may by resolution of its directors or other governing body authorise such person as it thinks fit to act as its representative at any meeting of the Company or at any meeting of any class of Members. The person so authorised shall be entitled to exercise the same powers on behalf of such corporation as the corporation could exercise if it were an individual Member and such corporation shall for the purposes of these Bye-laws be deemed to be present in person at any such meeting if a person so authorised is present thereat.
  - (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, the right to vote individually on a show of hands.
  - (3) Any reference in these Bye-laws to a duly authorised representative of a Member being a corporation shall mean a representative authorised under the provisions of this Bye-law.

#### WRITTEN RESOLUTIONS OF MEMBERS

- 85. (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 notice 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 86(4) or for the purposes set out in Bye-law 154(3) relating to the removal and appointment of the Auditor.

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- 86. (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 87 or at any special general meeting called for such purpose and who shall hold office for such term as until the next appointment of Directors—Members may determine or, in the absence of such determination, in accordance with Bye-law 87 or until their successors are elected or appointed or their office is otherwise vacated. Any general meeting may authorise the Board to fill any vacancy in their number left unfilled at a general meeting.
  - (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 annual general meeting of the Company 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 notice of and to attend and speak at any general meeting of the Company and of all classes of shares of the Company.

- (4) Subject to any provision to the contrary in these Bye-laws tThe Members may, at any general meeting convened and held in accordance with these Bye-laws, by ordinary resolution remove a Director at any time before the expiration of his period of office notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these Bye-laws or in any agreement between the Company and such Director (but without prejudice to any claim for damages under any such agreement) provided that the Notice of any such meeting convened for the purpose of removing a Director shall contain a statement of the intention so to do and be served on such Director fourteen (14) days before the meeting and at such meeting such Director shall be entitled to be heard on the motion for his removal.
- (5) A vacancy on the Board created by the removal of a Director under the provisions of subparagraph (4) above may be filled by the election or appointment by the Members at the meeting at which such Director is removed to hold office until the next appointment of Directors or until their successors are elected or appointed or, in the absence of such election or appointment such general meeting may authorise the Board to fill any vacancy in the number left unfilled.
- (6) The Company may from time to time in general meeting by ordinary resolution increase or reduce the number of Directors but so that the number of Directors shall never be less than two (2).

#### RETIREMENT OF DIRECTORS

- 87. (1) Notwithstanding any other provisions in the Bye-laws, at 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 one-third but not less than one third) shall retire from office by rotation so that each Director shall be subject to retirement at least once every three years.
  - (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 election or appointment and so that as between persons who became or were last re elected Directors on the same day those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree among themselves) be determined by lot. Any Director appointed pursuant to Bye-law 86(2) shall not be taken into account in determining which particular Directors or the number of Directors who are to retire by rotation.

88. No person other than a Director retiring at the meeting shall, unless recommended by the Directors for election, be eligible for election as a Director at any general meeting unless a Notice signed by a Member (other than the person to be proposed) duly qualified to attend and vote at the meeting for which such notice is given of his intention to propose such person for election and also a Notice signed by the person to be proposed of his willingness to be elected shall have been lodged at the head office or at the Registration Office provided that the minimum length of the period, during which such Notice(s) are given, shall be at least seven (7) days and that (if the Notices are submitted after the despatch of the notice of the general meeting appointed for such election) the period for lodgment of such Notice(s) shall commence no earlier than on the day after the deispatch of the notice of the general meeting appointed for such election and end no later than seven (7) days prior to the date of such general meeting.

#### DISQUALIFICATION OF DIRECTORS

- 89. The office of a Director shall be vacated if the Director:
  - (1) resigns his office by notice in writing delivered to the Company at the 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;
  - (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.

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS**

- 90. The Board may from time to time appoint any one or more of its body to be a managing director, joint managing director or deputy managing director or to hold any other employment or executive office with the Company for such period (subject to their continuance as Directors) and upon such terms as the Board may determine and the Board may revoke or terminate any of such appointments. Any such revocation or termination as aforesaid shall be without prejudice to any claim for damages that such Director may have against the Company or the Company may have against such Director. A Director appointed to an office under this Bye-law shall be subject to the same provisions as to removal as the other Directors of the Company, and he shall (subject to the provisions of any contract between him and the Company) ipso facto and immediately cease to hold such office if he shall cease to hold the office of Director for any cause.
- 91. Notwithstanding Bye-laws 96, 97, 98 and 99, an executive director appointed to an office under Bye-law 90 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.

#### ALTERNATE DIRECTORS

92. 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 happening of any event which, if he were a Director, would cause him to vacate such office or if his appointer ceases for any reason the relevant Director ceases 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 may also be a Director in his own right and may act as alternate to more than one 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.

- 93. An alternate Director shall only be a Director for the purposes of the Act and shall only be subject to the provisions of the Act insofar as they relate to the duties and obligations of a Director when performing the functions of the Director for whom he is appointed in the alternative and shall alone be responsible to the Company for his acts and defaults and shall not be deemed to be the agent of or for the Director appointing him. An alternate Director shall be entitled to contract and be interested in and benefit from contracts or arrangements or transactions and to be repaid expenses and to be indemnified by the Company to the same extent mutatis mutandis as if he were a Director but he shall not be entitled to receive from the Company any fee in his capacity as an alternate Director except only such part, if any, of the remuneration otherwise payable to his appointor as such appointor may by Notice to the Company from time to time direct.
- 94. Every person acting as an alternate Director shall have one vote for each Director for whom he acts as alternate (in addition to his own vote if he is also a Director). If his appointor is for the time being absent from Hong Kong or otherwise not available or unable to act, the signature of an alternate Director to any resolution in writing of the Board or a committee of the Board of which his appointor is a member shall, unless the notice of his appointment provides to the contrary, be as effective as the signature of his appointor.
- 95. An alternate Director shall ipso facto cease to be an alternate Director if his appointor ceases for any reason to be a Director, however, such alternate Director or any other person may be re appointed by the Directors to serve as an alternate Director PROVIDED always that, if at any meeting any Director retires but is re elected at the same meeting, any appointment of such alternate Director pursuant to these Bye-laws which was in force immediately before his retirement shall remain in force as though he had not retired.

#### DIRECTORS' FEES AND EXPENSES

- 96. The ordinary remuneration of the Directors shall from time to time be determined by the Company in general meeting 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.
- 97. Each Director shall be entitled to be repaid or prepaid all travelling, hotel and incidental expenses reasonably incurred or expected to be incurred by him in attending meetings of the Board or committees of the Board or general meetings or separate meetings of any class of shares or of debentures of the Company or otherwise in connection with the discharge of his duties as a Director.
- 98. Any Director who, by request, goes or resides abroad for any purpose of the Company or who performs services which in the opinion of the Board go beyond the ordinary duties of a Director may be paid such extra remuneration (whether by way of salary, commission, participation in profits or otherwise) as the Board may determine and such extra remuneration shall be in addition to or in substitution for any ordinary remuneration provided for by or pursuant to any other Bye-law.

99. The Board shall obtain the approval of the Company in general meeting before making any payment to any Director or past Director of the Company by way of compensation for loss of office, or as consideration for or in connection with his retirement from office (not being payment to which the Director is contractually entitled).

#### **DIRECTORS' INTERESTS**

#### 100. A Director may:

- (a) hold any other office or place of profit with the Company (except that of Auditor) in conjunction with his office of Director for such period and, subject to the relevant provisions of the Act, upon such terms as the Board may determine. Any remuneration (whether by way of salary, commission, participation in profits or otherwise) paid to any Director in respect of any such other office or place of profit shall be in addition to any remuneration provided for by or pursuant to any other Bye-law;
- (b) act by himself or his firm in a professional capacity for the Company (otherwise than as Auditor) and he or his firm may be remunerated for professional services as if he were not a Director;
- (c) continue to be or become a director, managing director, joint managing director, deputy managing director, executive director, manager or other officer or member of any other company promoted by the Company or in which the Company may be interested as a vendor, shareholder or otherwise and (unless otherwise agreed) no such Director shall be accountable for any remuneration, profits or other benefits received by him as a director, managing director, joint managing director, deputy managing director, executive director, manager or other officer or member of or from his interests in any such other company. Subject as otherwise provided by these Bye-laws the Directors may exercise or cause to be exercised the voting powers conferred by the shares in any other company held or owned by the Company, or exercisable by them as Directors of such other company in such manner in all respects as they think fit (including the exercise thereof in favour of any resolution appointing themselves or any of them directors, managing directors, joint managing directors, deputy managing directors, executive directors, managers or other officers of such company) or voting or providing for the payment of remuneration to the director, managing director, joint managing director, deputy managing director, executive director, manager or other officers of such other company and any Director may vote in favour of the exercise of such voting rights in manner aforesaid notwithstanding that he may be, or about to be, appointed a director, managing director, joint managing director, deputy managing director, executive director, manager or other officer of such a company, and that as such he is or may become interested in the exercise of such voting rights in manner aforesaid.

- 101. 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 whatever, 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 102 herein.
- 102. A Director who to his knowledge is in any way, whether directly or indirectly, interested in a contract or arrangement or proposed contract or arrangement with the Company shall declare the nature of his interest at the meeting of the Board at which the question of entering into the contract or arrangement is first considered, if he knows his interest then exists, or in any other case at the first meeting of the Board after he knows that he is or has become so interested. For the purposes of this Bye-law, a general Notice to the Board by a Director to the effect that:
  - (a) he is a member or officer of a specified company or firm and is to be regarded as interested in any contract or arrangement which may after the date of the Notice be made with that company or firm; or
  - (b) he is to be regarded as interested in any contract or arrangement which may after the date of the Notice be made with a specified person who is connected with him;

shall be deemed to be a sufficient declaration of interest under this Bye-law in relation to any such contract or arrangement, provided that no such Notice shall be effective unless either it is given at a meeting of the Board or the Director takes reasonable steps to secure that it is brought up and read at the next Board meeting after it is given.

- 103. (1) A Director shall not vote (nor be counted in the quorum) on any resolution of the Board approving in respect of any contract or arrangement or any other proposal in which he or any of his close associates is materially interested, but this prohibition shall not apply to any of the following matters namely:
  - (i) any contract or arrangement for the giving of to such Director any security or indemnity either:-
    - (a) to the Director or his close associate(s) in respect of money lent by him or obligations incurred or undertaken by him or any of them 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 close associate(s) has himself/ themselves assumed responsibility in whole or in part\_and whether alone or jointly under a guarantee or indemnity or by the giving of security;

- (iii) any <u>proposal</u><u>contract or arrangement</u> 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 <u>or his close associate(s)</u> is/<u>are</u> or is/<u>are</u> to be interested as a participant in the underwriting or sub underwriting of the offer;
- (iii\*) any proposal or arrangement concerning the benefit of employees of the Company or its subsidiaries including:
  - (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;
- (iv) any contract or arrangement in which the Director or his close 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.

any contract or arrangement in which he is interested in the same manner as other holders of shares or debentures or other securities of the Company or any of its subsidiaries by virtue only of his interest in shares or debentures or other securities of the Company; or

- (v) any proposal 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 and employees of the Company or of any of its subsidiaries and does not provide in respect of any Director as such any privilege or advantage not accorded to the employees to which such scheme or fund relates.
- (2) If any question shall arise at any meeting of the Board as to the materiality of the interest of a Director (other than the chairman of the meeting) or as to the entitlement of any Director (other than such chairman) to vote and such question is not resolved by his voluntarily agreeing to abstain from voting, such question shall be referred to the chairman of the meeting and his ruling in relation to such other Director shall be final and conclusive except in a case where the nature or extent of the interest of the Director concerned as known to such Director has not been fairly disclosed to the Board. If any question as aforesaid shall arise in respect of the chairman of the meeting such question shall be decided by a

resolution of the Board (for which purpose such chairman shall not vote thereon) and such resolution shall be final and conclusive except in a case where the nature or extent of the interest of such chairman as known to such chairman has not been fairly disclosed to the Board.

103(A) 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 his <u>close</u> associate(s) is/are materially interested save for the exceptions set out in Bye-law 103(1)(i) to (vi) which shall apply to an <u>close</u> associate of a Director mutates mutandis. For purposes of Bye-law 103(2), the word "Director" wherever it appears shall be construed to mean "a director of the Company and/or his <u>close</u> associate(s)". If any question shall arise at any meeting of the Board as to the materiality of the interest of an <u>close</u> associate to a Director, such question shall be referred to the chairman of the meeting and his ruling shall be final and conclusive. If any question shall be decided by a resolution of the Board for which purpose such chairman shall not vote thereon and such resolution shall be final and conclusive.

#### GENERAL POWERS OF THE DIRECTORS

- 104. (1) The business of the Company shall be managed and conducted by the Board, which may pay all expenses incurred in forming and registering the Company and may exercise all powers of the Company (whether relating to the management of the business of the Company or otherwise) which are not by the Statutes or by these Bye-laws required to be exercised by the Company in general meeting, subject nevertheless to the provisions of the Statutes and of these Bye-laws and to such regulations being not inconsistent with such provisions, as may be prescribed by the Company in general meeting, but no regulations made by the Company in general meeting shall invalidate any prior act of the Board which would have been valid if such regulations had not been made. The general powers given by this Bye-law shall not be limited or restricted by any special authority or power given to the Board by any other Bye-law.
  - (2) Any person contracting or dealing with the Company in the ordinary course of business shall be entitled to rely on any written or oral contract or agreement or deed, document or instrument entered into or executed as the case may be by any two of the Directors acting jointly on behalf of the Company and the same shall be deemed to be validly entered into or executed by the Company as the case may be and shall, subject to any rule of law, be binding on the Company.
  - (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.
- (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.
- 105. The Board may establish any regional or local boards or agencies for managing any of the affairs of the Company in any place, and may appoint any persons to be members of such local boards, or any managers or agents, and may fix their remuneration (either by way of salary or by commission or by conferring the right to participation in the profits of the Company or by a combination of two or more of these modes) and pay the working expenses of any staff employed by them upon the business of the Company. The Board may delegate to any regional or local board, manager or agent any of the powers, authorities and discretions vested in or exercisable by the Board (other than its powers to make calls and forfeit shares), with power to sub delegate, and may authorise the members of any of them to fill any vacancies therein and to act notwithstanding vacancies. Any such appointment or delegation may be made upon such terms and subject to such conditions as the Board may think fit, and the Board may remove any person appointed as aforesaid, and may revoke or vary such delegation, but no person dealing in good faith and without notice of any such revocation or variation shall be affected thereby.
- 106. The Board may by power of attorney appoint under the Seal any company, firm or person or any fluctuating body of persons, whether nominated directly or indirectly by the Board, to be the attorney or attorneys of the Company for such purposes and with such powers, authorities and discretions (not exceeding those vested in or exercisable by the Board under these Bye-laws) and for such period and subject to such conditions as it may think fit, and any such power of attorney may contain such provisions for the protection and convenience of persons dealing with any such attorney as the Board may think fit, and may also authorise any such attorney to sub delegate all or any of the powers, authorities and discretions vested in him. Such attorney or attorneys may, if so authorised under the Seal of the Company, execute any deed or instrument under their personal seal with the same effect as the affixation of the Company's Seal.
- 107. The Board may entrust to and confer upon a managing director, joint managing director, deputy managing director, an executive director or any Director any of the powers exercisable by it upon such terms and conditions and with such restrictions as it thinks fit, and either collaterally with, or to the exclusion of, its own powers, and may from time to time revoke or vary all or any of such powers but no person dealing in good faith and without notice of such revocation or variation shall be affected thereby.
- 108. All cheques, promissory notes, drafts, bills of exchange and other instruments, whether negotiable or transferable or not, and all receipts for moneys paid to the Company shall be signed, drawn, accepted, endorsed or otherwise executed, as the case may be, in such manner as the Board shall from time to time by resolution determine. The Company's banking accounts shall be kept with such banker or bankers as the Board shall from time to time determine.

- 109. (1) The Board may establish or concur or join with other companies (being subsidiary companies of the Company or companies with which it is associated in business) in establishing and making contributions out of the Company's moneys to any schemes or funds for providing pensions, sickness or compassionate allowances, life assurance or other benefits for employees (which expression as used in this and the following paragraph shall include any Director or ex Director who may hold or have held any executive office or any office of profit under the Company or any of its subsidiary companies) and ex employees of the Company and their dependants or any class or classes of such person.
  - (2) The Board may pay, enter into agreements to pay or make grants of revocable or irrevocable, and either subject or not subject to any terms or conditions, pensions or other benefits to employees and ex employees and their dependants, or to any of such persons, including pensions or benefits additional to those, if any, to which such employees or ex employees or their dependants are or may become entitled under any such scheme or fund as mentioned in the last preceding paragraph. Any such pension or benefit may, as the Board considers desirable, be granted to an employee either before and in anticipation of or upon or at any time after his actual retirement.

#### **BORROWING POWERS**

- 110. The Board may exercise all the powers of the Company to raise or borrow money and to mortgage or charge all or any part of the undertaking, property and assets (present and future) and uncalled capital of the Company and, subject to the Act, to issue debentures, bonds and other securities, whether outright or as collateral security for any debt, liability or obligation of the Company or of any third party.
- 111. Debentures, bonds and other securities may be made assignable free from any equities between the Company and the person to whom the same may be issued.
- 112. Any debentures, bonds or other securities may be issued at a discount (other than shares), premium or otherwise and with any special privileges as to redemption, surrender, drawings, allotment of shares, attending and voting at general meetings of the Company, appointment of Directors and otherwise.
- 113. (1) Where any uncalled capital of the Company is charged, all persons taking any subsequent charge thereon shall take the same subject to such prior charge, and shall not be entitled, by notice to the Members or otherwise, to obtain priority over such prior charge.
  - (2) The Board shall cause a proper register to be kept, in accordance with the provisions of the Act, of all charges specifically affecting the property of the Company and of any series of debentures issued by the Company and shall duly comply with the requirements of the Act in regard to the registration of charges and debentures therein specified and otherwise.

### PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIRECTORS

- 114. The Board may meet for the despatch of business, adjourn or postpone 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.
- 115. 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 in writing or by telephone 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. 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.
- 116. (1) The quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of the Board may be fixed by the Board and, unless so fixed at any other number, shall be two (2). An alternate Director shall be counted in a quorum in the case of the absence of a Director for whom he is the alternate provided that he shall not be counted more than once for the purpose of determining whether or not a quorum is present.
  - (2) Directors may participate in any meeting of the Board by means of a conference telephone, <u>electronic</u> 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.
  - (3) Any Director who ceases to be a Director at a Board meeting may continue to be present and to act as a Director and be counted in the quorum until the termination of such Board meeting if no other Director objects and if otherwise a quorum of Directors would not be present.
- 117. The continuing Directors or a sole continuing Director may act notwithstanding any vacancy in the Board but, if and so long as the number of Directors is reduced below the minimum number fixed by or in accordance with these Bye-laws, the continuing Directors or Director, notwithstanding that the number of Directors is below the number fixed by or in accordance with these Bye-laws as the quorum or that there is only one continuing Director, may act for the purpose of filling vacancies in the Board or of summoning general meetings of the Company but not for any other purpose.

- 118. The Board may elect <u>one or morea</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>noneither the</u> chairman nor any 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.
- 119. A meeting of the Board at which a quorum is present shall be competent to exercise all the powers, authorities and discretions for the time being vested in or exercisable by the Board.
- 120. (1) The Board may delegate any of its powers, authorities and discretions to committees, consisting of such Director or Directors and other persons as it thinks fit, and they may, from time to time, revoke such delegation or revoke the appointment of and discharge any such committees either wholly or in part, and either as to persons or purposes. Any committee so formed shall, in the exercise of the powers, authorities and discretions so delegated, conform to any regulations which may be imposed on it by the Board.
  - (2) All acts done by any such committee in conformity with such regulations, and in fulfilment of the purposes for which it was appointed, but not otherwise, shall have like force and effect as if done by the Board, and the Board shall have power, with the consent of the Company in general meeting, to remunerate the members of any such committee, and charge such remuneration to the current expenses of the Company.
- 121. The meetings and proceedings of any committee consisting of two or more members shall be governed by the provisions contained in these Bye-laws for regulating the meetings and proceedings of the Board so far as the same are applicable and are not superseded by any regulations imposed by the Board under the last preceding Bye-law.
- 122. 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 further provided 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) be as valid and effectual as if a resolution had been passed at a meeting of the Board duly convened and held 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 Directors and for this purpose a facsimile signature of a Director or an alternate Director shall be treated as valid. Notwithstanding the foregoing, and except as otherwise permitted under the rules and regulations of the Designated Stock Exchange and any other relevant regulatory authority, 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.

123. All acts bona fide done by the Board or by any committee or by any person acting as a Director or members of a committee, shall, notwithstanding that it is afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the appointment of any member of the Board or such committee or person acting as aforesaid or that they or any of them were disqualified or had vacated office, be as valid as if every such person had been duly appointed and was qualified and had continued to be a Director or member of such committee.

#### **MANAGERS**

- 124. The Board may from time to time appoint a general manager, a manager or managers of the Company and may fix his or their remuneration either by way of salary or commission or by conferring the right to participation in the profits of the Company or by a combination of two or more of these modes and pay the working expenses of any of the staff of the general manager, manager or managers who may be employed by him or them upon the business of the Company.
- 125. The appointment of such general manager, manager or managers may be for such period as the Board may decide, and the Board may confer upon him or them all or any of the powers of the Board as itthey may think fit.
- 126. The Board may enter into such agreement or agreements with any such general manager, manager or managers upon such terms and conditions in all respects as the Board may in their absolute discretion think fit, including a power for such general manager, manager or managers to appoint an assistant manager or managers or other employees whatsoever under them for the purpose of carrying on the business of the Company.

#### **OFFICERS**

- 127. (1) Subject to the Statutes, tThe officers of the Company shall consist of 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 ActStatues and, subject to Bye-law 132(4), these Bye-laws.
  - (2) The officers shall receive such remuneration as the Directors may from time to time determine.
  - (3) Where the Company appoints and maintains a resident representative ordinarily resident in Bermuda in accordance with the Act, the resident representative shall comply with the provisions of the Act.
  - The Company shall provide the resident representative with such documents and information as the resident representative may require in order to be able to comply with the provisions of the Act.
  - (5) The resident representative shall be entitled to have notice of, attend and be heard at all meetings of the Directors or of any committee of such Directors or general meetings of the Company.

- 128. (1) The Secretary and additional officers, if any, shall be appointed by the Board and shall hold office on such terms and for such period as the Board may determine. If thought fit, two (2) or more persons may be appointed as joint Secretaries. The Board may also appoint from time to time on such terms as it thinks fit one or more assistant or deputy Secretaries.
  - (2) The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Members and shall keep correct minutes of such meetings and enter the same in the proper books provided for the purpose. He shall perform such other duties as are prescribed by the Act or these Bye-laws or as may be prescribed by the Board.
- 129. <u>Intentionally deleted</u>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.
- 130. The officers of the Company shall have such powers and perform such duties in the management, business and affairs of the Company as may be delegated to them by the Directors from time to time.
- 131. A provision of the Act or of these Bye-laws requiring or authorising a thing to be done by or to a Director and the Secretary shall not be satisfied by its being done by or to the same person acting both as Director and as or in place of the Secretary.

#### REGISTER OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

- 132. (1) The Board shall cause to be kept in one or more books at <u>theits</u> Office a Register of Directors and Officers and shall enter therein the following particulars with respect to each Director and Officer, that is to say:
  - (a) in the case of an individual, his or her present first name, surname and address; and
  - (b) in the case of a company, its name and registered office.
  - (2) The Board shall within a period of fourteen (14) days from the occurrence of:
    - (a) any change among theits 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 during<del>on every</del> business hours<del>day</del>.
- (4) In this Bye-law "Officer" has the meaning ascribed to it in Section 92A(7) of the Act.

#### **MINUTES**

- 133. (1) The Board shall cause Minutes to be duly entered in books provided for the purpose:
  - (a) of all elections and appointments of officers;
  - (b) of the names of the Directors present at each meeting of the Directors and of any committee of the Directors:
  - (c) of all resolutions and proceedings of each general meeting of the Members; <u>and</u> meetings of the Board-and meetings of committees of the Board and where there are managers, of all proceedings of meetings of the managers.
  - (2) Minutes prepared in accordance with the Act and these Bye-laws shall be kept by the Secretary at the Office.

#### **SEAL**

- 134. (1) The Company shall have one or more Seals, as the Board may determine. For the purpose of sealing documents creating or evidencing securities issued by the Company, the Company may have a securities seal which is a facsimile of the Seal of the Company with the addition of the words "Securities Seal" on its face or in such other form as the Board may approve. The Board shall provide for the custody of each Seal and no Seal shall be used without the authority of the Board or of a committee of the Board authorised by the Board in that behalf. Subject as otherwise provided in these Bye-laws, any instrument to which a Seal is affixed shall be signed autographically by one Director and the Secretary or by two Directors or by such other person (including a Director) or persons as the Board may appoint, either generally or in any particular case, save that as regards any certificates for shares or debentures or other securities of the Company the Board may by resolution determine that such signatures or either of them shall be dispensed with or affixed by some method or system of mechanical signature. Every instrument executed in the manner provided by this Bye-law shall be deemed to be sealed and executed with the authority of the Board previously given.
  - (2) Where the Company has a Seal for use abroad, the Board may by writing under the Seal appoint any agent or committee abroad to be the duly authorised agent of the Company for the purpose of affixing and using such Seal and the Board may impose restrictions on the use thereof as may be thought fit. Wherever in these Bye-laws reference is made to the Seal, the reference shall, when and so far as may be applicable, be deemed to include any such other Seal as aforesaid.

#### **AUTHENTICATION OF DOCUMENTS**

135. Any Director or the Secretary or any person appointed by the Board for the purpose may authenticate any documents affecting the constitution of the Company and any resolution passed by the Company or the Board or any committee, and any books, records, documents and accounts relating to the business of the Company, and to certify copies thereof or extracts therefrom as true copies or extracts, and if any books, records, documents or accounts are elsewhere than at the Office or the head office the local manager or other officer of the Company having the custody thereof shall be deemed to be a person so appointed by the Board. A document purporting to be a copy of a resolution, or an extract from the minutes of a meeting, of the Company or of the Board or any committee which is so certified shall be conclusive evidence in favour of all persons dealing with the Company upon the faith thereof that such resolution has been duly passed or, as the case may be, that such minutes or extract is a true and accurate record of proceedings at a duly constituted meeting.

#### **DESTRUCTION OF DOCUMENTS**

- 136. (1) The Company shall be entitled to destroy the following documents at the following times:
  - (a) any share certificate which has been cancelled at any time after the expiry of one (1) year from the date of such cancellation;
  - (b) any dividend mandate or any variation or cancellation thereof or any notification of change of name or address at any time after the expiry of two (2) years from the date such mandate variation cancellation or notification was recorded by the Company;
  - (c) any instrument of transfer of shares which has been registered at any time after the expiry of seven (7) years from the date of registration;
  - (d) any allotment letters after the expiry of seven (7) years from the date of issue thereof; and
  - (e) copies of powers of attorney, grants of probate and letters of administration at any time after the expiry of seven (7) years after the account to which the relevant power of attorney, grant of probate or letters of administration related has been closed;

and it shall conclusively be presumed in favour of the Company that every entry in the Register purporting to be made on the basis of any such documents so destroyed was duly and properly made and every share certificate so destroyed was a valid certificate duly and properly cancelled and that every instrument of transfer so destroyed was a valid and effective instrument duly and properly registered and that every other document destroyed hereunder was a valid and effective document in accordance with the recorded particulars thereof in the books or records of the Company. Provided always that: (1) the foregoing provisions of this Bye-law shall apply only to

the destruction of a document in good faith and without express notice to the Company that the preservation of such document was relevant to a claim; (2) nothing contained in this Bye-law shall be construed as imposing upon the Company any liability in respect of the destruction of any such document earlier than as aforesaid or in any case where the conditions of proviso (1) above are not fulfilled; and (3) references in this Bye-law to the destruction of any document include references to its disposal in any manner.

(2) Notwithstanding any provision contained in these Bye-laws, the Directors may, if permitted by applicable law, authorise the destruction of documents set out in sub-paragraphs (a) to (e) of paragraph (1) of this Bye-law and any other documents in relation to share registration which have been microfilmed or electronically stored by the Company or by the share registrar on its behalf provided always that this Bye-law shall apply only to the destruction of a document in good faith and without express notice to the Company and its share registrar that the preservation of such document was relevant to a claim.

## DIVIDENDS AND OTHER PAYMENTS

- 137. Subject to the Act, the Company in general meeting may from time to time declare dividends in any currency to be paid to the Members but no dividend shall be declared in excess of the amount recommended by the Board. The Company in general meeting may also make a distribution to the Members out of any contributed surplus (as ascertained in accordance with the Act).
- 138. No dividend shall be paid or distribution made out of contributed surplus if to do so would render the Company unable to pay its liabilities as they become due or the realisable value of its assets would thereby become less than its liabilities.
- 139. Except in so far as the rights attaching to, or the terms of issue of, any share otherwise provide:
  - (a) all dividends shall be declared and paid according to the amounts paid up on the shares in respect of which the dividend is paid, but no amount paid up on a share in advance of calls shall be treated for the purposes of this Bye-law as paid up on the share; and
  - (b) all dividends shall be apportioned and paid pro rata according to the amounts paid up on the shares during any portion or portions of the period in respect of which the dividend is paid.
- 140. The Board may from time to time pay to the Members such interim dividends as appear to the Board to be justified by the profits of the Company and in particular (but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) if at any time the share capital of the Company is divided into different classes, the Board may pay such interim dividends in respect of those shares in the capital of the Company which confer on the holders thereof deferred or non preferential rights as well as in respect of those shares which confer on the holders thereof preferential rights with regard to dividend and provided that the Board acts bona fide the Board shall not incur any responsibility to the holders of shares conferring any preference for any damage that they may suffer by reason of the payment of an interim dividend on any shares having deferred or non preferential rights and may also pay any fixed dividend which is payable on any shares of the Company half yearly or on any other dates, whenever such profits, in the opinion of the Board, justifies such payment.

- 141. The Board may deduct from any dividend or other moneys payable to a Member by the Company on or in respect of any shares all sums of money (if any) presently payable by him to the Company on account of calls or otherwise.
- 142. No dividend or other moneys payable by the Company on or in respect of any share shall bear interest against the Company.
- 143. Any dividend, interest or other sum payable in cash to the holder of shares may be paid by cheque or warrant sent through the post addressed to the holder at his registered address or, in the case of joint holders, addressed to the holder whose name stands first in the Register in respect of the shares at his address as appearing in the Register or addressed to such person and at such address as the holder or joint holders may in writing direct. Every such cheque or warrant shall, unless the holder or joint holders otherwise direct, be made payable to the order of the holder or, in the case of joint holders, to the order of the holder whose name stands first on the Register in respect of such shares, and shall be sent at his or their risk and payment of the cheque or warrant by the bank on which it is drawn shall constitute a good discharge to the Company notwithstanding that it may subsequently appear that the same has been stolen or that any endorsement thereon has been forged. Any one of two or more joint holders may give effectual receipts for any dividends or other moneys payable or property distributable in respect of the shares held by such joint holders.
- 144. All dividends or bonuses unclaimed for one (1) year after having been declared may be invested or otherwise made use of by the Board for the benefit of the Company until claimed. Any dividend or bonuses unclaimed after a period of six (6) years from the date of declaration shall be forfeited and shall revert to the Company. The payment by the Board of any unclaimed dividend or other sums payable on or in respect of a share into a separate account shall not constitute the Company a trustee in respect thereof.
- 145. Whenever the Board or the Company in general meeting has resolved that a dividend be paid or declared, the Board may further resolve that such dividend be satisfied wholly or in part by the distribution of specific assets of any kind and in particular of paid up shares, debentures or warrants to subscribe securities of the Company or any other company, or in any one or more of such ways, and where any difficulty arises in regard to the distribution the Board may settle the same as it thinks expedient, and in particular may issue certificates in respect of fractions of shares, disregard fractional entitlements or round the same up or down, and may fix the value for distribution of such specific assets, or any part thereof, and may determine that cash payments shall be made to any Members upon the footing of the value so fixed in order to adjust the rights of all parties, and may vest any such specific assets in trustees as may seem expedient to the Board and may appoint any person to sign any requisite instruments of transfer and other documents on behalf of the persons entitled to the dividend, and such appointment shall be effective and binding on the Members. The Board may resolve that no such assets shall be made available to Members with registered addresses in any particular territory or territories where, in the absence of a registration statement or other special formalities, such distribution of assets would or might, in the opinion of the Board, be unlawful or impracticable and in such event the only entitlement of the Members aforesaid shall be to receive cash payments as aforesaid. Members affected as a result of the foregoing sentence shall not be or be deemed to be a separate class of Members for any purpose whatsoever.

- 146. (1) Whenever the Board or the Company in general meeting has resolved that a dividend be paid or declared on any class of the share capital of the Company, the Board may further resolve either:
  - (a) that such dividend be satisfied wholly or in part in the form of an allotment of shares credited as fully paid up, provided that the shareholders entitled thereto will be entitled to elect to receive such dividend (or part thereof if the Board so determines) in cash in lieu of such allotment. In such case, the following provisions shall apply:
    - (i) the basis of any such allotment shall be determined by the Board;
    - (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 notice 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;
    - (iii) the right of election may be exercised in respect of the whole or part of that portion of the dividend in respect of which the right of election has been accorded; and
    - (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) that the shareholders entitled to such dividend shall be entitled to elect to receive an allotment of shares credited as fully paid up in lieu of the whole or such part of the dividend as the Board may think fit. In such case, the following provisions shall apply:
    - (i) the basis of any such allotment shall be determined by the Board;

- (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 notice 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;
- (iii) the right of election may be exercised in respect of the whole or part of that portion of the dividend in respect of which the right of election has been accorded; and
- (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 (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.
  - (b) The Board may do all acts and things considered necessary or expedient to give effect to any capitalisation pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (1) of this Bye-law, with full power to the Board to make such provisions as it thinks fit in the case of shares becoming distributable in fractions (including provisions whereby, in whole or in part, fractional entitlements are aggregated and sold and the net proceeds distributed to those entitled, or are disregarded or rounded up or down or whereby the benefit of fractional entitlements accrues to the Company rather than to the Members concerned). The Board may authorise any person to enter into on behalf of all Members interested, an agreement with the Company providing for such capitalisation and matters incidental thereto and any agreement made pursuant to such authority shall be effective and binding on all concerned.

- (3) The Company may upon the recommendation of the Board by ordinary resolution resolve in respect of any one particular dividend of the Company that notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1) of this Bye-law a dividend may be satisfied wholly in the form of an allotment of shares credited as fully paid up without offering any right to shareholders to elect to receive such dividend in cash in lieu of such allotment.
- (4) The Board may on any occasion determine that rights of election and the allotment of shares under paragraph (1) of this Bye-law shall not be made available or made to any shareholders with registered addresses in any territory where, in the absence of a registration statement or other special formalities, the circulation of an offer of such rights of election or the allotment of shares would or might, in the opinion of the Board, be unlawful or impracticable, and in such event the provisions aforesaid shall be read and construed subject to such determination. Members affected as a result of the foregoing sentence shall not be or be deemed to be a separate class of Members for any purpose whatsoever.
- (5) Any resolution declaring a dividend on shares of any class, whether a resolution of the Company in general meeting or a resolution of the Board, may specify that the same shall be payable or distributable to the persons registered as the holders of such shares at the close of business on a particular date, notwithstanding that it may be a date prior to that on which the resolution is passed, and thereupon the dividend shall be payable or distributable to them in accordance with their respective holdings so registered, but without prejudice to the rights inter se in respect of such dividend of transferors and transferees of any such shares. The provisions of this Bye-law shall mutatis mutandis apply to bonuses, capitalisation issues, distributions of realised capital profits or offers or grants made by the Company to the Members.

## **RESERVES**

147. Before recommending any dividend, the Board may set aside out of the profits of the Company such sums as it determines as reserves which shall, at the discretion of the Board, be applicable for any purpose to which the profits of the Company may be properly applied and pending such application may, also at such discretion, either be employed in the business of the Company or be invested in such investments as the Board may from time to time think fit and so that it shall not be necessary to keep any investments constituting the reserve or reserves separate or distinct from any other investments of the Company. The Board may also without placing the same to reserve carry forward any profits which it may think prudent not to distribute.

#### **CAPITALISATION**

148. (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-or such other proportions as the Members may determine, 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.
- 149. The Board may settle, as it considers appropriate, any difficulty arising in regard to any distribution under the last preceding Bye-law and in particular may issue certificates in respect of fractions of shares or authorise any person to sell and transfer any fractions or may resolve that the distribution should be as nearly as may be practicable in the correct proportion but not exactly so or may ignore fractions altogether, and may determine that cash payments shall be made to any Members in order to adjust the rights of all parties, as may seem expedient to the Board. The Board may appoint any person to sign on behalf of the persons entitled to participate in the distribution any contract necessary or desirable for giving effect thereto and such appointment shall be effective and binding upon the Members.

#### SUBSCRIPTION RIGHTS RESERVE

- 150. The following provisions shall have effect to the extent that they are not prohibited by and are in compliance with the Act:
  - (1) If, so long as any of the rights attached to any warrants issued by the Company to subscribe for shares of the Company shall remain exercisable, the Company does any act or engages in any transaction which, as a result of any adjustments to the subscription price in accordance with the provisions of the conditions of the warrants, would reduce the subscription price to below the <u>nominalpar</u> value of a share, then the following provisions shall apply:
    - (a) as from the date of such act or transaction the Company shall establish and thereafter (subject as provided in this Bye-law) maintain in accordance with the provisions of this Bye-law a reserve (the "Subscription Rights Reserve") the amount of which shall at no time be less than the sum which for the time being would be required to be capitalised and applied in paying up in full the nominal amount of the additional shares required to be issued and allotted credited as fully paid pursuant to sub paragraph (c) below on the exercise in full of all the subscription rights outstanding and shall apply the Subscription Rights Reserve in paying up such additional shares in full as and when the same are allotted;
    - (b) the Subscription Rights Reserve shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified above unless all other reserves of the Company (other than share premium account) have been extinguished and will then only be used to make good losses of the Company if and so far as is required by law;
    - (c) upon the exercise of all or any of the subscription rights represented by any warrant, the relevant subscription rights shall be exercisable in respect of a nominal amount of shares equal to the amount in cash which the holder of such warrant is required to pay on exercise of the subscription rights represented thereby (or, as the case may be the relevant portion thereof in the event of a partial exercise of the subscription rights) and, in addition, there shall be allotted in respect of such subscription rights to the exercising warrantholder, credited as fully paid, such additional nominal amount of shares as is equal to the difference between:
      - the said amount in cash which the holder of such warrant is required to pay on exercise of the subscription rights represented thereby (or, as the case may be, the relevant portion thereof in the event of a partial exercise of the subscription rights); and
      - (ii) the nominal amount of shares in respect of which such subscription rights would have been exercisable having regard to the provisions of the conditions of the warrants, had it been possible for such subscription rights to represent the right to subscribe for shares at less than par

and immediately upon such exercise so much of the sum standing to the credit of the Subscription Rights Reserve as is required to pay up in full such additional nominal amount of shares shall be capitalised and applied in paying up in full such additional nominal amount of shares which shall forthwith be allotted credited as fully paid to the exercising warrantholders; and

- (d) if, upon the exercise of the subscription rights represented by any warrant, the amount standing to the credit of the Subscription Rights Reserve is not sufficient to pay up in full such additional nominal amount of shares equal to such difference as aforesaid to which the exercising warrantholder is entitled, the Board shall apply any profits or reserves then or thereafter becoming available (including, to the extent permitted by law, share premium account) for such purpose until such additional nominal amount of shares is paid up and allotted as aforesaid and until then no dividend or other distribution shall be paid or made on the fully paid shares of the Company then in issue. Pending such payment and allotment, the exercising warrantholder shall be issued by the Company with a certificate evidencing his right to the allotment of such additional nominal amount of shares. The rights represented by any such certificate shall be in registered form and shall be transferable in whole or in part in units of one share in the like manner as the shares for the time being are transferable, and the Company shall make such arrangements in relation to the maintenance of a register therefor and other matters in relation thereto as the Board may think fit and adequate particulars thereof shall be made known to each relevant exercising warrantholder upon the issue of such certificate.
- (2) Shares allotted pursuant to the provisions of this Bye-law shall rank pari passu in all respects with the other shares allotted on the relevant exercise of the subscription rights represented by the warrant concerned. Notwithstanding anything contained in paragraph (1) of this Bye-law, no fraction of any share shall be allotted on exercise of the subscription rights.
- (3) The provision of this Bye-law as to the establishment and maintenance of the Subscription Rights Reserve shall not be altered or added to in any way which would vary or abrogate, or which would have the effect of varying or abrogating the provisions for the benefit of any warrantholder or class of warrantholders under this Bye-law without the sanction of a special resolution of such warrantholders or class of warrantholders.
- (4) A certificate or report by the auditors 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.

### ACCOUNTING RECORDS

- 151. The Board shall cause true accounts to be kept of the sums of money received and expended by the Company, and the matters in respect of which such receipt and expenditure take place, and of the property, assets, credits and liabilities of the Company and of all other matters required by the Act or necessary to give a true and fair view of the Company's affairs and to explain its transactions.
- 152. The accounting records shall be kept at the Office or, subject to the Act, at such other place or places as the Board decides and shall always be open to inspection by the Directors. No Member (other than a Director) shall have any right of inspecting any accounting record or book or document of the Company except as conferred by law or authorised by the Board or the Company in general meeting.
- 153. Subject to Section 88 of the Act and Bye-law 153A, a printed copy of the Directors' report, accompanied by the balance sheet and profit and loss account, 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 Auditors' report, shall be sent to each person entitled thereto at least twenty one (21) days before the date of the general meeting and at the same time as the notice of annual general meeting and laid before the Company at the annualing 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.
- 153A To the extent permitted by and subject to due compliance with all applicable Statutes, rules and regulations, including, without limitation, the rules of the Designated Stock Exchange, and to obtaining all necessary consents, if any, required thereunder, the requirements of Bye-law 153 shall be deemed satisfied in relation to any person by sending to the person in any manner not prohibited by the Statutes, a-summarisedy financial statements derived from the Company's annual accounts and the directors' 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 directors' 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 summarisedy financial statements, a complete printed copy of the Company's annual financial statement and the directors' report thereon.
- 153B. The requirement to send to a person referred to in Bye-law 153 the documents referred to in that provision or a summary financial report in accordance with Bye-law 153A shall be deemed satisfied where, in accordance with all applicable Statutes, rules and regulations, including, without limitation, the rules of the Designated Stock Exchange, the Company publishes copies of the documents referred to in Bye-law 153 and, if applicable, a summary financial report complying with Bye-law 153A, 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.

### AUDIT

- 154. (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 auditor to audit the accounts of the Company and such auditor shall hold office until the Members appoint another auditor. Such auditor 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 auditor of the Company.
  - (2) Subject to Section 89 of the Act, a person, other than an incumbenta retiring Auditor, shall not be capable of being appointed Auditor at an annual general meeting unless notice in writing of an intention to nominate that person to the office of Auditor has been given not less than twenty-one (21) days before the annual general meeting and furthermore, the Company shall send a copy of any such notice to the incumbentretiring Auditor.
  - (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.
- 155. Subject to Section 88 of the Act the accounts of the Company shall be audited at least once in every year.
- 156. The remuneration of the Auditor shall be fixed by the Company in general meeting or in such manner as the Members may determine.
- 157. The Directors may fill any casual vacancy in H 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 fill the vacancy and fix the remuneration of the Auditor so appointed. 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 154(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 154(1) at such remuneration to be determined by the Members under Bye-law 156.
- 158. The Auditor shall at all reasonable times have access to all books kept by the Company and to all accounts and vouchers relating thereto; and he may call on the Directors or officers of the Company for any information in their possession relating to the books or affairs of the Company.
- 159. The statement of income and expenditure and the balance sheet 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 usedso, the financial statements and the report of the Auditor should disclose this fact and name such country or jurisdiction.

#### **NOTICES**

- 160. Any Notice from the Company to a Member shall be given in writing or by cable, telex or facsimile transmission message and any such Notice and (where appropriate) any other document may be served or delivered by the Company on or to any Member either personally or 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 supplied by 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 in accordance with the requirements of the Designated Stock Exchange. In the case of joint holders of a share all notices shall be given to that one of the joint holders whose name stands first in the Register and notice so given shall be deemed a sufficient service on or delivery to all the joint holders.
  - (1) Any Notice or document (including any "corporate communication" within the meaning ascribed thereto under the Listing Rules), whether or not, to be given or issued under these Bye-laws from the Company shall be in writing or by cable, telex or facsimile transmission message or other form of electronic transmission or electronic communication and any such Notice and document may be given or issued by the following means:
    - (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;
    - (c) by delivering or leaving it at such address as aforesaid;
    - (d) by placing an advertisement in appointed newspapers or other publication and where applicable, (as defined in the Act) or in newspapers published daily and circulating generally in the territory of and in accordance with the requirements of the Designated Stock Exchange;
    - (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 160(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 computer network website (a "notice of availability").
- (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 other than by posting it on a website.
- (3) In the case of joint holders of a share all notices shall be given to that one of the joint holders whose name stands first in the Register and notice 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, previously 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 form 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 153, 153A and 160 may be given in the English language only or in both the English language and the Chinese language.

#### 161. 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 notice 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 Nnotice 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>N</u>notice placed on the Company's website or the website of the Designated Stock Exchange, is deemed given by the Company to a Member on the day following that on which a notice 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;
- (d) 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) <u>ifmay</u> 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 <u>first so appears.</u> 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.
- Any Notice or other document delivered or sent by post to or left at the registered address of any Member or served by any means permitted by and 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 Nnotice 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>N</u>notice 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>N</u>notice 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>N</u>notice 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.

#### **SIGNATURES**

163. 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.

#### WINDING UP

- 164. (1) <u>Subject to Bye-law 164(2), t</u>The 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.
  - (2) A resolution that the Company be wound up by the court or be wound up voluntarily shall be a special resolution.
- 165. If the Company shall be wound up (whether the liquidation is voluntary or by the court) the liquidator may, with the authority of a special resolution and any other sanction required by the Act, divide among the Members in specie or kind the whole or any part of the assets of the Company and whether or not the assets shall consist of properties of one kind or shall consist of properties to be divided as aforesaid of different kinds, and may for such purpose set such value as he deems fair upon any one or more class or classes of property and may determine how such division shall be carried out as between the Members or different classes of Members. The liquidator may, with the like authority, vest any part of the assets in trustees upon such trusts for the benefit of the Members as the liquidator with the like authority shall think fit, and the liquidation of the Company may be closed and the Company dissolved, but so that no contributory shall be compelled to accept any shares or other property in respect of which there is a liability.

# <u>INDEMNITY</u>

166. (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.

(2) Each Member agrees to waive any claim or right of action he might have, whether individually or by or in the right of the Company, against any Director on account of any action taken by such Director, or the failure of such Director to take any action in the performance of his duties with or for the Company; PROVIDED THAT such waiver shall not extend to any matter in respect of any fraud or dishonesty which may attach to such Director.

#### FINANCIAL YEAR

166A. Unless otherwise determined by the Directors, the financial year end of the Company shall be 31 of December in each year.

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

167. No Bye-law shall be rescinded, altered or amended and no new Bye-law shall be made until the same has been approved by a resolution of the Directors and confirmed by a special resolution of the Members. A special resolution shall be required to alter the provisions of the memorandum of association or to change the name of the Company.

## INFORMATION

168. No Member shall be entitled to require discovery of or any information respecting 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 Mmembers of the Company to communicate to the public.



(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)
(Stock code: 1196)

#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that an annual general meeting of Realord Group Holdings Limited (the "**Company**") will be held at Suite 3318, 33/F, Jardine House, 1 Connaught Place, Central, Hong Kong on Friday, 10 June 2022 at 11:00 a.m. to transact the following:

#### AS SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS:

#### 1. **"THAT**:

- (a) the proposed amendments (the "**Proposed Amendments**") to the existing bye-laws of the Company (the "**Bye-laws**"), the details of which are set out in Appendix IV to the circular of the Company dated 29 April 2022, be and are hereby approved;
- (b) the amended and restated Bye-laws (the "New Bye-laws") incorporating and consolidating all the Proposed Amendments as set out in Appendix IV of the circular of the Company dated 29 April 2022 in the form of the printed document marked "A" produced to this meeting and for the purpose of identification signed by the chairman of this meeting, be and is hereby adopted, confirmed and approved as the Bye-laws of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of the existing Bye-laws of the Company with immediate effect after the close of this meeting; and
- (c) any Director of the Company be and is hereby authorised to carry out and take all actions necessary and to sign all necessary documents in connection with or to give effect to the adoption of the Proposed Amendments to the existing Bye-laws and the New Bye-laws."

#### AS ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS:

2. To receive and approve the audited consolidated financial statements and the reports of the directors (the "**Directors**") and auditors of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2021;

- 3. (a) To re-elect Mr. Lin Xiaodong as executive Director and to authorise the board of Directors to fix his remuneration:
  - (b) To re-elect Mr. Yu Leung Fai as an independent non-executive Director and to authorise the board of Directors to fix his remuneration;
  - (c) To re-elect Mr. Ho Chun Chung Patrick as an independent non-executive Director and to authorise the board of Directors to fix his remuneration:
- 4. To re-appoint Grant Thornton Hong Kong Limited as auditors of the Company and to authorise the Board to fix their remuneration;
- 5. To as special business, consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as an ordinary resolution:

## "THAT:

- (a) subject to paragraph (c) below, pursuant to the Rules (the "Listing Rules") Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange"), the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as defined below) of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with unissued shares of the Company (the "Shares") and to make or grant offers, agreements and options, including warrants to subscribe for Shares, which might require the exercise of such powers be and the same is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the approval in paragraph (a) above shall authorise the Directors during the Relevant Period to make or grant offers, agreements and options 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 options or otherwise) by the Directors pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above, otherwise than pursuant to (i) a Rights Issue (as defined below); or (ii) the exercise of any options granted under the existing share option scheme of the Company; or (iii) any scrip dividend or similar arrangements providing for the allotment and issue of Shares in lieu of the whole or part of a dividend on Shares in accordance with the bye-laws of the Company in force from time to time; or (iv) any issue of Shares upon the exercise of rights of subscription or conversion under the terms of any warrants of the Company or any securities which are convertible into Shares, shall not exceed the aggregate of:

- (aa) 20 per cent. of the total number of Shares in issue on the date of the passing of this resolution, provided that if any subsequent consolidation or subdivision of Shares is effected, the maximum amount of Shares that may be issued pursuant to this resolution as a percentage of the total number of issued Shares at the date immediately before and after such consolidation or subdivision shall be the same and such maximum number of Shares shall be adjusted accordingly; and
- (bb) (if the Directors are so authorised by a separate ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company) the number of Shares repurchased by the Company subsequent to the passing of this resolution (up to limit approved by resolution no. 6),

and the authority pursuant to paragraph (a) of this resolution shall be limited accordingly; and

(d) for the purposes of this resolution:

"Relevant Period" means the period from the date of 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 the bye-laws of the Company, the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda (as amended) (the "Companies Act") or any other applicable laws of Bermuda to be held; and
- (iii) the passing of an ordinary resolution by the shareholders of the Company in general meeting revoking or varying the authority given to the Directors by this resolution;

"Rights Issue" means an offer of Shares, or offer or issue of warrants, options or other securities giving rights to subscribe for Shares open for a period fixed by the Directors to holders of Shares on the register on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of Shares (subject to such exclusion or other arrangements as the Directors may deem necessary or expedient in relation to fractional entitlements, or having regard to any restrictions or obligations under the laws of, or the requirements of, or the expense or delay which may be involved in determining the existence or extent of any restrictions or obligations under the laws of, or the requirements of, any jurisdiction outside Hong Kong or any recognised regulatory body or any stock exchange outside Hong Kong)."

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

#### "THAT:

- (a) the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as defined below) of all powers of the Company to purchase the Shares on the Stock Exchange or any other stock exchange on which the Shares may be listed and recognised by the Securities and Futures Commission and the Stock Exchange for such purpose, and otherwise in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Securities and Futures Commission, the Stock Exchange, the Companies Act and all other applicable laws in this regard, be and the same is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the aggregate number Shares which may be purchased by the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) during the Relevant Period shall not exceed 10 per cent. of the total number of Shares in issue as at the date of the passing of this resolution and the authority pursuant to paragraph (a) of this resolution shall be limited accordingly, provided that if any subsequent consolidation or subdivision of Shares is effected, the maximum amount of Shares that may be purchased pursuant to this resolution as a percentage of the total number of issued Shares at the date immediately before and after such consolidation or subdivision shall be the same and such maximum number of Shares shall be adjusted accordingly; and
- (c) for the purposes of this resolution, "**Relevant Period**" means the period from the date of 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 the bye-laws of the Company, the Companies Act or any other applicable laws of Bermuda to be held; and
  - (iii) the passing of an ordinary resolution by the shareholders of the Company in general meeting revoking or varying the authority given to the Directors by this resolution."
- 7. To, as special business, consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as an ordinary resolution:
  - "THAT the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to exercise the authority referred to in paragraph (a) of resolution no. 5 above in respect of the share capital of the Company referred to in sub-paragraph (bb) of paragraph (c) of such resolution."

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

#### "THAT

- (a) conditional upon the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange granting the listing of and permission to deal in the Shares falling to be issued pursuant to the share option scheme (the "New Share Option Scheme"), the terms of which are set out in the document marked "A" which has been produced to the AGM and signed by the chairman of the AGM for the purpose of identification, the rules of the New Share Option Scheme be and are hereby approved and adopted and the Directors be and are hereby authorised to grant options and to allot, issue and deal with Shares pursuant to the exercise of any option granted thereunder and to take all such steps as they may consider necessary or expedient to implement the New Share Option Scheme;
- (b) the existing share option scheme of the Company conditionally adopted on 10 August 2012 (the "Existing Share Option Scheme") be and is hereby terminated with effect from the date on which the New Share Option Scheme shall become unconditional and effective, and shall cease to have any further effect except that the Existing Share Option Scheme will remain in full force and effect to the extent necessary to give effect to the exercise of any option granted under the Existing Share Option Scheme prior to its termination, or otherwise to the extent as may be required in accordance with the rules of the Existing Share Option Scheme; and
- (c) the aggregate nominal amount of share capital to be allotted and issued pursuant to resolution numbered 8(a) above, together with any issue of Shares upon the exercise of any options granted under any other share option schemes of the Company as may from time to time adopted by the Company, shall not exceed 10 per cent. of the Shares in issue as at the date of passing of this resolution (the "Scheme Mandate Limit")."

Yours faithfully
For and on behalf of the board of directors of
Realord Group Holdings Limited
Lin Xiaohui
Chairman

Hong Kong, 29 April 2022

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#### Notes:

- In view of the outbreak of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and recent requirements for prevention and control
  of its spread, the Company will implement precautionary measures and special arrangements at the AGM, details of which
  are set out in the section headed "Precautionary Measures for the AGM" on page 5 of the circular of the Company dated 29
  April 2022.
- 2. A member entitled to attend and vote at the AGM convened by the above notice is entitled to appoint one or more proxy to attend and, subject to the provisions of the bye-laws of the Company, to vote on his behalf. A proxy need not be a member of the Company but must be present in person at the AGM to represent the member. If more than one proxy is so appointed, the appointment shall specify the number and class of Shares in respect of which each such proxy is so appointed.
- 3. In order to be valid, the form of proxy must be deposited together with a power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which it is signed or a certified copy of that power or authority, at the offices of the Company's branch share registrar and transfer office in Hong Kong, Tricor Tengis Limited at Level 54, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time for holding the AGM (i.e. no later than Wednesday, 8 June 2022 at 11:00 a.m. (Hong Kong time)) or any adjournment thereof. Completion and return of a form of proxy will not preclude a shareholder of the Company from attending in person and voting at the AGM or any adjournment thereof, should he so wish and in such event, the instrument appointing a proxy shall be deemed to be revoked.
- 4. Where there are joint holders of any share, any one of such holders may vote at the meeting either personally or by proxy in respect of such share as if he/she were solely entitled to vote; but if more than one of such joint holders be present at the meeting in person or by proxy, then the one of such holders whose name stands first on the register of members in respect of such share shall alone be entitled to vote in respect thereof.
- 5. For the purpose of determining shareholders' entitlement to attend and vote at the AGM, the register of members of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, 7 June 2022 to Friday, 10 June 2022 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of Shares will be registered. In order to qualify for attending at the AGM, all properly completed transfer forms accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged for registration with the Company's Hong Kong branch registrar and transfer office, Tricor Tengis Limited at Level 54, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong not later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, 6 June 2022 (Hong Kong time).
- 6. In relation to proposed resolutions nos. 5 and 7 above, approval is being sought from the shareholders for the grant to the Directors of a general mandate to authorise the allotment and issue of shares of the Company under the Listing Rules. The Directors have no immediate plans to issue any new shares of the Company other than Shares which may fall to be issued under the share option scheme of the Company or any scrip dividend scheme which may be approved by shareholders.
- 7. In relation to proposed resolution no. 6 above, the Directors wish to state that they will exercise the powers conferred thereby to repurchase Shares in circumstances which they deem appropriate for the benefit of the shareholders of the Company. An explanatory statement containing the information necessary to enable the shareholders to make an informed decision to vote on the proposed resolution as required by the Listing Rules is set out in Appendix I to the circular of the Company dated 29 April 2022.
- 8. In order to prevent the spread of COVID-19 pandemic and to safeguard the health and safety of Shareholders, the Company will implement the following precautionary measures at the AGM:
  - · compulsory body temperature checks and health declarations
  - compulsory wearing of surgical face masks
  - · no provision of refreshments and drinks and corporate gifts
  - appropriate distancing and spacing in line with the guidance from the HKSAR Government will be maintained and as such, the Company may limit the number of attendees at the AGM as may be necessary to avoid over-crowding
- 9. If Typhoon Signal No. 8 or above, or a "black" rainstorm warning or "extreme conditions after super typhoons" announced by the Government of Hong Kong is/are in effect any time after 10:00 a.m. on the date of the AGM, the AGM will be postponed. The Company will publish an announcement on the website of the Company at http://www.realord.com.hk and on the website of the Stock Exchange at http://www.hkexnews.hk to notify Shareholders of the date, time and venue of the rescheduled meeting.

- 10. In case of discrepancy between the English version and the Chinese version of the notice of the AGM, the English version shall prevail.
- 11. In light of the continuing risks posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Company strongly encourages Shareholders NOT to attend the AGM in person, and advises Shareholders to appoint the Chairman of the AGM as their proxy to vote according to their indicated voting instructions as an alternative to attending the AGM in person.
- 12. Subject to the development of COVID-19 pandemic, the Company may implement further changes and precautionary measures and may issue further announcement on such measures as appropriate. The Company may implement further changes and precautionary measures in relation to the AGM arrangements at short notice. Shareholders should check the website of the Company (http://www.realord.com.hk) or the Stock Exchange (www.hkexnews.hk) for any announcements.