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# **VONGROUP LIMITED**

黄河實業有限公司\*

(incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability) (Stock Code: 318)

GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE NEW SHARES AND REPURCHASE SHARES, RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS, ADOPTION OF THE 2022 SHARE OPTION SCHEME, ADOPTION OF THE NEW ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



A notice convening an annual general meeting of the Company to be held at 3 p.m. on Monday, 31 October 2022 at 2602-03, 26th Floor, BEA Tower, Millennium City 5, 418 Kwun Tong Road, Kwun Tong, Hong Kong is set out in Appendix V to this circular.

Whether or not you are able to attend the meeting, you are requested to complete the accompanying form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and deposit the same at the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Tengis Limited at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong as soon as possible and in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding of the annual general meeting or any adjournment thereof. Completion and delivery of the form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting in person at the annual general meeting should you so wish.

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#### PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To safeguard the health and safety of shareholders and to prevent the spreading of the COVID-19 pandemic, the following precautionary measures will be implemented at the Annual General Meeting:

- compulsory temperature checks
- submission of health declaration form anyone who is subject to quarantine, has any flu-like symptoms, has travelled overseas within 14 days immediately before the Annual General Meeting, or has close contact with any person under quarantine or with recent travel history will not be permitted to attend the Annual General Meeting
   compulsory wearing of surgical face masks throughout the meeting
- computery wearing of surgical face masks through no provision of souvenir or gift
- no provision of sourceim of gift
   no provision of refreshments or drinks

Any person who does not comply with the precautionary measures may be denied entry into the Annual General Meeting venue, at the Company's discretion to the extent permitted by law. For the health and safety of shareholders, the Company would like to encourage shareholders to exercise their right to vote at the Annual General Meeting by appointing the chairman of the Annual General Meeting as their proxy instead of attending the Annual General Meeting.

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## PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

In view of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and recent requirements for prevention and control of its spread, the Company will implement the following preventive measures at the Annual General Meeting to protect attending Shareholders, staff and other stakeholders from the risk of infection:

- (i) compulsory body temperature checks will be conducted on every Shareholder, proxy and other attendee at the entrance of the Annual General Meeting venue. Any person with a body temperature of over 37.4 degrees Celsius may be denied entry into the Annual General Meeting venue or be required to leave the Annual General Meeting venue;
- (ii) all Shareholders, proxies and other attendees are required to complete and submit at the entrance of the Annual General Meeting venue a declaration form confirming their names and contact details, and confirming that they have not travelled to, or to their best knowledge have not had physical contact with any person who has recently travelled to, any affected countries or areas outside of Hong Kong (as per guidelines issued by the Hong Kong government at www.chp.gov.hk/en/features/102742.html) at any time in the preceding 14 days. Any person who is subject to quarantine, has any flu-like symptoms, has travelled overseas within 14 days immediately before the Annual General Meeting, or has close contact with any person under quarantine or with recent travel history or does not comply with this declaration requirement may be denied entry into the Annual General Meeting venue or be required to leave the Annual General Meeting venue;
- (iii) the Company will require all attendees to wear surgical face masks inside the Annual General Meeting venue at all times, and to maintain a safe distance between seats; and
- (iv) no refreshments or drinks will be served, and there will be no souvenirs or gifts.

To the extent permitted under law, the Company reserves the right to deny entry into the Annual General Meeting venue or require any person to leave the Annual General Meeting venue in order to ensure the safety of the attendees at the Annual General Meeting.

In the interest of all Shareholders' health and safety and consistent with recent COVID-19 guidelines for prevention and control, the Company reminds all Shareholders that physical attendance in person at the Annual General Meeting is not necessary for the purpose of exercising voting rights. As an alternative, by using proxy forms with voting instructions inserted, Shareholders may appoint the chairman of the Annual General Meeting as their proxy to vote on the relevant resolutions at the Annual General Meeting instead of attending the Annual General Meeting in person.

The proxy form is attached to this circular for Shareholders who opt to receive physical circulars. Alternatively, the proxy form can be downloaded from the website of the Company at http://www. thevongroup.com or HKExnews at www.hkexnews.hk. If you are not a registered Shareholder (if your Shares are held via banks, brokers, custodians or the Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited), you should consult directly with your banks or brokers or custodians (as the case may be) to assist you in the appointment of proxy.

# **DEFINITIONS**

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

"2011 Share Option Scheme"	the share option scheme of the Company adopted by the Company pursuant to an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders passed on 30 September 2011
"2022 Share Option Scheme"	the new share option scheme of the Company proposed to be considered and adopted at the AGM, the principal terms of which are set out in Appendix III
"Adoption Date"	the date the 2022 Share Option Scheme is conditionally adopted by way of shareholders' resolution at the AGM
"AGM"	the annual general meeting of the Company to be held at 3 p.m. on Monday, 31 October 2022 at 2602-03, 26th Floor, BEA Tower, Millennium City 5, 418 Kwun Tong Road, Kwun Tong, Hong Kong
"AGM Notice"	the notice convening the AGM as set out on pages 91 to 95 of this circular
"Articles"	the Articles of Association of the Company
"Board"	the board of directors of the Company or a duly authorised committee thereof for the time being
"Company"	Vongroup Limited, a company incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability, whose issued Shares are listed on the Stock Exchange
"Director"	a director of the board of the Company
"Eligible Participants"	any person who is (or will be on the date of grant of an Option) an Employee, a director of the Company (excluding independent non- executive Directors), as may be determined by the Directors or the Remuneration Committee (as the case may be) from time to time
"Employee"	a person who is in the full-time or part-time employment of the Company or any of its subsidiaries
"General Issue Mandate"	the proposed general mandate to be granted to the Directors to exercise powers of the Company to allot, issue and otherwise deal with new Shares, during the period as set out in the AGM Notice, not exceeding 20% of the issued share capital of the Company, as at the date of passing the resolution approving such mandate
"Group"	the Company and its subsidiaries

# DEFINITIONS

"HK\$"	Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong		
"Hong Kong"	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of The People's Republic of China		
"Latest Practicable Date"	3 October 2022, being the latest practicable date prior to the printing of this circular		
"Listing Committee"	the listing committee of the Stock Exchange		
"Listing Rules"	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange		
"New Articles of Association"	the amended and restated Articles and Association of the Company incorporating and consolidating all the Proposed Amendments, proposed to the considered and adopted at the AGM		
"Nomination Committee"	the nomination committee of the Board		
"Option(s)"	any options granted or to be granted under the 2022 Share Option Scheme or the 2011 Share Option Scheme (as the case may be) conferring a right to subscribe for Shares		
"Optionholder(s)"	the relevant holders of the Options		
"Proposed Amendments"	the proposed amendments to the Articles of Association as set out in Appendix IV		
"Remuneration Committee"	the remuneration committee of the Board		
"Repurchase Mandate"	the proposed general mandate to be granted to the Directors to exercise powers of the Company to purchase Shares, during the period as set out in the AGM Notice, up to a maximum of 10% of the issued share capital of the Company, as at the date of the passing of the resolution approving such mandate		
"schemes" or "share schemes" include share option schemes and share award schemes			
"SFO"	the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong)		
"Share"	ordinary share of HK\$0.04 each in the share capital of the Company		
"Shareholder(s)"	holder(s) of Share(s)		
"Stock Exchange"	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited		
"Takeovers Code"	the Hong Kong Code on Takeovers and Mergers		



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7 October 2022

To the Shareholders,

Dear Sir or Madam,

# GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE NEW SHARES AND REPURCHASE SHARES, RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS, ADOPTION OF THE 2022 SHARE OPTION SCHEME, ADOPTION OF THE NEW ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this circular is to provide you with information relating to the resolutions to be proposed at the AGM for the grant of the General Issue Mandate and the Repurchase Mandate, the extension of the limit of the General Issue Mandate, the proposed re-election of Directors, the proposed adoption of the 2022 Share Option Scheme, the proposed adoption of the New Articles of Association and the AGM Notice, and to seek your approval of such resolutions at the AGM.

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At the annual general meeting held on 29 October 2021 (the "2021 AGM"), general mandates were granted to the Directors authorising them, among other matters, (a) to exercise the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with new Shares not exceeding 20% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued Shares; (b) to repurchase Shares not exceeding 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued Shares; and (c) to extend the general mandate to issue Shares by the number of Shares purchased under the repurchase mandate mentioned in (b) above. No Shares were issued pursuant to such general mandate and no Shares were repurchased by the Company since the 2021 AGM and up to the Latest Practicable Date. The general mandates will lapse at the conclusion of the AGM.

#### **GENERAL ISSUE MANDATE**

At the AGM, two ordinary resolutions will be proposed, respectively, (a) to grant to the Directors the General Issue Mandate to allot, issue and otherwise deal with new Shares with an aggregate nominal amount not exceeding 20% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing the General Issue Mandate; and (b) to authorise an extension of the limit of the General Issue Mandate so granted by adding to it the aggregate nominal amount of the number of Shares which shall be repurchased by the Directors pursuant to the resolution on the Repurchase Mandate, if granted.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the Company had an aggregate of 227,074,833 Shares in issue. Subject to the passing of the proposed ordinary resolution at the AGM for the approval of granting the General Issue Mandate to the Directors and assuming that no Shares would be issued by the Company from the Latest Practicable Date up to the date of the AGM, the General Issue Mandate would allow the Directors to issue and allot up to a maximum of 45,414,966 Shares, representing 20% of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue as at the date of the AGM.

Details of the General Issue Mandate and the extension of the General Issue Mandate are set out in ordinary resolutions A and C set out in item 4 of the AGM Notice, respectively.

#### **REPURCHASE MANDATE**

At the AGM, an ordinary resolution will be proposed to grant to the Directors the Repurchase Mandate to repurchase Shares with an aggregate nominal amount not exceeding 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing the Repurchase Mandate until the next annual general meeting of the Company or such earlier period as stated in the said ordinary resolution. Subject to the passing of the resolution for the approval of the Repurchase Mandate and on the basis that no further Shares will be 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 up to 22,707,483 Shares. Details of which are set out in ordinary resolution B set out in item 4 of the AGM Notice.

An explanatory statement, as required under the Listing Rules to provide the requisite information, of the Repurchase Mandate is set out in Appendix I to this circular.

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

According to Article 87 of the Articles, Fung Ka Keung David ("**Mr. Fung**") and Lam Lee G. ("**Dr. Lam**") shall retire at the AGM by rotation and, being eligible, will offer themselves for re-election at the AGM. At the AGM, an ordinary resolution will be proposed to re-elect Mr. Fung and Dr. Lam as independent non-executive Directors.

Brief biographical and other details of the above-mentioned Directors offering themselves for re-election at the AGM, which are required to be disclosed under the Listing Rules, are set out in Appendix II to this circular.

In reviewing the structure of the Board, the Nomination Committee will consider the structure, size and diversity (including gender, age, cultural and educational background, length of service, skills, knowledge and experience etc.) of the Board at least annually and make recommendations on any proposed changes to the Board to complement the Company's corporate strategy. All appointments to the Board are based on meritocracy and the candidates will be assessed based on criteria such as education background and relevant skills and experience for consideration of the operation of the Board as a whole, with a view to maintaining a sound balance of the Board's composition.

Pursuant to the Code Provision B.2.3 of the Corporate Governance Code set out in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules, any further appointment of independent non-executive director serving more than nine years should be subject to a separate resolution to be approved by shareholders. Mr. Fung and Dr. Lam, who were both appointed as the independent non-executive Directors on 30 August 2005, have served as independent non-executive Directors for more than nine years. The Nomination Committee and Board (with Mr. Fung and Dr. Lam abstained from the discussion and voting regarding their reelection) has assessed both Mr. Fung and Dr. Lam's independence, educational background, experience and professional skills when determining their suitability of retaining them as the independent non-executive Directors.

According to code provision B.2.4 of Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules, where all the independent non-executive directors of an issuer have served more than nine years on the board, the issuer should, among others, disclose the length of tenure of each existing independent non-executive director on a named basis in this circular. Mr. Fung and Dr. Lam were appointed as independent non-executive Directors on 30 August 2005 and Ms. Wong Man Ngar Edna was appointed as an independent non-executive Director on 1 January 2006. As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Fung, Dr. Lam and Ms. Wong Man Ngar Edna have served more than 17 years, 17 years and 15 years on the Board, respectively.

When considering Mr. Fung's educational background, experience and professional skills, the Board has considered that (i) he has over 30 years of experience in in accounting and finance; (ii) he has been an executive director of a company listed on the Stock Exchange; and (iii) his years of experience working as an independent non-executive Director allowed him to be familiar with the businesses the Company operates in and him to discharge his duties as an independent non-executive director in a more efficient manner.

When considering Dr. Lam's educational background, experience and professional skills, the Board has considered that (i) he has years of has over 30 years of international and extensive experience in different sectors, the Board believes that he can provide valuable advice and contribution to the Company; (ii) he sits on multiple boards of listed companies and is a fellow of the Hong Kong Institute of Directors, he is familiar with the duties and responsibilities of a director of listed company as well as the rules and regulations imposed on listed companies; and (iii) his years of experience working as an independent non-executive Director allowed him to be familiar with the businesses the Company operates in and him to discharge his duties as an independent non-executive director in a more efficient manner.

Paragraph B.3.4(b) of Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules provides that where the board proposes a resolution to elect an individual as an independent non-executive director at the general meeting, it should set out in the circular to shareholders and/or explanatory statement accompanying the notice of the relevant general meeting if the proposed independent non-executive director will be holding their seventh (or more) listed company directorship, why the board believes the individual would still be able to devote sufficient time to the board.

As disclosed in the biographical details of Dr. Lam set out in Appendix II to this circular, Dr. Lam is holding directorship in more than seven listed companies including his directorship in the Company. Notwithstanding this, during the years ended 30 April 2021 and 2022, Dr. Lam attended all the Board meetings and general meetings of the Company. Dr. Lam also served as the chairman of each of the Remuneration Committee and Audit Committee and a member of the Nomination Committee and attended all the Remuneration Committee meetings, Audit Committee meetings and Nomination Committee meetings of the Company during the years ended 31 March 2021 and 2022. In addition, the Board is of the view that Dr. Lam would continue to bring valuable contributions to the Board for its efficient and effective functioning and diversity with his knowledge and experience particularly in the accounting field. On this basis, the Board is of the view that Dr. Lam is able to devote sufficient time to the Board and attention to the affairs of the Company and that Dr. Lam's directorship outside the Company would not affect him in maintaining his current role in, and his functions and responsibilities for, the Company. Hence, the Board recommends his re-election as an independent non-executive Director at the AGM.

In addition, in assessing the independence of Mr. Fung and Dr. Lam, the Nomination Committee has reviewed their annual confirmations of independence and assessed their independence based on the independence criteria set out in Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules. They do not have any relationship with any Directors, chief executive and senior management of the Company, substantial Shareholders or controlling Shareholders. The Nomination Committee and the Board are also not aware of any circumstance that might influence them in exercising independent judgment, given they do not hold any shares or share options of the Company, and are satisfied that they have the required character, integrity, independence and experience to fulfill the role of independent non-executive Directors by providing objective views and independent guidance to the Board.

Having considered the factors above, the Nomination Committee is satisfied that Mr. Fung and Dr. Lam remain independent notwithstanding the length of their services and believes that they are able to continue to fulfill their role as an independent non-executive director, and hence recommended to the Board for the re-election of Mr. Fung and Dr. Lam as the independent non-executive Directors.

Taking into consideration of the Nomination Committee's recommendations and Mr. Fung and Dr. Lam have been committed to devoting time and attention to perform their duties as the independent non-executive Directors in the past years, the Board (including the independent non-executive Directors other than Mr. Fung and Dr. Lam) considers that the long service of Mr. Fung and Dr. Lam would not affect their exercise of independent judgement and is satisfied that they have the required character, integrity and experience to perform their duties as an independent non-executive director by providing objective views and independent guidance to the Board. Further, the Board (including the independent non-executive Directors other than Mr. Fung and Dr. Lam) believes that an individual's independence cannot be determined arbitrarily on basis of a set period of time. Mr. Fung and Dr. Lam have not been involved in any management role in the company nor in any relationships which would interfere with the exercise of their independent judgement. The Board (including the independent non-executive Directors other than Mr. Fung and Dr. Lam) is of the view that despite their length of service. Mr. Fung and Dr. Lam maintain an independent mindset and provide invaluable expertise, knowledge, experience, professionalism, continuity and stability to the Board, and the Company has benefited greatly from their contribution and valuable insights derived from their wide breadth of professional experience and knowledge and in-depth understanding with the operations and business of the Group.

The Board (including the independent non-executive Directors other than Mr. Fung and Dr. Lam) accepted the Nomination Committee's nominations and recommended Mr. Fung and Dr. Lam to stand for re-election by the Shareholders at the AGM. The Board (including the independent non-executive Directors other than Mr. Fung and Dr. Lam) considers that the re-election of Mr. Fung and Dr. Lam as the independent non-executive Directors is in the best interest of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

#### **ADOPTION OF THE 2022 SHARE OPTION SCHEME**

#### Lapse of the 2011 Share Option Scheme

The 2011 Share Option Scheme expired on 30 September 2021. In view of the expiry of the 2011 Share Option Scheme, the Board proposes to recommend to the Shareholders to approve the adoption of the 2022 Share Option Scheme. As at the Latest Practicable Date, there were no outstanding Options entitling the holders thereof to subscribe for Shares under the 2011 Share Option Scheme.

#### The 2022 Share Option Scheme

At the AGM, an ordinary resolution will be proposed for the Company to approve and adopt the 2022 Share Option Scheme as the 2011 Share Option Scheme has expired and no further Options can thereafter be offered or granted under the 2011 Share Option Scheme. The 2022 Share Option Scheme is largely similar to the 2011 Share Option Scheme. The major differences between the 2022 Share Option Scheme and the 2011 Share Option Scheme are changes made to the terms of the 2022 Share Option Scheme to conform to the latest amendments to Chapter 17 of the Listing Rules. Both the 2022 Share Option Scheme and the 2011 Share Option Scheme comply with the requirements under Chapter 17 of the Listing Rules. The 2022 Share Option Scheme will take effect on the Adoption Date subject to the Stock Exchange granting approval for the listing of and dealing in the shares to be issued and allotted pursuant to the exercise of options in accordance with the terms and conditions of the 2022 Share Option Scheme.

The purpose of the 2022 Share Option Scheme is to provide incentives and/or rewards to the Eligible Participants for their contribution to the growth of the Group, to enable the Group to attract and retain individuals with experience and ability and/or to reward them for their past contributions, to attract and retain or otherwise maintain on-going relationships with such Eligible Participants who are significant to and/or whose contributions are or will be beneficial to the performance, growth or success of the Group, and continuing efforts to promote the interests 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.

The rules of the 2022 Share Option Scheme provide that the Board, subject to the approval of the Remuneration Committee, may specify the Eligible Participants to whom Options shall be granted, the number of Shares subject to each Option and the date on which the Options shall be granted. The basis for determining the subscription price is also specified precisely in the rules of the 2022 Share Option Scheme. The Board considers that the aforesaid criteria and rules will serve to preserve the value of the Company and encourage Eligible Participants to acquire proprietary interests in the Company. The Company does not at present intend to appoint any trustee to the 2022 Share Option Scheme. The resolution to be proposed for the approval of the 2022 Share Option Scheme by the Shareholders at the AGM will also include the grant of the general mandate to the Board to grant Options under the 2022 Share Option Scheme and any other Schemes for the allotment and issue of not more than 10% of the entire issued capital of the Company as at the date of the passing of the relevant resolution upon their exercise.

The Board (or the case may be, the independent non-executive Directors) and the Remuneration Committee will assess the eligibility of Eligible Participants who are Employees and Directors based on factors, including but not limited to: (i) work performance; (ii) years of service; (iii) responsibilities and engagement conditions in accordance with the prevailing market practice and industry standard; (iv) potential or actual contribution to the business of the Group (e.g. actively promoting the development and growth of the business of the Group); and (v) the ability to make valuable contribution based on his/her work experience, qualifications, industry knowledge and professional skills and other relevant factors.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the Company did not have any other share option scheme or share award scheme except for the 2022 Share Option Scheme.

Eligible Participants to whom Options shall be granted, are entitled to subscribe for the number of Shares at a subscription price subject to each Option and the date on which the Options shall be granted. The basis for determining the subscription price is also specified precisely in the rules of the 2022 Share Option Scheme. There is no performance target specified in the 2022 Share Option Scheme. There is also no clawback mechanism specified under the 2022 Share Option Scheme to recover or withhold the remuneration (which may include any Options granted) to any Eligible Participants in the event of serious misconduct, a material misstatement in the Company's financial statements or other circumstances. The Directors consider that the aforesaid criteria and rules will serve to preserve the value of the Company and encourage Eligible Participants to acquire proprietary interests in the Company.

The Directors consider that it is not appropriate to state the value of all Options that can be granted pursuant to the 2022 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 and lock-up period (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 a trustee of the 2022 Share Option Scheme or has a direct or indirect interest in the trustee, if any. With respect to the operation of the 2022 Share Option Scheme, the Company will, where applicable, comply with the relevant requirements under Chapter 17 of the Listing Rules.

#### Conditions precedent of the 2022 Share Option Scheme

The adoption of the 2022 Share Option Scheme is conditional upon:

- (a) the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange granting approval for the listing of and permission to deal in any Shares which may fall to be allotted and issued by the Company pursuant to the exercise of Options in accordance with the terms and conditions of the 2022 Share Option Scheme; and
- (b) the passing of an ordinary resolution at a general meeting of the Company approving the adoption of the 2022 Share Option Scheme.

Subject to the obtaining of Shareholders' approval with respect to the adoption of the 2022 Share Option Scheme at the AGM, the total number of Shares which may be issued in respect of all Options to be granted under the 2022 Share Option Scheme and any other schemes of the Company (if any) must not in aggregate exceed 10% of the total issued capital of the Company as at the date of the approval of the 2022 Share Option Scheme (the "Scheme Mandate Limit"). Options lapsed in accordance with the terms of the 2022 Share Option Scheme or any other schemes of the Company will not be counted for calculating the Scheme Mandate Limit. The Company may seek approval by the Shareholders at a general meeting to refresh the Scheme Mandate Limit under the 2022 Share Option Scheme. However, the total number of Shares which may be issued upon exercise of all options to be granted under all of the schemes (including the 2022 Share Option Scheme) of the Company under the scheme mandate as "refreshed" must not exceed 10% of the issued share capital of the Company at the date of the approval of the refreshed Scheme Mandate Limit. Details of the requirements relating to the Scheme Mandate Limit are set out in paragraph (f) to Appendix III.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the Company has 227,074,833 issued Shares and assuming that there is no change in the issued share capital between the period from the Latest Practicable Date and the Adoption Date, the maximum number of Shares issuable pursuant to the 2022 Share Option Scheme and any other schemes of the Company on the Adoption Date will be 22,707,483 Shares, representing approximately 10% of the existing issued share capital of the Company. In the event that the Company conducts share consolidation or subdivision after the scheme limit has been approved, the maximum number of Shares that may be issued upon exercise of all options to be granted under the 2022 Share Option Scheme shall be adjusted in the same proportion of the issued share capital of the Company before such alteration.

The Board currently does not have a concrete plan to grant any Options to any of the Eligible Participants in the coming 12 months upon the adoption of the 2022 Share Option Scheme. The Board will from time to time consider whether to grant any Options to the Eligible Participants based on a number of factors including, inter alia, the Group's overall financial performance, the Eligible Participants' individual performance and their contribution to the revenue, profits or business development of the Group.

A summary of the principal terms of the 2022 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 19 to 28. A copy of the 2022 Share Option Scheme is available for inspection at the Company's principal place of business in Hong Kong at 17A, EGL Tower, 83 Hung To Road, Kwun Tong, Kowloon, Hong Kong during normal business hours from the date hereof up to and including the date of 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 2022 Share Option Scheme.

#### ADOPTION OF THE NEW ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

On 1 January 2022, the Listing Rules were amended by, among others, adopting a uniform set of 14 core standards for shareholder protections for issuers regardless of their place of incorporation set out in Appendix 3 to the Listing Rules.

As such, the Board proposes to make certain amendments to the Articles of Association for the purposes of, among others, conforming to the said core standards for shareholder protections and to incorporate certain housekeeping changes. The Board also proposes to adopt the New Articles of Association in substitution for, and to the exclusion of, the existing Articles of Association.

Details of the amendments to the Articles of Association are set out in Appendix IV to this circular. A special resolution will be proposed at the AGM to approve the Proposed Amendments and the adoption of the New Articles of Association.

The Company's legal advisers have confirmed that the proposed amendments conform with the requirements of Appendix 3 to the Listing Rules, where applicable, do not violate the Cayman Islands laws. The Company also confirms that there is nothing unusual about the proposed amendments for a company listed in Hong Kong.

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

If you are unable to attend the AGM in person, you are requested to complete and return the accompanying form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon as soon as possible to the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Tengis Limited at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong, as soon as possible and in any event not later than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding of the AGM or any adjournment thereof. Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting in person at the meeting or any adjournment thereof if they so wish.

Pursuant to Rule 13.39(4) of the Listing Rules, any vote of shareholders at a general meeting must be taken by poll (except where the resolution relates purely to a procedural or administrative matter which may be voted on by a show of hands) and accordingly, all resolutions proposed at the AGM will be taken by poll. To the best of the Directors' knowledge, information and belief, after having made all reasonable enquiries, none of the Shareholders is required to abstain from voting on the ordinary resolutions to be proposed at the AGM pursuant to the Listing Rules and/or the Articles.

The Board confirmed 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, she or it has or may have temporarily or permanently passed control over the exercise of the voting right in respect of his, her or its Shares to a third party, either generally or on a case-by-case basis.

#### **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 are of the opinion that the renewal of the general mandates to issue and repurchase Shares, and the extension of the general mandate to issue Shares as a result of repurchases of Shares, the re-election of Directors, adoption of the 2022 Share Option Scheme and the adoption of the New Articles of Association are in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole, and so recommend Shareholders to vote in favour of all the resolutions to be proposed at the AGM.

> Yours faithfully, For and on behalf of the Board **Vongroup Limited Vong Tat Ieong David** *Executive Director*

## APPENDIX I EXPLANATORY STATEMENT FOR THE REPURCHASE MANDATE

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

#### 1. SHARE CAPITAL

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the issued share capital of the Company comprised 227,074,833 Shares.

Subject to the passing of the Repurchase Mandate, and assuming that no further shares are issued or repurchased by the Company prior to the AGM, the Company would be allowed under the Repurchase Mandate to repurchase up to 22,707,483 Shares during the course of the period from the AGM to the earliest of (i) the date of the next annual general meeting; (ii) the date by which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required to be held by law; and (iii) the date upon which such authority is revoked or varied.

#### 2. REASONS FOR THE REPURCHASE

The Directors believe that it is in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole for the Directors to have a general authority from the Shareholders to enable the Company to repurchase Shares in the market. Such repurchases may, depending on market conditions and funding arrangements at the time, lead to an enhancement of the net asset value per Share and/or earnings per Share and will only be made if the Directors believe that such repurchase of Shares will benefit the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

#### 3. FUNDING OF REPURCHASES

Repurchases of Shares will be funded entirely from funds legally available for such purpose in accordance with its Articles, the Listing Rules and the applicable laws of the Cayman Islands.

If the Repurchase Mandate were to be exercised in full, there might be a material adverse effect on the working capital and/or the gearing position of the Company as compared with the position disclosed in the audited accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 April 2022. However, the Directors do not intend to make any repurchases to such an extent as would, in circumstances, have a material adverse effect on the working capital requirements or the gearing position which in the opinion of the Directors are from time to time appropriate for the Company.

#### 4. UNDERTAKING

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 of the Shares pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate in accordance with the Listing Rules, the applicable laws of the Cayman Islands and the regulations set out in the Articles.

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None of the Directors nor, to the best of their knowledge and belief, having made all reasonable enquiries, any of their close associates (as defined in the Listing Rules), have any present intention to sell to the Company or its subsidiaries any of the Shares if the Repurchase Mandate is approved at the AGM and exercised.

No core connected person (as defined in the Listing Rules) 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 granted.

#### 5. TAKEOVERS CODE

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

The shareholding structure of the Company as at the Latest Practicable Date and the shareholding structure of the Company upon full exercise of the Repurchase Mandate are set out below:

			Immediately after	er full exercise
	As at the Latest Practicable Date		of the Repurchase Mandate	
		Approximate		Approximate
		percentage		percentage
		of issued share		of issued share
	Number of issued	capital of the	Number of issued	capital of the
Shareholders	Shares held	Company	Shares held	Company
			(Note (3))	(Note (3))
Vongroup Holdings Limited (Note (1))	121,319,436	53.43%	121,319,436	59.36%
Allyking International Limited (Note (2))	34,885,000	15.36%	34,885,000	17.07%
Public Shareholders	70,870,397	31.21%	48,162,914	23.57%
	227,074,833	100.00%	204,367,350	100.00%

Notes:

(1) Vongroup Holdings Limited is legally and beneficially owned by Vong Tat Ieong David, a Director.

(2) Allyking International Limited is legally and beneficially owned by Huang Rong.

(3) Assuming that (i) the issued share capital of the Company remains at 227,074,833 Shares immediately before the full exercise of the Repurchase Mandate; and (ii) the shareholdings of Vongroup Holdings Limited and Allyking International Limited as set out in the above table remain unchanged immediately before the full exercise of the Repurchase Mandate. On this basis, the total issued share capital of the Company immediately after the full exercise of the Repurchase Mandate would be 204,367,350 Shares.

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Accordingly, assuming that there is no change in shareholding structure after the Latest Practicable Date, an exercise of the Repurchase Mandate in full will not give rise to an obligation on Vongroup Holdings Limited or Allyking International Limited to make a conditional mandatory offer under the Takeovers Code. Nevertheless, the Directors have no present intention to exercise the Repurchase Mandate to such extent as would result in takeover obligation.

Therefore, the Directors are not aware of any consequences which may arise under the Takeovers Code as a result of any repurchase made under the Repurchase Mandate.

The Directors will exercise the powers conferred by the Repurchase Mandate to repurchase Shares in circumstances, which they deem appropriate for the benefits of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

## 6. SHARE PRICES

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

	Price per Share	
	Highest	Lowest
	HK\$	HK\$
2021		
October	0.465	0.415
November	0.530	0.415
December	0.530	0.355
2022		
January	0.450	0.260
February	0.450	0.400
March	0.460	0.270
April	0.395	0.295
May	0.320	0.320
June	0.400	0.320
July	0.350	0.300
August	0.380	0.330
September	0.370	0.315
October (Up to the Latest Practicable Date)	0.320	0.315

#### 7. SHARE PURCHASE MADE BY THE COMPANY

No purchase has been made by the Company of its shares (whether on the Stock Exchange or otherwise) in the six months prior to the Latest Practicable Date.

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

#### Fung Ka Keung David - Independent non-executive Director

Fung Ka Keung David, aged 59, has been an independent non-executive Director since August 2005. He holds a master degree in Business Administration from the University of Leicester. Mr. Fung possesses more than 30 years of experience in accounting and finance. He was the executive director of Asia Energy Logistics Limited, a company listed on the Stock Exchange (Stock Code: 351) from January 2010 to June 2017. He is currently the consultant of VTN International Limited. Mr. Fung is a fellow member of both the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He is a member of the Company's Audit Committee, Remuneration Committee.

Mr. Fung does not have any relationship with any other Directors, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholders (as defined in the Listing Rules) of the Company. Save as disclosed, Mr. Fung did not hold other directorships in any listed companies in the past 3 years.

There is no service contract signed between the Company and Mr. Fung. The remuneration payable to Mr. Fung for the financial year ended 30 April 2022 is HK\$100,000. His remuneration is based on his experience and prevailing market benchmarks.

Mr. Fung does not have any interest (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) in the shares of the Company.

#### Lam Lee G. - Independent non-executive Director

Lam Lee G., aged 63, has been an independent non-executive Director of the Company since August 2005. He holds a BSc in Sciences and Mathematics, an MSc in Systems Science and an MBA from the University of Ottawa in Canada, an LLB (Hons) in law from Manchester Metropolitan University in the UK, a LLM in Law from the University of Wolverhampton in the UK, an MPA and a PhD from the University of Hong Kong. He is also a Solicitor of the High Court of Hong Kong (and formerly a member of the Hong Kong Bar), an Accredited Mediator of the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution, a Fellow of Certified Management Accountants (CMA) Australia, the Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators, and the Hong Kong Institute of Directors, and an Honorary Fellow of Certified Public Accountants (CPA) Australia, the Hong Kong Institute of Facility Management, and the University of Hong Kong School of Professional and Continuing Education. In 2019, Dr. Lam was awarded a Bronze Bauhinia Star (BBS) by the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

Dr. Lam is Chairman of Hong Kong Cyberport Management Company Limited, and non-executive chairman – Greater China and ASEAN Region of Macquarie Infrastructure and Real Assets. Actively participating in community service, he is a member of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government's Committee on Innovation, Technology and Re-Industrialisation, and of the Court of the City University of Hong Kong, Convenor of the Panel of Advisors on Building Management Disputes of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government Home Affairs Department, President of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN ESCAP) Sustainable Business Network (ESBN) Executive Council and Chairman of its Task Force on Banking and Finance, Vice Chairman of Pacific Basin Economic Council (PBEC), and a member of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council Belt and Road and Greater Bay Area Committee and the Sir Murray MacLehose Trust Fund Investment Advisory Committee. Dr. Lam is Chairman of the Company's Audit Committee and Remuneration Committee, and a member of the Company's Nomination Committee.

Dr. Lam is currently an independent non-executive director of CSI Properties Limited (Stock Code: 497), Elife Holdings Limited (Stock Code: 223), Greenland Hong Kong Holdings Limited (Stock code: 337), Haitong Securities Co., Ltd (Stock Code: 6837, 600837 on the Shanghai Stock Exchange), Hang Pin Living Technology Company Limited (Stock Code: 1682, fka Hua Long Jin Kong Company Limited), Huarong Investment Stock Corporation Limited (Stock Code: 2277), Kidsland International Holdings Limited (Stock Code: 2122) and Mei Ah Entertainment Group Limited (Stock Code: 391). He is a non-executive director of China LNG Group Limited (Stock Code: 931), Sunwah Kingsway Capital Holdings Limited (Stock Code: 188) and Mingfa Group (International) Company Limited (Stock Code: 846, re-designated from independent non-executive director on 23 April 2020) and the shares of all of which are listed on the Stock Exchange.

Dr. Lam is also an independent non-executive director of China Real Estate Grp Ltd (Stock code: 5RA, fka Asia-Pacific Strategic Investments Limited), Beverly JCG Limited (Stock code: VFP, fka JCG Investment Holdings Ltd.), Thomson Medical Group Limited (Stock Code: A50), Top Global Limited (Stock code: BHO), and Singapore eDevelopment Limited (Stock code: 40V, re-designated from non-executive director on 2 July 2020) all of which are listed companies on the Singapore Exchange. Dr. Lam is an independent non-executive director of Sunwah International Limited (Stock code: SWH) whose shares are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange, AustChina Holdings Limited (Stock code: AUH) whose shares are listed on the Australian Securities Exchange and TMC Life Sciences Berhad (Stock code: 0101) whose shares are listed on the Bursa Malaysia, and a non-executive director of Adamas Finance Asia Limited (Stock code: ADAM) whose shares are listed on the London Securities Exchange.

## DETAILS OF DIRECTORS PROPOSED FOR RE-ELECTION

In the past three years, Dr. Lam was a non-executive director of National Arts Entertainment and Culture Group Limited (Stock Code: 8228), Tianda Pharmaceuticals Limited (Stock Code: 455), China Shandong Hi-Speed Financial Group Limited (Stock Code: 412), Green Leader Holdings Group Limited (Stock Code: 0061 which he was appointed in June 2019 and resigned in July 2019) and Roma Group Limited (Stock Code: 8072), and an independent non-executive director of each of Hsin Chong Group Holdings Limited (Stock Code: 404) whose shares were delisted on the Stock Exchange in December 2019, Aurum Pacific (China) Group Limited (Stock Code: 8148), Glorious Sun Enterprises Limited (Stock Code: 393), Xi'an Haitiantian Holdings Co., Ltd. (Stock Code: 8227), all of which are listed on the Stock Exchange; and an independent non-executive director of Rowsley Ltd. (Stock Code: A50), a company listed on Singapore Exchange, and Vietnam Equity Holding (Stock Code: 3MS), a company listed on Stuttgart Stock Exchange.

Dr. Lam does not have any relationship with any other Directors, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholders (as defined in the Listing Rules) of the Company. Save as disclosed, Dr. Lam did not hold other directorships in any listed companies in the past 3 years.

There is no service contract signed between the Company and Dr. Lam. The remuneration payable to Dr. Lam for the financial year ended 30 April 2022 is HK\$100,000. His remuneration is based on his experience and prevailing market benchmarks.

Dr. Lam does not have any interest (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) in the shares of the Company.

#### GENERAL

Save as disclosed above, such Directors received no other compensation from the Group and there is no information which is required to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules and there is no other matter that needs to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

# SUMMARY OF THE PRINCIPAL TERMS OF 2022 SHARE OPTION SCHEME

This Appendix summarises the principal terms of the 2022 Share Option Scheme but does not form part of, nor was it intended to be, part of the 2022 Share Option Scheme nor should it be taken as effecting the interpretation of the rules of the 2022 Share Option Scheme.

#### (a) Purpose of the 2022 Share Option Scheme

The purpose of the 2022 Share Option Scheme is to provide incentives and/or rewards to the Eligible Participants for their contribution to the growth of the Group, to enable the Group to attract and retain individuals with experience and ability and/or to reward them for their past contributions, to attract and retain or otherwise maintain on-going relationships with such Eligible Participants who are significant to and/or whose contributions are or will be beneficial to the performance, growth or success of the Group, and continuing efforts to promote the interests 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.

#### (b) Who may join

Eligible Participants include any person who is (or will be on the date of grant of an Option) an Employee, a Director (excluding independent non-executive Directors) as may be determined by the Directors or the Remuneration Committee (as the case may be) from time to time.

The basis of eligibility of any of the Eligible Participants shall be determined by the Board from time to time. In assessing the eligibility of any Eligible Participant, the Board will consider all relevant factors as appropriate, including, among others:-

- (i) work performance;
- (ii) years of service;
- (iii) responsibilities and engagement conditions in accordance with the prevailing market practice and industry standard;
- (iv) potential or actual contribution to the business of the Group (e.g. actively promoting the development and growth of the business of the Group); and
- (v) the ability to make valuable contribution based on his/her work experience, qualifications, industry knowledge and professional skills and other relevant factors;

#### (c) Administration of the 2022 Share Option Scheme

The 2022 Share Option Scheme shall be subject to the administration of the Directors whose decision on all matters arising in relation to the 2022 Share Option Scheme or their interpretation or effect shall (save as otherwise provided therein) be final and binding on all persons who may be affected thereby.

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

The Board shall, subject to and in accordance with the provisions of the 2022 Share Option Scheme and the Listing Rules, be entitled (but shall not be bound) at any time and from time to time on any business day within a period of ten years commencing on the date of which the 2022 Share Option Scheme is adopted to make an offer for the grant of an Option (the "Offer") to such Eligible Participant as it may in its absolute discretion select, and subject to such conditions as the Board may think fit, to subscribe for such number of Shares as the Board may determine at the Subscription Price (hereinafter defined).

An Offer shall be made to an Eligible Participant 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-eight (28) days inclusive of, and from the date of which an Offer is made to an Eligible Participant provided that no such Offer shall be open for acceptance after the earlier of the 10th anniversary of the adoption date of the 2022 Share Option Scheme or the termination of the 2022 Share Option Scheme. 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 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 main board or an integral multiple thereof.

#### (e) 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 twenty-one (21) days after receipt of the notice and the remittance and, where appropriate, receipt of the certificate from 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.

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The Options (before exercise) do not carry any right to vote at a general meeting of the Company, or any dividend, transfer or other rights, including those arising on the liquidation of the Company, save as otherwise provided under the 2022 Share Option Scheme or under the relevant laws or the memorandum and articles of association of the Company 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 memorandum and articles of association 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 of the Option(s) has been duly entered onto the register of members of the Company as the holder thereof.

The exercise price for Shares under the 2022 Share Option Scheme (the "Subscription Price") shall be determined by the Board at its absolute discretion but in any event will not be less than the higher of: (i) the closing price of the Shares as stated in the daily quotations sheet of the Stock Exchange on the date of grant of an Option, which must be a business day; (ii) the average closing price of the Shares as stated in the daily quotations sheets of the five business days immediately preceding the date of grant of an Option; and (iii) the nominal value of the Shares.

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

- (1) The total number of Shares which may be issued upon exercise of all Options to be granted under the 2022 Share Option Scheme and any other schemes of the Company adopted by the Group must not, in aggregate, exceed 10% of the Shares in issue as at the date of the approval of the 2022 Share Option Scheme (the "Scheme Mandate Limit"), unless Shareholders' approval, or if so required under the Listing Rules, approval of the independent shareholders of the Company, has been obtained pursuant to subparagraphs (2) and (3) below. Options lapsed in accordance with the terms of the 2022 Share Option Scheme will not be counted for the purpose of calculating the Scheme Mandate Limit.
- (2) The Company may seek separate approval by its Shareholders at a general meeting for granting Options beyond the Scheme Mandate Limited provided the Options in excess of the Scheme Mandate Limited 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 general description of the specified Eligible Participant and such other information as required under the Listing Rules.

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(3) The Company may seek approval by its Shareholders, or if so required under the Listing Rules, the independent shareholders of the Company, at a general meeting to refresh the Scheme Mandate Limit under the 2022 Share Option Scheme after three years from the date of shareholders' approval for the last refreshment (or the adoption of the 2022 Share Option Scheme).

Any "refreshment" within any three year period must be approved by shareholders of the issuer subject to the following provisions:

- (i) any controlling shareholders and their associates (or if there is no controlling shareholder, directors (excluding independent non-executive directors) and the chief executive of the issuer and their respective associates) must abstain from voting in favour of the relevant resolution at the general meeting; and
- (ii) the issuer must comply with the requirements under rules 13.39(6) and (7), 13.40, 13.41 and 13.42.

The requirements under paragraphs f(3)(i) and f(c)(ii) above do not apply if the refreshment is made immediately after an issue of Shares by the Company to the Shareholders on a pro rata basis as set out in Rule 13.36(2)(a) of the Listing Rules such that the unused part of the Scheme Mandate Limit (as a percentage of the total number of Shares in issue) upon refreshment is the same as the unused part of the Scheme Mandate Limit immediately before the issue of Shares, rounded to the nearest whole Share.

- (4) The total number of Shares which may be issued in respect of all Options to be granted under the 2022 Share Option Scheme (in aggregate with any other options and awards to be granted under any other share option scheme(s) and share award scheme(s) of the Company that involve(s) the issuance of new Shares) under the Scheme Mandate Limit as refreshed shall not exceed 10% of the total number of Shares in issue as at the date of approval of the refreshed Scheme Mandate Limit. The Company shall send to its Shareholders a circular containing all such information as may be required under the Listing Rules.
- (5) The Company may seek separate approval by its Shareholders at a general meeting for granting Options beyond the Scheme Mandate Limit provided 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. In such a case, the Company shall send to its Shareholders a circular containing the name of each specified Eligible Participant who may be granted such Options, the number and terms of the Options to be granted to each Eligible Participant, and 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 all such information as may be required under the Listing Rules. The number and terms of Options to be granted to such Eligible Participants must be fixed before Shareholders' approval. In respect of any Options to be granted, the date of Board meeting for proposing such grant should be taken as the date of grant for the purpose of calculating the Subscription Price.

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# (g) 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 (excluding independent non-executive Directors), chief executive or substantial Shareholder of the Company, or any of their respective associates, must be approved by the independent non-executive Directors. Where Options are proposed to be granted to a substantial Shareholder or any of its/his/her 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 (excluding any options lapsed in accordance with the terms of the 2022 Share Option Scheme) in any 12-month period up to and including the date of grant to such person representing in aggregate over 0.1% of the total issued Shares, then the proposed grant must be subject to the approval of Shareholders taken on a poll in a general meeting. The relevant Grantee, his associates and all core connected persons of the Company must abstain from voting at such general meeting (except where any such person intends to vote against the proposed grant and that his intention to do so has been stated in the shareholders' circular to be issued as stated below).

A circular must be prepared by the Company explaining the proposed grant, disclosing (i) the number and terms of the Options to be granted; (ii) containing the views of the independent non-executive Directors as to whether the terms of the grant are fair and reasonable, whether such grant is in the interests of the Company and Shareholders as a whole and recommendation on whether or not to vote in favour of the proposed grant; (iii) containing information relating to any Directors who are trustees of the scheme or have a direct or indirect interest in the trustees; and (iv) such other information as required under the Listing Rules. Any change in the terms of Options granted to an Eligible Participant who is a substantial Shareholder or its associates must be approved by Shareholders in a general meeting.

#### (h) 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 at the date of grant (the "Individual Limit"). 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 his, her or its Individual Limit, such offer and any acceptance thereof must be conditional upon Shareholders' approval at a general meeting with such Eligible Participant (or where appropriate, an existing grantee) and his, her or its associates 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 and 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.

#### (i) Vesting Period of Options and Performance Target

- (a) The vesting period for Options under the 2022 Share Option Scheme shall not be less than 12 months. In any event no Option may be exercised more than 10 years from the date of grant but subject to the early termination of the 2022 Share Option Scheme (the "Option Period").
- (b) There is no performance target that needs to be achieved by the Grantee before an Option can be exercised.

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

Grant of Options may not be made after a price sensitive event has occurred or a price sensitive matter has been the subject of a decision until such price sensitive information has been announced in accordance with the relevant requirements of the Listing Rules. In particular, no Option may be granted during the period commencing one month immediately preceding the earlier of (i) the date of the Board meeting for the approval of the Company's quarterly, interim or annual results and (ii) the deadline for the Company to publish its quarterly, interim or annual results announcement and ending on the date of such results announcement.

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

An Option is 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. Any breach of the foregoing by a grantee shall entitle the Company to cancel any option or part thereof granted to such grantee to the extent not already exercised.

#### (l) Rights on cessation of employment by dismissal

If the grantee of an Option is an employee (the "Employee") of the Group and ceases to be an Employee 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 or other grounds on which an employer 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.

#### (m) Rights on death

If the grantee of an Option is an Employee and ceases to be an Employee 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 12 months following the date of death (or such longer period as the Board may determine), failing which it will lapse.

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

If the grantee of an Option who is an Employee and ceases to be an Eligible Participant for any other reason the Options (to the extent not already exercised) shall lapse on the date of cessation or termination and shall not be exercisable unless the Board otherwise determines in which event the grantee may exercise the vested portion of the Option (to the extent not already exercised) in whole or in part within a period as the Board may determine following the date of such cessation or termination, which date shall be the last actual working day with the Group, whether salary is paid in lieu of notice or not. If any of the events referred to in paragraph (n) to (p) below occurs during such period, he or she may exercise the Option pursuant to paragraphs (n) to (p) respectively.

#### (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 personal representative(s)) shall be entitled to exercise the Option in full (to the extent not already exercised) at any time within the Option Period 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 a 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 or as soon as after 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 to be received by the Company no later than five business days prior to the propose 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 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 to be received by the Company no later than five 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 at its discretion at any time and from time to time to cancel any Option, either in whole or in part, which has not been validly exercised by a grantee, by giving notice in writing to the grantee stating that such Option is thereby cancelled.

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

In the event of any alteration in the capital structure of the Company by way of a capitalisation issue, rights issue, sub-division or consolidation of Shares or reduction of the 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 and/or (iii) the maximum number of Shares available for subscription and/or; (iv) the method of exercise of the Option 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, rounded to the nearest whole share, to which he 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.

# SUMMARY OF THE PRINCIPAL TERMS OF 2022 SHARE OPTION SCHEME

#### (t) Ranking of Shares

The Shares to be allotted upon the exercise of an Option will be subject to all the provisions of the memorandum and articles of association of the Company 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 2022 Share Option Scheme

The 2022 Share Option Scheme shall continue in force for the period commencing from the date of adoption of the 2022 Share Option Scheme and expiring at the close of business on the tenth anniversary thereof, after such period no further Options will be granted but the provisions of the 2022 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 2022 Share Option Scheme

- (1) Any alterations to the terms and conditions of the 2022 Share Option Scheme which are of a material nature or any alterations to the provisions relating to the matters set out in rule 17.03 of the Listing Rules to the advantage of the Eligible Participants must be approved by Shareholders in a general meeting.
- (2) Any change to the terms of Options granted to a grantee must be approved by the Board, the Remuneration Committee, the independent non-executive Directors and/or Shareholders (as the case may be) if the initial grant of the Options was approved by the Board, the Remuneration Committee, the independent non-executive Directors and/or Shareholders (as the case may be), except where the alterations take effect automatically under the existing terms of the 2022 Share Option Scheme.
- (3) Any change to the authority of the Directors to alter the terms of the 2022 Share Option Scheme must be approved by Shareholders in a general meeting.
- (4) Any alterations to the terms and conditions of the 2022 Share Option Scheme shall comply with the relevant requirements of Chapter 17 of the Listing Rules.

Save as the above, the 2022 Share Option Scheme may be altered in any respect by a resolution of the Board.

#### (w) Conditions of the 2022 Share Option Scheme

The 2022 Share Option Scheme is conditional upon:

- (1) the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange granting the listing of and permission to deal in any Shares to be issued by the Company pursuant to the exercise of Options in accordance with the terms and conditions of the 2022 Share Option Scheme; and
- (2) the passing of the necessary resolution to approve and adopt the 2022 Share Option Scheme at a general meeting.

#### (x) Lapse of Options

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

- (1) the expiry of the Option Period;
- (2) the expiry of any of the periods referred to in paragraphs (l) to (q);
- (3) the date on which the Directors shall exercise the Company's right to cancel the Option by reason of a breach of paragraph (k) by the grantee of the Option in respect of that or any other Option; and
- (4) the date on which the grantee, being an employee of a member of the Group, ceases to be an Eligible Participant by reason of a termination of his employment on any one or more of the grounds that he has been guilty of persistent or serious misconduct, or has become bankrupt or has become insolvent or has made any arrangement or composition with his creditors generally, or has been convicted 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 other grounds on which the Company and its Subsidiaries would be entitled to terminate his or her employment pursuant to any applicable law.

#### (y) Termination

The Company by ordinary resolution at a general meeting may at any time terminate the operation of the 2022 Share Option Scheme and in such event no further Options will be offered but in all other respects the provisions of the 2022 Share Option Scheme shall remain in force to the extent necessary to give effect to the exercise of any Options granted but not yet exercised prior to such termination. Options (to the extent not already exercised) granted prior to such termination shall continue to be valid and exercisable in accordance with the 2022 Share Option Scheme. Details of the Options granted, including Options exercised or outstanding, under the 2022 Share Option Scheme shall 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 2022 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 2022 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 (s) 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 binding.

The Companies Law <u>Act (As Revised)</u> Company Limited by Shares

## AMENDED AND RESTATED ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

OF

Vongroup Limited (Formerly known as Kamboat Group Company Limited)

(Adopted by a special resolution passed pursuant to special resolutions passed on 26 June 2001, 30 July 2001, 16 August 2001,
17 August 2001, 11 March 2003, 7 October 2004 and 26 May 2005at an annual general meeting held on 31 October 2022)

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# THE COMPANIES ACT (AS REVISED) COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES

## AMENDED AND RESTATED ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

## OF

<u>Vongroup Limited</u> (Adopted by a special resolution passed at an annual general meeting held on 31 October 2022)

# INTERPRETATION TABLE A

1. The regulations in Table A in the Schedule to the Companies Law<u>Act</u> (Revised<u>as defined in Article 2</u>) do not apply to the Company.

#### INTERPRETATION

2. (1) In these Articles, 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
<u>"Act"</u>	the Companies Act, (2022 Revision), Cap. 22 of the Cayman Islands and any amendments thereto or re-enactments thereof for the time being in force and includes every other law incorporated therewith or substituted therefor.
"Articles"	these Articles in their present form or as supplemented or amended or substituted from time to time.
"Auditor"	the auditor of the Company for the time being and may include any individual or partnership.
<u>"Articles"</u>	these Articles in their present form or as supplemented or amended or substituted from time to time.
<u>"associate"</u>	the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules.
"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 from time to time.
"clear days"	in relation to the period of a 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 recognised clearing house within the meaning of Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong) and any amendments thereto for the time being in force or a clearing house or authorised shares depository 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.
<u>"close associate"</u>	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 Article 100 where the transaction or arrangement to be approved by the Board is a connected transaction referred to in the Listing Rules, it shall have the same meaning as that ascribed to "associate" in the Listing Rules.
"Company"	Vongroup Limited.
"competent regulatory authority"	a competent regulatory 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 in respect of which the shares of the Company are listed or quoted and where such 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.

"head office"	such office of the Company as the Directors may from time to time determine to be the principal office of the Company.
<u>"Law"</u>	The Companies Law (Revised) of the Cayman Islands and every modification thereof.
"Listing Rules"	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited as amended from time to timerules 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.
"month"	a calendar month.
"Notice"	written notice unless otherwise specifically stated and as further defined in these Articles.
"Office"	the registered office of the Company for the time being.
" <del>Ordinary <u>ordinary</u> resolution"</del>	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 <del>not less than fourteen</del> (14) clear days' Notice has been duly given in accordance with Article 59.
"paid up"	paid up or credited as paid up.
"Register"	the principal register and where applicable, any branch register of Members of the Company to be maintained at such place within or outside the Cayman Islands as the Board shall determine from time to time.
"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 the Cayman Islands or in any place outside the Cayman Islands.

> 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.

"Special-special a resolution shall be a special resolution when it has been Resolution" passesd by a majority of not less than three-fourths of votes cast by such Members as, being entitled so to do, vote in person or, in the case of such Members as are corporations, by their respective duly authorised representative or, where proxies are allowed, by proxy at a general meeting of which not less than twenty-one (21) clear days' Notice has been duly given in accordance with Article 59., specifying (without prejudice to the power contained in these Articles to amend the same) the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution, has been duly given. Provided that, except in the case of an annual general meeting, if it is so agreed by a majority in number of the Members having the right to attend and vote at any such meeting, being a majority together holding not less than ninety-five (95) per cent. in normal value of the shares giving that right and in the case of an annual general meeting, if it is so agreed by all Members entitled to attend and vote thereat, a resolution may be proposed and passed as a special resolution at a meeting of which less than twenty-one (21) clear days' Notice has been given; a special resolution shall be effective for any purpose for which an ordinary resolution is expressed to be required under any provision of these Articles or the Statutes.

"Statutes"

"Secretary"

the <u>LawAct</u> and every other law of the Legislature of the Cayman Islands for the time being in force applying to or affecting the Company, its memorandum of association and/ or these Articles.

"Subsidiary and Holding	the meanings attributed to them in Section 2 of the
Company"	Companies Ordinance of Hong Kong as in force at the time
	of adoption of the Articles.
"substantial shareholder"	a person who is entitled to exercise, or to control the
	exercise of, 10% or more (or such other percentage as may
	be prescribed by the Listing Rules from time to time) of
	the voting power at any general meeting of the Company.

"year"

a calendar year.

(2) In these Articles, 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 includinge printing, lithography, photography and other modes of representing words or figures in a 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 law, 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 Articles if not inconsistent with the subject in the context.;

- (h) 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 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;
- (i) reference to a meeting shall, where the context is appropriate, include a meeting that has been postponed by the Board pursuant to Article 64;
- (j) where a Member is a corporation, any reference in these Articles to a Member shall, where the context requires, refer to a duly authorised representative of such Member; and
- (g) (k) Section 8 and Section 19 of the Electronic Transactions Act of the Cayman Islands, as amended from time to time, shall not apply to these Articles to the extent it imposes obligations or requirements in addition to those set out in these Articles.

### SHARE CAPITAL

3. (1) The share capital of the Company at the date on which these Articles come into effect shall be divided into shares of a par value of HK\$0.0014 each.

(2) Subject to the <u>LawAct</u>, the Company's Memorandum and Articles 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 in such manner, upon such terms and subject to such conditions as it thinks fit.

(3) Except as allowed by the <u>LawAct</u> and subject further to compliance with the rules and regulations of the Designated Stock Exchange and any other relevant regulatory authority the Company shall not 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.

(4) No share shall be issued to bearer.

### ALTERATION OF CAPITAL

4. The Company may from time to time by ordinary resolution in accordance with the <u>LawAct</u> alter the conditions of its Memorandum of Association to:

(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 <u>LawAct</u>), 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, deferred or other 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) 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 or, in the case of shares, without par value, diminish the number of shares into which its capital is divided.

5. The Board may settle as it considers expedient any difficulty which arises in relation to any consolidation and division under the last preceding Article 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 special resolution, subject to any confirmation or consent required by the <u>LawAct</u>, reduce its share capital or any share premium account or any capital redemption reserve 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 Articles, 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 Articles with reference to the payment of calls and instalments, transfer and transmission, forfeiture, lien, cancellation, surrender, voting and otherwise.

### SHARE RIGHTS

8. (1)—Subject to the provisions of the LawAct and the Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association and 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.

(2) Subject to the provisions of the Law, the rules of any Designated Stock Exchange and the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company, and to any special rights conferred on the holders of any shares or attaching to any class of shares, shares may be issued on the terms that they may be, or at the option of the Company or the holder are, liable to be redeemed on such terms and in such manner, including out of capital, as the Board may deem fit.

9. Subject to the provisions of the Act, Listing Rules and the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company, and to any special rights conferred on the holders of any shares or attaching to any class of shares, shares may be issued on the terms that they may be, or at the option of the Company or the holder are, liable to be redeemed on such terms and in such manner, including out of capital, as the Board may deem fitSubject to the Law, 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 <u>LawAct</u> and without prejudice to Article 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 Articles relating to general meetings of the Company shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply, but so that:

- (a) the necessary quorum (other than at an adjourned meeting) shall be two persons (or in the case of a Member being a corporation, its duly authorised representative) holding or representing by proxy not less than one-third in nominal value of the issued shares of that class and at any adjourned meeting of such holders, two holders present in person or (in the case of a Member being a corporation) its duly authorised representative or by proxy (whatever the number of shares held by them) shall be a quorum; and
- (b) every holder of shares of the class shall be entitled on a poll to one vote for every such share held by him.; and
- (c) any holder of shares of the class present in person or by proxy or authorised representative may demand a poll.

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 LawAct, these Articles, any direction that may be given by the Company in general meeting and, where applicable, the rules of any Designated Stock ExchangeListing Rules and without prejudice to any special rights or restrictions for the time being attached to any shares or any class of shares, the unissued shares of the Company (whether forming part of the original or any increased capital) shall be at the disposal of the Board, which may offer, allot, grant options over or otherwise dispose of them to such persons, at such times and for such consideration and upon such terms and conditions as the Board may in its absolute discretion determine but so that no shares shall be issued at a discount to their nominal value. Neither the Company nor the Board shall be obliged, when making or granting any allotment of, offer of, option over or disposal of shares, to make, or make available, any such allotment, offer, option or shares to Members or others with registered addresses in any particular territory or territories being a territory or territories where, in the absence of a registration statement or other special formalities, this would or might, in the opinion of the Board, be unlawful or impracticable. Members affected as a result of the foregoing sentence shall not be, or be deemed to be, a separate class of members for any purpose whatsoever.

(2) The Board may issue warrants 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 <u>LawAct</u>. Subject to the <u>LawAct</u>, 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 Articles <u>of or</u> 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 <u>LawAct</u> and these Articles, 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 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.

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 Articles, 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 the <u>an</u> 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 by the <u>LawAct</u> 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 Article. 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 member, 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 Article.

23. Subject to these Articles, 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 clear days after a notice in writing, stating and demanding payment of the sum presently payable, or specifying the liability or engagement and demanding fulfillment 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 purchase 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 Articles 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 <u>lease\_least</u> 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 percent. (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 Articles; 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 Articles 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 Articles to forfeiture will include surrender.

37. Any share so forfeited shall be deemed 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 discussion 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 Article 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 Articles 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 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) 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 <u>maintained in Hong Kong</u>, as the case may be, shall be open to inspection for at least two (2) hours on every during business day hours by Members without charge or by any other person, upon a maximum payment of <u>HK</u>\$2.50 or such lesser sum specified by the Board, at the Office or such other place in the Cayman Islands at which the Register is kept in accordance with the <u>LawAct</u> or, if appropriate, upon a maximum payment of HK\$1.00 or such lesser sum specified by the Board at the Registration Office. The Register including any overseas or local or other branch register of Members may, after notice has been given by advertisement in an appointed newspaper and where applicable, or any other newspapers in accordance with the requirements of any 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 period of thirty (30) days may be extended for a further period or periods not exceeding thirty (30) days in respect of any year if approved by the Members by ordinary resolution.

#### RECORD DATES

45. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles the Company or the Directors may fix any date as the record date for:

- (a) determining the Members entitled to receive any dividend, distribution, allotment or issue and such record date may be on, or at any time not more than thirty (30) days before or after, any date on which such dividend, distribution, allotment or issue is declared, paid or made;
- (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 Articles, any Member may transfer all or any of his shares by an instrument of transfer in the usual or common form or in a form prescribed by the Designated Stock Exchange or in any other form approved by the Board and may be under hand or, if the transferor or transferee is a clearing house or its nominee(s), by hand or by machine imprinted signature or by such other manner of execution as the Board may approve from time to time.

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. Without prejudice to the last preceding Article, 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 Articles 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 <u>person\_reason</u> 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 the Cayman Islands at which the Register is kept in accordance with the LawAct.

49. Without limiting the generality of the last preceding Article, 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 at which the Register is kept in accordance with the <u>LawAct</u> 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 advertisement in an appointed newspaper and, where applicable, any other newspapers in accordance with the requirements of any 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.

### TRANSMISSIONM 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 Article 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. 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 Articles 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 Article 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 Article, 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 eCompany 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 Articles 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 ExchangeListing Rules, has given notice to, and caused advertisement in newspapers in accordance with the requirements of, the Designated Stock Exchange to be made of its intention to sell such shares in the manner required by the Designated Stock Exchange, and a period of three (3) months or such shorter period as may be allowed by the

Designated Stock Exchange has elapsed since the date of such advertisement.

For the purpose of the foregoing, the "relevant period" means the period commencing twelve (12) years before the date of publication of the advertisement referred to in paragraph (c) of this Article 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 Article 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. An annual general meeting of the Company shall be held in each <u>financial</u> year other than the <u>financial</u> year of the Company's <u>incorporation</u> (within a period of not more than fifteen (15) months after the holding of the last precedingadoption of these Articles and such annual general meeting or not more than eighteen<u>must</u> be held within six (186) months after the date end of incorporationthe <u>Company's financial year</u>, (unless a longer period would not infringe the rules of the Designated Stock ExchangeListing Rules, 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 an extraordinary general meeting. General meetings may be held in any part of the world as may be determined by the Board.

58. The Board may whenever it thinks fit call extraordinary general meetings. Any one or more Member(s) 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, on a one vote <u>per share basis</u>, shall at all times have the right, by written requisition to the Board or the Secretary of the Company, to require an extraordinary general meeting to be called by the Board for the transaction of any business <u>or resolution</u> 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 requisitionist(s) himself (themselves) may do so in the same manner, and all reasonable expenses incurred by the requisitionist(s) as a result of the failure of the Board shall be reimbursed to the requisitionist(s) by the Company.

#### NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETINGS

59. (1) An annual general meeting <u>must be called by Notice</u> and any extraordinary general meeting at which the passing of a special resolution is to be considered shall be called by<u>of</u> not less than twenty-one (21) clear days' Notice. All other extraordinary general meetings (including an extraordinary general meeting) <u>may must</u> be called by <u>Notice of</u> not less than fourteen (14) clear days' Notice but if permitted by the Listing Rules, a general meeting may be called by shorter notice, subject to the LawAct, 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 <u>holding-representing</u> not less than ninety-five per cent. (95%) in nominal value of the total voting rights at the meeting of all the Membersissued shares giving that right.

(2) The <u>N</u>notice shall specify the time and place of the meeting and particulars of resolutions to <u>be considered at the meeting and</u>, in case of special business, the general nature of the business. The <u>N</u>notice convening an annual general meeting shall specify the meeting as such. Notice of every general meeting shall be given to all Members other than to such Members as, under the provisions of these Articles 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 an extraordinary general meeting, and also all business that is transacted at an annual general meeting, with the exception of:

- (a) the declaration and sanctioning of dividends;
- (b) consideration and adoption 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;
- (c) the election of Directors whether by rotation or otherwise in the place of those retiring;

- (d) appointment <u>and removal</u> of Auditors (where special notice of the intention for such appointment is not required by the LawAct) and other officers;
- (e) the fixing of the remuneration of the Auditors, and the voting of remuneration or extra remuneration to the Directors; and
- (f) the granting of any mandate or authority to the Directors to offer, allot, grant options over or otherwise dispose of the unissued shares in the capital of the Company representing not more than 20 per cent. in nominal value of its existing issued share capital.

(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 (in the case of a member being a corporation) by its duly authorised representative shall form a quorum for all purposes.

62. If within thirty (30) minutes (or such longer time not exceeding one hour as the chairman of the meeting may determine to wait) after the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting, if convened on the requisition of Members, shall be dissolved. In any other case it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and place or to such time and place as the Board may 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 chairman of the Company shall preside as chairman at every general meeting. If at any meeting the chairman, is not present within fifteen (15) minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, or is not willing to act as chairman, the Directors present shall choose one of their number to act, or if one Director only is present he shall preside as chairman if willing to act. If no Director is present, or if each of the Directors present declines to take the chair, or if the chairman chosen shall retire from the chair, the Members present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote shall elect one of their number to be chairman.

64. 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 and from place to place as the meeting shall determine, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business which might lawfully have been transacted at the meeting had the adjournment not taken place. When a meeting is adjourned for fourteen (14) days or more, at least seven (7) clear days' notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given specifying the time and place of the adjourned meeting 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.

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

Subject to any special rights or restrictions as to voting for the time being attached to any 66. (1) shares by or in accordance with these Articles, at any general meeting on a show of hands poll every Member present in person (or being a corporation, is present by a representative duly authorised), or by proxy shall have one vote and on a poll every Member present in person or by proxy or, in the case of a Member being a corporation, by its duly authorised representative shall have one vote for every fully paid share of which he is the holder but so that no amount paid up or credited as paid up on a share in advance of calls or instalments is treated for the foregoing purposes as paid up on the share. A resolution put to the vote of a meeting shall be decided by way of a poll save that the chairman of the meeting may in good faith, allow a resolution which relates purely to a procedural or administrative matter to be voted on by a show of hands in which case every Member present in person (or being a corporation, is present by a duly authorised representative), or by proxy(ies) shall have one vote provided that Notwithstanding anything contained in these Articles, 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 Article, 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 (whether on a show of hands or by way of poll) may be cast by such means, electronic or otherwise, as the Directors or the chairman of the meeting may determine. A resolution put to the vote of a meeting shall be decided on a show of hands unless required under the Listing Rules a poll must be taken or (before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands or on the withdrawal of any other demand for a poll) a poll is demanded:

- (a) (2) 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:by the chairman of such meeting; or
  - (b)(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
  - (c)(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

(d)(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  $\frac{dte}{dte}$  Member.

67. Unless a poll is duly demanded and the demand is not withdrawn, 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.

68. If a poll is duly demanded the result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded. There shall be no requirement for the chairman to disclose the voting figures on a poll.

69. A poll demanded on the election of a chairman, or on a question of adjournment, shall be taken forthwith. A poll demanded on any other question shall be taken in such manner (including the use of ballot or voting papers or tickets) and either forthwith or at such time (being not later than thirty (30) days after the date of the demand) and place as the chairman directs. It shall not be necessary (unless the chairman otherwise directs) for notice to be given of a poll not taken immediately.

70. The demand for a poll shall not prevent the continuance of a meeting or the transaction of any business other than the question on which the poll has been demanded, and, with the consent of the chairman, it may be withdrawn at any time before the close of the meeting or the taking of the poll, whichever is the earlier.

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 Articles or by the <u>LawAct</u>. In the case of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the chairman of such meeting shall be entitled to a second or casting vote in addition to any other vote he may have.

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 to be present at any meeting the vote of the senior holder 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 <u>shall</u> for the purposes of this Article 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, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, by his receiver, committee, curator bonis or other person in the nature of a receiver, committee or *curator bonis* appointed by such court, and such receiver, committee, curator bonis or other person may vote on a poll by proxy, and may otherwise act and be treated as if he were the registered holder of such shares for the purposes of general meetings, provided that such evidence as the Board may require of the authority of the person claiming to vote shall have been deposited at the Office, head office or Registration Office, as appropriate, not less than forty-eight (48) hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting, or adjourned meeting or poll, as the case may be.

(2) Any person entitled under Article 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, 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. (a<u>1</u>) 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.

(b2) <u>All Members shall have the right to (a) speak at a general meeting; and (b) vote at a general meeting except where a Member is required, by the Listing Rules, to abstain from voting to approve the matter under consideration.</u>

(3) Where the Company has knowledge that any Member is, under the Listing Rules, required to abstain from voting on any particular resolution of the Company or restricted to voting only for or only against on any particular resolution of the Company, or restricted to voting only for and only against any particular resolution, any votes cast by or on behalf of such Member in contravention of such requirement or restriction shall not be counted.

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

80. 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) not less than forty-eight (48) hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote or, in the case of a poll taken subsequently to the date of a meeting or adjourned meeting, not less than twenty-four (24) hours before the time appointed for the taking of the poll and in default the instrument of proxy shall not be treated as valid. No instrument appointing a proxy shall be valid after the expiration of twelve (12) months from the date named in it as the date of its execution, except at an adjourned meeting or on a poll demanded at a meeting or an adjourned meeting in cases where the meeting was originally held within twelve (12) months from such date. Delivery of an instrument appointing a proxy shall not preclude a Member from attending and voting in person at the meeting convened and in such event, the instrument appointing a proxy shall be deemed to be revoked.

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 demand or join in demanding a poll and to vote on any amendment of a resolution put to the meeting for which it is given as the proxy thinks fit. The instrument of proxy shall, unless the contrary is stated therein, be valid as well for any adjournment of the meeting as for the meeting to which it relates.

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 the taking of the poll, at which the instrument of proxy is used.

83. Anything which under these Articles a Member may do by proxy he may likewise do by his duly appointed attorney and the provisions of these Articles 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 Articles be deemed to be present in person at any such meeting if a person so authorised is present thereat.

(2) If a clearing house (or its nominee(s)), being a corporation, is a Member, 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, if more than one person is so authorised, 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 Article 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)) including, the right to speak and to vote, and where a show of hands is allowed, the right to vote individually on a show of hands.

(3) Any reference in these Articles to a duly authorised representative of a Member being a corporation shall mean a representative authorised under the provisions of this Article.

#### WRITTEN RESOLUTIONS OF MEMBERS

85. 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 Articles, 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.

#### 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 by the subscribers to the Memorandum of Association or by a majority of them and thereafter in accordance with Article 87 and shall hold office until their successors are elected or appointed.

(2) Subject to the Articles and the <u>LawAct</u>, the Company may by ordinary resolution elect any person to be a Director either to fill a casual vacancy on the Board, or as an addition to the existing Board.

(3) 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 as an addition to the existing Board. Any Director so appointed by the Board shall hold office only until the next following<u>first</u> annual general meeting of the Company <u>after his appointment</u> and shall then be eligible for re-election.

(4) 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.

(5) Subject to any provision to the contrary in these Articles tThe Members may, at any general meeting convened and held in accordance with these Articles, by ordinary resolution remove a Director (including a managing or other executive Director) at any time before the expiration of his period term of office notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these Articles or in any agreement between the Company and such Director (but without prejudice to any claim for damages under any such agreement).

(6) A vacancy on the Board created by the removal of a Director under the provisions of subparagraph (45) above may be filled by the election or appointment by ordinary resolution <u>of</u> the Members at the meeting at which such Director is removed.

(7) 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 Articles, 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 greater-less than one-third) shall retire from office by rotation provided that notwithstanding anything herein, the chairman of the Board and/or the managing director of the Company shall not, whilst holding such office, every Director shall be subject to retirement by rotation or be taken into account in determining the number of Directors to retire in each yearat an annual general meeting 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 by the Board pursuant to Article 86(2) or Article 86(3) 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 retiring Director shall, unless recommended by the Directors for election, be eligible for election to the office of Director at any general meeting, unless notice in writing by a Member (not being the person to be proposed) entitled to attend and vote at the meeting for which such notice is given of his intention to propose such person for election as a Director and notice in writing by that person of his willingness to be elected shall have been lodged at the office or head office of the Company at least seven days before the date of the general meeting, such period for lodgment of the notices shall commence no earlier than the day after the despatch of the notice of the general meeting appointed for such election and end no later than seven days prior to the date of such meeting provided that such period shall be at least seven days.

#### 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 whereupon the Board resolves to accept such resignation;

(2) becomes of unsound mind or dies;

(3) without special leave of absence from the Board, is absent from meetings of the Board for six consecutive months, and his alternate Director, if any, shall not during such period have attended in his stead and the Board resolves that his office be vacated; or

(4) becomes bankrupt or has a receiving order made against him or suspends payment or compounds with his creditors;

(5) is prohibited by law from being a Director; or

(6) ceases to be a Director by virtue of any provision of the Statutes or is removed from office pursuant to these Articles.

#### 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 Article 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 Articles 96, 97, 98 and 99, an executive director appointed to an office under Article 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

Any Director may at any time by Notice delivered to the Office or head office or at a meeting 92. of the Directors appoint any person (including another Director) 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 body which appointed him and, subject thereto, the office of alternate Director shall continue until the happening of any event which, if we were a Director, would cause him to vacate such office or if his appointer ceases for any reason to be a Director. Any appointment or removal of an alternate Director shall be effected by Notice signed by the appointor and delivered to the Office or head office or tendered at a meeting of the Board. An alternate Director 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 entltled 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 Articles 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 LawAct and shall only be subject to the provisions of the LawAct 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 be-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 Articles 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 Article.

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 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 Article;
- (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;

continue to be or become a director, managing director, joint managing director, deputy (c) 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 Articles 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 LawAct and to these Articles, 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 Article 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 Article, 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 Article 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 in respect of approving any contract or arrangement or any other proposal in which he or any of his close associates <u>d has ais</u> materially interested, but this prohibition shall not apply to any of the following matters namely:

- (i) the giving of any security or indemnity either:--;
  - (a) to the Director or his <u>close</u> associate(s) in respect of money lent 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
  - (bb) to a third party in respect of a debt or obligation of the Company or any of its subsidiaries for which the Director or his <u>close</u> associate(s) has himself/themselves assumed responsibility in whole or in part and whether alone or jointly under a guarantee or indemnity or by the giving of security;
- (ii) any proposal concerning an offer of shares or debentures or other securities of or by the Company or any other company which the Company may promote or be interested in for subscription or purchase where the Director or his <u>close</u> associate(s) is/are or is/are to be interested as a participant in the underwriting or sub-underwriting of the offer;

(iii) any proposal concerning any other company in which the Director or his associate(s) is/are interested only, whether directly or indirectly, as an officer or executive or shareholder or in which the Director or his associate(s) is/are beneficially interested in shares of that company, provided that the Director and any of his associates are not in aggregate beneficially interested in 5% or more of the issued shares of any class of such company (or of any third company through which his interest or that of his associates is derived) or of the voting rights;

- (iv)(iii)any proposal or arrangement concerning the benefit of employees of the Company or its subsidiaries including:
  - (aa) the adoption, modification or operation of any employees' shares scheme or any share incentive or share option scheme under which the Director or his <u>close</u> associate(s) may benefit; or
  - (bb) the adoption, modification or operation of a pension fund or retirement, death or disability benefits scheme which relates both to the Directors, 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;
- (v)(iv)any contract or arrangement in which the Director or his <u>close</u> associate(s) is/are interested in the same manner as other holders of shares or debentures or other securities of the Company by virtue only of his/their interest in shares or debentures or other securities of the Company.

(2) A company shall be deemed to be a company in which a Director owns five (5) per cent. or more if and so long as (but only if and so long as) he and his associates (as defined by the rules, where applicable, of the Designated Stock Exchange), (either directly or indirectly) are the holders of or beneficially interested in five (5) per cent. or more of any class of the equity share capital of such company or of the voting rights available to members of such company (or of any third company through which his interest is derived). For the purpose of this paragraph there shall be disregarded any shares held by a Director as bare or custodian trustee and in which he has no beneficial interest, any shares comprised in a trust in which the Director's interest is in reversion or remainder if and so long as some other person is entitled to receive the income thereof, and any shares comprised in an authorised unit trust scheme in which the Director is interested only as a unit holder and any shares which carry no voting right at general meetings and very restrictive dividend and return of capital right.

(3) Where a company in which a Director together with his associates (as defined by the rules, where applicable, of the Designated Stock Exchange) holds five (5) per cent. or more is materially interested in a transaction, then that Director shall also be deemed materially interested in such transaction.

 $(4)(\underline{2})$ 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.

#### 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 Articles required to be exercised by the Company in general meeting, subject nevertheless to the provisions of the Statutes and of these Articles 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 Article shall not be limited or restricted by any special authority or power given to the Board by any other Article.

(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 Articles 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 deregistered in the Cayman Islands and continued in a named jurisdiction outside the Cayman Islands subject to the provisions of the <u>LawAct</u>.

(4) Except as would, if the Company were a company incorporated in Hong Kong, be permitted by Section 157H of the Companies Ordinance (Chapter 32 of the Laws of Hong Kong) as in force at the date of adoption of these Articles, and except as permitted under the <u>LawAct</u>, the Company shall not directly or indirectly:

- make a loan to a Director or a director of any holding company of the Company or to any of their respective associates (as defined by the rules, where applicable, of the Designated Stock Exchange);
- (ii) enter into any guarantee or provide any security in connection with a loan made by any person to a Director or such a director; or
- (iii) if any one or more of the Directors hold (jointly or severally or indirectly or indirectly) a controlling interest in another company, make a loan to that other company or enter into any guarantee or provide any security in connection with a loan made by any person to that other company.

Article 104(4) shall only have effect for so long as the shares of the Company are listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

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 Articles) 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 <u>LawAct</u>, 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  $\frac{my}{any}$  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 LawAct, 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 LawAct 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 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.

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 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 Articles, the continuing Directors or Director, notwithstanding that the number of Directors is below the number fixed by or in accordance with these Articles 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 a 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 neither the 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 is 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 meeting and proceedings of any committee consisting of two or more members shall be governed by the provisions contained in these Articles 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 Article.

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 (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 Articles) be as valid and effectual as if a resolution had been passed at a meeting of the Board duly convened and held. 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.

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 they 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 of 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) The officers of the Company shall consist of a chairman, the Directors and Secretary and such additional officers (who may or may not be Directors) as the Board may from time to time determine, all of whom shall be deemed to be officers for the purposes of the <u>LawAct</u> and these Articles.

(2) The Directors shall, as soon as may be after each appointment or election of Directors, elect amongst the Directors a chairman and if more than one (1) Director is proposed for this office, the election to such office shall take place in such manner as the Directors may determine.

(3) The officers shall receive such remuneration as the Directors may from time to time determine.

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 LawAct or these Articles or as may be prescribed by the Board.

129. 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.

130. A provision of the <u>LawAct</u> or of these Articles 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

131. (1) The Company shall cause to be kept in one or more books at its Office a Register of Directors and Officers in which there shall be entered the full names and addresses of the Directors and Officers and such other particulars as required by the <u>LawAct</u> or as the Directors may determine. The Company shall send to the Registrar of Companies in the Cayman Islands a copy of such register, and shall from time to time notify to the said Registrar of any change that takes place in relation to such Directors and Officers as required by the <u>LawAct</u>.

#### MINUTES

- 132. (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, 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 shall be kept by the Secretary at the Office.

#### SEAL

133. (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 word "Securities" 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 Articles, 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 (except in the case of certificates for shares) or affixed by some method or system of mechanical signature. Every instrument executed in manner provided by this Article 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 Articles 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

134. 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

- 135. (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 Article 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 Article 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 Article to the destruction of any document include references to its disposal in any manner.

(2) Notwithstanding any provision contained in these Articles, 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 Article 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 Article 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

136. Subject to the LawAct, 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.

137. Dividends may be declared and paid out of the profits of the Company, realised or unrealised, or from any reserve set aside from profits which the Directors determine is no longer needed. The Directors may also determine that dividends be declared and paid out of share premium account or any other fund or account which can be authorised for this purpose in accordance with the LawAct.

138. 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 Article 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.

139. 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.

140. 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.

141. No dividend or other moneys payable by the Company on or in respect of any share shall bear interest against the Company.

142. 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 payables or property distributable in respect of the shares held by such joint holders.

143. 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.

144. 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, any 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, any 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 when, 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.

145. (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 Members 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, share premium account, capital redemption reserve 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 non-elected shares on such basis; or
- (b) that the Members 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, share premium account, capital redemption reserve 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 Article 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 Article 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 Article 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 Article, 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 Article 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 Article 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, by 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 Article 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

146. (1) The Board shall establish an account to be called the share premium account and shall carry to the credit of such account from time to time a sum equal to the amount or value of the premium paid on the issue of any share in the Company. The Company may apply the share premium account in any manner permitted by the <u>LawAct</u>. The Company shall at all times comply with the provisions of the <u>LawAct</u> in relation to the share premium account.

(2) 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

147. 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 a share premium account and capital redemption reserve and the profit and loss account) whether or not the same is available for distribution and accordingly that such amount be set free for distribution among the Members or any class of Members who would be entitled thereto if it were distributed by way of dividend and in the same proportions, on the footing that the same is not paid in cash but is applied either in or towards paying up the amounts for the time being unpaid on any shares in the Company held by such Members respectively or in paying up in full unissued shares, debentures or other obligations of the Company, to be allotted and distributed credited as fully paid up among such Members, or partly in one way and partly in the other, and the Board shall give effect to such resolution provided that, for the purposes of this Article, a share premium account and any capital redemption 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.

148. The Board may settle, as it considers appropriate, any difficulty arising in regard to any distribution under the last preceding Article 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

149. The following provisions shall have effect to the extent that they are not prohibited by and are in compliance with the <u>LawAct</u>:

(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 par 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 Article) maintain in accordance with the provisions of this Article 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 addition 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:
  - (i) 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 norminal amount of shares in respect of which 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
- if, upon the exercise of the subscription rights represented by any warrant, the amount (d) standing to the credit of the Subscription Rights Reserve is not sufficient to pay up in full such addition 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 Article 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 Article, no fraction of any share shall be allotted on exercise of the subscription rights.

(3) The provision of this Article 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 Article 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

150. 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 <u>LawAct</u> or necessary to give a true and fair view of the Company's affairs and to explain its transactions.

151. The accounting records shall be kept at the Office or, 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 document of the Company except as conferred by law or authorised by the Board or the Company in general meeting.

152. 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 laid before the Company at the annual general meeting held in accordance with Article 56 provided that this Article shall not require a copy of those documents to be sent to any person whose address the Company is not aware or to more than one of the joint holders of any shares or debentures.

#### AUDIT

153. (1) At the annual general meeting or at a subsequent extraordinary general meeting in each year, the Members shall <u>by ordinary resolution</u> appoint an auditor to audit the accounts of the Company and such auditor shall hold office until the next annual general meeting. 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) The Members may, at any general meeting convened and held in accordance with these Articles, by <u>special ordinary</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.

154. Subject to the LawAct the accounts of the Company shall be audited at least once in every year.

155. The remuneration of the Auditor shall be fixed by the <u>Companyan ordinary resolution passed at a</u> in-general meeting or in such manner as the Members may by ordinary resolution determine.

156. The Directors may fill any casual vacancy in the office of Auditor but while any such vacancy continues the surviving or continuing Auditor or Auditors, if any, may act. The remuneration of any Auditor appointed by the Directors under this Article may be fixed by the Board. Subject to Article 153(2), an Auditor appointed under this Article shall hold office until the next following annual general meeting of the Company and shall then be subject to appointment by the Members under Article 153(1) at such remuneration to be determined by the Members under Article 155.

156. If 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 remuneration of the Auditor so appointed.

157. 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.

158. The statement of income and expenditure and the balance sheet provided for by these Articles 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 the Cayman Islands. If so, the financial statements and the report of the Auditor should disclose this act and name such country or jurisdiction.

#### NOTICES

159. Any Notice or document, whether or not, to be given or issued under these Articles from the Company to a Member shall be in writing or by cable, telex or facsimile transmission message or other form of electronic transmission or communication and any such Notice and document may be served or delivery 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 or electronic number or address or website 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 appropriate newspapers 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.

160. 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 notice or other document was so addressed and put into the post shall be conclusive evidence thereof; and
- (b) if served or delivered in any other manner contemplated by these Articles, 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 or transmission; 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 act and time of such service, delivery, despatch or transmission shall be conclusive evidence thereof.

161. (1) Any Notice or other document delivered or sent by post to or left at the registered address of any Member in pursuance of these Articles 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 notice 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 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 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 be every 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

162. For the purposes of these Articles, a cable 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.

### WINDING UP

163. (1) <u>Subject to Article 163(2)</u>, T 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) <u>Unless otherwise provided by the Act, Aa</u> resolution that the Company be wound up by the court or to be wound up voluntarily shall be a special resolution.

164. (1) Subject to any special rights, privileges or restrictions as to the distribution of available surplus assets on liquidation for the time being attached to any class or classes of shares (i) (if the Company shall be wound up and the assets available for distribution amongst the Members of the Company shall be more than sufficient to repay the whole of the capital paid up at the commencement of the winding up, the excess shall be distributed pari passu amongst such members in proportion to the amount paid up on the shares held by them respectively and (ii) if the Company shall be wound up and the assets available for distributed pari passu amongst such members in proportion to the amount paid up on the shares held by them respectively and (ii) if the Company shall be wound up and the assets available for distribution amongst the Members as such shall be insufficient to repay the whole of the paid-up capital such assets shall be distributed so that, a nearly as may be, the losses shall be borne by the Members in proportion to the capital paid up, or which ought to have been paid up, at the commencement of the winding up on the shares held by them respectively.

(2) 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 LawAct, 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.

(3) In the event of winding-up of the Company in Hong Kong, every Member of the Company who is not for the time being in Hong Kong shall be bound, within 14 days after the passing of an effective resolution to wind up the Company voluntarily, or the making of an order for the winding-up of the Company, to serve notice in writing on the Company appointing some person resident in Hong Kong and stating that person's full name, address and occupation upon whom all summonses, notices, process, orders and judgements in relation to or under the winding-up of the Company may be served, and in default of such nomination the liquidator of the Company shall be at liberty on behalf of such Member to appoint some such person, and service upon any such appointee, whether appointed by the Member or the liquidator makes any such appointment, he shall with all convenient speed give notice thereof to such Member by advertisement as he shall deem appropriate or by a registered letter sent through the post and addressed to such Member at his address as appearing in the register, and such notice shall be deemed to be service on the day following that on which the advertisement first appears or the letter is posted.

#### INDEMNITY

165. (1) The Directors, Secretary and other officers and every Auditor for the time being of the Company and the liquidator or trustees (if any) for the time being acting 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

165A. Unless otherwise determined by the Directors, the financial year of the Company shall end on the  $30^{\text{th}}$  day of April in each year.

# AMENDMENT TO MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION AND NAME OF COMPANY

166. No Article shall be rescinded, altered or amended and no new Article shall be made until the same has been approved 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**

167. 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 members of the Company to communicate to the public.



# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Annual General Meeting of Vongroup Limited (the "Company") will be held at 3 p.m. on Monday, 31 October 2022 at 2602-03, 26th Floor, BEA Tower, Millennium City 5, 418 Kwun Tong Road, Kwun Tong, Hong Kong for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, the following resolutions which will be proposed ordinary resolutions:

- 1. To receive and consider the audited consolidated financial statements and the reports of the Directors and the Auditors for the year ended 30 April 2022;
- (a) (i) To re-elect Fung Ka Keung David as an independent non-executive director of the Company;
  - (ii) To re-elect Lam Lee G. as an independent non-executive director of the Company;
  - (b) To authorise the Board of Directors to fix the remuneration of the directors of the Company;
- 3. To appoint Mazars CPA Limited as Auditors of the Company and to authorise the Board of Directors to fix their remuneration.
- 4. As special business, to consider and, if thought fit, pass with or without amendments the following resolutions as ordinary resolutions of the Company:
  - A. **"THAT**:
    - (a) subject to paragraph (c) below, pursuant to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities (the "Listing Rules") on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange"), the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as defined in paragraph (d) below) of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with the unissued shares ("Shares") in the capital of the Company and to make or grant offers, agreements and options, including warrants to subscribe for Shares, which may 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, including warrants to subscribe for Shares, which may require the exercise of such powers at any time during or after the end of the Relevant Period;

<sup>\*</sup> For identification purpose only

- (c) The aggregate nominal amount of share capital allotted and issued or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted and issued (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 in paragraph (d) below); or (ii) the exercise of any options granted under the 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 articles of association 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 aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue on the date of the passing of this resolution; and
  - (bb) (if the directors of the Company are so authorised by a separate ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company) the aggregate nominal amount of any share capital of the Company purchased by the Company subsequent to the passing of this resolution (up to a maximum equivalent to 10 per cent of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue on the date of the passing of this resolution), 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 articles of association of the Company, the Companies Law, Chapter 22 (Law 3 of 1961, as consolidated and revised) of the Cayman Islands or any other applicable law of the Cayman Islands to be held; and
  - (iii) the passing of an ordinary resolution by the shareholders of the Company at a 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 Company's register of members 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 expedien t 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)."

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

- (a) subject to paragraph (b) below, the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Perio d (as defined in paragraph (c) below) of all powers of the Company to purchase shares ("Shares") in the capital of the Company on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") or any other stock exchange on which the Shares may be listed and recognised by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong (the "SFC") and the Stock Exchange for such purpose, and otherwise in accordance with the rules and regulations of the SFC, the Stock Exchange, the Companies Law, Chapter 22 (Law 3 of 1961, as consolidated and revised) of the Cayman Islands and all other applicable laws in this regard, be and the same is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the aggregate nominal amount of Shares which may be purchased or agreed to be purchased by the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) during the Relevant Period shall not exceed 10 per cent of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of the passing of this resolution and the authority pursuant to paragraph (a) of this resolution shall be limited accordingly; and
- (c) for the purposes of this resolution, the meaning of "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 articles of association of the Company, the Companies Law, Chapter 22 (Law 3 of 1961, as consolidated and revised) of the Cayman Islands or any other applicable law of the Cayman Islands to be held; and
  - (iii) the passing of an ordinary resolution by the shareholders of the Company at a general meeting revoking or varying the authority given to the Directors by this resolution."

C. "THAT conditional on the passing of Resolutions A and B set out in item 4 of the notice convening this meeting, the general mandate granted to the Directors pursuant to Resolution A set out in item 4 of the notice convening this meeting be and is hereby extended by the addition to the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company which may be allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted by the Directors pursuant to or in accordance with such general mandate of an amount representing the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company purchased or agreed to be purchased by the Company pursuant to or in accordance with the authority granted pursuant to Resolution B set out in item 4 of the notice convening this meeting, provided that such amount shall not exceed 10 per cent of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing this Resolution." and

### D. **"THATs**:

- (a) conditional upon the Listing Committee of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") granting approval of the listing of and permission to deal in any shares of the Company (the "Shares") which may fall to be issued pursuant to the exercise of options to be granted under the share option scheme of the Company, a copy of which has been produced to this meeting marked "A" and signed by the chairman of this meeting for the purpose of identification (the "2022 Share Option Scheme"), the 2022 Share Option Scheme be and is hereby approved and adopted;
- (b) the directors of the Company be and are hereby authorised to do all such acts and to enter into all such transactions, arrangements and agreements as may be necessary or expedient in order to give full effect to the 2022 Share Option Scheme including but without limitation:
  - (i) administering the 2022 Share Option Scheme under which options will be granted to participants eligible under the 2022 Share Option Scheme to subscribe for Shares;
  - (ii) modifying and/or amending the 2022 Share Option Scheme from time to time provided that such modification and/or amendment is effected in accordance with the provisions of the 2022 Share Option Scheme relating to modification and/or amendment and the requirements of the Rules ("Listing Rules") Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange;
  - (iii) granting options to subscribe for Shares under the 2022 Share Option Scheme and allotting and issuing from time to time such number of Shares as may be required to be issued pursuant to the exercise of the options under the 2022 Share Option Scheme and subject to the Listing Rules;

- (iv) making application at the appropriate time or times to the Stock Exchange and any other stock exchanges upon which the issued Shares may, for the time being, be listed, for listing of, and permission to deal in, any Shares which may hereafter from time to time be allotted and issued pursuant to the exercise of the options under the 2022 Share Option Scheme; and
- (v) to consent, if it so deems fit and expedient, to such conditions, modifications and/or variations as may be required or imposed by the relevant authorities in relation to the 2022 Share Option Scheme; and

## SPECIAL RESOLUTION

5. To consider and, if thought fit, pass with or without modification, the following resolution as special resolution of the Company:-

### "THAT:

- (a) the proposed amendments (the "**Proposed Amendments**") to the Articles of Association of the Company currently in force (the "**Articles**"), the details of which are set forth in Appendix IV to this circular, be and are hereby approved;
- (b) the amended and restated articles of association of the Company (incorporating the Proposed Amendments) (the "**New Articles of Association**") produced to this meeting, be and are hereby approved and adopted as the articles of association of the Company in substitution for, and to the exclusion of, the Articles with immediate effect; and
- (c) any one director of the Company be and is hereby authorised to do all such acts and things and execute all such documents, deeds and make all such arrangements that he shall, in his absolute discretion, deem necessary or expedient to give effect to the Proposed Amendments and the adoption of the New Articles of Association."

By Order of the Board Vongroup Limited Tsui Siu Hung Raymond Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 7 October 2022

Notes:

- i. A shareholder entitled to attend and vote at the meeting convened by this notice is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend and, subject to the provisions of the articles of association of the Company, vote in his stead. A proxy need not be a shareholder of the Company.
- ii. To be valid, the form of proxy together with a power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which it is signed or a certified copy of such power or authority must be deposited at the offices of the Company's Hong Kong Branch Share Registrar, Tricor Tengis Limited at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong not later than 48 hours before the time of the meeting or any adjourned meeting.
- iii. In accordance with the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, an explanatory statement containing further details regarding Resolution B set out in item 4 of this notice is set out in Appendix I to the circular to shareholders of the Company.
- iv. The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing under the hand of the appointer or his attorney duly authorised in writing or, if the appointer is a corporation, either under its common seal or under the hand of an officer or attorney or other person duly authorised.
- v. Delivery of the form of proxy will not preclude a member from attending and voting in person at the meeting convened and in such event, the form of proxy shall be deemed to be revoked.
- (vi) In order to determine entitlement to attend and vote at the meeting, the register of members of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, 26 October 2022 to Monday, 31 October 2022, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of the shares of the Company can be registered. Shareholders are reminded to ensure that all completed share transfer forms accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's share registrar, Tricor Tengis Limited, at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong not later than 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 25 October 2022.

As at the date of this notice, the board of the Company comprises two executive Directors, namely: Vong Tat Ieong David and Xu Siping; and three independent non-executive Directors, namely: Fung Ka Keung David, Lam Lee G. and Wong Man Ngar Edna.