



# FOUR SEAS MERCANTILE HOLDINGS LIMITED

## 四洲集團有限公司

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

(Stock Code: 374)

### REMUNERATION COMMITTEE – TERMS OF REFERENCE

#### 1. Membership

- 1.1 The Remuneration Committee shall be appointed by the board of directors of the Company (the “Board”).
- 1.2 The majority of the members (the “Members”) of the Remuneration Committee shall be independent non-executive directors.
- 1.3 The chairman of the Remuneration Committee shall be an independent non-executive director and appointed by the Board.

#### 2. Secretary

- 2.1 The Remuneration Committee may from time to time appoint a person with appropriate qualification and experience as the secretary of the Remuneration Committee.

#### 3. Meetings

- 3.1 The Remuneration Committee shall meet at least once a year.
- 3.2 Notice of any meetings has to be given at least 14 days prior to any such meeting being held, unless all Members unanimously waive such notice. Irrespective of the length of notice being given, attendance of a meeting by a Member shall be deemed waiver of the requisite length of notice by the Member. Notice of any adjourned meetings is not required if adjournment is for less than 14 days.
- 3.3 The quorum of the Remuneration Committee shall be any two Members.
- 3.4 Meetings could be held in person, by telephone or by video conference. Members may participate in a meeting by means of a conference telephone or similar communications equipment or through electronic means of communications by means of which all persons participating in the meeting are capable of hearing each other.
- 3.5 Resolutions of the Remuneration Committee at any meetings shall be passed by a majority of votes of the Members present.
- 3.6 A resolution in writing signed by all the Members of the Remuneration Committee shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Remuneration Committee duly convened and held.

- 3.7 Full minutes shall be kept by the secretary of the Remuneration Committee. Draft and final versions of minutes shall be circulated to all Members for their comment and records within a reasonable period of time after the meeting. Such minutes shall be open for directors' inspection.

#### **4. Attendance at Meetings**

- 4.1 At the invitation of the Remuneration Committee, the chairman of the Board and/or the managing director of the Company, external advisers and other persons may be invited to attend all or part of any meetings.
- 4.2 Only Members of the Remuneration Committee are entitled to vote at the meetings.

#### **5. Annual General Meetings**

- 5.1 The chairman of the Remuneration Committee or in his/her absence, another Member of the Remuneration Committee or failing this a duly appointed delegate, shall attend the Company's annual general meetings (the "AGMs") and be available to answer questions at the AGMs.

#### **6. Responsibilities, Powers and Discretion**

The Remuneration Committee shall have the following responsibilities, powers and discretion:-

- 6.1 to make recommendations to the Board on the Company's policy and structure for the remuneration of all directors and senior management and on the establishment of a formal and transparent procedure for developing remuneration policy;
- 6.2 to review and approve the management's remuneration proposals with reference to the Board's corporate goals and objectives;
- 6.3 to make recommendations to the Board on the remuneration packages of individual executive directors and senior management. This should include but without limitation, basic salaries, benefits in kind, pension rights and compensation payments, including any compensation payable for loss or termination of their office or appointment. The chairman of the Board and/or the managing director of the Company shall be consulted respectively about their proposals relating to the remuneration of other executive directors and senior management, as the case may be;
- 6.4 to make recommendations to the Board on the remuneration of non-executive directors;
- 6.5 to consider salaries paid by comparable companies, time commitment and responsibilities and employment conditions elsewhere in the group;
- 6.6 to review and approve compensation payable to executive directors and senior management for any loss or termination of office or appointment to ensure that it is consistent with contractual terms and is otherwise fair and not excessive;

- 6.7 to review and approve compensation arrangements relating to dismissal or removal of directors for misconduct to ensure that they are consistent with contractual terms and are otherwise reasonable and appropriate;
- 6.8 to review and/or approve matters relating to share schemes under Chapter 17 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited; and
- 6.9 to ensure that no director or any of his/her associates is involved in deciding his/her own remuneration.

## **7. Reporting Responsibilities**

- 7.1 The Remuneration Committee shall report to the Board when appropriate.

## **8. Authority**

- 8.1 The Remuneration Committee is authorised by the Board to seek any remuneration related information it requires from the senior management of the Company in order to perform its duties.
- 8.2 The Remuneration Committee is authorised by the Board where necessary to have access to independent professional advice.
- 8.3 The Remuneration Committee shall be provided with sufficient resources to perform its duties.

## **9. Publication of the Terms of Reference**

- 9.1 The terms of reference will be posted on the websites of the Company and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited. A copy of the terms of reference will be made available to any person without charge upon request.

*If there is any inconsistency between the English and Chinese versions of these terms of reference, the English version shall prevail.*

*Remarks: “senior management” refers to the same persons referred to in the Company’s annual report and required to be disclosed under paragraph 12 of Appendix 16 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.*