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# **CLSA Premium Limited**

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability) (Stock Code: 6877)

#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

PROPOSALS FOR (1) PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION AND THE ADOPTION OF THE AMENDED AND RESTATED ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION; (2) RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; AND (3) GRANT OF GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE NEW SHARES AND REPURCHASE SHARES

A notice convening the Company's annual general meeting to be held at 17/F., One Pacific Place, 88 Queensway, Hong Kong on Friday, 12 May 2023 at 10:30 a.m. (Hong Kong time) (the "AGM") (or in the event that a black rainstorm warning signal or tropical cyclone warning signal no. 8 or above is in force in Hong Kong at 7:30 a.m. on that day, at the same time and place on Monday, 15 May 2023) or any adjournment thereof at which proposal(s) as set out on pages 66 to 71 of this circular will be considered. A form of proxy for use at the AGM is enclosed with this circular. Such form of proxy is also published on the websites of the Company (www.clsapremium.com) and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (www.hkexnews.hk). Irrespective of whether you are able to attend the AGM, please complete the accompanying form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and deposit the same at the Company's Branch Share Registrar and Transfer Office in Hong Kong, Union Registrars Limited, at Suites 3301-04, 33/F., Two Chinachem Exchange Square, 338 King's Road, North Point, Hong Kong as soon as possible and no less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding 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 AGM or any adjournment thereof should you so wish and in such case, the form of proxy previously submitted shall be deemed to be revoked.

In the event of any inconsistency, the English version of this circular shall prevail over the Chinese version.

No refreshment and corporate gifts will be provided at the AGM.

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# **DEFINITIONS**

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

"AGM"	the Company's annual general meeting to be held at 17/F., One Pacific Place, 88 Queensway, Hong Kong on Friday, 12 May 2023 at 10:30 a.m. (Hong Kong time) (or in the event that a black rainstorm warning signal or tropical cyclone warning signal no. 8 or above is in force in Hong Kong at 7:30 a.m. on that day, at the same time and place on Monday, 15 May 2023) and any adjournment thereof to consider and, if thought fit, to approve, among other things, the proposal for (i) the amendments to the Acticles; (ii) re-election of Directors; and (iii) grant of the General Mandate (including the extended General Mandate) and the Repurchase Mandate
"Amended and Restated Articles of Association"	the amended and restated articles of association of the Company incorporating and consolidating the Proposed Amendments as set out in the Appendix I to this circular
"Article(s)"	the Company's current articles of association
"Board"	the board of Directors
"Company"	CLSA Premium Limited, an exempted company incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability and the issued Shares of which are listed on the main board of the Stock Exchange
"core connected person(s)"	has the meaning ascribed thereto under the Listing Rules
"Director(s)"	the Company's director(s)
"General Mandate"	the general mandate proposed to be granted to the Directors at the AGM to issue further new Shares not exceeding 20% of the number of the issued Shares as at the date of granting of the General Mandate
"Group"	the Company and its subsidiaries from time to time

# **DEFINITIONS**

"Hong Kong"	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China
"HK\$"	Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong
"Latest Practicable Date"	31 March 2023, being the latest practicable date prior to the printing of this circular for ascertaining certain information contained herein
"Listing Rules"	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange
"Proposed Amendments"	the proposed amendments to the Articles as set out in the Appendix I to this circular
"Repurchase Mandate"	the repurchase mandate proposed to be granted to the Directors at the AGM to repurchase up to 10% of the number of issued Shares as at the date of granting of the Repurchase Mandate
"SFO"	the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong) as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time
"Share(s)"	ordinary share(s) of HK\$0.01 each in the Company's share capital or if there has been a subsequent subdivision, consolidation, reclassification or reconstruction of the share capital of the Company, shares forming part of the ordinary equity share capital of the Company
"Shareholder(s)"	holder(s) of the Share(s)
"Stock Exchange"	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
"Takeovers Code"	the Code on Takeovers and Mergers and Share Buy-backs
"%"	per cent.



# **CLSA Premium Limited**

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability) (Stock Code: 6877)

#### **Executive Directors:**

Mr. Yuan Feng *(Deputy Chief Executive Officer)* Mr. Chung Cheuk Fan Marco

*Non-executive Directors:* Mr. Li Jiong *(Chairman)* Mr. Xu Jianqiang

#### Independent non-executive Directors:

Mr. Wu Jianfeng Ms. Hu Zhaoxia Mr. Ma Xufei

#### **Registered Office:**

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12 April 2023

To the Shareholders

Dear Sirs,

#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### **PROPOSALS FOR**

# (1) PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION AND THE ADOPTION OF THE AMENDED AND RESTATED ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION; (2) RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; AND (3) GRANT OF GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE NEW SHARES AND REPURCHASE SHARES

#### INTRODUCTION

Reference is made to the Company's announcement dated 13 March 2023 with respect to the Proposed Amendments and the adoption of the Amended and Restated Articles of Association. This circular provides information regarding the resolutions to be proposed at the AGM, inter alia, (1) the Proposed Amendments and the adoption of the Amended and Restated Articles of Association;

(2) the re-election of the Directors; and (3) the grant to the Directors the General Mandate and the Repurchase Mandate upon the expiry of the current general mandates to issue Shares and repurchase Shares granted to the Directors at the Company's annual general meeting held on 13 May 2022.

# PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES AND ADOPTION OF THE AMENDED AND RESTATED ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

The Board proposed to make the Proposed Amendments and to adopt the Amended and Restated Articles Association for purpose of (i) bringing the Articles in line with amendments to the Listing Rules and the other regulatory updates; (ii) clarifying the powers of the Shareholders and the Board and enhancing corporate governance; and (iii) allowing all general meetings to be held by physical, electronic or hybrid meetings:

Some of the major changes to the Articles to be made by the Proposed Amendments include:

- (a) to clarify the matters that require Shareholders' approval;
- (b) to clarify the matters that require the Board's approval;
- (c) to set out the criteria for the appointment of senior management executives and the appointment procedures;
- (d) to allow all general meetings (including an annual general meeting or extraordinary general meeting or any adjourned meeting) to be held as a physical meeting in Hong Kong or such other territory and/or as a hybrid meeting or as an electronic meeting;
- (e) to provide for the proceedings and requirements of general meetings which are held at one or more locations, or as a hybrid meeting or an electronic meeting, and the powers of the Board and the chairman of the general meeting in relation thereto;
- (f) to provide that votes are allowed to be cast by electronic means, and proxy may be submitted electronically;
- (g) to amend existing definitions and insert new definitions and make consequential changes relating to the Proposed Amendments;

- (h) to the extent not provided in the applicable laws of Cayman Islands, amendments to conform with the Core Shareholders Protection Standards as set out in Appendix 3 to the Listing Rules effective from 1 January 2022; and
- (i) other tidy up, house-keeping amendments and to update the Articles to reflect the amendments to the Listing Rules since the Articles were last updated.

In the event that any of the above matters is subject to any additional requirements under any applicable laws, regulations and rules (including under the Listing Rules), the Company will comply with all such requirements.

The details of the Proposed Amendments are set out in the Appendix I to this circular. The Proposed Amendments are prepared in the English language. The Chinese translation of the Proposed Amendments is for reference only. In case there are any inconsistencies between the English version and the Chinese version, the English version shall prevail.

The legal advisors to the Company have confirmed that the Proposed Amendments conform with the requirements of the Listing Rules and the laws of the Cayman Islands respectively.

The Proposed Amendments and the proposed adoption of the Amended and Restated Articles of Association were approved at the Board meeting held on 13 March 2023. A special resolution will be proposed at the AGM to approve the Proposed Amendments and the adoption of the Amended and Restated Articles of Association. The proposed adoption of the Amended and Restated Articles of Association shall be subject to all necessary approvals, authorisations or registrations (if applicable) to be obtained from or filed with the relevant governmental or regulatory authorities.

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

Pursuant to Article 84, at each annual general meeting one-third of the Directors for the time being (or, if their number is not a multiple of three (3), the number nearest to but not less than one-third) shall retire from office by rotation provided that every Director shall be subject to retirement at an annual general meeting at least once every three years. All the retiring Directors shall be eligible for re-election.

Pursuant to the Article 83(3), any Director appointed by the Board to fill a casual vacancy shall hold office until the first general meeting of Members after his appointment and be subject to re-election at such meeting.

In accordance with the Article as mentioned above, each of Mr. Yuan Feng, Mr. Wu Jianfeng, Ms. Hu Zhaoxia and Mr. Ma Xufei shall retire from office by rotation at the AGM. All of the abovementioned Directors, being eligible, will offer themselves for re-election as executive Director/independent non-executive Director (as the case may be) at the AGM.

Pursuant to Rule 13.74 of the Listing Rules, a listed issuer shall disclose the details required under Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules of any director(s) proposed to be re-elected or proposed new director in the notice or accompanying circular to its shareholders of the relevant general meeting, if such re-election or appointment is subject to shareholders' approval at that relevant general meeting. The requisite details of the abovementioned Directors proposed to be re-elected at the AGM are set out in Appendix III to this circular.

#### GENERAL MANDATE AND REPURCHASE MANDATE

At the AGM, an ordinary resolution will be proposed such that the Directors be given an unconditional general mandate (i.e. the General Mandate) to allot, issue and deal with unissued Shares or the Company's underlying shares (other than by way of rights issue or pursuant to a share option scheme for the Company's and/or any of its subsidiaries' Directors or employees or pursuant to any scrip dividend scheme or similar arrangements providing for the allotment and issue of Shares in lieu of whole or part of the dividend on Shares in accordance with the Articles) or make or grant offers, agreements, options and warrants which might require the exercise of such power, of an aggregate amount of up to 20% of the number of the issued Shares as at the date of granting of the General Mandate.

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

At the annual general meeting of the Company held on 13 May 2022, general mandates were granted to the Board to exercise the powers of the Company to repurchase Shares and to issue new Shares respectively. Up to the Latest Practicable Date, such mandates have not been used and, if not used by the date of the AGM, will lapse at the conclusion of the AGM. In order to give the Company the flexibility to issue and repurchase Shares if and when appropriate, the following ordinary resolutions will be proposed at the AGM to approve the granting of new general mandates to the Directors:

(a) to purchase Shares, on the Stock Exchange or on any other stock exchange recognized by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong and the Stock Exchange not exceeding 10% of the total number of issued Shares as at the date of passing such resolution (i.e. not exceeding 203,329,000 Shares, on the basis that the Company's existing issued share capital of 2,033,290,000 Shares remains unchanged as at the date of the AGM) (the "**Repurchase Mandate**");

- (b) to allot, issue or deal with Shares not exceeding 20% of the total number of issued Shares as at the date of passing such resolution (i.e. not exceeding 406,658,000 Shares, on the basis that the Company's existing issued share capital of 2,033,290,000 Shares remains unchanged as at the date of the AGM); and
- (c) to extend the General Mandate by adding the number of Shares repurchased by the Company pursuant to and in accordance with the Repurchase Mandate.

The Repurchase Mandate and the General Mandate (including the extended General Mandate) will continue in force until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company held after the AGM or any earlier date as referred to in the proposed ordinary resolutions contained in items 9 and 10 of the notice of AGM as set out on pages 66 to 71 of this circular.

In accordance with the requirements of the Listing Rules, the Company shall send to the Shareholders an explanatory statement containing all the information reasonably necessary to enable them to make an informed decision on whether to vote for or against the granting of the Repurchase Mandate. The explanatory statement as required by the Listing Rules in connection with the Repurchase Mandate is set out in Appendix II to this circular.

#### AGM

The notice convening the AGM to be held at 17/F., One Pacific Place, 88 Queensway, Hong Kong on Friday, 12 May 2023 at 10:30 a.m. (Hong Kong time) (or in the event that a black rainstorm warning signal or tropical cyclone warning signal no. 8 or above is in force in Hong Kong at 7:30 a.m. on that day, at the same time and place on Monday, 15 May 2023) or any adjournment thereof at which the above proposals will be considered is set out on pages 66 to 71 of this circular. A special resolution will be proposed at the AGM to approve the Proposed Amendments and the adoption of the Amended and Restated Articles of Association.

Pursuant to the Listing Rules, any vote of Shareholders at a general meeting must be taken by poll. Accordingly, all the proposed resolutions will be put to vote by way of poll at the AGM. An announcement on the poll results will be made by the Company after the AGM in the manner prescribed under Rule 13.39(5) of the Listing Rules.

A form of proxy for use at the AGM is enclosed with this circular. Such form of proxy is also published on the websites of the Company (www.clsapremium.com) and the Stock Exchange (www.hkexnews.hk). Irrespective of whether you are able to attend the AGM, please complete the accompanying form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return it, together with the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed or a certified copy of that power of attorney or authority, to the Company's Branch Share Registrar and Transfer Office in Hong Kong, Union Registrars Limited, at Suites 3301-04, 33/F., Two Chinachem Exchange Square, 338 King's Road, North Point, Hong Kong, as soon as possible and no less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the AGM (i.e. not later than 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, 10 May 2023 (Hong Kong time)) or any adjournment thereof. Completion and delivery of the form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting in person at the AGM or any adjournment thereof should you so wish and in such case, the form of proxy previously submitted shall be deemed to be revoked.

#### **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.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board considers the proposals for (1) the Proposed Amendments and adoption of the Amended and Restated Articles of Association; (2) re-election of Directors; and (3) grant of the General Mandate (including the extended General Mandate) and the Repurchase Mandate are in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole. Accordingly, the Directors recommend the Shareholders to vote in favour of the relevant resolutions to be proposed at the AGM.

#### GENERAL

To the best of the Directors' knowledge, information and belief, having made all reasonable enquiries, no Shareholder is required to abstain from voting on any resolutions to be proposed at the AGM.

Your attention is drawn to the information as set out in the appendices to this circular.

Yours faithfully, By Order of the Board **CLSA Premium Limited Yuan Feng** *Executive Director* 

# **APPENDIX I**

Set out below are the Proposed Amendments with marked-up in the proposed Amended and Restated Articles of Association.

		Proposed Amendments to the Articles	
		TABLE A	
1.	The regulations in 7 not apply to the Cor	Table A in the Schedule to the Companies Law (Act (As Revised) do mpany.	
	INTERPRETATION		
2.	(1)		
	WORD	MEANING	
	<u>"Act"</u>	the Companies Act, Cap. 22 (Act 3 of 1961, as consolidated and revised) of the Cayman Islands.	
	<u>"announcement"</u>	an official publication of a Notice or document of the Company, including a publication, subject to and to such extent permitted by the Listing Rules, by electronic communication or by advertisement published in the newspapers or in such manner or means ascribed and permitted by the Listing Rules and applicable laws.	
	"associate"	has the meaning attributed to it in the rules of the Designated Stock Exchange.	
	<del>"business day"</del>	shall mean a day on which the Designated Stock Exchange generally is open for the business of dealing in securities in Hong Kong. For the avoidance of doubt, where the Designated Stock Exchange is closed for the business of dealing in securities in Hong Kong on a business day by reason of a Number 8 or higher typhoon signal, black rainstorm warning or other similar event, such day shall for the purposes of these Articles be counted as a business day.	
	<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.	

	Proposed Amendments to the Articles
"dollars" <u>, "HK\$"</u> and "\$"	Hong Kong dollars, the legal currency of Hong Kong
<u>"electronic</u> communication"	a communication sent, transmitted, conveyed and received by wir by radio, by optical means or by other electron magnetic means any form through any medium.
<u>"electronic</u> meeting"	a general meeting held and conducted wholly and exclusively lever the virtual attendance and participation by Members and/or proxies lever means of electronic facilities.
<u>"Group"</u>	the Company and its subsidiaries.
<u>"hybrid meeting"</u>	a general meeting convened for the (i) physical attendance Members and/or proxies at the Principal Meeting Place at where applicable, one or more Meeting Locations and (ii) virtuattendance and participation by Members and/or proxies by mean of electronic facilities.
"Listing Rules"	rules of the Designated Stock Exchange.
"Meeting Location"	has the meaning given to it in Article 64A.
<u>"Law"</u>	The Companies Law, Cap. 22 (Law 3 of 1961, as consolidated as revised) of the Cayman Islands.
"physical meeting"	a general meeting held and conducted by physical attendance as participation by Members and/or proxies at the Principal Meeting Place and/or where applicable, one or more Meeting Locations.
<u>"Principal Meeting</u> <u>Place"</u>	shall have the meaning given to it in Article 59(2).

Proposed Amendments to the Articles	
"special resolution"	a resolution shall be a special resolution when it has been passed by a majority of not less than three fourthstwo-thirds of votes cast by such Members as, being entitled so to do, vote in person or, in the case of such Members as are corporations, by their respective duly authorised representative or, where proxies are allowed, by proxy at a general meeting of which Notice has been duly given in accordance with Article 59, and where a matter (including the matters under Article 10, Article 162(2) and Article 166) is required by the Listing Rules to be approved by a majority of not less than three-fourths of votes cast by Members as aforesaid, for purpose of these Articles, a special resolution shall mean a supermajority resolution; a special resolution shall be effective for any purpose for which an ordinary resolution is expressed to be required under any provision
<u>"supermajority</u> <u>resolution"</u>	of these Articles or the Statutes. <u>a resolution been passed by a majority of not less than three-</u> <u>fourths of votes cast by such Members as, being entitled so to do,</u> <u>vote in person or, in the case of such Members as are corporations,</u> <u>by their respective duly authorised representative or, where proxies</u> <u>are allowed, by proxy at a general meeting of which Notice has</u> <u>been duly given in accordance with Article 59;</u>
	a supermajority 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"	the <u>ActLaw</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- Company"	have the meanings attributed to them in the rules of the Designated Stock Exchange.
"substantial shareholder"	a person who is entitled to exercise, or to control the exercise of, 10% or more (or such other percentage as may be prescribed by the rules of the Designated Stock ExchangeListing Rules from time to time) of the voting power at any general meeting of the Company.

- (2) ...
  - (e) expressions referring to writing shall, unless the contrary intention appears, be construed as including printing, lithography, photography and other modes of representing words or figures in a or reproducing words or figures in a legible and non-transitory form or, to the extent permitted by and in accordance with the Statutes and other applicable laws, rules and regulations, any visible substitute for writing (including an electronic communication), or modes of representing or reproducing words partly in one visible form and partly in another visible form, and including where the representation takes the form of electronic display, provided that both the mode of service of the relevant document or noticeNotice and the Member's election comply with all applicable Statutes, rules and regulations;
  - (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 electronic communication or by any other method and references to a noticeNotice or document include a noticeNotice 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;
  - Section 8 and Section 19 of the Electronic Transactions LawAct (2003) 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-;
  - (j) references to the right of a Member to speak at an electronic meeting or a hybrid meeting shall include the right to raise questions or make statements to the chairman of the meeting, verbally or in written form, by means of electronic facilities. Such a right shall be deemed to have been duly exercised if the questions or statements may be heard or seen by all or only some of the persons present at the meeting (or only by the chairman of the meeting) in which event the chairman of the meeting shall relay the questions raised or the statements made verbatim to all persons present at the meeting, either orally or in writing using electronic facilities;
  - (k) a reference to a meeting: (a) shall mean a meeting convened and held in any manner permitted by these Articles and any Member or Director attending and participating at a meeting by means of electronic facilities shall be deemed to be present at that meeting for all purposes of the Statutes and these Articles, and attend, participate, attending, participating, attendance and participation shall be construed accordingly, and (b) shall, where the context is appropriate, include a meeting that has been postponed by the Board pursuant to Article 64E;

- (l) references to a person's participation in the business of a general meeting include without limitation and as relevant the right (including, in the case of a corporation, through a duly authorised representative) to speak or communicate, vote, be represented by a proxy and have access in hard copy or electronic form to all documents which are required by the Statutes or these Articles to be made available at the meeting, and participate and participating in the business of a general meeting shall be construed accordingly;
- (m) references to electronic facilities include, without limitation, website addresses, webinars, webcast, video or any form of conference call systems (telephone, video, web or otherwise); and
- (n) 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.

#### SHARE CAPITAL

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- (2) Subject to the <u>ActLaw</u>, the Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association and, where applicable, the <u>Listing Rules rules of any Designated Stock Exchange</u> and/or <u>rules of</u> any competent regulatory authority, the Company shall have the power to purchase or otherwise acquire its own shares and such power shall be exercisable by the Board in such manner, upon such terms and subject to such conditions as it in its absolute discretion thinks fit and any determination by the Board of the manner of purchase shall be deemed authorised by these Articles for purposes of the <u>LawAct</u>. The Company is hereby authorised to make payments in respect of the purchase of its shares out of capital or out of any other account or fund which can be authorised for this purpose in accordance with the <del>Law</del>Act.
- (3) Subject to compliance with the <u>Listing Rules and rules and regulations</u> of the <u>Designated Stock Exchange and any other relevantcompetent</u> regulatory authority, the Company may give financial assistance for the purpose of or in connection with a purchase made or to be made by any person of any shares in the Company.
- (4) The Board may accept the surrender for no consideration of any fully paid share.
- (4)(5) 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 LawAct alter the conditions of its Memorandum of Association to:
  - (d) sub-divide its shares, or any of them, into shares of smaller amount than is fixed by the Company's 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;
- 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 capital redemption reserve or other undistributable reserve in any manner permitted by law.

#### SHARE RIGHTS

- 8. (1) Subject to the provisions of the <u>LawAct</u> 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 Board may determine.
- 9. (2) Subject to the provisions of the LawAct, the rules of any Designated Stock ExchangeListing 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 fit.
- 9. 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 <u>of nominal value of the issued sharesthe voting rights of the holders of</u> that class or with the sanction of a special resolution passed at a separate general meeting of the holders of these Articles relating to general meetings of the Company shall, mutatis mutandis, apply, but so that:
  - (a) the necessary quorum (other thanincluding 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.

#### 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 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.

- 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.
- 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 or with the Seal printed thereon and shall specify the number and class and distinguishing numbers (if any) of the shares to which it relates, and the amount paid up thereon and may otherwise be in such form as the Directors may from time to time determine. The Seal may only be affixed or imprinted to a share certificate with the authority of the Directors, or be executed under the signature of appropriate officials with statutory authority, unless otherwise determined by the Directors. 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.
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  - (2) Where a share stands in the names of two or more persons, the person first named in the Register shall as regards service of <u>noticesNotices</u> 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.
- 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.

#### 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 memberMember, and whether the period for the payment or discharge of the same shall have actually arrived or not, and notwithstanding that the same are joint debts or liabilities of such Member or his estate and any other person, whether a Member or not. The Company's lien on a share shall extend to all dividends or other moneys payable thereon or in respect thereof. The Board may at any time, generally or in any particular case, waive any lien that has arisen or declare any share exempt in whole or in part, from the provisions of this 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 (14) clear days after a noticeNotice in writing, stating and demanding payment of the sum presently payable, or specifying the liability or engagement and demanding fulfilment or discharge thereof and giving noticeNotice 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.

#### 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 least fourteen (14) clear days' Notice specifying the time and place of payment) pay to the Company as required by such noticeNotice 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.

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 noticeNotice 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.

#### FORFEITURE OF SHARES

35. When any share has been forfeited, <u>noticeNotice</u> of the forfeiture shall be served upon the person who was before forfeiture the holder of the share. No forfeiture shall be invalidated by any omission or neglect to give such Notice.

#### **REGISTER OF MEMBERS**

44. The Register and branch register of Members, as the case may be, shall be open to inspection for at least two (2) hours during business hours by Members without charge or by any other person, upon a maximum payment of \$2.50 or such lesser sum specified by the Board, at the Office or such other place at which the Register is kept in accordance with the LawAct or, if appropriate, upon a maximum payment of \$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 or any other newspapers in accordance with the requirements of any Designated Stock Exchange or by any electronic means in such manner as may be accepted by the Designated Stock Exchange to that effect, be closed at such times or for such periods not exceeding in the whole thirty (30) days in each year as the Board may determine and either generally or in respect of any class of shares.

#### **RECORD DATES**

- 45. <u>Subject to the Listing Rules</u>, Nnotwithstanding 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 <u>notice</u> Notice of and to vote at any general meeting of the Company.

#### TRANSFER OF SHARES

46. (1) 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.

Proposed Amendments to the Articles		
	(2)	Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (1) above, for so long as any shares are listed on the Designated Stock Exchange, titles to such listed shares may be evidenced and transferred in accordance with the laws applicable to and the rules of the Designated Stock Exchange that are or shall be applicable to such listed shares. The register of members of the Company in respect of its listed shares (whether the Register or a branch register) may be kept by recording the particulars required by Section 40 of the Act in a form otherwise than legible if such recording otherwise complies with the laws applicable to and the rules of the Designated Stock Exchange that are or shall be applicable to such listed shares.
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	(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 at which the Register is kept in accordance with the <u>LawAct</u> .
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		(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

51. The registration of transfers of shares or of any class of shares may, after notice has been given by <u>announcement or by electronic communication or by</u> advertisement in any newspapers or by any other means in accordance with the requirements of any Designated Stock Exchange <u>or by electronic means or other means in such manner as may be</u> accepted by the Designated Stock Exchange to that effect be suspended at such times and for such periods (not exceeding in the whole thirty (30) days in any year) as the Board may determine. The period of thirty (30) days may be extended in respect of any year if approved by the Members by ordinary resolution.

#### **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 adoption of these Articles <u>and such annual general</u> meeting must be held within six (6) months after the end of the Company's financial <u>year(within a period of not more than fifteen (15) months after the holding of the last</u> preceding annual general meeting or not more than eighteen (18) months after the date of adoption of these Articles, (unless a longer period would not infringe the <del>rules of</del> the Designated Stock ExchangeListing Rules, if any) at such time and place as may be determined by the Board. <u>A meeting of Members or any class thereof may be held by</u> means of such telephone, electronic or other communication facilities as to permit all persons participating in the meeting to communicate with each other simultaneously and instantaneously, and participation in such a meeting shall constitute presence at such meeting.
- 57. Each general meeting, other than an annual general meeting, shall be called an extraordinary general meeting. <u>All Ggeneral meetings (including an annual general meeting, any adjourned meeting or postponed meeting)</u> may be held as a physical meeting in any part of the world <u>and at one or more locations as provided in Article 64A, as a hybrid meeting or as an electronic meeting</u>, as may be determined by the Board <u>in its absolute discretion</u>.

58. The Board may whenever it thinks fit call extraordinary general meetings. Any one or more <u>MembersMember(s)</u> 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 per share basis, 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 or resolution specified in such requisition; and such meeting shall be held within two (2) months after the deposit of such requisition. If within twenty-one (21) days of such deposit the Board fails to proceed to convene such meeting the requisitionist(s) himself (themselves) may convene such a meetingdo 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 shallmust be called by Notice of not less than twenty-one (21) clear days and not less than twenty (20) clear business days and any extraordinary general meeting at which the passing of a special resolution is to be considered shall be called by Notice of not less than twenty-one (21) clear days and not less than ten (10) clear business days. All other general meetings (including extraordinary general meetings) must be may be called by Notice of not less than ten (10) clear business days but if permitted by the rules of the Designated Stock ExchangeListing 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 holdingrepresenting not less than ninety-five per cent. (95%) in nominal value of the issued shares giving that righttotal voting rights at the meeting of all the Members.

(2)The noticeNotice shall specify (a) the time and date of the meeting, (b) save for an electronic meeting, the place of the meeting and if there is more than one meeting location as determined by the Board pursuant to Article 64A, the principal place of the meeting (the "Principal Meeting Place"), (c) if the general meeting is to be a hybrid meeting or an electronic meeting, the Notice shall include a statement to that effect and with details of the electronic facilities for attendance and participation by electronic means at the meeting or where such details will be made available by the Company prior to the meeting, and (d) particulars of resolutions to be considered at the meeting and, in case of special business, the general nature of the business. The notice 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 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.

#### PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

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- (d) appointment of Auditors (where special notice of the intention for such appointment is not required by the LawAct) and other officers; and
- (e) the fixing of the remuneration of the Auditors, and the voting of remuneration or extra remuneration to the Directors<del>;</del>.
- (2) The following items are special business to be transacted at an annual general meeting:
  - (f)(a) 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 twenty per cent. (20%) in nominal value of its existing issued share capital; and
  - (g)(b) the granting of any mandate or authority to the Directors to repurchase securities of the Company.

- (3)(2) No business other than the appointment of a chairman of a meeting shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum is present at the commencement of the business. Two (2) Members entitled to vote and present in person or by proxy or, for quorum purposes only, two persons appointed by the clearing house as (in the case of a Member being a corporation) by its duly authorised representative or proxy shall form a quorum for all purposes.
- 61A. Subject to any approval threshold prescribed by the Act and the other provisions of the Articles, the Company may not transact or take any of the following business or action unless such business or action has been approved by the Members by at least an ordinary resolution:
  - (a) election and replacement of directors;
  - (b) change in equity or registered capital, and amendment to articles of association;
  - (c) merger, division; and
  - (d) dissolution or liquidation.
- 62. If within thirty (30) minutes (or such longer time not exceeding one hour as the chairman of the meeting may determine to wait) after the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting, if convened on the requisition of Members, shall be dissolved. In any other case it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and (where applicable) same place(s) or to such time and (where applicable) such place(s) and in such form and manner referred to in Article 57 as the chairman of the meeting (or in default the Board) may absolutely determine. If at such adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for holding the meeting, the meeting shall be dissolved.

- 63. The chairman of the Company or if there is more than one chairman, any one of them as may be agreed amongst themselves or failing such agreement, any one of them elected by all the Directors present shall preside as chairman at every a general meeting. If at any meeting then o 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 deputy chairman of the Company or if there is more than one deputy chairman, any one of them as may be agreed amongst themselves or failing such agreement, any one of them elected by all the Directors present shall preside as chairman. If no chairman or deputy chairman is present or is willing to act as chairman of the meeting, the Directors present shall choose one of their number to act, or if one Director only is present he shall preside as chairman if willing to act. If no Director is present, or if each of the Directors present declines to take the chair, or if the chairman chosen shall retire from the chair, the Members present in person or (in the case of a Member being a corporation) by its duly authorised representative or by proxy and entitled to vote shall elect one of their number to be chairman of the meeting.
- 64. <u>Subject to Article 64C</u>, <u>The chairman may</u>, <u>(withwithout</u> the consent of <u>anythe</u> meeting at which a quorum is present) or (and shall if so directed by the meeting), adjourn the meeting from time to time (or indefinitely) and/or from place to place(s) and/or from one form to another (a physical meeting, a hybrid meeting or an electronic meeting) as the meeting shall determine, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business which might lawfully have been transacted at the meeting had the adjournment not taken place. When a meeting is adjourned for fourteen (14) days or more, at least seven (7) clear days' noticeNotice of the adjourned meeting shall be given specifying the time and place of the adjourned meetingdetails set out in Article 59(2) but it shall not be necessary to specify in such noticeNotice 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 noticeNotice of an adjournment.

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

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

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

- 64D. Board and, at any general meeting, the chairman of the meeting may make any arrangement and impose any requirement or restriction the Board or the chairman of the meeting, as the case may be, considers appropriate to ensure the security and orderly conduct of a meeting (including, without limitation, requirements for evidence of identity to be produced by those attending the meeting, the searching of their personal property and the restriction of items that may be taken into the meeting place, determining the number and frequency of and the time allowed for questions that may be raised at a meeting). Members shall also comply with all requirements or restrictions imposed by the owner of the premises at which the meeting is held. Any decision made under this Article shall be final and conclusive and a person who refuses to comply with any such arrangements, requirements or restrictions may be refused entry to the meeting or ejected (physically or electronically) from the meeting.
- 64E. If, after the sending of Notice of a general meeting but before the meeting is held, or after the adjournment of a meeting but before the adjourned meeting is held (whether or not Notice of the adjourned meeting is required), the Directors, in their absolute discretion, consider that it is inappropriate, impracticable, unreasonable or undesirable for any reason to hold the general meeting on the date or at the time or place or by means of electronic facilities specified in the Notice calling the meeting, they may change or postpone the meeting to another date, time and/or place and/or change the electronic facilities and/or change the form of the meeting (a physical meeting, an electronic meeting or a hybrid meeting) without approval from the Members. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the Directors shall have the power to provide in every Notice calling a general meeting the circumstances in which a postponement of the relevant general meeting may occur automatically without further notice, including without limitation where a number 8 or higher typhoon signal, black rainstorm warning or other similar event is in force at any time on the day of the meeting. This Article shall be subject to the following:
  - (a) when a meeting is so postponed, the Company shall endeavour to post a Notice of such postponement on the Company's website as soon as practicable (provided that failure to post such a Notice shall not affect the automatic postponement of a meeting);

- (b) when only the form of the meeting or electronic facilities specified in the Notice are changed, the Board shall notify the Members of details of such change in such manner as the Board may determine;
- (c) when a meeting is postponed or changed in accordance with this Article, subject to and without prejudice to Article 64, unless already specified in the original Notice of the meeting, the Board shall fix the date, time, place (if applicable) and electronic facilities (if applicable) for the postponed or changed meeting and shall notify the Members of such details in such manner as the Board may determine; further all proxy forms shall be valid (unless revoked or replaced by a new proxy) if they are received as required by these Articles not less than 48 hours before the time of the postponed meeting; and
- (d) Notice of the business to be transacted at the postponed or changed meeting shall not be required, nor shall any accompanying documents be required to be recirculated, provided that the business to be transacted at the postponed or changed meeting is the same as that set out in the original Notice of general meeting circulated to the Members.
- 64F. All persons seeking to attend and participate in an electronic meeting or a hybrid meeting shall be responsible for maintaining adequate facilities to enable them to do so. Subject to Article 64C, any inability of a person or persons to attend or participate in a general meeting by way of electronic facilities shall not invalidate the proceedings of and/or resolutions passed at that meeting.
- 64G. Without prejudice to other provisions in Article 64, a physical meeting may also be held by means of such telephone, electronic or other communication facilities as permit all persons participating in the meeting to communicate with each other simultaneously and instantaneously, and participation in such a meeting shall constitute presence in person at such meeting.

#### VOTING

- Subject to any special rights or restrictions as to voting for the time being attached 66. (1)to any shares by or in accordance with these Articles, at any general meeting (a) 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; and on a show of hands, every Member present in such manner shall have one vote. A resolution put to the vote of a meeting shall be decided by way of a poll save that in cases of physical meeting, the chairman of the meeting may in good faith, allow a resolution which relates purely to a procedural or administrative matter to be voted on by a show of hands in which case every Member present in person (or being a corporation, is present by a duly authorizsed representative), or by proxy(ies) shall have one vote provided that where more than one proxy is appointed by a Member which is a clearing house (or its nominee(s)), each such proxy shall have one vote on a show of hands. For purposes of this 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.
  - (2) Where In the case of a physical meeting where a show of hands is allowed, before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands, a poll may be demanded:
    - (a) by at least three Members present in person or in the case of a Member being a corporation by its duly authorised representative or by proxy for the time being entitled to vote at the meeting; or
    - (b) by a Member or Members present in person or in the case of a Member being a corporation by its duly authorised representative or by proxy and representing not less than one-tenth of the total voting rights of all Members having the right to vote at the meeting; or

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

A demand by a person as proxy for a Member or in the case of a Member being a eorporation by its duly authorised representative shall be deemed to be the same as a demand by the Member.

- 67. Where a resolution is voted on by a show of hands, a declaration by the chairman that a resolution has been carried, or carried unanimously, or by a particular majority, or not carried by a particular majority, or lost, and an entry to that effect made in the minute book of the Company, shall be conclusive evidence of the facts without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded for or against the resolution. The result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting. The Company shall only be required to disclose the voting figures on a poll if such disclosure is required by the <del>rules of the Designated Stock Exchange</del>Listing Rules.
- 70. 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, the chairman of such meeting shall be entitled to a second or casting vote in addition to any other vote he may have.
- 72. (1) A Member who is a patient for any purpose relating to mental health or in respect of whom an order has been made by any court having jurisdiction for the protection or management of the affairs of persons incapable of managing their own affairs may vote, by his receiver, committee, *curator bonis* or other person in the nature of a receiver, committee or *curator bonis* appointed by such court, and such receiver, committee, *curator bonis* or other person may vote by proxy, and may otherwise act and be treated as if he were the registered holder of such shares for the purposes of general meetings, provided that such evidence as the Board may require of the authority of the person claiming to vote shall have been deposited at the Office, head office or Registration Office, as appropriate, not less than forty-eight (48) hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting, or adjourned meeting or postponed meeting, as the case may be.

(2) Any person entitled under 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 or postponed meeting, as the case may be, at which he proposes to vote, he shall satisfy the Board of his entitlement to such shares, or the Board shall have previously admitted his right to vote at such meeting in respect thereof.

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- (2) All Members have the right to (a) speak at a general meeting; and (b) vote at a general meeting except where a Member is required, by Listing Rules, to abstain from voting to approve the matter under consideration.
- (2)(3) Where the Company has knowledge that any Member is, under the rules of the Designated Stock ExchangeListing Rules, required to abstain from voting on any particular resolution of the Company or restricted to voting only for or only against any particular resolution of the Company, any votes cast by or on behalf of such Member in contravention of such requirement or restriction shall not be counted.

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

# **APPENDIX I**

#### **Proposed Amendments to the Articles**

#### PROXIES

- 76. The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in <u>such form as the Board may determine and</u> in the absence of such determination, shall be in writing under the hand ofsigned by the appointor or of his attorney duly authorised in writing or, if the appointor is a corporation, either under its seal or <u>under the hand ofsigned by</u> 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.
- 77. The Company may, at its absolute discretion, provide an electronic address for the (1)receipt of any document or information relating to proxies for a general meeting (including any instrument of proxy or invitation to appoint a proxy, any document necessary to show the validity of, or otherwise relating to, an appointment of proxy (whether or not required under these Articles) and notice of termination of the authority of a proxy). If such an electronic address is provided, the Company shall be deemed to have agreed that any such document or information (relating to proxies as aforesaid) may be sent by electronic means to that address, subject as hereafter provided and subject to any other limitations or conditions specified by the Company when providing the address. Without limitation, the Company may from time to time determine that any such electronic address may be used generally for such matters or specifically for particular meetings or purposes and, if so, the Company may provide different electronic addresses for different purposes. The Company may also impose any conditions on the transmission of and its receipt of such electronic communications including, for the avoidance of doubt, imposing any security or encryption arrangements as may be specified by the Company. If any document or information required to be sent to the Company under this Article is sent to the Company by electronic means, such document or information is not treated as validly delivered to or deposited with the Company if the same is not received by the Company at its designated electronic address provided in accordance with this Article or if no electronic address is so designated by the Company for the receipt of such document or information.

- The instrument appointing a proxy and (if required by the Board) the power of (2)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 noticeNotice convening the meeting (or, if no place is so specified at the Registration Office or the Office, as may be appropriate), of if the Company has provided an electronic address in accordance with the preceding paragraph, shall be received at the electronic address specified not less than forty-eight (48) hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting or postponed meeting at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote. No instrument appointing a proxy shall be valid after the expiration of twelve (12) months from the date named in it as the date of its execution, except at an adjourned meeting or postponed meeting in cases where the meeting was originally held within twelve (12) months from such date. Delivery of an instrument appointing a proxy shall not preclude a Member from attending and voting in person at the meeting convened and in such event, the instrument appointing a proxy shall be deemed to be revoked.
- 78. 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 noticeNotice of any meeting forms of instrument of proxy for use at the meeting. The instrument of proxy shall be deemed to confer authority to vote on any amendment of a resolution put to the meeting for which it is given as the proxy thinks fit. The instrument of proxy shall, unless the contrary is stated therein, be valid as well for any adjournment or postponement of the meeting as for the meeting to which it relates. The Board may decide, either generally or in any particular case, to treat a proxy appointment as valid notwithstanding that the appointment or any of the information required under these Articles has not been received in accordance with the requirements of these Articles. Subject to the aforesaid, if the proxy appointment and any of the information required under these Articles is not received in the manner set out in these Articles, the appointee shall not be entitled to vote in respect of the shares in question.

79. 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 noticeNotice convening the meeting or other document sent therewith) two (2) hours at least before the commencement of the meeting or adjourned meeting or postponed meeting, at which the instrument of proxy is used.

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(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 vote and, where a show of hands is allowed, the right to vote individually on a show of hands.

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## WRITTEN RESOLUTIONS OF MEMBERS

82. 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 noticeNotice 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.

# **Proposed Amendments to the Articles BOARD OF DIRECTORS** 83. . . . (2)Subject to the Articles and the LawAct, 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 to fill a casual vacancy shall hold office until the first general meeting of Members after his appointment and be subject to re-election at such meeting and any Director appointed by the Board as an addition to the existing Board shall hold office only until the next following annual general meeting of the Company and shall then be eligible for reelection. Neither a Director nor an alternate Director shall be required to hold any shares of (4)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 noticeNotice of and to attend and speak at any general meeting of the Company and of all classes of shares of the Company. . . . (6) A vacancy on the Board created by the removal of a Director under the provisions of subparagraph (5) above may be filled by the election or appointment by ordinary resolution of the Members at the meeting at which such Director is removed. ALTERNATE DIRECTORS 90. 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 by Notice to the Company from time to time direct.

# DIRECTORS' INTERESTS

- 98. Subject to the <u>LawAct</u> 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 whatsoever, 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 99 herein.
- 100. (1) A Director shall not vote (nor be counted in the quorum) on any resolution of the Board approving any contract or arrangement or any other proposal in which he or any of his <u>close</u> associates is materially interested, but this prohibition shall not apply to any of the following matters namely:
  - (i) any contract or arranagement for the giving of any security or indemnity either:-
    - (a) to such the Director or his close associate(s) any security or indemnity in respect of money lent by him or any of his associate(s) or obligations incurred or undertaken by him or any of his associate(s) them at the request of or for the benefit of the Company or any of its subsidiaries; or
    - (ii)(b) any contract or arrangement for the giving of any security or indemnity to a third party in respect of a debt or obligation of the Company or any of its subsidiaries for which the Director or his close associate(s) has himself/themselves assumed responsibility in whole or in part and whether alone or jointly under a guarantee or indemnity or by the giving of security;

- (iii)(ii) any contract or arrangementproposal 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 or arrangement concerning the benefit of employees of the Company or its subsidiaries including:
  - (a) the adoption, modification or operation of any employees' share scheme or any share incentive or share option scheme under which the Director or his close associate(s) may benefit; or
  - (b) the adoption, modification or operation of a pension fund or retirement, death or disability benefits scheme which relates to the Director, his close associate(s) and employee(s) of the Company or any of its subsidiaries and does not provide in respect of any Director, or his close associate(s), as such any privilege or advantage not generally accorded to the class of persons to which such scheme or fund relates;
- (iv) any contract or arrangement in which the Director or his <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;
- (v) any proposal or arrangement concerning the adoption, modification or operation of a share option scheme, a pension fund or retirement, death or disability benefits scheme or other arrangement which relates both to Directors or his associate(s) and to employees of the Company or of any of its subsidiaries and does not provide in respect of any Director, or his associate(s), as such any privilege or advantage not accorded generally to the class of persons to which such scheme or fund relates.

- (2) Where a Director or any of his associates holds a directorship in the Holding Company and/or a subsidiary of the Holding Company and a transaction is proposed to be entered into between (i) the Company and/or its subsidiaries and (ii) the Holding Company and/or such subsidiary of the Holding Company, for the avoidance of doubt, such Director shall be deemed materially interested in such transaction and shall not be entitled to vote nor be counted in the quorum on any resolution of the Board approving such transaction.
- (3) Any Director who has a material interest (or whose associates have a material interest) in the matters to be discussed and voted on in the meeting of the Board shall absent himself from participation in the discussion and voting on the relevant resolution, unless he is requested to attend such meeting of the Board by a majority of the independent non-executive Directors.
- (4)(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 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**

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  - (3) ...
    - (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 LawAct.

- (4) Except as would, if tThe Company shall not make any loan, directly or indirectly, to a Director or his close associate(s) if and to the extent it would be prohibited by the Companies Ordinance (Chapter 622 of the laws of Hong Kong) as 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 Law, the Company shall not directly or indirectly:
  - (i) 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 directly 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 101(4) shall only have effect for so long as the shares of the Company are listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

- 101A. The Company may not transact or take any of the following business or actions unless such business or action has been considered and approved by the Board:
  - (a) purchase, sale of assets or investment, borrowing, related party transaction or guarantee etc which exceeds 5% of net assets of the Company but does not attain 10% of net assets of the Company, and amounts to not less than RMB5 million or equivalent in other currencies;
  - (b) setting up internal management departments;
  - (c) appointment or dismissal of Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Risk Officer and decision on performance evaluation and remuneration of the aforesaid personnel; and
  - (d) significant matters involving compliance management, internal control, risk prevention.

# **BORROWING POWERS**

- 107. 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.
- 110. ...
  - (2) The Board shall cause a proper register to be kept, in accordance with the provisions of the <u>LawAct</u>, 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 <u>LawAct</u> in regard to the registration of charges and debentures therein specified and otherwise.

# **PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIRECTORS**

- 111. The Board may meet for the despatch of business, adjourn <u>or postpone</u> and otherwise regulate its meetings as it considers appropriate. Questions arising at any meeting shall be determined by a majority of votes. In the case of any equality of votes the chairman of the meeting shall have an additional or casting vote.
- 112. 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 whenever he/she shall be required to do so by any Director. Notice of a meeting of the Board shall be deemed to be duly given to a Director if it is given to such Director in writing or verbally (including in person or by telephone) or viaby electronic mail-means to an electronic address from time to time notified to the Company by such Director or (if the recipient consents to it being made available on a website) by making it available on a website or 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 any Director.
- 113. (2) Directors may participate in any meeting of the Board by means of a conference telephone, electronic 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.

- 115. The Board may elect <u>aone or more</u> chairman and one or more deputy chairman of its meetings and determine the period for which they are respectively to hold such office. If no chairman or deputy chairman is elected, or if at any meeting <u>neither theno</u> chairman <u>nor anyor</u> 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 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. A notification of consent to such resolution given by a Director in writing to the Board by any means (including by means of electronic communication) shall be deemed to be his/her signature to such resolution in writing for the purpose of this Article. Such resolution may be contained in one document or in several documents in like form each signed by one or more of the Directors or alternate Directors and for this purpose a facsimile signature of a Director or an alternate Director shall be treated as valid. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a resolution in writing shall not be passed in lieu of a meeting of the Board for the purposes of considering any matter or business in which a substantial shareholder of the Company or a Director has a conflict of interest and the Board has determined that such conflict of interest to be material.

# **Proposed Amendments to the Articles** MANAGERS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT 123A. Each senior management executive appointed by the Company must meet the following criteria or such other criteria as the Board may consider appropriate from time to time: be familiar with the relevant laws, regulations and business specifications, and have (a) no record of violation of law or irregularity during the past three years; and have five years or more of financial work experience in securities, funds or other (b) financial industry and the requisite business management ability necessary for performance of duties. **OFFICERS** 124. (1) The officers of the Company shall consist of at least one 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 LawAct 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 placeDirectors may elect more than one chairman in such manner as the Directors may determine. 125. ... (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.

127. 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**

128. 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>.

# **DIVIDENDS AND OTHER PAYMENTS**

- 133. Subject to the <u>LawAct</u>, 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.
- 134. 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. With the sanction of an ordinary resolution dividends may also 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.

## RESERVES

143. (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. Unless otherwise provided by the provisions of these Articles, the Board 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.

## CAPITALISATION

- The Company may, upon the recommendation of the Board, at any time and from 144. (1) 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.
  - (2)Notwithstanding any provisions in these Articles, the Board may resolve to capitalise all or any part of any amount for the time being standing to the credit of any reserve or fund (including a share premium account and the profit and loss account) whether or not the same is available for distribution by applying such sum in paying up unissued shares to be allotted to (i) employees (including directors) of the Company and/or its affiliates (meaning any individual, corporation, partnership, association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated association or other entity (other than the Company) that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by or is under common control with, the Company) upon exercise or vesting of any options or awards granted under any share incentive scheme or employee benefit scheme or other arrangement which relates to such persons that has been adopted or approved by the Members at a general meeting, or (ii) any trustee of any trust to whom shares are to be allotted and issued by the Company in connection with the operation of any share incentive scheme or employee benefit scheme or other arrangement which relates to such persons that has been adopted or approved by the Members at a general meeting.

## SUBSCRIPTION RIGHTS RESERVE

146. The following provisions shall have effect to the extent that they are not prohibited by and are in compliance with the LawAct:

# ACCOUNTING RECORDS

- 147. 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.
- 150. Subject to due compliance with all applicable Statutes, rules and regulations, including, without limitation, the rules of the Designated Stock ExchangeListing Rules, and to obtaining all necessary consents, if any, required thereunder, the requirements of Article 149 shall be deemed satisfied in relation to any person by sending to the person in any manner not prohibited by the Statutes, summarised financial statements derived from the Company's annual accounts and the directors' report which shall be in the form and containing the information required by applicable laws and regulations, provided that any person who is otherwise entitled to the annual financial statements of the Company and the directors' report thereon may, if he so requires by notice in writing served on the Company, demand that the Company sends to him, in addition to summarised financial statements, a complete printed copy of the Company's annual financial statement and the directors' report thereon.
- 151. The requirement to send to a person referred to in Article 149 the documents referred to in that article or a summary financial report in accordance with Article 150 shall be deemed satisfied where, in accordance with all applicable Statutes, rules and regulations, including, without limitation, the rules of the Designated Stock ExchangeListing Rules, the Company publishes copies of the documents referred to in Article 149 and, if applicable, a summary financial report complying with Article 150, on the Company's computer network or in any other permitted manner (including by sending any form of electronic communication), and that person has agreed or is deemed to have agreed to treat the publication or receipt of such documents in such manner as discharging the Company's obligation to send to him a copy of such documents.

# AUDIT

- 152. (1) At the annual general meeting or at a subsequent extraordinary general meeting in each year, the Members shall by <u>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>ordinaryspecial</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.
- 153. Subject to the <u>LawAct</u> the accounts of the Company shall be audited at least once in every year.
- 154. The remuneration of the Auditor shall be fixed by the Company by ordinary resolution in general meeting or in such manner as the Members may by ordinary resolution determine.
- 155. 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 152(2), an Auditor appointed under this Article shall hold office until the next annual general meeting of the Company and shall then be subject to appointment by the Members under Article 152(2) at such remuneration to be determined by the Members under Article 154H the office of auditor becomes vacant by the resignation or death of the Auditor, or by his becoming incapable of acting by reason of illness or other disability at a time when his services are required, the Directors shall fill the vacancy and fix the remuneration of the Auditor so appointed.

# NOTICES

- 158. (1) Any Notice or document (including any "corporate communication" within the meaning ascribed thereto under the rules of the Designated Stock Exchange), Listing Rules), 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 <u>electronic</u> communication and any such Notice and document may be served given or delivered issued by the Company on or to any Member eitherfollowing means:
  - (a) by serving it personally <del>or</del> on the relevant person;
  - (b) by sending it through the post in a prepaid envelope addressed to such Member at his registered address as appearing in the Register or at any other address supplied by him to the Company for the purpose or, as the case may be, by transmitting it to any such address or transmitting it to any telex or; faesimile transmission number
  - (c) by delivering or leaving it at such address electronic number or leaving at such 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 as aforesaid;
  - (d) by placing an advertisement in appropriate newspapers or other publication and where applicable, in accordance with the requirements of the Designated Stock Exchange or, to the extent permitted by the;
  - (e)by sending or transmitting it as an electronic communication to the relevant<br/>person at such electronic address as he may provide under Article 158(5),<br/>subject to the Company complying with the Statutes and any other applicable<br/>laws, rules and regulations from time to time in force with regard to any<br/>requirements for the obtaining of consent (or deemed consent) from such<br/>person;

- (f) by placingpublishing it on the Company's website or the websiteto which relevant person may have access, subject to the Company complying with the Statutes and any other applicable laws, rules and regulations from time to time in force with regard to any requirements for the obtaining of the Designated Stock Exchange, consent (or deemed consent) from such person and/or for giving notification to the member a noticeany such person stating that the notice-or, other document or publication is available there on the Company's computer website (a "notice of availability")..."); or
- (g) by sending or otherwise making it available to such person through such other means to the extent permitted by and in accordance with the Statutes and other applicable laws, rules and regulations.
- (2) The notice of availability may be given to the Member-by any of the means set out above other than by posting it on a website.
- (3) In the case of joint holders of a share all notices shall be given to that one of the joint holders whose name stands first in the Register and notice so given shall be deemed a sufficient service on or delivery to all the joint holders.
- (4) Every person who, by operation of law, transfer, transmission, or other means whatsoever, shall become entitled to any share, shall be bound by every notice in respect of such share, which, previously to his name and address (including electronic address) being entered in the Register as the registered holder of such share, shall have been duly given to the person from whom he derives title to such share.
- (5) Every Member or a person who is entitled to receive Notice from the Company under the provisions of the Statutes or these Articles may register with the Company an electronic address to which notices can be served upon him.

159. ...

(c) if published on the Company's website, shall be deemed to have been served on the day on which the notice, document or publication first appears on the Company's website to which the relevant person may have access or the day on which the notice of availability is deemed to have been served or delivered to such person under these Articles, whichever is later.

- (d) 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; and
- (e)(e) if published as an advertisement in a newspaper or other publication permitted under these Articles, shall be deemed to have been served on the day on which the advertisement first so appears.
- (d) may be given to a Member either in the English language or the Chinese language, subject to due compliance with all applicable Statutes, rules and regulations.

160. ...

(3) Any person who by operation of law, transfer or other means whatsoever shall become entitled to any share shall be bound by every <u>noticeNotice</u> in respect of such share which prior to his name and address being entered on the Register shall have been duly given to the person from whom he derives his title to such share.

# SIGNATURES

161. For the purposes of these Articles, a facsimile or electronic transmission message purporting to come from a holder of shares or, as the case may be, a Director or alternate Director, or, in the case of a corporation which is a holder of shares from a director or the secretary thereof or a duly appointed attorney or duly authorised representative thereof for it and on its behalf, shall in the absence of express evidence to the contrary available to the person relying thereon at the relevant time be deemed to be a document or instrument in writing signed by such holder or Director or alternate Director in the terms in which it is received. The signature to any notice or document to be given by the Company may be written, printed or made electronically.

## WINDING UP

- 162. (1) <u>Subject to Article 162(2)</u>, <u>T</u>the Board shall have power in the name and on behalf of the Company to present a petition to the court for the Company to be wound up.
  - (2) Subject to the Act, the Company may at any time and from time to time be wound up voluntarily by a special resolution. If the Company shall be wound up, the liquidator shall apply the assets of the Company in such manner and order as he thinks fit in satisfaction of creditors' claims.
- 163. (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 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<u>Members</u> 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, as 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 <u>LawAct</u>, 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 who is not for the time being in Hong Kong shall be bound, within fourteen (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, shall be deemed to be good personal service on such Member for all purposes, and, where the liquidator makes any such appointment, he shall with all eonvenient 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.

# INDEMINITY

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

# FINANCIAL YEAR

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

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

165.166. 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**

166.167. 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 CompanyMembers to communicate to the public.

# **APPENDIX II**

# EXPLANATORY STATEMENT ON THE REPURCHASE MANDATE

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

# 1. SHARE CAPITAL

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the Company's issued share capital comprised 2,033,290,000 fully paid Shares.

Subject to the passing of the proposed resolution for the approval of the Repurchase Mandate and on the basis that no further Shares are issued or repurchased by the Company prior to the AGM, the Company would be allowed under the Repurchase Mandate to repurchase a maximum of 203,329,000 fully paid Shares, representing 10% of the total number of the issued Shares as at the date of passing of the resolution.

#### 2. REASONS FOR REPURCHASES

The Directors believes that the granting of the Repurchase Mandate is in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

An exercise of the Repurchases Mandate may, depending on the market conditions and funding arrangements at the time, lead to an enhancement of the net assets and/or earnings per Share and will only be made when the Directors consider that such a repurchase will benefit the Company and the Shareholders as a whole. The Directors are seeking the granting of the Repurchase Mandate to give the Company the flexibility to do so if and when appropriate. The number of Shares to be repurchased on any occasion and the price and other terms upon which the same are repurchased will be decided by the Directors at the relevant time, having regard to the circumstances then pertaining.

## 3. FUNDING OF REPURCHASES

In repurchasing Shares, the Company may only apply funds legally available for such purpose in accordance with the Articles, the Listing Rules and all applicable laws and regulations of the Cayman Islands. Pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate, the Company may repurchase Shares out of funds legally permitted to be utilised for this purpose, including profits of the Company or the proceeds of a fresh issue of shares made for the purpose of the repurchase, under the Articles and all applicable laws of the Cayman Islands.

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To the extent that repurchase is funded entirely from the available cashflow or working capital facilities of the Company, there might be an adverse impact on the working capital and/ or gearing position of the Company as compared with the position disclosed in the audited consolidated financial statements contained in the annual report of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2022 in the event that the proposed share repurchases were to be carried out in full at any time during the proposed repurchase period. However, the Directors do not propose to exercise the Repurchase Mandate to such extent as would, in the circumstances, have a material adverse effect on the working capital requirements of the Company or the gearing levels which in the opinion of the Directors are from time to time befitting the Company.

# 4. SHARE PRICES

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

	Per Share	
	Highest	Lowest
	HK\$	HK\$
2022		
March	0.780	0.073
April	0.100	0.079
May	0.090	0.071
June	0.103	0.088
July	0.180	0.099
August	0.168	0.135
September	0.165	0.052
October	0.073	0.051
November	0.231	0.053
December	0.175	0.111
2023		
January	0.179	0.072
February	0.091	0.074
March (up to Latest Practicable Date)	0.089	0.075

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#### 5. IMPLICATIONS UNDER THE 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 of voting rights for the purposes of Rule 32 of the Takeovers Code. As a request, a Shareholder or a group of Shareholders acting in concert could obtain or consolidate control of the Company and become obliged to make a mandatory offer in accordance with Rule 26 and 32 of the Takeovers Code for all the Shares not already owned by such Shareholder or group of Shareholders.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, so far as the Directors were aware, the Repurchase Mandate, if granted and exercised in full, would not give rise to any obligation on any existing Shareholder to make a mandatory offer under the Takeovers Code.

However, the Listing Rules prohibit a company from making repurchase of shares on the Stock Exchange if the result of the repurchase would be that less than 25% (or such other prescribed minimum percentage as determined by the Stock Exchange) of the number of the company's issued shares would be in public hands. The Board therefore will not propose to repurchase Shares if it would result in less than the prescribed minimum percentage of Shares in public hands.

#### 6. GENERAL

None of the Directors nor, to the best of their knowledge having made all reasonable enquiries, any of their respective close associates (as defined in the Listing Rules) have any present intention to sell any Shares to the Company under the Repurchase Mandate in the event that the granting of the Repurchase Mandate is approved by the Shareholders.

The Company has not been notified by any core connected persons (as defined in the Listing Rules) of the Company that they have a present intention to sell any Shares to the Company, or that they have undertaken not to sell any Shares held by them to the Company in the event that the granting of the Repurchase Mandate is approved by the Shareholders.

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

# 7. SHARE REPURCHASES MADE BY THE COMPANY

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

#### (1) MR. YUAN FENG

#### **Position and experience**

**Mr. Yuan Feng** ("**Mr. Yuan**"), aged 39, has been appointed as the deputy chief executive officer of the Group in June 2019, as well as a director of certain subsidiaries of the Company and a responsible officer of CLSA Premium International (HK) Limited. He is also a member of the Company's remuneration committee. Mr. Yuan is the senior vice president of planning and finance department of CITIC Securities Company Limited ("**CITIC Securities**"), the controlling shareholder of CITIC Securities International Company Limited, which is the controlling shareholder (as defined in the Listing Rules) of the Company since April 2019 and the chief financial officer of CLSA Group, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of CITIC Securities. Mr. Yuan previously worked as a senior accountant of finance department of CITIC Corporation Limited from February 2015 to April 2019, and as an audit manager of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu from July 2008 to July 2014. Mr. Yuan obtained his master's degree in world economics from University of International Relations in 2008, and has been a member of The Chinese Institute of Certified Public Accountants since 2014.

Save as disclosed, Mr. Yuan has not held other directorships in the last three years in public companies the securities of which are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas.

#### Length of service

Pursuant to the service agreement entered into between the Company and Mr. Yuan, his current term of office is 3 years from 27 June 2022, unless terminated by either party giving to the other not less than 3 months' prior notice in writing. He is also subject to retirement and re-election at annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the Articles.

#### Relationships

As far as the Directors are aware, save as disclosed above, Mr. Yuan does not have any relationships with other Directors, senior management, substantial Shareholders (as defined in the Listing Rules), or controlling Shareholders (as defined in the Listing Rules) of the Company.

#### **Interests in Shares**

As far as the Directors are aware, as at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Yuan was not interested or deemed to be interested in any Shares or underlying Shares of the Company or its associated corporations pursuant to Part XV of the SFO.

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

On 10 March 2023, the Company received notice from Mr. Yuan for waiving the director's fee HK\$20,000 per month with effect from 1 April 2023 till the termination of his appointment as the Company's executive Director.

After the deduction of the director's fee, Mr. Yuan's annual remuneration is HK\$789,600 and was recommended by the Company's remuneration committee and approved by the Board with reference to prevailing market conditions and his roles and responsibilities in the Company.

# Other information and matters that need to be disclosed or brought to the attention of the Shareholders

As far as the Directors are aware, there is no information of Mr. Yuan to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements under paragraphs 13.51(2)(h) to 13.51(2)(v) of the Listing Rules; and there are no other matters concerning Mr. Yuan that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

## (2) MR. WU JIANFENG

## **Position and experience**

**Mr. Wu Jianfeng** ("**Mr. Wu**"), aged 47, joined the Group in June 2019. He is a member of each of the Company's audit committee and remuneration committee. Mr. Wu has served as the lead engineer of American Express Company (a company listed on the New York Stock Exchange, stock code: AXP) since 9 December 2019. Mr. Wu served as a senior manager of information technology department, an executive manager of technology center, and as a deputy director of technology center and a director of technology development department of the Shanghai Stock Exchange from 2000 to 2014. Mr. Wu graduated from Tsinghua University and obtained his bachelor's degree of Engineering in Computer Science and Technology in 1993 and his doctorate degree of Engineering in Computer System Architecture in 2000.

Save as disclosed, Mr. Wu has not held other directorships in the last three years in public companies the securities of which are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas.

## Length of service

Pursuant to the letter of appointment entered into between the Company and Mr. Wu, his current term of office is 3 years from 27 June 2022, unless terminated by either party giving to the other not less than 3 months' prior notice in writing. He is also subject to retirement and re-election at annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the Articles.

# Relationships

As far as the Directors are aware, save as disclosed above, Mr. Wu does not have any relationships with other Directors, senior management, substantial Shareholders (as defined in the Listing Rules), or controlling Shareholders (as defined in the Listing Rules) of the Company.

# Interests in Shares

As far as the Directors are aware, as at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Wu was not interested or deemed to be interested in any Shares or underlying Shares of the Company or its associated corporations pursuant to Part XV of the SFO.

## **Director's emoluments**

Pursuant to the letter of appointment entered into between the Company and Mr. Wu, he is entitled to receive a Director's fee of HK\$240,000 per annum. The above emolument of Mr. Wu was recommended by the Company's remuneration committee and approved by the Board with reference to prevailing market conditions and his roles and responsibilities in the Company.

# Other information and matters that need to be disclosed or brought to the attention of the Shareholders

As far as the Directors are aware, there is no information of Mr. Wu to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements under paragraphs 13.51(2)(h) to 13.51(2)(v) of the Listing Rules; and there are no other matters concerning Mr. Wu that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

#### (3) MS. HU ZHAOXIA

#### **Position and experience**

Ms. Hu Zhaoxia ("Ms. Hu"), aged 71, joined the Group in June 2019. She is the chairman of the Company's audit committee and a member of each of the Company's corporate governance committee and nomination committee. From 2012 to September 2015, Ms. Hu served as the chief financial officer of (Zanhua (China) Equipment Leasing Co., Ltd.\*) 贊華 (中國) 設備租賃有限公司. Prior to this, from October 1978 to January 2012, Ms. Hu worked as deputy director of the accounting system division, deputy general manager and director of the accounting division of the finance and accounting department of the Head Office of Bank of China; deputy manager of the accounting department and assistant general manager of Bank of China London Branch; deputy general manager of Bank of China Sydney Branch; chief financial officer of the retail banking business department of Bank of China. Ms. Hu graduated from Tianjin University of Finance and Economics with major in Finance in 1978 and obtained her senior accountant qualification, which was granted by the committee of assessment of Bank of China in 1992.

Save as disclosed, Ms. Hu has not held other directorships in the last three years in public companies the securities of which are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas.

#### Length of service

Pursuant to the letter of appointment entered into between the Company and Ms. Hu, her current term of office is 3 years from 27 June 2022, unless terminated by either party giving to the other not less than 3 months' prior notice in writing. She is also subject to retirement and re-election at annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the Articles.

#### Relationships

As far as the Directors are aware, save as disclosed above, Ms. Hu does not have any relationships with other Directors, senior management, substantial Shareholders (as defined in the Listing Rules), or controlling Shareholders (as defined in the Listing Rules) of the Company.

\* for identification purpose only

#### **Interests in Shares**

As far as the Directors are aware, as at the Latest Practicable Date, Ms. Hu was not interested or deemed to be interested in any Shares or underlying Shares of the Company or its associated corporations pursuant to Part XV of the SFO.

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

Pursuant to the letter of appointment entered into between the Company and Ms. Hu, she is entitled to receive a Director's fee of HK\$240,000 per annum. The above emolument of Ms. Hu was recommended by the Company's remuneration committee and approved by the Board with reference to prevailing market conditions and his roles and responsibilities in the Company.

# Other information and matters that need to be disclosed or brought to the attention of the Shareholders

As far as the Directors are aware, there is no information of Ms. Hu to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements under paragraphs 13.51(2)(h) to 13.51(2)(v) of the Listing Rules; and there are no other matters concerning Ms. Hu that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

#### (4) MR. MA XUFEI

#### **Position and experience**

**Mr. Ma Xufei ("Mr. Ma")**, aged 51, joined the Group on 1 April 2023. He is currently an associate dean (innovation and impact) and tenured full professor at the Department of Management, The Chinese University of Hong Kong ("**CUHK**"). He was the Terry Gou Chair Professor and a tenured full professor of the School of Economics and Management and Shenzhen International Graduate School at Tsinghua University ("**Tsinghau**"). He was also a Cheung Kong Chair Professor granted by the Ministry of Education, China. He received a bachelor's degree from Xi'an Jiaotong University (China), an MBA from the University of Saskatchewan (Canada), and a Ph.D. from the National University of Singapore. He was an assistant professor and then a tenured associate professor at CUHK, and a tenured full professor at City University of Hong Kong ("**CityU**"). He also served as the director of CUHK's Center for Entrepreneurship and CUHK's Center for International Business Studies, and the vice chair of the Department of Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Strategy at Tsinghua SEM. He's taught strategy courses for EMBA programmes (in both English and Chinese) at Tsinghua, CityU, and CUHK.

Mr. Ma had worked for a leading central-level Chinese business group in Beijing and Shanghai. He has served as an independent director for Western Trust Co., Ltd., 土巴兔集 團股份有限公司 Tubatu Group Co., Ltd.\* and as independent non-executive director for Beijing Urban Construction Design & Development Group Co., Limited (HK listed company, Stock Code: 1599). He's the co-secretary-general and co-chairman (2024) of Chinese Management Model C50+ Forum, and the co-founder and co-chairman of Greater Bay Area Senior Management Scholars College. Mr. Ma obtained the "Certificate of Independent Director of Listed Companies" from Shenzhen Stock Exchange in August 2020.

Save as disclosed, Mr. Ma has not held other directorships in the last three years in public companies the securities of which are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas.

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

## Length of service

Pursuant to the letter of appointment entered into between the Company and Mr. Ma, his current term of office is 3 years from 1 April 2023, unless terminated by either party giving to the other not less than 3 months' prior notice in writing. He is also subject to retirement and re-election at annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the Articles.

# Relationships

As far as the Directors are aware, save as disclosed above, Mr. Ma does not have any relationships with other Directors, senior management, substantial Shareholders (as defined in the Listing Rules), or controlling Shareholders (as defined in the Listing Rules) of the Company.

## **Interests in Shares**

As far as the Directors are aware, as at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Ma was not interested or deemed to be interested in any Shares or underlying Shares of the Company or its associated corporations pursuant to Part XV of the SFO.

# **Director's emoluments**

Pursuant to the letter of appointment entered into between the Company and Mr. Ma, he is entitled to receive a Director's fee of HK\$240,000 per annum. The above emolument of Mr. Ma was recommended by the Company's remuneration committee and approved by the Board with reference to prevailing market conditions and his roles and responsibilities in the Company.

# Other information and matters that need to be disclosed or brought to the attention of the Shareholders

As far as the Directors are aware, there is no information of Mr. Ma to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements under paragraphs 13.51(2)(h) to 13.51(2)(v) of the Listing Rules; and there are no other matters concerning Mr. Ma that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.



# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that an annual general meeting of CLSA Premium Limited (the "**Company**") will be held at 17/F., One Pacific Place, 88 Queensway, Hong Kong on Friday, 12 May 2023 at 10:30 a.m. (Hong Kong time) (or in the event that a black rainstorm warning signal or tropical cyclone warning signal no. 8 or above is in force in Hong Kong at 7:30 a.m. on that day, at the same time and place on Monday, 15 May 2023) for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions with or without amendments:

#### SPECIAL RESOLUTION

1. As special business, to consider and, if thought fit, pass with or without amendments, the following resolution as a special resolution:

## "THAT:

- (a) the proposed amendments of the articles of association of the Company (the "Proposed Amendments"), the details of which are set out in the Appendix I to the circular of the Company dated 12 April 2023, be and are hereby approved;
- (b) the amended and restated articles of association of the Company (incorporating the Proposed Amendments) (the "Amended and Restated Articles of Association"), a copy of which has been produced to this meeting and marked "A" and initialled by the chairman of the meeting for the purpose of identification, be and is hereby approved and adopted as the articles of association of the Company in substitution for, and to the exclusion of, the existing articles of association of the Company in their entirety with immediate effect; and

(c) any one or more director or company secretary 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/she shall, in his/her absolute discretion, deem necessary or expedient to give effect to the Proposed Amendments and the adoption of the Amended and Restated Articles of Association."

The following resolutions will be considered and, if thought fit, pass the following resolutions as ordinary resolutions:

- 2. To receive and adopt the audited consolidated financial statements, directors' report and independent auditor's report of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2022.
- 3. To re-elect Mr. Yuan Feng as an executive director of the Company.
- 4. To re-elect Mr. Wu Jianfeng as an independent non-executive director of the Company.
- 5. To re-elect Ms. Hu Zhaoxia as an independent non-executive director of the Company.
- 6. To re-elect Mr. Ma Xufei as an independent non-executive director of the Company.
- 7. To authorise the board of directors of the Company to fix the remuneration of the directors of the Company.
- 8. To re-appoint BDO Limited as the Company's auditors and to authorise the board of directors of the Company to fix their remuneration.

By way of special business, to consider and, if thought fit, pass, with or without amendments, the following resolutions which will be proposed as ordinary resolutions of the Company:

- 9. **"THAT**:
  - (a) subject to paragraph (c) below, the exercise by the directors of the Company during the Relevant Period (as defined below) of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with authorized and unissued shares in the capital of the Company and to make or grant offers, agreements and options (including warrants, bonds, and debentures convertible into shares of the Company) which might require the exercise of such powers be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;

- (b) the approval in paragraph (a) above shall authorize the directors to make or grant offers, agreements and options (including warrants, bonds, and debentures convertible into shares of the Company) during the Relevant Period which would or might require the exercise of such powers after the end of the Relevant Period;
- (c) the aggregate number of shares allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted by the directors pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above, otherwise than pursuant to:
  - (i) a Rights Issue (as defined below);
  - (ii) the exercise of the outstanding conversion rights attaching to any convertible bonds or securities issued by the Company, which are convertible into shares of the Company;
  - (iii) the exercise of options under a share option scheme of the Company; and
  - (iv) any scrip dividend scheme or similar arrangement providing for the allotment of shares in lieu of the whole or part of a dividend on shares of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company,

shall not exceed 20% of the total number of issued shares of the Company as at the date of passing this resolution and this approval shall be limited accordingly; and if any subsequent consolidation or subdivision of shares is conducted, the maximum number of shares that may be issued under the mandate in paragraph (a) above as a percentage of the total number of issued shares at the date immediately before and after such consolidation or subdivision shall be the same; and

(d) for the purpose of this resolution:

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

(i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;

- (ii) the revocation or variation of the authority given under this resolution by ordinary resolution passed by the Company's shareholders in general meetings; and
- (iii) 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 or any applicable laws to be held; and

"**Rights Issue**" means an offer of shares open for a period fixed by the directors to holders of shares of the Company or any class thereof on the register on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of such shares or class thereof (subject to such exclusions or other arrangements as the directors may deem necessary or expedient in relation to fractional entitlements or having regard to any restrictions or obligations under the laws of any relevant jurisdiction or the requirements of any recognized regulatory body or any stock exchange).";

# 10. **"THAT**:

- (a) subject to paragraph (b) below, the exercise by the directors during the Relevant Period (as defined below) of all the powers of the Company to purchase its shares on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") or on any other stock exchange recognized by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong and the Stock Exchange, subject to and in accordance with the applicable laws, rules and regulations, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the total number of shares of the Company to be purchased pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above shall not exceed 10% of the total number of issued shares of the Company as at the date of passing this resolution and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and if any subsequent consolidation or subdivision of shares is conducted, the maximum number of shares that may be repurchased under the mandate in paragraph (a) above as a percentage of the total number of issued shares at the date immediately before and after such consolidation or subdivision shall be the same; and
- (c) for the purpose of this resolution, "**Relevant Period**" means the period from the passing of this resolution until whichever is the earliest of:
  - (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;

- (ii) the revocation or variation of the authority given under this resolution by ordinary resolution passed by the Company's shareholders in general meetings; and
- (iii) 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 or any applicable laws to be held."; and
- 11. **"THAT** conditional upon the passing of the resolutions set out in items 9 and 10 of the notice convening this meeting (the "**Notice**"), the general mandate referred to in the resolution set out in item 9 of the Notice be and is hereby extended by the addition to the aggregate number of shares which may be allotted and issued or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted and issued by the directors of the Company pursuant to such general mandate referred to in the resolution set out in item 10 of the Notice, provided that such amount shall not exceed 10% of the total number of issued shares of the Company as at the date of passing this resolution.".

Yours faithfully, By Order of the Board **CLSA Premium Limited Yuan Feng** *Executive Director* 

Hong Kong, 12 April 2023

## **Registered office:**

Cricket Square Hutchins Drive P.O. Box 2681 Grand Cayman KY1-1111 Cayman Islands Head Office and Principal place of business in Hong Kong: Suite 810, Level 8 One Pacific Place 88 Queensway Hong Kong Notes:

- 1. Any member of the Company entitled to attend and vote at the AGM shall be entitled to appoint another person as his/her/its proxy to attend and vote instead of him/her/it. A proxy need not be a member of the Company. A member who is the holder of two or more shares of the Company may appoint more than one proxy to represent him/her/ it to attend and vote on his/her/its behalf. If more than one proxy is so appointed, the appointment shall specify the number of shares in respect of which each such proxy is so appointed.
- 2. Where there are joint holders of any share any one of such joint holders may vote, either in person or by proxy, in respect of such share as if he/she/it was solely entitled thereto, but if more than one of such joint holders be present at the AGM 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 Company's register of members in respect of the joint holding.
- 3. In order to be valid, the form of proxy together with the power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which it is signed or a certified copy of that power or authority, must be deposited at the Company's branch share registrar and transfer office in Hong Kong, Union Registrars Limited, at Suites 3301-04, 33/F, Two Chinachem Exchange Square, 338 King's Road, North Point, Hong Kong as soon as possible and, in any event, as to be received no later than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting (i.e. not later than 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, 10 May 2023 (Hong Kong time)) or any adjournment thereof. Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude a Company's member from attending and voting in person at the AGM or any adjourned meeting thereof should you so wish and in such event, the form of proxy previously submitted shall be deemed to be revoked.
- 4. The Company's register of members will be closed from Tuesday, 9 May 2023 to Friday, 12 May 2023, both days inclusive, during the period no transfers of Company's shares will be registered. In order to qualify for attending and voting at the AGM, all transfer documents accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's branch share registrar and transfer office in Hong Kong, Union Registrars Limited, at Suites 3301-04, 33/F, Two Chinachem Exchange Square, 338 King's Road, North Point, Hong Kong for registration by no later than 4:00 p.m. (Hong Kong time) on Monday, 8 May 2023.
- 5. In compliance with the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, all resolutions to be proposed at the AGM convened by this notice will be voted on by way of poll.
- 6. References to time and dates in this notice are to Hong Kong time and dates.

As at the date of this notice, the directors of the Company are:

## **Executive Directors:**

Mr. Yuan Feng *(Deputy Chief Executive Officer)* Mr. Chung Cheuk Fan Marco

## **Independent Non-executive Directors:**

Mr. Wu Jianfeng Ms. Hu Zhaoxia Mr. Ma Xufei

# Non-executive Directors: Mr. Li Jiong *(Chairman)* Mr. Xu Jianqiang