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### (1) PROPOSALS FOR GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE SHARES AND TO REPURCHASE SHARES (2) RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS (3) PROPOSED ELECTION OF INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (4) PROPOSED ADOPTION OF NEW BYE-LAWS (5) PROPOSED SHARE PREMIUM CANCELLATION AND (6) NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A notice convening the annual general meeting (the "AGM") of Binhai Investment Company Limited to be held at Canvas 5, 26/F, The Park Lane Hong Kong, 310 Gloucester Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong on Friday, 12 May 2023 at 10:00 a.m. is set out on pages AGM-1 to AGM-6 of this circular. Whether or not you intend to attend the meeting, you are requested to complete the proxy form in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return the same to the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Hong Kong Registrars Limited, at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong as soon as possible and in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the meeting or any adjournment thereof. Completion and return of the proxy form will not preclude shareholders from attending and voting at the meeting, or any adjourned meeting, should they so wish.

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# DEFINITIONS

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

"AGM"	the annual general meeting of the Company for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 to be held at Canvas 5, 26/F, The Park Lane Hong Kong, 310 Gloucester Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong on Friday, 12 May 2023 at 10:00 a.m.
"Board"	the board of Directors
"Bye-laws"	the bye-laws of the Company as may be amended from time to time
"Companies Act"	the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda, as amended from time to time
"Company"	Binhai Investment Company Limited, a company incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability, the Shares of which are listed on Main Board of the Stock Exchange
"Contributed Surplus Account"	the contributed surplus account of the Company
"Director(s)"	the director(s) of the Company
"Effective Date"	the date on which the Share Premium Cancellation shall become effective
"Group"	the Company and its subsidiaries
"HK\$"	Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong
"Hong Kong"	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China
"Issue Mandate"	the general mandate to allot, issue and deal with Shares not exceeding 20% of the total number of Shares in issue as at the date of passing of the Shareholders' resolution approving the Issue Mandate
"Latest Practicable Date"	3 April 2023, being the latest practicable date for ascertaining certain information contained in this circular prior to its publication
"Listing Rules"	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange

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"New Bye-laws"	the new Bye-laws of the Company proposed to be adopted at the AGM
"PRC"	the People's Republic of China
"Repurchase Mandate"	the general mandate to exercise the power of the Company to repurchase Shares up to a maximum of 10% of the total number of Shares in issue as at the date of passing of the Shareholders' resolution approving the Repurchase Mandate
"SFO"	the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571 Laws of Hong Kong)
"Shareholder(s)"	registered holder(s) of the Shares
"Share(s)"	ordinary share(s) of HK\$0.10 each in the share capital of the Company
"Share Premium Account"	the share premium account of the Company
"Share Premium Cancellation"	the proposed cancellation of the entire amount standing to the credit of the Share Premium Account as at the Effective Date to nil with the credit arising therefrom be transferred to the Contributed Surplus Account and be applied in such manner as permitted under the laws of Bermuda and the Bye-laws
"Stock Exchange"	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
"Takeovers Code"	the Code on Takeovers and Mergers and Share Buy-backs
" <sup>0</sup> / <sub>0</sub> "	per cent.



Executive Directors: Mr. Hu Hao (Chairman) Mr. Zuo Zhi Min (Vice Chairman) Mr. Gao Liang (General Manager)

Non-Executive Directors: Mr. Wang Gang Mr. Shen Hong Liang Mr. Yu Ke Xiang

Independent Non-executive Directors: Mr. Ip Shing Hing, *BBS*, *J.P.* Mr. Lau Siu Ki, Kevin Professor Japhet Sebastian Law Registered Office: Clarendon House 2 Church Street Hamilton HM11 Bermuda

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13 April 2023

To the Shareholders

Dear Sir or Madam,

### (1) PROPOSALS FOR GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE SHARES AND TO REPURCHASE SHARES (2) RE-ELECTION OF THE RETIRING DIRECTORS (3) PROPOSED ELECTION OF INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (4) PROPOSED ADOPTION OF NEW BYE-LAWS (5) PROPOSED SHARE PREMIUM CANCELLATION AND (6) NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this circular is to provide you with information regarding the proposals for the Issue Mandate, the Repurchase Mandate, the extension of the Issue Mandate, re-election of the retiring Directors, the proposed election of independent non-executive Director, the proposed adoption of the New Bye-laws, and the Share Premium Cancellation, and to seek your approval at the AGM in connection with, inter alia, such matters.

#### **ISSUE MANDATE**

At the annual general meeting of the Company held on 13 May 2022, the Shareholders passed an ordinary resolution to give a general mandate to the Directors to allot, issue and deal with the Shares. Such general mandate will lapse at the conclusion of the AGM. It is therefore proposed to renew such general mandate at the AGM.

The Issue Mandate to issue Shares up to a maximum of 20% of the total number of Shares in issue at the date of the relevant resolution will, if granted, remain in effect until the earliest of (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company; (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by laws or regulations of Bermuda or the Bye-laws to be held; and (iii) the date on which the authority set out in the resolution approving the Issue Mandate is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders in general meeting.

On the basis of 1,352,025,133 Shares in issue at the Latest Practicable Date and assuming no further Shares are issued or repurchased after the Latest Practicable Date and up to the date of the AGM, if the Issue Mandate is exercised in full, it will result in the Directors being authorized to issue, allot and deal with a maximum of 270,405,026 Shares.

Ordinary resolutions will be proposed at the AGM to grant to the Directors the Issue Mandate, and to authorize the extension of the Issue Mandate by the number of Shares repurchased pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate, details of which are set out in ordinary resolutions nos. 5(A) and 5(C) respectively in the notice of AGM.

#### **REPURCHASE MANDATE**

At the annual general meeting of the Company held on 13 May 2022, the Shareholders also passed an ordinary resolution to give a general mandate to the Directors to exercise the powers of the Company to repurchase its own Shares. Such general mandate will lapse at the conclusion of the AGM. It is therefore proposed to renew such general mandate at the AGM.

An ordinary resolution will be proposed at the AGM to grant to the Directors the Repurchase Mandate, details of which are set out in ordinary resolution no. 5(B) in the notice of AGM. The Shares which may be repurchased pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate is limited to a maximum of 10% of the total number of Shares in issue as at the date of passing of the resolution approving the Repurchase Mandate.

An explanatory statement as required under the Listing Rules, giving certain information regarding the Repurchase Mandate, is set out in Appendix I to this circular.

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

The Board currently consists of nine Directors, namely, Mr. Hu Hao ("Mr. Hu"), Mr. Zuo Zhi Min, Mr. Gao Liang, Mr. Wang Gang, Mr. Shen Hong Liang ("Mr. Shen"), Mr. Yu Ke Xiang, Mr. Ip Shing Hing, *BBS, J.P.* ("Mr. Ip"), Mr. Lau Siu Ki, Kevin ("Mr. Lau") and Professor Japhet Sebastian Law ("Professor Law").

In accordance with the Bye-laws, Mr. Shen and Mr. Ip, who have been longest in office since their last re-election, will retire by rotation at the AGM and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election. Mr. Hu, who was appointed by the Board as Director of the Company on 23 December 2022, will hold office only until the AGM and, being eligible, offer himself for re-election.

The nomination committee of the Company nominated the above retiring Directors, namely Mr. Hu, Mr. Shen and Mr. Ip to the Board for it to propose to the Shareholders for re-election at the AGM. The Board proposed that the above retiring Directors be re-elected as Directors at the AGM. Pursuant to code provision B.2.3 of the Corporate Governance Code ("CG Code") set out in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules, as Mr. Ip has served as independent non-executive Director for more than 9 years, his re-election will be subject to a separate resolution to be approved by the Shareholders.

The nomination committee of the Company and the Board have reviewed the annual written confirmation of independence of Mr. Ip and assessed his independence based on the independence criteria as set out in Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules. He does not have any relationship with any Directors, chief executive and senior management of the Company, substantial Shareholders or controlling Shareholders. The nomination committee of the Company and the Board are also not aware of any circumstance that might influence Mr. Ip in exercising independent judgment, and are satisfied that he has the required character, integrity, independence and experience to fulfill the role of independent non-executive Director. On this basis, Mr. Ip is considered independent.

Mr. Ip has extensive professional experience in the legal fields. He was identified as suitable candidate to join an independent committee of the Company in the transition period when the Group was undergoing restructuring for resumption of trading of the Shares on the Stock Exchange, and was subsequently nominated and appointed as independent non-executive Director in the year of 2009 when the Shares resumed trading on the Stock Exchange. As independent non-executive Director with in-depth understanding of the Group's operations and business, Mr. Ip has expressed objective views and given independent guidance to the Company over the years. He contributes to the diversity of the Board by bringing his professional skills, knowledge and valuable experience in the areas of legal fields to the Board.

The nomination committee of the Company had discussed and considered the above factors at its meeting in arriving at the determination that Mr. Ip is still independent to be re-elected as independent non-executive Director. The nomination committee also agreed to the re-election of Mr. Hu, who is a newly appointed executive Director and the Chairman of the Board, and of Mr. Shen, who is a non-executive Director. The nomination committee accordingly recommended the re-election of these three Directors to the Board. Based on the aforesaid, the Board considers that the re-election of the above retiring Directors, including Mr. Hu as an executive Director, Mr. Shen as a non-executive Director and Mr. Ip as an independent non-executive Director, is in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole and that they should be re-elected.

Pursuant to code provision B.2.4(a) of the CG Code, where all the independent non-executive directors of an issuer have served more than nine years on the board, the length of tenure of each existing independent non-executive director on a named basis should be disclosed. Mr. Ip, Mr. Lau and Professor Law have all been serving as independent non-executive Directors for more than nine years as at the Latest Practicable Date. The length of tenure of each of Mr. Ip, Mr. Lau and Professor Law as at the Latest Practicable Date was 14 years.

Brief biographical details of the above retiring Directors proposed to be re-elected at the AGM are set out in Appendix II to this circular.

### PROPOSED ELECTION OF INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Since all the independent non-executive Directors of the Company have served more than nine years on the Board, pursuant to code provision B.2.4(b) of the CG Code, the nomination committee of the Company nominates Dr. Tang Lai Wah ("**Dr. Tang**") to the Board for it to propose to the Shareholders for election at the AGM. The Board proposes that Dr. Tang be elected as an independent non-executive Director.

The nomination committee of the Company and the Board have reviewed the written confirmation of independence of Dr. Tang and assessed her independence based on the independence criteria as set out in Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules, her perspectives, skills and experience. She does not have any relationship with any Directors, chief executive and senior management of the Company, substantial Shareholders or controlling Shareholders. The nomination committee of the Company and the Board are also not aware of any circumstance that might influence Dr. Tang in exercising independent judgment, and are satisfied that she has the required character, integrity, independence and experience to fulfill the role of an independent non-executive Director. On this basis, Dr. Tang is considered independent.

Dr. Tang has extensive professional experience in the accounting and financial fields. The nomination committee of the Company considers that she will contribute to the diversity of the Board by bringing her professional skills, knowledge and valuable experience in the areas of accounting and financial fields to the Board.

The nomination committee of the Company had discussed and considered the above factors at its meeting in arriving at the determination that Dr. Tang is independent to be elected as independent non-executive Director. The nomination committee accordingly recommended the election of Dr. Tang to the Board. Based on the aforesaid, the Board considers that the election of Dr. Tang as an independent non-executive Director is in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole and that she should be elected.

Brief biographical details of the new Director proposed to be elected at the AGM are set out in Appendix II to this circular.

### **PROPOSED ADOPTION OF THE NEW BYE-LAWS**

The Board proposes to amend the existing Bye-laws by way of adoption of the New Bye-laws in substitution for and to the exclusion of the existing Bye-laws for the purposes of (i) conforming to the core shareholder protection standards set out in Appendix 3 of the Listing Rules; (ii) providing flexibility to the Company in relation to the conduct of general meetings (including allowing the general meetings to be held as hybrid meetings or electronic meetings in addition to physical meetings); and (iii) making other consequential and housekeeping amendments.

A summary of the major changes brought about by the proposed adoption of the New Bye-laws is set out below:

- 1. to set out the requirement to hold an annual general meeting in each financial year and such annual general meeting must be held within 6 months after the end of the financial year;
- 2. to allow general meetings (including adjourned meetings or postponed meetings) to be held as physical meetings in any part of the world and at one or more locations, or as hybrid meetings or electronic meetings, as may be determined by the Board in its absolute discretion;
- 3. to specify that a resolution put to the vote at general meetings of the Company shall be decided by poll except where the chairman of the meeting decides, in good faith, to allow a resolution which related purely to a procedural or administrative matter to be voted on by a show of hands;
- 4. to provide any member or director of the Company attending and participating at a meeting held by means of electronic facilities shall be deemed to be present at that meeting;
- 5. to provide that all the Shareholders have the right to speak and vote at general meetings except where a Shareholder is required by the Listing Rules to abstain from voting to approve the matter under consideration;
- 6. to provide that any representative authorised by a clearing house (means a clearing house recognised by the laws of the jurisdiction in which the shares of the Company are listed or quoted on a stock exchange in such jurisdiction) to attend any meeting of the Company shall have the right to speak and the right to vote at the meeting;
- 7. other housekeeping amendments to the Bye-laws are also proposed, including bringing the New Bye-laws in line with amendments made to the applicable laws of Bermuda and the Listing Rules and making consequential amendments in connection with the above amendments to the New Bye-laws and for clarity and consistency with the other provisions of the New Bye-laws where it is considered desirable and to better align the wordings with those of the Listing Rules and the applicable laws of Bermuda, as appropriate.

In view of the number of amendments proposed to be made to the existing Bye-laws, the Board proposed that the New Bye-laws with all the proposed amendments to the existing Bye-laws be adopted in substitution for and to the exclusion of the existing Bye-laws, instead of carrying out piecemeal modifications to the existing Bye-laws.

The proposed amendments to the existing Bye-laws and the adoption of the New Bye-laws are subject to the approval of the Shareholders by way of a special resolution at the AGM.

The legal adviser to the Company as to Hong Kong laws has confirmed that the proposed amendments to the existing Bye-laws conform with the requirements of the Listing Rules, and the legal adviser to the Company as to Bermuda laws has confirmed that the proposed amendments to the existing Bye-laws do not contravene Bermuda laws. The Company confirms that there is nothing unusual about the proposed amendments to be effected by the adoption of the New Bye-laws.

Full text of the New Bye-laws (showing the proposed amendments to the existing Bye-laws) is set out in Appendix III to this circular. Shareholders are advised that the New Bye-laws is available in English and the Chinese translation is for reference only. In case of any inconsistency, the English version shall prevail.

#### SHARE PREMIUM CANCELLATION

The Board intends to seek Shareholders' approval at the AGM to cancel the share premium of the Company in accordance with the Companies Act and the Bye-laws. As at 31 December 2022, the amount standing to the credit of the Share Premium Account was approximately HK\$175,305,000. It is proposed that the entire amount standing to the credit of the Share Premium Account as at the Effective Date, which is expected to be approximate to the aforesaid amount, be cancelled and transferred to the Contributed Surplus Account which may be utilised and applied by the Directors in such manner as they consider appropriate from time to time in accordance with the applicable laws of Bermuda and the Bye-laws. The balance of the Share Premium Account will be zero upon the Share Premium Cancellation taking effect.

#### **Reasons for the Share Premium Cancellation**

The Board considers that it is unnecessary to maintain a balance in the Share Premium Account. In addition, the Company is subject to restrictions under the Companies Act on the use of the funds standing to the credit of the Share Premium Account in limited circumstances, such as for paying up Shares to be issued to Shareholders as fully paid bonus Shares or writing off the expenses of any issue of Shares. The Share Premium Cancellation and the transfer of the entire credit amount arising therefrom to the Contributed Surplus Account, which is a distributable reserve, will increase the balance of the reserve and give the Company greater flexibility to use such reserve for such purposes as allowed under and subject to the requirements of the applicable laws of Bermuda and the Byelaws, including, without limitation, to set off against the Company's accumulated losses and to make distributions or payment of dividends to Shareholders as the Board may think fit. The Board believes that the Share Premium Cancellation is in the interests of the Company and Shareholders as a whole.

#### Effects of the Share Premium Cancellation

The Share Premium Cancellation will not involve any reduction in the authorised or issued share capital of the Company nor will it involve any reduction in the nominal value of the Shares or the trading arrangements concerning the Shares. Save for the expenses incurred by the Company in relation to the Share Premium Cancellation, the Share Premium Cancellation will not, in itself, have any material adverse effect on the underlying assets, business operations, management or financial position of the Company or the interests of Shareholders in the underlying assets of the Company.

#### **Conditions of the Share Premium Cancellation**

The Share Premium Cancellation is conditional upon:

- (i) the passing of a special resolution by Shareholders to approve the Share Premium Cancellation at the AGM; and
- (ii) compliance with section 46(2) of the Companies Act, including (i) the publication of a notice in relation to the Share Premium Cancellation in an appointed newspaper in Bermuda on a date not more than 30 days and not less than 15 days before the Effective Date; and (ii) the Board being satisfied that on the Effective Date, there are no reasonable grounds for believing that the Company is, or after the Share Premium Cancellation would be, unable to pay its liabilities as they become due.

Subject to the fulfilment of the above conditions, the Effective Date is expected to be 12 May 2023, being the date of passing the relevant special resolution to approve the Share Premium Cancellation at the AGM.

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The notice convening the AGM, which contains, inter alia, ordinary resolutions to approve the Issue Mandate, the Repurchase Mandate, the extension of the Issue Mandate, the re-election of retiring Directors and the proposed election of independent non-executive Director, and special resolutions to approve the proposed adoption of New Bye-Laws and the Share Premium Cancellation, is set out on pages AGM-1 to AGM-6 of this circular.

The register of members of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, 9 May 2023 to Friday, 12 May 2023, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of Shares will be registered. In order to be eligible to attend and vote at the AGM, all completed transfer documents, accompanied by the relevant share certificates, must be lodged with the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar and transfer office, Hong Kong Registrars Limited of Shops 1712-16, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong, for registration not later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, 8 May 2023.

### **VOTING BY WAY OF POLL**

Pursuant to Rule 13.39(4) of the Listing Rules, any vote of shareholders at a general meeting must be taken by poll except where the chairman, in good faith, decides to allow a resolution which relates purely to a procedural or administrative matter to be voted on by a show of hands. The chairman of the meeting will therefore demand a poll for every resolution put to the vote of the AGM pursuant to Bye-law 66 and the Company will announce the results of the poll in the manner prescribed under Rule 13.39(5) of the Listing Rules.

### **TYPHOON AND RAINSTORM ARRANGEMENTS**

In case Typhoon Signal No. 8 or above is hoisted, or a Black Rainstorm Warning Signal or "extreme conditions caused by a super typhoon" announced by the Government of Hong Kong is/are in force in Hong Kong at or at any time after 7:00 a.m. on the date of the meeting, the meeting will be adjourned. The Company will post an announcement on the corporate website of the Company (www.binhaiinv.com) and the designated website of the Stock Exchange (www.hkexnews.hk) to notify Shareholders of the date, time and place of the adjourned meeting.

The meeting will be held as scheduled when an Amber or Red Rainstorm Warning Signal is in force. Shareholders should decide on their own whether they would attend the meeting under bad weather conditions bearing in mind their own situation.

#### **ACTION TO BE TAKEN**

A proxy form for use at the AGM is enclosed herein. Whether or not you intend to attend the AGM, you are requested to complete the proxy form in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return the same to the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Hong Kong Registrars Limited, at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong as soon as possible and in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the meeting or any adjournment thereof. Completion and return of the proxy form will not preclude you from attending and voting at the AGM, or any adjourned meeting, should you so wish.

#### RECOMMENDATION

The Directors believe that the granting of the Issue Mandate, the Repurchase Mandate, the extension of the Issue Mandate, the re-election of the retiring Directors, the proposed election of independent non-executive Director, the proposed adoption of the New Bye-Laws, and the Share Premium Cancellation are in the best interests of the Company as well as the Shareholders. Accordingly, the Directors recommend that all the Shareholders should vote in favour of all the relevant resolutions relating to the aforesaid matters.

By Order of the Board Binhai Investment Company Limited Gao Liang Executive Director

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

#### 1. EXERCISE OF THE REPURCHASE MANDATE

Exercise in full of the Repurchase Mandate, on the basis of 1,352,025,133 Shares in issue at the Latest Practicable Date and assuming no Shares are issued or repurchased after the Latest Practicable Date and up to the date of the AGM, could result in up to 135,202,513 Shares being repurchased by the Company during the period up to (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company; (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the Bye-laws or any applicable laws of Bermuda to be held; or (iii) the revocation, variation or renewal of the Repurchase Mandate by ordinary resolution of the Shareholders in general meeting, whichever occurs first.

#### 2. REASONS FOR REPURCHASES

Repurchases of Shares will only be made when the Directors believe that such a repurchase will benefit the Company and the Shareholders. Such repurchases may, depending on market conditions and funding arrangements at the time, lead to an enhancement of the net asset value of the Company and/or its earnings per Share.

#### **3. FUNDING OF REPURCHASES**

In repurchasing Shares, the Company may only apply funds legally available for such purpose in accordance with the memorandum of association and the Bye-laws of the Company and the applicable laws and regulations of Bermuda. Bermuda laws provide that the amount of capital repaid in connection with a share repurchase may only be paid out of either (i) the capital paid up on the relevant shares or (ii) the funds of the Company otherwise available for dividend or distribution or the proceeds of a fresh issue of shares made for the purpose. The amount of premium payable on repurchase may only be paid out of either the funds of the Company that would otherwise be available for dividend or distribution or out of the share premium of the Company. The Company may not purchase securities on the Stock Exchange for a consideration other than cash or for settlement otherwise than in accordance with the trading rules of the Stock Exchange from time to time.

#### 4. GENERAL

There might be a material adverse impact on the working capital or gearing position of the Company (as compared with the position disclosed in the audited financial statements contained in the annual report of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2022) in the event that the Repurchase Mandate is exercised in full. 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 on its gearing position which in the opinion of the Directors are from time to time appropriate for the Company.

The Directors have undertaken to the Stock Exchange that, so far as the same may be applicable, they will exercise the Repurchase Mandate in accordance with the Listing Rules, the memorandum of association and the Bye-laws of the Company and the applicable laws and regulations of Bermuda.

None of the Directors and, to the best of their knowledge, having made all reasonable enquiries, none of their respective close associates (as defined in the Listing Rules), have any present intention, if the Repurchase Mandate is exercised, to sell Shares to the Company.

No core connected person (as defined in the Listing Rules) of the Company has notified the Company that he has a present intention to sell Shares to the Company or has undertaken not to do so.

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

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the Shareholders who were interested in 10% or more of the total issued Shares and their interests in the Shares were as follows:

Name of Shareholder	Number of Shares interested in	Approximate percentage of existing total issued Shares	Approximate percentage of total issued Shares if the Repurchase Mandate is exercised in full
Tianjin TEDA Investment Holding Co. Ltd. (Note 1)	539,113,305	39.87%	44.31%
China Petrochemical Corporation (Note 2)	405,472,337	29.99%	33.32%

Notes:

 By virtue of the SFO, Tianjin TEDA Investment Holding Co. Ltd. is deemed to be interested in (i) 484,022,505 Shares held by TEDA Hong Kong Property Company Limited, an indirect subsidiary of Tianjin TEDA Investment Holding Co. Ltd. and (ii) 49,618,800 Shares held by Santa Resources Limited and 5,472,000 Shares held by Learder Top Investments Limited, both companies being indirect subsidiaries of Tianjin TEDA Investment Holding Co. Ltd.

2. By virtue of the SFO, China Petrochemical Corporation is deemed to be interested in all the Shares held by Great Wall Energy Investment (Hong Kong) Limited, an indirect subsidiary of China Petrochemical Corporation. In the event that the Directors exercise in full the power to repurchase Shares under the Repurchase Mandate, the percentage shareholdings of the above Shareholders would be increased to approximate percentages shown in the last column above. Accordingly, to the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors, an obligation to make a mandatory general offer respectively by Tianjin TEDA Investment Holding Co. Ltd. (together with parties acting in concert with it) and China Petrochemical Corporation (together with parties acting in concert with it) might arise under the Takeovers Code if the Repurchase Mandate is exercised.

Save as mentioned above, the Directors are not aware of any consequences which would arise under the Takeovers Code as a result of any repurchases made under the Repurchase Mandate and have no present intention to exercise the power to repurchase Shares pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate to such an extent as to result in triggering the obligations under the Takeovers Code. In any event, the Company will not repurchase Shares which would result in the amount of Shares held by the public being reduced to less than 25%.

### 5. SHARES PURCHASED BY THE COMPANY

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

#### 6. SHARE PRICES

The table below is a summary of the highest and lowest traded prices in each of the previous twelve months prior to the Latest Practicable Date:

	Shares	
	Highest	Lowest
	<b>Traded Price</b>	<b>Traded Price</b>
	HK\$	HK\$
2022		
April	1.59	1.44
May	1.72	1.46
June	2.00	1.50
July	1.70	1.49
August	1.69	1.54
September	1.60	1.38
October	1.50	1.29
November	1.55	1.28
December	1.64	1.40
2023		
	1 (0	1.50
January	1.68	1.56
February	1.70	1.49
March	1.76	1.56
April (from 1 April up to the Latest Practicable Date)	1.71	1.67

### APPENDIX II DETAILS OF RETIRING DIRECTORS PROPOSED TO BE RE-ELECTED AND NEW DIRECTOR PROPOSED TO BE ELECTED

The following are the particulars of the retiring Directors proposed to be re-elected and new Director proposed to be elected at the AGM:

### **RETIRING DIRECTORS**

Mr.Hu Hao ("Mr. Hu"), aged 45, has been an executive Director and the Chairman of the Board since 23 December 2022. Mr. Hu graduated from the School of Business of Nankai University in Tianjin, the PRC with a master's degree in Business Management and undertook postgraduate studies specializing in business management. He is a PRC Senior Engineer. Mr. Hu acted as the General Manager of Tianjin Metro Group Co., Ltd\* (天津市地下鐵道集團有限公司) and the Deputy General Manager of Tianjin Rail Transit Group Co., Ltd\* (天津軌道交通集團有限公司). He was also the Deputy Head of Nankai District, Tianjin Municipality, the PRC and a Member of the Standing Committee of the Nankai District Committee. Mr. Hu is currently the General Manager of Tianjin TEDA Investment Holding Co. Ltd., the substantial Shareholder.

Save as disclosed above, at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Hu had not held any other positions with the Group nor held any directorship in the last three years in other public companies of which the securities are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas, and was not connected with any other Directors, senior management of the Company or substantial or controlling Shareholders.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Hu did not have any interest in Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Pursuant to a service contract entered into between the Company and Mr. Hu, Mr. Hu was appointed for a term of three years commencing on 23 December 2022, subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the requirement of the Bye-laws. He is entitled to a director's fee of HK\$400,000 per year, which has been reviewed by the Remuneration Committee of the Company and determined by the Board according to past remuneration rates and with reference to market rates, his performance, qualifications and experience.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Hu has confirmed that there are no other matters that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders in connection with his re-election and there is no information to be disclosed pursuant to Rules 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules.

\* for identification purpose only

### DETAILS OF RETIRING DIRECTORS PROPOSED TO BE RE-ELECTED AND NEW DIRECTOR PROPOSED TO BE ELECTED

**Mr. Shen Hong Liang ("Mr. Shen")**, aged 52, has been a non-executive Director since 16 October 2020. Mr. Shen is a PRC senior economist graduated from the labour and social security profession of Jilin University in 2011. Mr. Shen has served various positions in Oilfield Natural Gas Application Technology Research Institute Office\* (中原油田天然氣應用技術開發處辦公室) and China Petroleum & Chemical Corporation Natural Gas Branch Company\* (中國石油化工股份有限公司天然氣分公司) ("**Sinopec Gas**") since July 1989. From July 2018 to November 2020, Mr. Shen served as the manager of the natural gas sales centre of Sinopec Gas in Northern China and the deputy general manager of Sinopec Great Wall Energy Investment Company Limited, a substantial Shareholder. Since November 2020, Mr. Shen has served as the manager of Sinopec Gas.

Save as disclosed above, at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Shen had not held any other positions with the Group nor held any directorship in the last three years in other public companies of which the securities are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas, and was not connected with any other Directors, senior management of the Company or substantial or controlling Shareholders.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Shen did not have any interest in Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Pursuant to a service contract entered into between the Company and Mr. Shen, Mr. Shen was appointed for a term of three years commencing on 16 October 2020, subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the requirement of the Bye-laws. He is entitled to a director's fee of HK\$200,000 per year, which has been reviewed by the Remuneration Committee of the Company and determined by the Board according to past remuneration rates and with reference to market rates, his performance, qualifications and experience.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Shen has confirmed that there are no other matters that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders in connection with his re-election and there is no information to be disclosed pursuant to Rules 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules.

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### DETAILS OF RETIRING DIRECTORS PROPOSED TO BE RE-ELECTED AND NEW DIRECTOR PROPOSED TO BE ELECTED

**Mr. Ip Shing Hing,** *BBS, J.P.* **("Mr. Ip")**, aged 67, has been an independent non-executive Director since 23 March 2009. He holds a Bachelor of Laws (Hons.) Degree from the University of Hong Kong and a Master of Arts: Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution from the City University of Hong Kong. He is a solicitor and Notary Public, Hong Kong and China-Appointed Attesting Officer, and Justice of Peace, and has been a practising solicitor in Hong Kong for more than 30 years. He also serves as an independent non-executive director of Far East Hotels and Entertainment Limited and PC Partner Group Limited (both listed on the Stock Exchange). He was an independent non-executive director of Quam Limited (listed on the Stock Exchange) during the period from 1 October 2006 to 30 September 2008. He is enthusiastic in community activities which include serving as the president of The Law Society of Hong Kong (2002-2004), vice-president of The Law Society of Hong Kong (1999-2002), part-time member of Central Policy Unit (2004-2005), deputy chairman of the Council of Lingnan University (2014-2020), council member of the Association of China-Appointed Attesting Officers Limited (since 2002), director of Hong Kong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce (since 1997), and manager of The Chinese Club (since 2021). Mr. Ip was awarded Bronze Bauhinia Star (BBS) on 27 July 2022.

Mr. Ip is the chairman of the Nomination Committee and Risk Committee and a member of the Audit Committee and Remuneration Committee of the Company.

Save as disclosed above, at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Ip had not held any other positions with the Group nor held any directorship in the last three years in other public companies the securities of which are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas, and was not connected with any other Directors, senior management of the Company or substantial or controlling Shareholders.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Ip did not have any interest in Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Pursuant to a letter of appointment entered into between the Company and Mr. Ip, Mr. Ip was appointed for a term of two years commencing on 15 May 2022, subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the requirement of the Bye-laws. He is entitled to a director's fee of HK\$22,000 per month, which has been reviewed by the Remuneration Committee of the Company and determined by the Board according to past remuneration rates and with reference to market rates, his performance, qualifications and experience.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Ip has confirmed that there are no other matters that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders in connection with his re-election and there is no information to be disclosed pursuant to Rules 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules.

### DETAILS OF RETIRING DIRECTORS PROPOSED TO BE RE-ELECTED AND NEW DIRECTOR PROPOSED TO BE ELECTED

#### **NEW DIRECTOR**

**Dr. TANG Lai Wah ("Dr. Tang")**, aged 65, has been proposed to be elected as an independent non-executive Director.

Dr. Tang holds a degree of Bachelor of Arts with honors in Accountancy, degree of Master of Business Administration (Executive) and degree of Doctor of Business Administration from the City University of Hong Kong. She also received an Distinguished Alumni Award from the College of Business of the City University of Hong Kong. Dr. Tang is a fellow member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants ("ACCA") as well as the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants, a life member of The Hong Kong Independent Non-Executive Director Association ("HKINEDA") and a life member of the Shenzhen Hong Kong Macau Women Directors Alliance.

Since 2016, Dr. Tang has been appointed as an independent non-executive director of Glory Sun Land Group Limited (a company listed on the main board of the Stock Exchange, stock code: 0299), a member of the Audit Committee and the Salary Review Committee.

Dr. Tang has over 30 years of extensive experience in the telecommunication, media and information technology industries in the areas of accounting, financial management, corporate finance, merger and acquisition activities, initial public offering on the main board of the Stock Exchange, management of Hong Kong listed companies and corporate compliance with the Listing Rules.

Before entering the field of accounting, she worked in the Computer Department of China Resources (Holdings) Co., Ltd., and participated in the development of petroleum business management system. From 1990 to 2001, she served as the group financial controller of a number of listed companies on the main board of the Stock Exchange. During the time, she participated in the listing of Star Telecom Holding on the main board of the Stock Exchange and the large-scale acquisition and merger of Tricom Holdings Limited.

In the past twenty years (from 2002 to 2022), Dr. Tang has been the chief financial officer and company secretary of Excel Technology International (Hong Kong) Limited. ("**Excel Technology**"). She has extensive experience in financial management, corporate finance, merger and acquisition activities, corporate governance, tax planning, human resources arrangement, formulation of share option scheme, management of Hong Kong listed companies, and compliance with the Listing Rules. Excel Technology was listed on the GEM of the Stock Exchange in 2000. It is a leading provider of financial technology solutions in Greater China and Southeast Asia, serving banks and financial institutions in Hong Kong, Greater China and Southeast Asia.

### DETAILS OF RETIRING DIRECTORS PROPOSED TO BE RE-ELECTED AND NEW DIRECTOR PROPOSED TO BE ELECTED

Dr. Tang has a passion for educational services. She taught part-time at the Metropolitan University of Hong Kong (formerly known as the Open University of Hong Kong) from 2011 to 2014 in the Master of Advanced Professional Accounting programme jointly offered by the Open University of Hong Kong and the State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the State Council. She was also appointed as a Specialist and a Financial Expert by the Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic & Vocational Qualifications (from 2014 to 2020).

In the area of community services, currently Dr. Tang is the vice president of Hong Kong Business Accountants Association, a member of the Corporate Governance Committee of HKiNEDA, a committee member of the departmental advisory committee for the Department of Accountancy of the City University of Hong Kong and a committee member of Professional Accounting Committee of Guangdong's Association for Promotion of Cooperation between Guangdong, Hong Kong & Macau. She was also elected as a council member of ACCA Hong Kong Branch (from 2015 to 2021).

Following her appointment as an independent non-executive Director, Dr. Tang will be proposed to be appointed as member of the Nomination Committee, Risk Committee, Audit Committee and Remuneration Committee of the Company.

Save as disclosed above, at the Latest Practicable Date, Dr. Tang had not held any other positions with the Group nor held any directorship in the last three years in other public companies the securities of which are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas, and was not connected with any other Directors, senior management of the Company or substantial or controlling Shareholders.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Dr. Tang did not have any interest in Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Pursuant to a letter of appointment to be entered into between the Company and Dr. Tang, Dr. Tang will be appointed for a term of two years commencing from the date of AGM, if elected, subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the requirement of the Bye-laws. She will be entitled to a director's fee of HK\$22,000 per month, which has been reviewed by the Remuneration Committee of the Company and determined by the Board according to the past remuneration rates and with reference to market rates, her qualifications and experience.

Save as disclosed above, Dr. Tang has confirmed that there are no other matters that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders in connection with her election and there is no information to be disclosed pursuant to Rules 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules.

**NEW BYE-LAWS** 

OF

### Binhai Investment Company Limited 濱海投資有限公司

(Adopted at an Annual General Meeting held on [•••] May 2023)

## **NEW BYE-LAWS**

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### **INTERPRETATION**

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

WORD	MEANING
"Act"	the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda.
"announcement"	an official publication of a Notice or document of the Company, including a publication, subject to and to such extent permitted by the Listing Rules, by electronic communication or by advertisement published in the newspapers or in such manner or means ascribed and permitted by the Listing Rules and applicable laws.
"associate"	shall have the meaning attributed to it in the rules of the Designated Stock Exchange.
"Auditor"	the auditor of the Company for the time being and may include any individual or partnership.
"Bye-laws"	these Bye-laws in their present form or as supplemented or amended or substituted from time to time.
"Board" or "Directors"	the board of directors of the Company or (as the context may require) the directors present and entitled to vote at a meeting of directors of the Company at which a quorum is present.
"capital"	the share capital from time to time of the Company.
"clear days"	in relation to the period of notice that period excluding the day on which the notice is given or deemed to be given and the day on which it is to take effect or is deemed to take effect.
"clearing house"	a clearing house recognised by the laws of the jurisdiction in which the shares of the Company are listed or quoted on a stock exchange in such jurisdiction.
<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 Bye-law 103 where the transaction or arrangement to be approved by the Board is a connected transaction referred to in the Listing Rules, it shall have the same meaning as that ascribed to "associate" in the Listing Rules.

# **NEW BYE-LAWS**

"Company"	Binhai Investment Company Limited* 濱海投資有限公司**
"competent regulatory authority"	a competent regulatory authority in the territory where the shares of the Company are listed or quoted on a stock exchange in such territory.
"debenture" and "debenture holder"	include debenture stock and debenture stockholder respectively.
"Designated Stock Exchange"	a stock exchange which is an appointed stock exchange for the purposes of the Act in respect of which the shares of the Company are listed or quoted and where such appointed stock exchange deems such listing or quotation to be the primary listing or quotation of the shares of the Company.
"dollars" and "\$"	dollars, the legal currency of Hong Kong.
"electronic communication"	a communication sent, transmitted, conveyed and received by wire, by radio, by optical means or by similar means in any form through any medium.
"electronic meeting"	a general meeting held and conducted wholly and exclusively by virtual attendance and participation by Members and/or proxies by means of electronic facilities.
"head office"	such office of the Company as the Directors may from time to time determine to be the principal office of the Company.
<u>"hybrid meeting"</u>	means a general meeting held and conducted by (i) physical attendance by Members and/or proxies at the Principal Meting Place and where applicable, one or more Meeting Locations; and (ii) virtual attendance and participation by Members and/ or proxies by means of electronic facilities.
"Listing Rules"	means the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (as amended from time to time).
"Meeting Location(s)"	shall have the meaning given to it in Bye-law 64A.
"Member"	a duly registered holder from time to time of the shares in the capital of the Company.
"month"	a calendar month.
"appointed newspaper"	shall have the meaning as defined in the Act.

"Newspaper"	in relation to any newspaper circulating in the territory where the shares of the Company are listed or quoted on a stock exchange in such territory, shall mean a newspaper published daily and circulating generally in such territory and specified for this purpose by the stock exchange in such territory.
"Notice"	written notice unless otherwise specifically stated and as further defined in these Bye-laws.
"Office"	the registered office of the Company for the time being.
"paid up"	or credited as paid up.
"physical meeting"	a general meeting held and conducted by physical attendance and participation by Members and/or proxies at the Principal Meeting Place and/or where applicable the Meeting Locations.
"Principal Meeting Place"	shall have the meaning given to it in Bye-law 59(2).
"Register"	the principal register and where applicable, any branch register of Members of the Company to be kept pursuant to the provisions of the Act.
"Registration Office"	in respect of any class of share capital such place as the Board may from time to time determine to keep a branch register of Members in respect of that class of share capital and where (except in cases where the Board otherwise directs) the transfers or other documents of title for such class of share capital are to be lodged for registration and are to be registered.
"Seal"	common seal or any one or more duplicate seals of the Company (including a securities seal) for use in Bermuda or in any place outside Bermuda.
"Secretary"	any person, firm or corporation appointed by the Board to perform any of the duties of secretary of the Company and includes any assistant, deputy, temporary or acting secretary.
"Statutes"	the Act and every other act of the Legislature of Bermuda for the time being in force applying to or affecting the Company, its memorandum of association and/or these Bye-laws.
"year"	a calendar year.

- 2. In these Bye-laws, unless there be something within the subject or context inconsistent with such construction:
  - (a) words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa;
  - (b) words importing a gender include both gender and the neuter;
  - (c) words importing persons and the neuter include companies, associations and bodies of persons whether corporate or not;
  - (d) the words:
    - (i) "may" shall be construed as permissive;
    - (ii) "shall" or "will" shall be construed as imperative;
  - (e) expressions referring to writing shall, unless the contrary intention appears, be construed as including printing, lithography, photography and every other mode of representing words in a visible form or reproducing words or figures in a legible and non-transitory form or, to the extent permitted by and in accordance with the Statutes and other applicable laws, rules and regulations, any visible substitute for writing (including an electronic communication), or modes of representing or reproducing words partly in one visible form and partly in another visible form, and including where the representation takes the form of electronic display, provided that both the mode of service of the relevant document or notice and the Member's election comply with all applicable Statutes, rules and regulations;
  - (f) references to any act, ordinance, statute or statutory provision shall be interpreted as relating to any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force;
  - (g) save as aforesaid words and expressions defined in the Statutes shall bear the same meanings in these Bye-laws if not inconsistent with the subject in the context save that "company" shall where the context permits include any company incorporated in Bermuda or elsewhere;
  - (h) a resolution shall be a special resolution when it has been passed by a majority of not less than three-fourths of votes cast by such Members as, being entitled so to do, vote in person or, in the case of such Members as are corporations, by their respective duly authorised representative or, where proxies are allowed, by proxy at a general meeting of which not less than twenty-one (21) clear days' Notice, specifying (without prejudice to the power contained in these Bye-laws to amend the same) the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution, has been duly given. Provided that, except in the case of an annual general meeting, if it is so agreed by a majority in number of the Membershaving the right to attend and vote at any such meeting, being a majority together holding not less than ninety-fiveNotice has been duly given in accordance with Bye-law 59;

(95) per cent. in nominal value of the shares giving that right and in the case of an annual general meeting, if it is so agreed by all Members entitled to attended and vote thereat, a resolution may be proposed and passed as a special resolution at a meeting of which less than twenty one (21) clear days' Notice has been given;

- a resolution shall be an ordinary resolution when it has been passed by a simple majority of votes cast by such Members as, being entitled so to do, vote in person or, in the case of any Member being a corporation, by its duly authorised representative or, where proxies are allowed, by proxy at a general meeting of which not less than fourteen (14) elear days<sup>2</sup> Notice has been duly given in accordance with Bye-law 59;
- (j) a special resolution shall be effective for any purpose for which an ordinary resolution is expressed to be required under any provision of these Bye-laws or the Statutes:-
- (k) 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;
- (1) a reference to a meeting shall mean a meeting convened and held in any manner permitted by these Bye-laws and any Member or Director attending and participating at a meeting by means of electronic facilities shall be deemed to be present at that meeting for all purposes of the Statutes and these Bye-laws, and attend, participate, attending, participating, attendance and participation shall be construed accordingly;
- (m) references to a person's participation in the business of a general meeting include without limitation and as relevant the right (including, in the case of a corporation, through a duly authorised representative) to speak or communicate, vote, be represented by a proxy and have access in hard copy or electronic form to all documents which are required by the Statutes or these Bye-laws to be made available at the meeting, and participate and participating in the business of a general meeting shall be construed accordingly;
- (n) 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
- (o) where a Member is a corporation, any reference in these Bye-laws to a Member shall, where the context requires, refer to a duly authorised representative of such Member.

### **SHARE CAPITAL**

- 3. (1) The authorized share capital of the Company is HK\$750,000,000828,000,000 divided into 15,000,000,0002,280,000,000 ordinary shares of HK\$0.010.10 each ("Shares"), 170,000,000 convertible non-voting preference shares of HK\$1.00 each ("Convertible Preference Shares") and 8,600,000 redeemable non-voting preference shares of HK\$50.00 each ("Redeemable Preference Shares").
  - (1A) The Convertible Preference Shares which may be issued by the Company which are convertible into new Shares at the Conversion Price (as hereinafter defined) to be issued by the Company shall carry equal rights and rank pari passu with one another and each Convertible Preference Share shall have the following rights, privileges and restrictions:
    - (a) **Dividends.** The holders of Convertible Preference Shares shall have no right to receive any dividend, whether in cash, in property, in shares or otherwise, on the Convertible Preference Shares held by them.
    - (b) Liquidation. In the event of any liquidation, dissolution, winding up of the Company, or a sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company (each a "Liquidation Event") distributions to the members of the Company shall be made in the following manner:
      - Each holder of Convertible Preference Shares shall, after the holders of the **(I)** Redeemable Preference Shares have received the RP Principal Amount (as defined in Bye-law 3(1B) below) for each Redeemable Preference Share held by such holders in full out of the distribution, be entitled to receive, prior and in preference to any distribution of any assets, surplus or funds of the Company to the holders of the Shares or any other class or series of shares of the Company by reason of their ownership of such shares, the principal amount for each Convertible Preference Share, being HK\$1.00 each (the "CP Principal Amount"), for each Convertible Preference Share held by such holder. If, upon the occurrence of a Liquidation Event, the assets and funds available after distribution to the holders of the Redeemable Preference Shares (if any) to be distributed among the holders of Convertible Preference Shares shall be insufficient to permit the payment to such holders of the CP Principal Amount of all the Convertible Preference Shares then in issue and outstanding, then the entire assets and funds of the Company legally available for distribution to such holders shall be distributed rateably among the holders of the Convertible Preference Shares in proportion to the number of the Convertible Preference Shares owned by each such holder.

- (II) After payment has been made to the holders of Convertible Preference Shares of the full CP Principal Amount of the Convertible Preference Shares in issue and outstanding on the occurrence of the Liquidation Event, the remaining assets and funds of the Company available for distribution to members shall be distributed among the holders of Shares in proportion to their respective Shareholding Proportions only. "Shareholding Proportion" in respect of each holder of Shares means the proportion which the aggregate number of Shares held by such holder bears to the aggregate number of all Shares in issue on the occurrence of the Liquidation Event.
- (c) **Voting Right.** The holder of each Convertible Preference Share shall not have any voting rights unless a resolution is to be proposed at a general meeting for winding-up the Company or a resolution is to be proposed which if passed would (subject to any consents required for such purpose being obtained) vary or abrogate the rights or privileges of the holders of the Convertible Preference Shares, in which event the Convertible Preference Shares shall confer on the holders thereof the right to receive notice of, and to attend, to be counted in the quorum and vote at, that general meeting (except the election of a Chairman), any motion for adjournment and the resolution for winding-up or the resolution which if passed would (subject to any consents required for such purpose being obtained) so vary or abrogate the rights and privileges of the holders of the Convertible Preference Shares.

Each holder of Convertible Preference Shares shall be entitled to receive copies of all notices of any general meeting of the Company and shall be entitled to attend the same whether or not it has a right to vote thereat.

Where holders of Convertible Preference Shares are entitled to vote on any resolution, then, at the relevant general meeting of the Company, on a show of hands every holder of Convertible Preference Shares who is present in person or by proxy or, in the case of a corporation, by a duly authorized representative shall have one vote, and on a poll every holder of Convertible Preference Shares who is present in person or by proxy or, in the case of a corporation, by a duly authorized representative shall have one vote for each Share into which each Convertible Preference Share held by such holder would be converted if the date of conversion for such Convertible Preference Shares were the date 48 hours preceding the time for convening such general meeting of the Company or class meeting of the holders of Convertible Preference Shares.

The provisions of these Bye-laws relating to votes of members shall (subject to and except to the extent inconsistent with the above) apply mutatis mutandis to votes of the holders of Convertible Preference Shares at any general meeting.

- (d) **Conversion.** The holders of Convertible Preference Shares shall have conversion rights as follows:
  - (I) Right to Convert. At any time from (and including) the day immediately after the fifth anniversary of the date of allotment and issuance of the Convertible Preference Shares (the "Issue Date") up to and including the day being the tenth anniversary of the Issue Date (the "Conversion Period"), a holder of Convertible Preference Shares shall have the right to require the Company to convert all or such number of the Convertible Preference Shares held by such holder into such number of fully-paid Shares to be determined by the aggregate CP Principal Amount of such Convertible Preference Shares divided by the conversion price of HK\$0.03 per share (subject to adjustment as provided in sub-section (d)(IV) of Byelaw 3(1A) below) (the "Conversion Price").
  - (II) Mandatory Conversion. Each Convertible Preference Share shall automatically be converted into such number of Shares to be determined by dividing the aggregate CP Principal Amount of such outstanding Convertible Preference Shares held by each holder of Convertible Preference Shares by the then Conversion Price on the last day of the Conversion Period (such event being referred to herein as the "Mandatory Conversion").
  - (III) Mechanics of Conversion. In the event of any fraction of a whole number of Shares in the case of a conversion of Convertible Preference Shares, such fraction shall be rounded down to the nearest whole number of the Share. For conversion of Convertible Preference Shares, the Directors shall have the discretion to deal with the balance of the CP Principal Amount of the Convertible Preference Shares being converted arising out of such rounding down of fraction of a whole number of Shares in such manner as permitted under the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda, including the transfer of such balance to the share premium account of the Company.

Before any holder of Convertible Preference Shares shall be entitled to convert the same into Shares and to receive certificates therefore, such holder shall surrender the certificate or certificates therefore, duly endorsed, at the office of the Company in Hong Kong and shall give written notice to the Company at such office that he or she elects to convert the same; provided, however, that in the event of the Mandatory Conversion pursuant to sub-section (d)(II) of Bye-law 3(1A) above, the outstanding Convertible Preference Shares shall be converted mandatorily without any further action by the holders of such shares and whether or not the certificates representing such shares arc surrendered to the Company and provided further that the Company shall not be obligated to issue certificates evidencing the Shares issuable upon the Mandatory Conversion unless the certificates evidencing such Convertible Preference Shares are either delivered to the Company as provided above, or the holder notifies the Company that such certificates have been lost, stolen, or destroyed and provides such indemnity as may be reasonable required by the Company.

The Company shall, as soon as practicable and within 5 business days (being a day other than Saturday on which banks in Hong Kong are open for normal banking business) after the service of notice of conversion, delivery of certificates evidencing the Convertible Preference Shares, or such notification in the case of a lost, stolen, or destroyed certificate, issue and deliver at such office to such holder of the Convertible Preference Shares, a certificate or certificates for the number of Shares to which such holder shall be entitled as aforesaid. Such conversion shall be deemed to have been made immediately prior to the close of business on the date of such surrender of the Convertible Preference Shares to be converted, or in the case of Mandatory Conversion, on the tenth anniversary of the issue of the Convertible Preference Shares, and the person or persons entitled to receive the Shares issuable upon such conversion shall be treated for all purposes as the record holder or holders of such Shares at such time who shall cease to have rights attached to the Convertible Preference Shares being converted at the same time.

- (IV) Adjustments to Conversion Price. The adjustments to the Conversion Price is to ensure that the shareholding of the holders of the Convertible Preference Shares shall not be affected by any change in the share capital of the Company.
  - (i) Adjustments for Dividends, Splits, Subdivisions, Combinations, or Consolidation of Shares. In the event the outstanding Shares shall be increased by a share dividend payable in Shares, share split, subdivision, or other similar transaction into a greater number of Shares, the Conversion Price then in effect shall, concurrently with the effectiveness of such event, be decreased in proportion to the percentage increase in the outstanding number of Shares. In the event the outstanding Shares shall be decreased by a combination, consolidation, or other similar transaction into a smaller number of Shares, the Conversion Price then in effect shall, concurrently with the effectiveness of such event, be increased in proportion to the percentage decrease in the outstanding number of Shares.

Except to the limited extent provided for in the case of a combination, consolidation or other similar transaction, no adjustment of the Conversion Price pursuant to this sub-section (d)(IV) of Bye-law 3(1A) shall have the effect of increasing the Conversion Price above the Conversion Price in effect immediately prior to such adjustment.

- Adjustments far Reclassification, Exchange and Substitution. If the (ii) Shares issuable upon conversion of the Convertible Preference Shares shall be changed into the same or a different number of shares of any other class or classes of shares, whether by capital reorganization, reclassification, or otherwise (other than a subdivision or combination of shares provided for above), the Conversion Price then in effect shall, concurrently with the effectiveness of such reorganization or reclassification, be proportionately adjusted such that the Convertible Preference Shares shall be convertible into, in lieu of the number of Shares which the holders would otherwise have been entitled to receive, a number of shares of such other class or classes of shares equivalent to the number of shares of such other class or classes of shares in the capital of the Company into which the Shares that would have been subject to receipt by the holders of Convertible Preference Shares upon conversion of such Convertible Preference Shares immediately before that change would have been changed into.
- Adjustments for Other Distributions. In the event the Company (iii) at any time or from time to time makes, or fixes a record date for the determination of holders of Shares entitled to receive, any distribution payable in securities of the Company other than Shares and other than as adjusted elsewhere in this sub-section (d)(IV) of Bye-law 3(1A), then and in each such event provision shall be made so that the holders of Convertible Preference Shares shall receive upon conversion thereof, the amount of securities of the Company which they would have received had their Convertible Preference Shares been converted into Shares immediately prior to such record date or on the date of such event and had they thereafter, during the period from the date of such event to and including the date of conversion, retained such securities receivable by them as aforesaid during such period, subject to all other adjustments called for during such period under this sub-section (d)(IV) of Bye-law 3(1A) with respect to the rights of the holders of Convertible Preference Shares. If the Company shall declare a distribution payable in securities of other persons or corporations, evidence of indebtedness of the Company or other persons or corporations, assets (excluding cash dividends) or options or rights not referred to in this subsection (d) (IV) of Bye-law 3(1A), the holders of Convertible Preference Shares shall be entitled to a proportionate share of any such distribution as though they were the holders of the number of Shares into which their Convertible Preference Shares arc convertible as of the record date fixed for determination of the holders of Shares entitled to receive such distribution.

- (iv) Notwithstanding the preceding provisions in this sub-section (d) (IV) of Bye-law 3(1A), in any circumstances where the Directors consider that any adjustments to the Conversion Price should be calculated on a different basis or date or should take effect on a different date from that provided for in this sub-section (d)(IV) of Bye-law 3(1A) or that an adjustment to the Conversion Price should be made notwithstanding that no such adjustment is contemplated under this sub-section (d)(IV) of Bye-law 3(1A), the Company may appoint a merchant bank of repute in Hong Kong or the auditor of the Company to consider whether for any reason whatsoever the adjustment as set out under the provisions of this sub-section (d)(IV) of Bye-law 3(1A) is appropriate or inappropriate, as the case may be, and, if the merchant bank appointed or the auditor of the Company shall consider an adjustment or the absence of an adjustment to be appropriate or inappropriate, as the case may be, the adjustment may be modified or an adjustment made instead of no adjustment in such manner as shall be considered by the Directors, after consultation with the merchant bank appointed or the auditor of the Company, to be in their opinion appropriate.
- (v) Any adjustment to the Conversion Price shall be made to the nearest cent so that any amount under half a cent shall be rounded down and an amount of half a cent or more shall be rounded up and in no event shall any adjustment (otherwise than upon the consolidation of Shares into shares of a larger nominal amount or upon a repurchase of Shares) involve an increase in the Conversion Price.
- (vi) No adjustment shall be made to the Conversion Price in any case in which the amount by which the same would be reduced in accordance with the foregoing provisions would be less than one cent.
- (vii) Where the result of any act or transaction of the Company the result of which, having regard to the provisions of this sub-section (d)(IV) of Bye-law 3(1A), would be to reduce the Conversion Price to below the nominal amount of a Share, no adjustment to the Conversion Price shall be made pursuant to any of the relevant provisions of this sub-section (d)(IV) of Bye-law 3(1A).
- (viii) When an event falling under this sub-section (d)(IV) of Bye-law 3(1A) which calls for adjustment to the Conversion Price occurs, the Company shall appoint a merchant bank of repute in Hong Kong or the auditor of the Company to calculate or determine the adjustment to the Conversion Price as in the opinion of the merchant bank or auditor to be appropriate in the circumstances.

- (V) Notice of Adjustments. Upon the occurrence of each adjustment of the Conversion Price pursuant to this sub-section (d)(IV) of Bye-law 3(1A), the Company shall give notice to each holder of Convertible Preference Shares that the Conversion Price has been adjusted setting forth (i) the event giving rise to the adjustment; (ii) the Conversion Price in effect prior to such adjustment; (iii) the adjusted Conversion Price; and (iv) the effective date thereof.
- (e) Transfer of Convertible Preference Shares. The Convertible Preference Shares shall be transferable by instrument of transfer in any usual or common form or such other form as may be approved by the Board. For this purpose, the Company shall maintain a register of holders of Convertible Preference Shares in Bermuda. The provisions of the Bye-laws in relation to the registration, transmission and transfer of Shares shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to the registration, transmission and transfer of the Convertible Preference Shares.
- (f) Payments in respect of Convertible Preference Shares. All payments in respect of the Convertible Preference Shares shall be made by the Company posting a cheque or warrant in Hong Kong dollars at the risk of the holder of Convertible Preference Shares concerned to the registered address of such holder of Convertible Preference Shares as the relevant record date, unless another manner of payment is agreed between the Company and holder.
- (g) **Reservation of Shares Issuable Upon Conversion.** The Company shall at all times reserve and keep available out of its authorised but unissued Shares, solely for the purpose of effecting the conversion of the Convertible Preference Shares, such number of Shares as shall from time to time be sufficient to effect the conversion of all outstanding Convertible Preference Shares, and if at any time the number of authorized but unissued Shares shall not be sufficient to effect the conversion of all then outstanding Convertible Preference Shares, the Company will take such corporate action as may be necessary to increase its authorised but unissued Shares to such number of shares as shall be sufficient for such purpose, including, without limitation, engaging in best efforts to obtain the requisite members' approval of any necessary amendment to its memorandum of association or these Bye-laws.
- (1B) The Redeemable Preference Shares to be issued by the Company shall carry equal rights and rank pari passu with one another and each Redeemable Preference Share shall have the following rights, privileges and restrictions:
  - (a) **Dividends.** The holders of Redeemable Preference Shares shall have no right to receive any dividend, whether in cash, in property, in shares or otherwise on the Redeemable Preference Shares held by them.

- (b) Liquidation. In the event of a Liquidation Event, each holder of Redeemable Preference Shares shall be entitled to receive, prior and in preference to any distribution of any assets, surplus or funds of the Company to the holders of the Convertible Preference Shares and holders of the Shares or any other class or series of shares of the Company by reason of their ownership of such shares, the principal amount of each Redeemable Preference Share, being HK\$50.00 (the "RP Principal Amount"), held by the holder. If, upon the occurrence of a Liquidation Event, the assets and funds available to be distributed among the holders of Redeemable Preference Shares shall be insufficient to permit the payment to such holders of the RP Principal Amount of all the Redeemable Preference Shares then in issue and outstanding, then the entire assets and funds of the Company legally available for distribution to such holders shall be distributed rateably among the holders of the Redeemable Preference Shares in proportion to the number of the Redeemable Preference Shares owned by each such holder.
- (c) Voting Rights. The holder of each Redeemable Preference Share shall not have any voting rights. Each holder of each Redeemable Preference Share shall be entitled to receive copies of all notices of any general meeting of the Company and shall be entitled to attend the same.

### (d) Redemption.

- (I) Subject to fulfilment of the following conditions:
  - (a) the occurrence of the 5th anniversary of the date the Shares resumes trading on the Growth Enterprise Market of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Resumption Date");
  - (b) the Company has declared and paid final dividends in respect of at least two consecutive financial years since the Resumption Date;
  - (c) the diluted net asset value per Share at any time of redemption of the Redeemable Preference Shares is not less than the pro forma net asset value per Share as stated in the circular issued by the Company to the Shareholders dated 27 February, 2009 in relation to the resumption of trading of the Shares on the Growth Enterprise Market of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited;

the Company may by notice in writing to the holders of the Redeemable Preference Shares redeem all or part of the outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares held by such holders at the redemption amount equal to the aggregate RP Principal Amount of such number of Redeemable Preference Shares so redeemed, PROVIDED THAT the aggregate RP Principal Amount of all Redeemable Preference Shares redeemed in a financial year of the Company shall not exceed 50% of the total amount of dividend declared and paid to holders of Shares in that financial year of the Company.

- (II) Upon the giving of a notice of redemption by the Company to the holder(s) of the Redeemable Preference Shares, such holder(s) shall deliver to the Company the certificate(s) for the Redeemable Preference Shares to be redeemed and the Company shall cancel the same. If any certificate so delivered to the Company includes any Redeemable Preference Shares not to be redeemed, the Company shall issue a certificate for the balance of any unredeemed Redeemable Preference Shares to the holder or holders thereof.
- (III) The Company shall pay the amount of aggregate RP Principal Amount of the Redeemable Preference Shares to be redeemed within 14 days of the date of notice of redemption given by the Company to the holders of Redeemable Preference Shares.

#### (e) Transfer of Redeemable Preference Shares

The Redeemable Preference Shares shall be transferable by instrument of transfer in any usual or common form or such other form as may be approved by the Board. For this purpose, the Company shall maintain a register of holders of Redeemable Preference Shares in Bermuda. The provisions of the Bye-laws in relation to the registration, transmission and transfer of Shares shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to the registration, transmission and transfer of the Redeemable Preference Shares.

#### (f) Payments in respect of Redeemable Preference Shares

All payments in respect of the Redeemable Preference Shares shall be made by the Company posting a cheque or warrant in Hong Kong dollars at the risk of the holder of Redeemable Preference Shares concerned to the registered address of such holder of Redeemable Preference Shares as the relevant record date, unless another manner of payment is agreed between the Company and holder.

- (2) Subject to the Act, the Company's memorandum of association and, where applicable, the rules of any Designated Stock Exchange and/or any competent regulatory authority, any power of the Company to purchase or otherwise acquire its own shares (including its redeemable shares) and warrants or other securities shall be exercisable by the Board upon such terms and subject to such conditions as it thinks fit.
- (3) Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries shall directly or indirectly give financial assistance to a person who is acquiring or proposing to acquire shares in the Company for the purpose of that acquisition whether before or at the same time as the acquisition takes place or afterwards PROVIDED that nothing in this Bye-law shall prohibit transactions permitted by the Act.

### **ALTERATION OF CAPITAL**

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

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

#### SHARE RIGHTS

- 8. (1) Subject to any special rights conferred on the holders of any shares or class of shares, any share in the Company (whether forming part of the present capital or not) may be issued with or have attached thereto such rights or restrictions whether in regard to dividend, voting, return of capital, distribution of assets or otherwise as the Company may by ordinary resolution determine or, if there has not been any such determination or so far as the same shall not make specific provision, as the Board may determine.
  - (2) No powers shall be taken to freeze or otherwise impair any of the rights attaching to any share by reason only that the person or persons who are interested directly or indirectly therein have failed to disclose their interests to the Company.
- 9. Subject to Sections 42 and 43 of the Act, these Bye-laws, and to any special rights conferred on the holders of any shares or attaching to any class of shares, any preference shares may be issued or converted into shares that, at a determinable date or at the option of the Company or the holder if so authorised by its memorandum of association, are liable to be redeemed on such terms and in such manner as the Company before the issue or conversion may by ordinary resolution of the Members determine. Where the Company purchases for redemption a redeemable share, purchases not made through the market or by tender shall be limited to a maximum price as may from time to time be determined by the Company in general meeting, either generally or with regard to specific purchases. If purchases are by tender, tenders shall be available to all Members alike.

### **VARIATION OF RIGHTS**

- 10. Subject to the Act and without prejudice to Bye-law 8, all or any of the special rights for the time being attached to the shares or any class of shares may, unless otherwise provided by the terms of issue of the shares of that class, from time to time (whether or not the Company is being wound up) be varied, modified or abrogated either with the consent in writing of the holders of not less than three-fourths of the issued shares of that class or with the sanction of a special resolution passed at a separate general meeting of the holders of the shares of that class. To every such separate general meeting all the provisions of these Bye-laws relating to general meetings of the Company shall, mutatis mutandis, apply, but so that:
  - (a) the necessary quorum (other than at an adjourned meeting) shall be two persons (or in the case of a Member being a corporation, its duly authorised representative) holding or representing by proxy not less than one-third in nominal value of the issued shares of that class and at any adjourned meeting of such holders, two holders present in person (or in the case of a Member being a corporation, its duly authorised representative) or by proxy (whatever the number of shares held by them) shall be a quorum;
  - (b) every holder of shares of the class shall be entitled on a poll to one vote for every such share held by him; and
  - (c) any holder of shares of the class present in person or by proxy may demand a poll.
- 11. The special rights conferred upon the holders of any shares or class of shares shall not, unless otherwise expressly provided in the rights attaching to or the terms of issue of such shares, be deemed to be varied, modified or abrogated by the creation or issue of further shares ranking pari passu therewith.

#### **SHARES**

12. (1)Subject to the Statutes, these Bye-laws and, where applicable, the rules of any Designated Stock Exchange and without prejudice to any special rights or restrictions for the time being attached to any shares or any class of shares, the unissued shares of the Company (whether forming part of the original or any increased capital) shall be at the disposal of the Board, which may offer, allot, grant options over or otherwise dispose of them to such persons, at such times and for such consideration and upon such terms and conditions as the Board may in its absolute discretion determine but so that no shares shall be issued at a discount to its nominal value. The Directors shall, as regards any offer or allotment of shares, comply with the provisions of the Companies Act, if and so far as such provisions may be applicable thereto. 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 offer, option or shares to Members or others with registered addresses in any particular territory or territories being a territory or territories where, in the absence of a registration statement or other special formalities, this would or might, in the opinion of the Board, be unlawful or impracticable. Members affected as a result of the foregoing sentence shall not be, or be deemed to be, a separate class of Members for any purpose whatsoever.

- (2) The Board may issue warrants conferring the right upon the holders thereof to subscribe for any class of shares or securities in the capital of the Company on such terms as it may from time to time determine.
- (3) The Company may by ordinary resolution, before the issue of any new shares, determine that the same, or any of them, shall be offered in the first instance, and either at par or at a premium, to all the existing holders of any class of shares in proportion as nearly as may be to the number of shares of such class held by them respectively, or make any other provisions as to the issue and allotment of such shares, but in default of any such determination or so far as the same shall not extend, such shares may be dealt with as if they formed part of the capital of the Company existing prior to the issue of the same.
- 13. The Company may in connection with the issue of any shares exercise all powers of paying commission and brokerage conferred or permitted by the Act. Subject to the Act, the commission may be satisfied by the payment of cash or by the allotment of fully or partly paid shares or partly in one way and partly in the other.
- 14. Except as required by law, no person shall be recognised by the Company as holding any share upon any trust and the Company shall not be bound by or required in any way to recognise (even when having notice thereof) any equitable, contingent, future or partial interest in any share or any fractional part of a share or (except only as otherwise provided by these Byelaws or by law) any other rights in respect of any share except an absolute right to the entirety thereof in the registered holder.
- 15. Subject to the Act and these Bye-laws, the Board may at any time after the allotment of shares but before any person has been entered in the Register as the holder, recognise a renunciation thereof by the allottee in favour of some other person and may accord to any allottee of a share a right to effect such renunciation upon and subject to such terms and conditions as the Board considers fit to impose.

### **SHARE CERTIFICATES**

- 16. Every share certificate shall be issued under the Seal or a facsimile thereof and shall specify the number and class and distinguishing numbers (if any) of the shares to which it relates, and the amount paid up thereon and may otherwise be in such form as the Directors may from time to time determine. No certificate shall be issued representing shares of more than one class. The Board may by resolution determine, either generally or in any particular case or cases; that any signatures on any such certificates (or certificates in respect of other securities) need not be autographic but may be affixed to such certificate by some mechanical means or may be printed thereon or that such certificates need not be signed by any person.
- 17. (1) In the case of a share held jointly by several persons, the Company shall not be bound to issue more than one certificate therefor and delivery of a certificate to one of several joint holders shall be sufficient delivery to all such holders.

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

### LIEN

- 22. The Company shall have a first and paramount lien on every share (not being a fully paid share) for all moneys (whether presently payable or not) called or payable at a fixed time in respect of that share. The Company shall also have a first and paramount lien on every share (not being a fully paid share) registered in the name of a Member (whether or not jointly with other Members) for all amounts of money presently payable by such Member or his estate to the Company whether the same shall have been incurred before or after notice to the Company of any equitable or other interest of any person other than such member, and whether the period for the payment or discharge of the same shall have actually arrived or not, and notwithstanding that the same are joint debts or liabilities of such member or his estate and any other person, whether a member of the Company or not. The Company's lien on a share shall extend to all dividends or other moneys payable thereon or in respect thereof. The Board may at any time, generally or in any particular case, waive any lien that has arisen or declare any share exempt in whole or in part, from the provisions of this Bye-law.
- 23. Subject to these Bye-laws, the Company may sell in such manner as the Board determines any share on which the Company has a lien, but no sale shall be made unless some sum in respect of which the lien exists is presently payable, or the liability or engagement in respect of which such lien exists is liable to be presently fulfilled or discharged nor until the expiration of fourteen clear days after a notice in writing, stating and demanding payment of the sum presently payable, or specifying the liability or engagement and demanding fulfilment or discharge thereof and giving notice of the intention to sell in default, has been served on the registered holder for the time being of the share or the person entitled thereto by reason of his death or bankruptcy or winding up.
- 24. The net proceeds of the sale shall be received by the Company and applied in or towards payment or discharge of the debt or liability in respect of which the lien exists, so far as the same is presently payable, and any residue shall (subject to a like lien for debts or liabilities not presently payable as existed upon the share prior to the sale) be paid to the person entitled to the share at the time of the sale. To give effect to any such sale the Board may authorise some person to transfer the shares sold to the purchaser thereof. The purchaser shall be registered as the holder of the shares so transferred and he shall not be bound to see to the application of the purchase money, nor shall his title to the shares be affected by any irregularity or invalidity in the proceedings relating to the sale.

### CALLS ON SHARES

- 25. (1) Subject to these Bye-laws and to the terms of allotment, the Board may from time to time make calls upon the Members in respect of any moneys unpaid on their shares (whether on account of the nominal value of the shares or by way of premium), and each Member shall (subject to being given at least fourteen (14) clear days' Notice specifying the time and place of payment) pay to the Company as required by such notice the amount called on his shares. A call may be extended, postponed or revoked in whole or in part as the Board determines but no member shall be entitled to any such extension, postponement or revocation except as a matter of grace and favour.
  - (2) In addition to the giving of notice in accordance with Bye-law 25(1), notice of the person appointed to receive payment of every call and of the times and places appointed for payment may be given to the Members by notice to be inserted in the Newspapers.
- 26. A call shall be deemed to have been made at the time when the resolution of the Board authorising the call was passed and may be made payable either in one lump sum or by instalments.
- 27. A person upon whom a call is made shall remain liable for calls made upon him notwithstanding the subsequent transfer of the shares in respect of which the call was made. The joint holders of a share shall be jointly and severally liable to pay all calls and instalments due in respect thereof or other moneys due in respect thereof.
- 28. If a sum called in respect of a share is not paid before or on the day appointed for payment thereof, the person from whom the sum is due shall pay interest on the amount unpaid from the day appointed for payment thereof to the time of actual payment at such rate (not exceeding twenty per cent. (20%) per annum) as the Board may agree to accept, but the Board may in its absolute discretion waive payment of such interest wholly or in part.
- 29. No Member shall be entitled to receive any dividend or bonus or to be present and vote (save as proxy for another Member) at any general meeting either personally or by proxy, or be reckoned in a quorum, or exercise any other privilege as a Member until all calls or instalments due by him to the Company, whether alone or jointly with any other person, together with interest and expenses (if any) shall have been paid.
- 30. On the trial or hearing of any action or other proceedings for the recovery of any money due for any call, it shall be sufficient to prove that the name of the Member sued is entered in the Register as the holder, or one of the holders, of the shares in respect of which such debt accrued, that the resolution making the call is duly recorded in the minute book, and that notice of such call was duly given to the Member sued, in pursuance of these Bye-laws; and it shall not be necessary to prove the appointment of the Directors who made such call, nor any other matters whatsoever, but the proof of the matters aforesaid shall be conclusive evidence of the debt.

- 31. Any amount payable in respect of a share upon allotment or at any fixed date, whether in respect of nominal value or premium or as an instalment of a call, shall be deemed to be a call duly made and payable on the date fixed for payment and if it is not paid the provisions of these Bye-laws shall apply as if that amount had become due and payable by virtue of a call duly made and notified.
- 32. On the issue of shares the Board may differentiate between the allottees or holders as to the amount of calls to be paid and the times of payment.
- 33. The Board may receive from any Member willing to advance the same, and either in money or money's worth, all or any part of the moneys uncalled and unpaid or instalments payable upon any shares held by him and upon all or any of the moneys so advanced (until the same would, but for such advance, become presently payable) pay interest at such rate (if any) not exceeding twenty per cent (20%) per annum as the Board may decide. The Board may at any time repay the amount so advanced upon giving to such Member not less than one month's Notice of its intention in that behalf, unless before the expiration of such notice the amount so advanced shall have been called up on the shares in respect of which it was advanced. Such payment in advance shall not entitle the holder of such share or shares to participate in respect thereof in a dividend subsequently declared or to exercise any other rights or privileges as a Member in respect of the share or the due portion of the shares upon which payment has been advanced by such Member before it is called up.

#### FORFEITURE OF SHARES

- 34. (1) If a call remains unpaid after it has become due and payable the Board may give to the person from whom it is due not less than fourteen (14) clear days' Notice:
  - (a) requiring payment of the amount unpaid together with any interest which may have accrued and which may still accrue up to the date of actual payment; and
  - (b) stating that if the Notice is not complied with the shares on which the call was made will be liable to be forfeited.
  - (2) If the requirements of any such Notice are not complied with, any share in respect of which such Notice has been given may at any time thereafter, before payment of all calls and interest due in respect thereof has been made, be forfeited by a resolution of the Board to that effect, and such forfeiture shall include all dividends and bonuses declared in respect of the forfeited share but not actually paid before the forfeiture.
- 35. When any share has been forfeited, notice of the forfeiture shall be served upon the person who was before forfeiture the holder of the share. No forfeiture shall be invalidated by any omission or neglect to give such Notice.

- 36. The Board may accept the surrender of any share liable to be forfeited hereunder and in such case, references in these Bye-laws to forfeiture will include surrender.
- 37. Until cancelled in accordance with the requirements of the Act, a forfeited share shall be the property of the Company and may be sold, re-allotted or otherwise disposed of to such person, upon such terms and in such manner as the Board determines, and at any time before a sale, re-allotment or disposition the forfeiture may be annulled by the Board on such terms as the Board determines.
- 38. A person whose shares have been forfeited shall cease to be a Member in respect of the forfeited share but nevertheless shall remain liable to pay the Company all moneys which at the date of forfeiture were presently payable by him to the Company in respect of the share, with (if the Directors shall in their discretion so require) interest thereon from the date of forfeiture until payment at such rate (not exceeding twenty per cent. (20%) per annum) as the Board determines. The Board may enforce payment thereof if it thinks fit, and without any deduction or allowance for the value of the forfeited share, at the date of forfeiture, but his liability shall cease if and when the Company shall have received payment in full of all such moneys in respect of the shares. For the purposes of this Bye-law any sum which, by the terms of issue of a share, is payable thereon at a fixed time which is subsequent to the date of forfeiture, whether on account of the nominal value of the share or by way of premium, shall notwithstanding that time has not yet arrived be deemed to be payable at the date of forfeiture, and the same shall become due and payable immediately upon the forfeiture, but interest thereon shall only be payable in respect of any period between the said fixed time and the date of actual payment.
- 39. A declaration by a Director or the Secretary that a share has been forfeited or surrendered on a specified date shall be conclusive evidence of the facts therein stated as against all persons claiming to be entitled to the share, and such declaration shall (subject to the execution of an instrument of transfer by the Company if necessary) constitute a good title to the share, and the person to whom the share is disposed of shall be registered as the holder of the share and shall not be bound to see to the application of the consideration (if any), nor shall his title to the share be affected by any irregularity in or invalidity of the proceedings in reference to the forfeiture, re-allotment sale or disposal of the share. When any share shall have been forfeited, notice of the declaration shall be given to the Member in whose name it stood immediately prior to the forfeiture, and an entry of the forfeiture, with the date thereof, shall forthwith be made in the register, but no forfeiture shall be in any manner invalidated by any omission or neglect to give such notice or make any such entry.
- 40. Notwithstanding any such forfeiture as aforesaid the Board may at any time, before any shares so forfeited shall have been sold, re-allotted or otherwise disposed of, permit the shares forfeited to be bought back upon the terms of payment of all calls and interest due upon and expenses incurred in respect of the share, and upon such further terms (if any) as it thinks fit.
- 41. The forfeiture of a share shall not prejudice the right of the Company to any call already made or instalment payable thereon.

42. The provisions of these Bye-laws as to forfeiture shall apply in the case of non-payment of any sum which, by the terms of issue of a share, becomes payable at a fixed time, whether on account of the nominal value of the share or by way of premium, as if the same had been payable by virtue of a call duly made and notified.

### **REGISTER OF MEMBERS**

- 43. (1) The Company shall keep in one or more books a Register of its Members and shall enter therein the following particulars, that is to say:
  - (a) the name and address of each Member, the number and class of shares held by him and the amount paid or agreed to be considered as paid on such shares;
  - (b) the date on which each person was entered in the Register; and
  - (c) the date on which any person ceased to be a Member.
  - (2) Subject to the Act, the Company may keep an overseas or local or other branch register of Members resident in any place, and the Board may make and vary such regulations as it determines in respect of the keeping of any such register and maintaining a Registration Office in connection therewith.
- 44. The Register and branch register of Members, as the case may be, shall be open to inspection between 10 a.m. and 12 noon on every business day by Members without charge or by any other person, upon a maximum payment of five Bermuda dollars, at the Office or such other place in Bermuda at which the Register is kept in accordance with the Act or, if appropriate, upon a maximum payment of ten dollars at the Registration Office. The Register including any overseas or local or other branch register of Members may, after notice has been given by advertisement in an appointed newspaper and where applicable, the Newspapers in accordance with the requirements of any Designated Stock Exchange to that effect, be closed at such times or for such periods not exceeding in the whole thirty (30) days in each year as the Board may determine and either generally or in respect of any class of shares.

#### **RECORD DATES**

- 45. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Bye-laws the Company or the Directors may fix any date as the record date for:
  - (a) determining the Members entitled to receive any dividend, distribution, allotment or issue and such record date may be on, or at any time not more than thirty (30) days before or after, any date on which such dividend, distribution, allotment or issue is declared, paid or made;
  - (b) determining the Members entitled to receive notice of and to vote at any general meeting of the Company.

#### **TRANSFER OF SHARES**

- 46. Subject to these Bye-laws, any Member may transfer all or any of his shares by an instrument of transfer in the usual or common form or in any other form approved by the Board and which may be under hand or, if the transferor or transferee is a clearing house or its nominee(s), by hand or by machine imprinted signature or by such other manner of execution as the Board may approve from time to time.
- 47. The instrument of transfer shall be executed by or on behalf of the transferor and the transferee provided that the Board may dispense with the execution of the instrument of transfer by the transferee in any case which it thinks fit in its discretion to do so. Without prejudice to Bye-law 46, the Board may also resolve, either generally or in any particular case, upon request by either the transferor or transferee, to accept mechanically executed transfers. The transferor shall be deemed to remain the holder of the share until the name of the transferee is entered in the Register in respect thereof. Nothing in these Bye-laws shall preclude the Board from recognising a renunciation of the allotment or provisional allotment of any share by the allottee in favour of some other person.
- 48. (1) The Board may, in its absolute discretion, and without giving any reason therefor, refuse to register a transfer of any share (not being a fully paid up share) to a person of whom it does not approve, or any share issued under any share incentive scheme for employees upon which a restriction on transfer imposed thereby still subsists, and it may also, without prejudice to the foregoing generality, refuse to register a transfer of any share (whether fully paid or not) to more than four (4) joint holders or a transfer of any share (not being a fully paid up share) on which the Company has a lien.
  - (2) No transfer shall be made to an infant or to a person of unsound mind or under other legal disability.
  - (3) The Board in so far as permitted by any applicable law may, in its absolute discretion, at any time and from time to time transfer any share upon the Register to any branch register or any share on any branch register to the Register or any other branch register. In the event of any such transfer, the shareholder requesting such transfer shall bear the cost of effecting the transfer unless the Board otherwise determines.
  - (4) Unless the Board otherwise agrees (which agreement may be on such terms and subject to such conditions as the Board in its absolute discretion may from time to time determine, and which agreement it shall, without giving any reason therefor, be entitled in its absolute discretion to give or withhold), no shares upon the Register shall be transferred to any branch register nor shall shares on any branch register be transferred to the Register or any other branch register and all transfers and other documents of title shall be lodged for registration, and registered, in the case of any shares on a branch register, at the relevant Registration Office, and, in the case of any shares on the Register, at the Office or such other place in Bermuda at which the Register is kept in accordance with the Act.

- 49. Without limiting the generality of the last preceding Bye-law, the Board may decline to recognise any instrument of transfer unless:
  - (a) a fee of such maximum sum as the Designated Stock Exchange may determine to be payable or such lesser sum as the Board may from time to time require is paid to the Company in respect thereof;
  - (b) the instrument of transfer is in respect of only one class of share;
  - (c) the instrument of transfer is lodged at the Office or such other place in Bermuda at which the Register is kept in accordance with the Act or the Registration Office (as the case may be) accompanied by the relevant share certificate(s) and such other evidence as the Board may reasonably require to show the right of the transferor to make the transfer (and, if the instrument of transfer is executed by some other person on his behalf, the authority of that person so to do); and
  - (d) if applicable, the instrument of transfer is duly and properly stamped.
- 50. If the Board refuses to register a transfer of any share, it shall, within two (2) months after the date on which the transfer was lodged with the Company, send to each of the transferor and transferee notice of the refusal.
- 51. The registration of transfers of shares or of any class of shares may, after notice has been given by advertisement in an appointed newspaper and in the Newspapers in accordance with the requirements of any Designated Stock Exchange to that effect be suspended at such times and for such periods (not exceeding in the whole thirty (30) days in any year) as the Board may determine.

#### **TRANSMISSION OF SHARES**

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

54. A person becoming entitled to a share by reason of the death or bankruptcy or winding-up of a Member shall be entitled to the same dividends and other advantages to which he would be entitled if he were the registered holder of the share. However, the Board may, if it thinks fit, withhold the payment of any dividend payable or other advantages in respect of such share until such person shall become the registered holder of the share or shall have effectually transferred such share, but, subject to the requirements of Bye-law 75(2) being met, such a person may vote at meetings.

### UNTRACEABLE MEMBERS

- 55. (1) Without prejudice to the rights of the Company under paragraph (2) of this Bye-law, the Company may cease sending cheques for dividend entitlements or dividend warrants by post if such cheques or warrants have been left uncashed on two consecutive occasions. However, the Company may exercise the power to cease sending cheques for dividend entitlements or dividend warrants after the first occasion on which such a cheque or warrant is returned undelivered.
  - (2) The Company shall have the power to sell, in such manner as the Board thinks fit, any shares of a Member who is untraceable, but no such sale shall be made unless:
    - (a) at least three dividends in respect of the shares in question have become payable during the relevant period and no dividend during that period has been claimed;
    - (b) so far as it is aware at the end of the relevant period, the Company has not at any time during the relevant period received any indication of the existence of the Member who is the holder of such shares or of a person entitled to such shares by death, bankruptcy or operation of law; and
    - (c) the Company, if so required by the rules governing the listing of shares on the Designated Stock Exchange, has given notice to and caused advertisement in the Newspapers in accordance with the requirements of the Designated Stock Exchange to be made of its intention to sell such shares in the manner required by the Designated Stock Exchange, and a period of three (3) months or such shorter period as may be allowed by the Designated Stock Exchange has elapsed since the date of such advertisement.

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

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

### **GENERALMEETINGS**

- 56. An annual general meeting of the Company shall be held in each year other than the year in which its statutory meeting is convened at such time (within a period of not more than fifteen (15) six (6) months after the holding of the last preceding annual general meeting end of the Company's financial year unless a longer period would not infringe the Listing rRules of or is otherwise approved by the Designated Stock Exchange, if any) and place as may be determined by the Board.
- 57. Each general meeting, other than an annual general meeting, shall be called a special general meeting. <u>All Ggeneral meetings (including an annual general meeting or any adjourned or postponed meeting)</u> may be held <u>as a physical meeting</u> in any part of the world <u>and at one or more locations as provided in Bye-law 64A, as a hybrid meeting or as an electronic meeting, as may be determined by the Board.</u>
- 58. The Board may whenever it thinks fit call special general meetings, and Members holding at the date of deposit of the requisition not less than one-tenth of the paid up capital of the Company carrying the right of voting at general meetings of the Company <u>on a one vote per</u> share basis shall at all times have the right, by written requisition to the Board or the Secretary of the Company, to require a special general meeting to be called by the Board for the transaction of any business <u>or resolution</u> specified in such requisition. If within twenty-one (21) days of such deposit the Board fails to proceed to convene such meeting the requisitionists themselves may do so in accordance with the provisions of Section 74(3) of the Act.

### **NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETINGS**

- 59. (1) An annual general meeting and any special general meeting at which the passing of a special resolution is to be considered shall be called by not less than twenty-one (21) clear days' Notice. All other special general meetings may be called by not less than fourteen (14) clear days' Notice but a general meeting may be called by shorter notice if it is so agreed:
  - (a) in the case of a meeting called as an annual general meeting, by all the Members entitled to attend and vote thereat; and
  - (b) in the case of any other meeting, by a majority in number of the Members having the right to attend and vote at the meeting, being a majority together holding not less than ninety-five per cent. (95%) in nominal value of the issued shares giving that right.
  - (2)The Notice shall specify (a) the time and <del>place of the meeting and,</del> 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 Bye-law 64A, the principal place of the meeting (the "Principal Meeting Place"), (c) if the general meeting is to be a hybrid meeting or an electronic meeting, the notice shall include a statement to that effect and with details of the electronic and/or communication 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, (d) in case of special business, the general nature of the business, and (e) particulars of resolutions to be considered at the meeting. The Notice convening an annual general meeting shall specify the meeting as such. Notice of every general meeting shall be given to all Members other than to such Members as, under the provisions of these Bye-laws or the terms of issue of the shares they hold, are not entitled to receive such notices from the Company, to all persons entitled to a share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy or winding-up of a Member and to each of the Directors and the Auditors.
- 60. The accidental omission to give Notice of a meeting or (in cases where instruments of proxy are sent out with the Notice) to send such instrument of proxy to, or the non-receipt of such Notice or such instrument of proxy by, any person entitled to receive such Notice shall not invalidate any resolution passed or the proceedings at that meeting.

#### PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

- 61. (1) All business shall be deemed special that is transacted at a special general meeting, and also all business that is transacted at an annual general meeting, with the exception of sanctioning dividends, the reading, considering and adopting of the accounts and balance sheet and the reports of the Directors and Auditors and other documents required to be annexed to the balance sheet, the election of Directors and appointment of Auditors and other officers in the place of those retiring, the fixing of the remuneration of the Auditors, and the voting of remuneration or extra remuneration to the Directors.
  - (2) No business shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum is present at the commencement of the business. Two (2) Members entitled to vote and present in person (or in the case of a Member being a corporation by its duly authorised representative) or by proxy, or for quorum purposes only, two persons appointed by the clearing house as authorised representatives or by proxy, shall form a quorum for all purposes.
- 62. If within thirty (30) minutes (or such longer time not exceeding one hour as the chairman of the meeting may determine to wait) after the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting, if convened on the requisition of Members, shall be dissolved. In any other case it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and (where applicable) same place(s) or to such time and (where applicable) such place(s) and in such form and manner referred to in Bye-law 57 as the chairman of the meeting (or in default, as the Board) may 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. (1) The president of the Company or the chairman shall preside as chairman at every general meeting. If at any meeting the president or the chairman, as the case may be, is not present within fifteen (15) minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, or if neither of them is willing to act as chairman, the 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 and entitled to vote shall elect one of their number to be chairman of the meeting.
  - (2) If the chairman of a general meeting is participating in the general meeting using an electronic facility or facilities and becomes unable to participate in the general meeting using such electronic facility or facilities, another person (determined in accordance with Bye-law 63(1) above) shall preside as chairman of the meeting unless and until the original chairman of the meeting is able to participate in the general meeting using the electronic facility or facilities.

- 64. <u>Subject to Bye-law 64C</u>, Fthe chairman may, with the consent of any meeting at which a quorum is present (and shall if so directed by the meeting), adjourn the meeting from time to time and/or from place to place <u>and/or from one form to another (i.e., a physical meeting, a hybrid meeting or an electronic meeting)</u> as the meeting shall determine, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business which might lawfully have been transacted at the meeting had the adjournment not taken place. When a meeting is adjourned for fourteen (14) days or more, at least seven (7) clear days' Notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given specifying the time and place of the adjourned meeting details set out in Bye<u>law 59(2)</u> but it shall not be necessary to specify in such notice the nature of the business to be transacted at the adjourned meeting and the general nature of the business to be transacted. Save as aforesaid, it shall be unnecessary to give Notice of an adjournment.
- 64A. (1)The Board may in its absolute discretion, arrange for persons entitled to attend a general<br/>meeting to do so by simultaneous attendance and participation by means of electronic<br/>facilities at such location or locations ("Meeting Location(s)") determined by the Board<br/>at its absolute discretion. Any Member or any proxy attending and participating in such<br/>way or any Member participating in an electronic meeting or a hybrid meeting by means<br/>of electronic facilities is deemed to be present at and shall be counted in the quorum of<br/>the meeting.
  - (2) All general meetings are subject to the following:
    - (a) Where a Member is attending a general meeting at 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 (in the case of a Member being a corporation, by its duly authorised representative) or by proxy at a Meeting Location and/or Members participating in an electronic meeting or a hybrid meeting by means of electronic facilities shall be counted in the quorum for and entitled to vote at the meeting in question, and that meeting shall be duly constituted and its proceedings valid provided that the chairman of the meeting is satisfied that adequate electronic facilities are available throughout the meeting to ensure that Members at all Meeting Locations and Members participating in an electronic meeting or a hybrid meeting by means of electronic facilities are available throughout the meeting in an electronic meeting or a hybrid meeting by means of electronic facilities are able to participate in the business for which the meeting has been convened;

- (c) Where Members attend a meeting by being present at one of the Meeting Locations and/or where Members participating in an electronic meeting or a hybrid meeting by means of electronic facilities, a failure (for any reason) of the electronic facilities or communication equipment, or any other failure in the arrangements for enabling those in a Meeting Location other than the Principal Meeting Place to participate in the business for which the meeting has been convened or in the case of an electronic meeting or a hybrid meeting, the inability of one or more Members or proxies to access, or continue to access, the electronic facilities despite adequate electronic facilities having been made available by the Company, shall not affect the validity of the meeting or the resolutions passed, or any business conducted there or any action taken pursuant to such business provided that there is a quorum present throughout the meeting;
- (d) if any of the Meeting Locations is outside the jurisdiction of the Principal Meeting Place and/or in the case of a hybrid meeting, unless otherwise stated in the Notice, the provisions of these Bye-laws concerning the service and giving of Notice for the meeting, and the time for lodging proxies, shall apply by reference to the Principal Meeting Place; and in the case of an electronic meeting, the time for lodging proxies shall be as stated in the Notice for the meeting.
- 64B. The Board and, at any general meeting, the chairman of the meeting may from time to time make arrangements for managing attendance and/or participation and/or voting at the Principal Meeting Place, any Meeting Location(s) and/or participation in an electronic meeting or a hybrid meeting by means of electronic facilities (whether involving the issue of tickets or some other means of identification, passcode, seat reservation, electronic voting or otherwise) as it shall in its absolute discretion consider appropriate, and may from time to time change any such arrangements, provided that a Member who, pursuant to such arrangements, is not entitled to attend, in person or by proxy, at any Meeting Location shall be entitled so to attend at one of the other Meeting Locations; and the entitlement of any Member so to attend the meeting or adjourned meeting or postponed meeting at such Meeting Location or Meeting Locations shall be subject to any such arrangement as may be for the time being in force and by the Notice of meeting or adjourned meeting or postponed meeting stated to apply to the meeting.
- 64C. If it appears to the chairman of the general meeting that:
  - (a) the electronic facilities at the Principal Meeting Place or at such other Meeting Location(s) at which the meeting may be attended have become inadequate for the purposes referred to in Bye-law 64A(1) or are otherwise not sufficient to allow the meeting to be conducted substantially in accordance with the provisions set out in the Notice of the meeting; or
  - (b) in the case of an electronic meeting or a hybrid meeting, electronic facilities being made available by the Company have become inadequate; or

- (c) it is not possible to ascertain the view of those present or to give all persons entitled to do so a reasonable opportunity to communicate and/or vote at the meeting; or
- (d) there is violence or the threat of violence, unruly behaviour or other disruption occurring at the meeting or it is not possible to secure the proper and orderly conduct of the meeting;

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

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

- (b) when only the form of the meeting or electronic facilities specified in the Notice are changed, the Board shall notify the Members of details of such change in such manner as the Board may determine;
- (c) when a meeting is postponed or changed in accordance with this Bye-law, subject to and without prejudice to Bye-law 64, unless already specified in the original Notice of the meeting, the Board shall fix the date, time, place (if applicable) and electronic facilities (if applicable) for the postponed or changed meeting and shall notify the Members of such details in such manner as the Board may determine; further all proxy forms shall be valid (unless revoked or replaced by a new proxy) if they are received as required by these Bye-laws not less than 48 hours before the time of the postponed or changed meeting; and
- (d) notice of the business to be transacted at the postponed or changed meeting shall not be required, nor shall any accompanying documents be required to be recirculated, provided that the business to be transacted at the postponed or changed meeting is the same as that set out in the original Notice of general meeting circulated to the 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 Bye-law 64C, any inability of a person or persons to attend or participate in a general meeting by way of electronic facilities shall not invalidate the proceedings of and/or resolutions passed at that meeting.
- 64G. Without prejudice to other provisions in Bye-law 64, a physical meeting may also be held by means of such telephone, electronic or other communication facilities as permit all persons participating in the meeting to communicate with each other simultaneously and instantaneously, and participation in such a meeting shall constitute presence in person at such meeting.
- 65. If an amendment is proposed to any resolution under consideration but is in good faith ruled out of order by the chairman of the meeting, the proceedings on the substantive resolution shall not be invalidated by any error in such ruling. In the case of a resolution duly proposed as a special resolution, no amendment thereto (other than a mere clerical amendment to correct a patent error) may in any event be considered or voted upon.

#### VOTING

- 66. Subject to any special rights or restrictions as to voting for the time being attached to (1)any shares by or in accordance with these Bye-laws, at any general meeting on a showof hands poll every Member present in person (or being a corporation, is present by a representative duly authorised under Section 78 of the Act), or by proxy shall have one vote and on a poll every Member present in person or by proxy or, in the case of a Member being a corporation, by its duly authorised representative shall have one vote for every fully paid share of which he is the holder but so that no amount paid up or credited as paid up on a share in advance of calls or instalments is treated for the foregoing purposes as paid up on the share. 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. Notwithstanding anything contained in these Bye-laws, where more than one proxy is appointed by a Member which is a clearing house (or its nominee), each such proxy shall have one vote on a show of hands. A resolution put to the vote of a general meeting shall be decided on a show of hands unless (before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands or on the withdrawal of any other demand for a poll) by way of a poll is demanded: save that in the case of a physical meeting, the chairman of the meeting may in good faith, allow a resolution which relates purely to a procedural or administrative matter to be voted on by a show of hands in which case every Member present in or by proxy(ies) shall have one vote provided that where more than one proxy is appointed by a Member which is a clearing house (or its nominee(s)), each such proxy shall have one vote on a show of hands. For purposes of this Bye-law, procedural and administrative matters are those that (i) are not on the agenda of the general meeting or in any supplementary circular that may be issued by the Company to its Members; and (ii) relate to the chairman's duties to maintain the orderly conduct of the meeting and/or allow the business of the meeting to be properly and effectively dealt with, whilst allowing all Members a reasonable opportunity to express their views. Votes may be cast by such means, electronic or otherwise, as the Directors or the chairman of the meeting may determine.
  - (2) In the case of a physical meeting where a show of hands is allowed, before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands, a poll may be demanded:
    - (a) by the chairman of such meeting; or
    - (b) (a) by at least three Members present in person (or in the case of a Member being a corporation by its duly authorised representative) or by proxy for the time being entitled to vote at the meeting; or
    - (e) (b) by a Member or Members present in person (or in the case of a Member being a corporation by its duly authorised representative) or by proxy and representing not less than one-tenth of the total voting rights of all Members having the right to vote at the meeting; or

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

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

- 67. Unless Where a poll resolution is duly demanded and the demand is not withdrawn 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 fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded for or against the resolution.
- 68. If a poll is duly demanded t<u>T</u>he result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded. There <u>The Company</u> shall <u>only</u> be no requirement for the chairman required to disclose the voting figures on a poll <u>if such disclosure is required</u> by the Listing Rules.
- 69. A poll demanded on the election of a chairman, or on a question of adjournment, shall be taken forthwith. A poll demanded on any other question shall be taken in such manner (including the use of ballot or voting papers or tickets) and either forthwith or at such time (being not later than thirty (30) days after the date of the demand) and place as the chairman directs. It shall not be necessary (unless the chairman otherwise directs) for notice to be given of a poll not taken immediately. [Intentionally deleted]
- 70. The demand for a poll shall not prevent the continuance of a meeting or the transaction of any business other than the question on which the poll has been demanded, and, with the consent of the chairman, it may be withdrawn at any time before the close of the meeting or the taking of the poll, whichever is the earlier. [Intentionally deleted]
- 71. On a poll votes may be given either personally or by proxy. <u>Votes (whether on a show of hands</u> or a poll) may be cast by such means, electronic or otherwise, as the Directors of the chairman of the meeting may determine.
- 72. A person entitled to more than one vote on a poll need not use all his votes or cast all the votes he uses in the same way.
- 73. <u>All questions submitted to a meeting shall be decided by a simple majority of votes except</u> where a greater majority is required by these Bye-laws or by the Act. In the case of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the chairman of such meeting shall be entitled to a second or casting vote in addition to any other vote he may have.

- 74. 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 were solely entitled thereto, but if more than one of such joint holders be present at any meeting the vote of the senior who tenders a vote, whether in person or by proxy, shall be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint holders, and for this purpose seniority shall be determined by the order in which the names stand in the Register in respect of the joint holding. Several executors or administrators of a deceased Member in whose name any share stands shall for the purposes of this Bye-law be deemed joint holders thereof.
- 75. (1) A Member who is a patient for any purpose relating to mental health or in respect of whom an order has been made by any court having jurisdiction for the protection or management of the affairs of persons incapable of managing their own affairs may vote, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, by his receiver, committee, curator bonis or other person in the nature of a receiver, committee or curator bonis appointed by such court, and such receiver, committee, curator bonis or other person may otherwise act and be treated as such Member for the purposes of general meetings, provided that such evidence as the Board may require of the authority of the person claiming to vote shall have been deposited at the Office, head office or Registration Office, as appropriate, not less than forty-eight (48) hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting, or adjourned meeting or poll-postponed meeting, as the case may be.
  - (2) Any person entitled under Bye-law 53 to be registered as the holder of any shares may vote at any general meeting in respect thereof in the same manner as if he were the registered holder of such shares, provided that forty-eight (48) hours at least before the time of the holding of the meeting or adjourned meeting <u>or postponed meeting</u>, as the case may be, at which he proposes to vote, he shall satisfy the Board of his entitlement to such shares, or the Board shall have previously admitted his right to vote at such meeting in respect thereof.
- 76. (1) No Member shall, unless the Board otherwise determines, be entitled to attend and vote and to be reckoned in a quorum at any general meeting unless he is duly registered and all calls or other sums presently payable by him in respect of shares in the Company have been paid.
  - (2) All Members entitled to attend a general meeting shall have the right to (a) speak at that general meeting; and (b) vote at that general meeting except where a Member is required by the 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 applicable Statutes and/or the rules and regulations of the Designated Stock Exchange, required to abstain from voting on any particular resolution or restricted to voting only for or only against any particular resolution, any votes cast by or on behalf of such member in contravention of such requirement or restriction shall not be counted.

77. If:

- (a) any objection shall be raised to the qualification of any voter; or
- (b) any votes have been counted which ought not to have been counted or which might have been rejected; or
- (c) any votes are not counted which ought to have been counted;

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

#### PROXIES

- 78. Any Member entitled to attend and vote at a meeting of the Company shall be entitled to appoint another person as his proxy to attend and vote instead of him. A Member who is the holder of two or more shares may appoint more than one proxy to represent him and vote on his behalf at a general meeting of the Company or at a class meeting. A proxy need not be a Member. In addition, a proxy or proxies representing either a Member who is an individual or a Member which is a corporation shall be entitled to exercise the same powers on behalf of the Member which he or they represent as such Member could exercise.
- 79. The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing under the hand of the appointor or of his attorney duly authorised in writing or, if the appointor is a corporation, either under its seal or under the hand of an officer, attorney or other person authorised to sign the same. In the case of an instrument of proxy purporting to be signed on behalf of a corporation by an officer thereof it shall be assumed, unless the contrary appears, that such officer was duly authorised to sign such instrument of proxy on behalf of the corporation without further evidence of the fact.
- 80. The instrument appointing a proxy and (if required by the Board) the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed, or a notarially certified copy of such power or authority, shall be delivered to such place or one of such places (if any) as may be specified for that purpose in or by way of note to or in any document accompanying the notice convening the meeting (or, if no place is so specified, at the Registration Office or the Office, as may be appropriate) not less than forty-eight (48) hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting <u>or postponed meeting</u> at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote or, in the case of a poll taken subsequently to the date of a meeting or adjourned meeting, not less than twenty-four (24) hours before the time appointed for the taking of the poll and in default the instrument of proxy shall not be treated as valid. No instrument appointing a proxy shall be valid after the expiration of twelve (12) months from

the date named in it as the date of its execution, except at an adjourned meeting or on a polldemanded at a meeting or an adjourned or postponed meeting in cases where the meeting was originally held within twelve (12) months from such date. Delivery of an instrument appointing a proxy shall not preclude a Member from attending and voting in person at the meeting convened and in such event, the instrument appointing a proxy shall be deemed to be revoked.

- 81. Instruments of proxy shall be in any common form or in such other form as the Board may approve (provided that this shall not preclude the use of the two-way form) and the Board may, if it thinks fit, send out with the notice of any meeting forms of instrument of proxy for use at the meeting. The instrument of proxy shall be deemed to confer authority to demand or join in demanding a poll and to vote on any amendment of a resolution put to the meeting for which it is given as the proxy thinks fit. The instrument of proxy shall, unless the contrary is stated therein, be valid as well for any adjournment or postponement of the meeting as for the meeting to which it relates.
- 82. A vote given in accordance with the terms of an instrument of proxy shall be valid notwithstanding the previous death or insanity of the principal, or revocation of the instrument of proxy or of the authority under which it was executed, provided that no intimation in writing of such death, insanity or revocation shall have been received by the Company at the Office or the Registration Office (or such other place as may be specified for the delivery of instruments of proxy in the notice convening the meeting or other document sent therewith) two (2) hours at least before the commencement of the meeting or adjourned meeting, or the taking of the poll-postponed meeting, at which the instrument of proxy is used.
- 83. Anything which under these Bye-laws a Member may do by proxy he may likewise do by his duly appointed attorney and the provisions of these Bye-laws relating to proxies and instruments appointing proxies shall apply mutatis mutandis in relation to any such attorney and the instrument under which such attorney is appointed.

#### **CORPORATIONS ACTING BY REPRESENTATIVES**

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

- (2) Where a Member is a recognized clearing house (within the meaning of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571) of the Laws of Hong Kong) or its nominee(s), it may authorize such person or persons as it thinks fit to act as its representative(s) or proxy(ies) at any shareholders' meetings or any meetings of any class of Members provided that, if more than one person is so authorised, the authorization or proxy form must specify the number and class of shares in respect of which each such person is so authorized. The Each such person so authorised will be deemed to have been duly authorized without the need of producing any documents of title, notarized authorization and/or further evidence for substantiating the facts that it is duly authorized and will be entitled to exercise the same power on behalf of the recognized clearing house as that clearing house or its nominee(s) could exercise if it were an individual shareholder of the Company, including the right to speak and to vote and, where on a show of hands is allowed, the right to vote individually on a show of hands.
- (3) Any reference in these Bye-laws to a duly authorised representative of a Member being a corporation shall mean a representative authorised under the provisions of this Bye-law.

### WRITTEN RESOLUTIONS OF MEMBERS

- 85. (1) Subject to the Act, a resolution in writing signed (in such manner as to indicate, expressly or impliedly, unconditional approval) by or on behalf of all persons for the time being entitled to receive notice of and to attend and vote at general meetings of the Company shall, for the purposes of these Bye-laws, be treated as a resolution duly passed at a general meeting of the Company and, where relevant, as a special resolution so passed. Any such resolution shall be deemed to have been passed at a meeting held on the date on which it was signed by the last Member to sign, and where the resolution states a date as being the date of his signature thereof by any Member the statement shall be prima facie evidence that it was signed by him on that date. Such a resolution may consist of several documents in the like form, each signed by one or more relevant Members.
  - (2) Notwithstanding any provisions contained in these Bye-laws, a resolution in writing shall not be passed for the purpose of removing a Director before the expiration of his term of office under Bye-law 86(4) or for the purposes set out in Bye-law 154(3) relating to the removal and appointment of the Auditor.

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- 86. (1) Unless otherwise determined by the Company in general meeting, the number of Directors shall not be less than two (2). There shall be no maximum number of Directors unless otherwise determined from time to time by the Members in general meeting. The Directors shall be elected or appointed in the first place at the statutory meeting of Members and thereafter in accordance with Bye-law 87 and shall hold office until the next appointment of Directors or until their successors are elected or appointed. Any general meeting may authorise the Board to fill any vacancy in their number left unfilled at a general meeting.
  - (2) The Directors shall have the power from time to time and at any time to appoint any person as a Director either to fill a casual vacancy on the Board or, subject to authorisation by the Members in general meeting, as an addition to the existing Board but so that the number of Directors so appointed shall not exceed any maximum number determined from time to time by the Members in general meeting. Any Director so appointed by the Board shall hold office only until the next following general meeting of the Company (in the case of filling a casual vacancy) or until the next following first annual general meeting of the Company after his appointment(in case of an addition to the Board), and shall then be eligible for re-election at the meeting.
  - (3) Neither a Director nor an alternate Director shall be required to hold any shares of the Company by way of qualification and a Director or alternate Director (as the case may be) who is not a Member shall be entitled to receive notice of and to attend and speak at any general meeting of the Company and of all classes of shares of the Company.
  - (4) Subject to any provision to the contrary in these Bye-laws the Members may, at any general meeting convened and held in accordance with these Bye-laws, by ordinary resolution remove a Director (including a managing director or other executive director) at any time before the expiration of his period of office notwithstanding anything in these Bye-laws or in any agreement between the Company and such Director (but without prejudice to any claim for damages under any such agreement) provided that the Notice of any such meeting convened for the purpose of removing a Director shall contain a statement of the intention so to do and be served on such Director not less than fourteen (14) days before the meeting and at such meeting such Director shall be entitled to be heard on the motion for his removal.
  - (5) A vacancy on the Board created by the removal of a Director under the provisions of subparagraph (4) above may be filled by the election or appointment of the Members at the meeting at which such Director is removed to hold office until their successors are elected or appointed or until the next following annual general meeting of the Company and shall then be eligible for re-election or, in the absence of such election or appointment such general meeting may authorise the Board to fill any vacancy in the number left unfilled.

(6) The Company may from time to time in general meeting by ordinary resolution increase or reduce the number of Directors but so that the number of Directors shall never be less than two (2).

#### **RETIREMENT OF DIRECTORS**

- 87. (1) Notwithstanding any other provisions in the Bye-laws, at each annual general meeting one-third of the Directors for the time being (or, if their number is not a multiple of three (3), the number nearest to but not greater than one-third) shall retire from office by rotation provided that every Director shall be subject to retirement at least once every three years.
  - (2) A retiring Director shall be eligible for re-election. The Directors to retire by rotation shall include (so far as necessary to ascertain the number of directors to retire by rotation) any Director who wishes to retire and not to offer himself for re-election. Any further Directors so to retire shall be those of the other Directors subject to retirement by rotation who have been longest in office since their last re-election or appointment and so that as between persons who became or were last re-elected Directors on the same day those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree among themselves) be determined by lot. Any Director appointed pursuant to Bye-law 86(2) shall not be taken into account in determining which particular Directors or the number of Directors who are to retire by rotation.
- 88. No person, other than a retiring Director, shall, unless recommended by the Director for election, be eligible for election to the office of Director at any general meeting unless Notice by a Member (other than the person to he proposed) duly qualified to attend and vote at the meeting for which such Notice is given of his intention to propose such person for election as a Director and also a Notice signed by the person to be proposed of his willingness to be elected shall have been given to the Company or lodged at the head office or at the Registration Office provided that the minimum length of the period, during which such Notices are given, shall be at least seven (7) days and that (if the Notices are submitted after the despatch of the notice of the general meeting appointed for such election) the period for lodgement of such Notices shall commence on the day after the despatch of the Notice of the general meeting appointed for such election (7) days prior to the date of such general meeting.

### **DISQUALIFICATION OF DIRECTORS**

89A. The office of a Director shall be vacated if the Director:

- (1) resigns his office by notice in writing delivered to the Company at the Office or tendered at a meeting of the Board whereupon the Board resolves to accept such resignation;
- (2) becomes of unsound mind or dies;
- (3) without special leave of absence from the Board, is absent from meetings of the Board for six consecutive months, and his alternate Director, if any, shall not during such period have attended in his stead and the Board resolves that his office be vacated; or
- (4) becomes bankrupt or has a receiving order made against him or suspends payment or compounds with his creditors;
- (5) is prohibited by law from being a Director;
- (6) ceases to be a Director by virtue of any provision of the Statutes or is removed from office pursuant to these Bye-laws; or
- (7) is convicted in any jurisdiction of a criminal offence involving dishonesty.
- 89B. No director shall be required to vacate office or be ineligible for re-election or re-appointment as a Director, and no person shall be ineligible for appointment as a Director by reason only of his having attained any particular age.

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS**

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

91. Notwithstanding Bye-laws 96, 97, 98 and 99, an executive director appointed to an office under Bye-law 90 hereof shall receive such remuneration (whether by way of salary, commission, participation in profits or otherwise or by all or any of those modes) and such other benefits (including pension and/or gratuity and/or other benefits on retirement) and allowances as the Board may from time to time determine, and either in addition to or in lieu of his remuneration as a Director.

### **ALTERNATE DIRECTORS**

- 92. Any Director may at any time by Notice delivered to the Office or head office or at a meeting of the Directors appoint any person to be his alternate Director. Any person so appointed shall have all the rights and powers of the Director or Directors for whom such person is appointed in the alternative provided that such person shall not be counted more than once in determining whether or not a quorum is present. An alternate Director may be removed at any time by the person or body which appointed him and, subject thereto, the office of alternate Director shall continue until the next annual election of Directors or, if earlier, the date on which the relevant Director ceases to be a Director. Any appointment or removal of an alternate Director shall be effected by Notice signed by the appointor and delivered to the Office or head office or tendered at a meeting of the Board. An alternate Director may also be a Director in his own right and may act as alternate to more than one Director. An alternate Director shall, if his appointor so requests, be entitled to receive notices of meetings of the Board or of committees of the Board to the same extent as and in addition to the Director appointing him and shall be entitled to such extent to attend and vote as a Director at any such meeting at which the Director appointing him is not personally present and generally at such meeting to exercise and discharge all the functions, powers and duties of his appointor as a Director and for the purposes of the proceedings at such meeting the provisions of these Bye-laws shall apply as if he were a Director save that as an alternate for more than one Director his voting rights shall be cumulative.
- 93. An alternate Director shall only be a Director for the purposes of the Act and shall only be subject to the provisions of the Act insofar as they relate to the duties and obligations of a Director when performing the functions of the Director for whom he is appointed in the alternative and shall alone be responsible to the Company for his acts and defaults and shall not be deemed to be the agent of or for the Director appointing him. An alternate Director shall be entitled to contract and be interested in and benefit from contracts or arrangements or transactions and to be repaid expenses and to be indemnified by the Company to the same extent mutatis mutandis as if he were a Director but he shall not be entitled to receive from the Company any fee in his capacity as an alternate Director except only such part, if any, of the remuneration otherwise payable to his appointor as such appointor may by Notice to the Company from time to time direct.

- 94. Every person acting as an alternate Director shall have one vote for each Director for whom he acts as alternate (in addition to his own vote if he is also a Director). If his appointor is for the time being absent from Hong Kong or otherwise not available or unable to act, the signature of an alternate Director to any resolution in writing of the Board or a committee of the Board of which his appointor is a member shall, unless the notice of his appointment provides to the contrary, be as effective as the signature of his appointor.
- 95. An alternate Director shall ipso facto cease to be an alternate Director if his appointor ceases for any reason to be a Director, however, such alternate Director or any other person may be re-appointed by the Directors to serve as an alternate Director PROVIDED always that, if at any meeting any Director retires but is re-elected at the same meeting, any appointment of such alternate Director pursuant to these Bye-laws which was in force immediately before his retirement shall remain in force as though he had not retired.

#### **DIRECTORS' FEES AND EXPENSES**

- 96. The ordinary remuneration of the Directors shall from time to time be determined by the Company in general meeting and shall (unless otherwise directed by the resolution by which it is voted) be divided amongst the Board in such proportions and in such manner as it may agree or, failing agreement, equally, except that any Director who shall hold office for part only of the period in respect of which such remuneration is payable shall be entitled only to rank in such division for a proportion of remuneration related to the period during which he has held office. Such remuneration shall be deemed to accrue from day to day.
- 97. Each Director shall be entitled to be prepaid or repaid all travelling, hotel and incidental expenses reasonably expected to be incurred or reasonably incurred by him in attending meetings of the Board or committees of the Board or general meetings or separate meetings of any class of shares or of debentures of the Company or otherwise in connection with the discharge of his duties as a Director.
- 98. Any Director who, by request, goes or resides abroad for any purpose of the Company or who performs services which in the opinion of the Board go beyond the ordinary duties of a Director may be paid such extra remuneration (whether by way of salary, commission, participation in profits or otherwise) as the Board may determine and such extra remuneration shall be in addition to or in substitution for any ordinary remuneration provided for by or pursuant to any other Bye-law.
- 99. The Board shall obtain the approval of the Company in general meeting before making any payment to any Director or past Director of the Company by way of compensation for loss of office, or as consideration for or in connection with his retirement from office (not being payment to which the Director is contractually entitled).

### **DIRECTORS' INTERESTS**

100. A Director may:

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

- 101. Subject to the Act and to these Bye-laws, no Director or proposed or intending Director shall be disqualified by his office from contracting with the Company, either with regard to his tenure of any office or place of profit or as vendor, purchaser or in any other manner whatever, nor shall any such contract or any other contract or arrangement in which any Director is in any way interested be liable to be avoided, nor shall any Director so contracting or being so interested be liable to account to the Company or the Members for any remuneration, profit or other benefits realised by any such contract or arrangement by reason of such Director holding that office or of the fiduciary relationship thereby established provided that such Director shall disclose the nature of his interest in any contract or arrangement in which he is interested in accordance with Bye-law 102 herein.
- 102. A Director who to his knowledge is in any way, whether directly or indirectly, interested in a contract or arrangement or proposed contract or arrangement with the Company shall declare the nature of his interest at the meeting of the Board at which the question of entering into the contract or arrangement is first considered, if he knows his interest then exists, or in any other case at the first meeting of the Board after he knows that he is or has become so interested. For the purposes of this Bye-law, a general Notice to the Board by a Director to the effect that:
  - (a) he is a member or officer of a specified company or firm and is to be regarded as interested in any contract or arrangement which may after the date of the Notice be made with that company or firm; or
  - (b) he is to be regarded as interested in any contract or arrangement which may after the date of the Notice be made with a specified person who is connected with him;

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

- 103. (1) A Director shall not vote (nor be counted in the quorum) on any resolution of the Board approving any contract or arrangement or any other proposal in which he or any of his close associates has a material interest nor shall be counted in the quorum present at the meeting subject to the following exceptions is materially interested, but this prohibition shall not apply to any of the following matters namely:
  - (i) any contract or arrangement for the giving of any security or indemnity either:-
    - (a) by the Company or any of its subsidiaries of any security or indemnity to the Director or his <u>close</u> associate(s) in respect of money lent by him or any of his associates or obligations incurred or undertaken by him or any of his associates at the request of or for the benefit of the Company or any of its subsidiaries; or

- (b) any contract or arrangement for the giving by the Company or any of its subsidiaries of any security or indemnity to a third party in respect of a debt or obligation of the Company or any of its subsidiaries for which the Director or his <u>close</u> associate(s) has himself/themselves assumed responsibility in whole or in part <u>and</u> whether alone or jointly under a guarantee or indemnity or by the giving of security;
- (ii) any contract, arrangement or proposal concerning an offer of the shares or debentures or other securities of or by the Company or any of its subsidiaries 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 contract or arrangement 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 issuer 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; and
- (iii)(iv) any contract or arrangement in which the Director or his close associate(s) is/ are interested in the same manner as other holders of shares or debentures or other securities of the Company by virtue only of his/their interest in shares or debentures or other securities of the Company;.
- (v) any contract, arrangement or proposal concerning any other company in which the Director or his associate(s) is/are interested only, whether directly or indirectly, as an officer or executive or a shareholder or in which the Director and/or his associate(s) is/are beneficially interested in shares of that company provided that the Director and/or his associate(s) is/are not in aggregate beneficially interested in five (5) per cent. or more of the issued shares or of the voting rights of any class of shares of such company (or any third company through which his interest or that of any of his associates is derived); or

- (vi) any proposal or arrangement concerning the adoption, modification or operation of a share option scheme, a pension fund or retirement, death or disability benefit 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) A company shall be deemed to be a company in which a Director and/or his associates has an interest of five (5) per cent. or more if and so long as (but only if and so long as) he and/or his associates, (either directly or indirectly) is/are the holders of or beneficially interested in five (5) per cent. or more of the issued shares of any class of the equity share eapital of such company or of the voting rights available to members of such company (or of any third company through which his interest or that of any of his associates is derived). For the purpose of this paragraph there shall be disregarded any shares held by a Director or his associate(s) as bare or custodian trustee and in which he or any of them has no beneficial interest, any shares comprised in a trust in which the interest of the Director or his associate(s) is/are in reversion or remainder if and so long as some other person is entitled to receive the income thereof, and any shares comprised in an authorized unit trust scheme in which the Director or his associate(s) is/are interested only as a unit holder and any shares which carry no voting right at general meetings and very restrictive dividend and return of capital right.
- (3) Where a company in which a Director and/or his associates has an interest of five (5) per cent. or more is materially interested in a transaction, then that Director and/or his associate(s) shall also be deemed materially interested in such transaction.
- (4) (2) If any question shall arise at any meeting of the Board as to the materiality of the interest of a Director or of his close associate(s) (other than the chairman of the meeting) or as to the entitlement of any Director (other than such chairman) to vote or be counted in the quorum and such question is not resolved by his voluntarily agreeing to abstain from voting or not to be counted in the quorum, such question shall be referred to the chairman of the meeting and his ruling in relation to such other Director shall be final and conclusive except in a case where the nature or extent of the interest of the Director concerned as known to such Director has not been fairly disclosed to the Board. If any question as aforesaid shall arise in respect of the chairman of the meeting such question shall be final and conclusive except in a case where the nature or except in a case where the nature of the meeting such question shall be decided by a resolution of the Board (for which purpose such chairman shall not vote thereon) and such resolution shall be final and conclusive except in a case where the final and conclusive except in a case where the final and conclusive except in a case where the final and conclusive except in a case where the final and conclusive except in a case where the final and conclusive except in a case where the final and conclusive except in a case where the 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.

(5) (3) The Company may by ordinary resolution ratify any transaction not duly authorised by reason of a contravention of this Bye-law provided that no Director who is materially interested in such transaction, together with any of his <u>close</u> associates, shall vote upon such ordinary resolution in respect of any shares in the Company in which they are interested.

### **GENERAL POWERS OF THE DIRECTORS**

- 104. (1) The business of the Company shall be managed and conducted by the Board, which may pay all expenses incurred in forming and registering the Company and may exercise all powers of the Company (whether relating to the management of the business of the Company or otherwise) which are not by the Statutes or by these Bye-laws required to be exercised by the Company in general meeting, subject nevertheless to the provisions of the Statutes and of these Bye-laws and to such regulations being not inconsistent with such provisions, as may be prescribed by the Company in general meeting, but no regulations made by the Company in general meeting shall invalidate any prior act of the Board which would have been valid if such regulations had not been made. The general powers given by this Bye-law shall not be limited or restricted by any special authority or power given to the Board by any other Bye-law.
  - (2) Any person contracting or dealing with the Company in the ordinary course of business shall be entitled to rely on any written or oral contract or agreement or deed, document or instrument entered into or executed as the case may be by any two of the Directors acting jointly on behalf of the Company and the same shall be deemed to be validly entered into or executed by the Company as the case may be and shall, subject to any rule of law, be binding on the Company.
  - (3) Without prejudice to the general powers conferred by these Bye-laws it is hereby expressly declared that the Board shall have the following powers:
    - (a) To give to any person the right or option of requiring at a future date that an allotment shall be made to him of any share at par or at such premium as may be agreed.
    - (b) To give to any Directors, officers or servants of the Company an interest in any particular business or transaction or participation in the profits thereof or in the general profits of the Company either in addition to or in substitution for a salary or other remuneration.
    - (c) To resolve that the Company be discontinued in Bermuda and continued in a named country or jurisdiction outside Bermuda subject to the provisions of the Act.

- 105. The Board may establish any regional or local boards or agencies for managing any of the affairs of the Company in any place, and may appoint any persons to be members of such local boards, or any managers or agents, and may fix their remuneration (either by way of salary or by commission or by conferring the right to participation in the profits of the Company or by a combination of two or more of these modes) and pay the working expenses of any staff employed by them upon the business of the Company. The Board may delegate to any local board, manager or agent any of the powers, authorities and discretions vested in or exercisable by the Board (other than its powers to make calls and forfeit shares), with power to sub-delegate, and may authorise the members of any local board or any of them to fill any vacancies therein and to act notwithstanding vacancies. Any such appointment or delegation may be made upon such terms and subject to such conditions as the Board may think fit, and the Board may remove any person appointed as aforesaid, and may revoke or vary such delegation, but no person dealing in good faith and without notice of any such revocation or variation shall be affected thereby.
- 106. The Board may by power of attorney appoint under the Seal any company, firm or person or any fluctuating body of persons, whether nominated directly or indirectly by the Board, to be the attorney or attorneys of the Company for such purposes and with such powers, authorities and discretions (not exceeding those vested in or exercisable by the Board under these Byelaws) and for such period and subject to such conditions as it may think fit, and any such power of attorney may contain such provisions for the protection and convenience of persons dealing with any such attorney as the Board may think fit, and may also authorise any such attorney to sub-delegate all or any of the powers, authorities and discretions vested in him. Such attorney or attorneys may, if so authorised under the Seal of the Company, execute any deed or instrument under their personal seal with the same effect as the affixation of the <del>Company's</del> Seal.
- 107. The Board may entrust to and confer upon a managing director, joint managing director, deputy managing director, an executive director or any Director any of the powers exercisable by it upon such terms and conditions and with such restrictions as it thinks fit, and either collaterally with, or to the exclusion of, its own powers, and may from time to time revoke or vary all or any of such powers but no person dealing in good faith and without notice of such revocation or variation shall be affected thereby.
- 108. All cheques, promissory notes, drafts, bills of exchange and other instruments, whether negotiable or transferable or not, and all receipts for moneys paid to the Company shall be signed, drawn, accepted, endorsed or otherwise executed, as the case may be, in such manner as the Board shall from time to time by resolution determine. The Company's banking accounts shall be kept with such banker or bankers as the Board shall from time to time determine.

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

### **BORROWING POWERS**

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

### **PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIRECTORS**

- 114. The Board may meet for the despatch of business, adjourn <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.
- 115. A meeting of the Board may be convened by the Secretary on request of a Director or by any Director. The Secretary shall convene a meeting of the Board of which notice may be given in writing or by telephone or in such other manner as the Board may from time to time determine whenever he shall be required so to do by the president or chairman, as the case may be, or any Director.
- 116. (1) The quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of the Board may be fixed by the Board and, unless so fixed at any other number, shall be two (2). An alternate Director shall be counted in a quorum in the case of the absence of a Director for whom he is the alternate provided that he shall not be counted more than once for the purpose of determining whether or not a quorum is present.
  - (2) Directors may participate in any meeting of the Board by means of a conference telephone or other communications equipment through which all persons participating in the meeting can communicate with each other simultaneously and instantaneously and, for the purpose of counting a quorum, such participation shall constitute presence at a meeting as if those participating were present in person.
  - (3) Any Director who ceases to be a Director at a Board meeting may continue to be present and to act as a Director and be counted in the quorum until the termination of such Board meeting if no other Director objects and if otherwise a quorum of Directors would not be present.
- 117. The continuing Directors or a sole continuing Director may act notwithstanding any vacancy in the Board but, if and so long as the number of Directors is reduced below the minimum number fixed by or in accordance with these Bye-laws, the continuing Directors or Director, notwithstanding that the number of Directors is below the number fixed by or in accordance with these Bye-laws as the quorum or that there is only one continuing Director, may act for the purpose of filling vacancies in the Board or of summoning general meetings of the Company but not for any other purpose.
- 118. The Board may elect a chairman and one or more deputy chairmen of its meetings and determine the period for which they are respectively to hold such office. If no chairman or deputy chairman is elected, or if at any meeting neither the chairman nor any deputy chairman is present within five (5) minutes after the time appointed for holding the same, the Directors present may choose one of their number to be chairman of the meeting.

- 119. A meeting of the Board at which a quorum is present shall be competent to exercise all the powers, authorities and discretions for the time being vested in or exercisable by the Board.
- 120. (1) The Board may delegate any of its powers, authorities and discretions to committees, consisting of such Director or Directors and other persons as it thinks fit, and they may, from time to time, revoke such delegation or revoke the appointment of and discharge any such committees either wholly or in part, and either as to persons or purposes. Any committee so formed shall, in the exercise of the powers, authorities and discretions so delegated, conform to any regulations which may be imposed on it by the Board.
  - (2) All acts done by any such committee in conformity with such regulations, and in fulfilment of the purposes for which it was appointed, but not otherwise, shall have like force and effect as if done by the Board, and the Board shall have power, with the consent of the Company in general meeting, to remunerate the members of any such committee, and charge such remuneration to the current expenses of the Company.
- 121. The meetings and proceedings of any committee consisting of two or more members shall be governed by the provisions contained in these Bye-laws for regulating the meetings and proceedings of the Board so far as the same are applicable and are not superseded by any regulations imposed by the Board under the last preceding Bye-law.
- 122. A resolution in writing signed by all the Directors except such as are temporarily unable to act through ill-health or disability, and all the alternate Directors, if appropriate, whose appointors are temporarily unable to act as aforesaid shall be as valid and effectual as if a resolution had been passed at a meeting of the Board duly convened and held provided that such number is sufficient to constitute a quorum and that a copy of such resolution has been given or the contents thereof communicated to all the Directors for the time being entitled to receive notices of Board meetings in the same manner as notices of meetings are required to be given by these Bye-laws and further provided that no Director is aware of or has received any objection to the resolution from any Director. 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 or alternate Director or alternate Director is deposited with the Secretary within ten (10) days from the date of the facsimile.
- 123. All acts bona fide done by the Board or by any committee or by any person acting as a Director or members of a committee, shall, notwithstanding that it is afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the appointment of any member of the Board or such committee or person acting as aforesaid or that they or any of them were disqualified or had vacated office, be as valid as if every such person had been duly appointed and was qualified and had continued to be a Director or member of such committee.

## MANAGERS

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

### **OFFICERS**

- 127. (1) The officers of the Company shall consist of a president and vice-president or chairman and deputy chairman, the Directors and Secretary and such additional officers (who may or may not be Directors) as the Board may from time to time determine, all of whom shall be deemed to be officers for the purposes of the Act and these Bye-laws.
  - (2) The Directors shall, as soon as may be after each appointment or election of Directors, elect amongst the Directors a president and a vice-president or a chairman and a deputy chairman; and if more than one (1) Director is proposed for either of these offices, the election to such office shall take place in such manner as the Directors may determine.
  - (3) The officers shall receive such remuneration as the Directors may from time to time determine.
  - (4) Where the Company appoints and maintains a resident representative ordinarily resident in Bermuda in accordance with the Act, the resident representative shall comply with the provisions of the Act.

The Company shall provide the resident representative with such documents and information as the resident representative may require in order to be able to comply with the provisions of the Act.

The resident representative shall be entitled to have notice of, attend and be heard at all meetings of the Directors or of any committee of such Directors or general meeting of the Company.

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

### **REGISTER OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

- 132. (1) The Board shall cause to be kept in one or more books at the Office a Register of Directors and Officers and shall enter therein the following particulars with respect to each Director and Officer, that is to say:
  - (a) in the case of an individual, his or her present first name, surname and address; and
  - (b) in the case of a company, its name and registered office.
  - (2) The Board shall within a period of fourteen (14) days from the occurrence of:
    - (a) any change among the Directors and Officers; or
    - (b) any change in the particulars contained in the Register of Directors and Officers, cause to be entered on the Register of Directors and Officers the particulars of such change and of the date on which it occurred.

- (3) The Register of Directors and Officers shall be open to inspection by members of the public without charge at the Office between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on every business day.
- (4) In this Bye-law "Officer" has the meaning ascribed to it in Section 92A(7) of the Act.

#### MINUTES

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

#### **SEAL**

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

(2) Where the Company has a Seal for use abroad, the Board may by writing under the Seal appoint any agent or committee abroad to be the duly authorised agent of the Company for the purpose of affixing and using such Seal and the Board may impose restrictions on the use thereof as may be thought fit. Wherever in these Bye-laws reference is made to the Seal, the reference shall, when and so far as may be applicable, be deemed to include any such other Seal as aforesaid.

#### **AUTHENTICATION OF DOCUMENTS**

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

#### **DESTRUCTION OF DOCUMENTS**

- 136. (1) The Company shall be entitled to destroy the following documents at the following times:
  - (a) any share certificate which has been cancelled at any time after the expiry of one (1) year from the date of such cancellation;
  - (b) any dividend mandate or any variation or cancellation thereof or any notification of change of name or address at any time after the expiry of two (2) years from the date such mandate variation cancellation or notification was recorded by the Company;
  - (c) any instrument of transfer of shares which has been registered at any time after the expiry of six (6) years from the date of registration;
  - (d) any allotment letters after the expiry of six (6) years from the date of issue thereof;
  - (e) copies of powers of attorney, grants of probate and letters of administration at any time after the expiry of six (6) years after the account to which the relevant power of attorney, grant of probate or letters of administration related has been closed; and

(f) any other document, on the basis of which any entry in the register is made, at any time after the expiry of six (6) years from the date on which an entry in the register was first made in respect of it;

and it shall conclusively be presumed in favour of the Company that every entry in the Register purporting to be made on the basis of any such documents so destroyed was duly and properly made and every share certificate so destroyed was a valid certificate duly and properly cancelled and that every instrument of transfer so destroyed was a valid and effective instrument duly and properly registered and that every other document destroyed hereunder was a valid and effective document in accordance with the recorded particulars thereof in the books or records of the Company. Provided always that: (1) the foregoing provisions of this Bye-law shall apply only to the destruction of a document in good faith and without express notice to the Company that the preservation of such document was relevant to a claim; (2) nothing contained in this Bye-law shall be construed as imposing upon the Company any liability in respect of the destruction of any such document earlier than as aforesaid or in any case where the conditions of proviso (1) above are not fulfilled; and (3) references in this Bye-law to the destruction of any document include references to its disposal in any manner.

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

## **DIVIDENDS AND OTHER PAYMENTS**

- 137. Subject to the Act, the Company in general meeting may from time to time declare dividends in any currency to be paid to the Members, but no dividend shall be declared in excess of the amount recommended by the Board. The Company in general meeting may also make a distribution to the Members out of any contributed surplus (as ascertained in accordance with the Act).
- 138. No dividend shall be paid or distribution made out of contributed surplus if to do so would render the Company unable to pay its liabilities as they become due or the realisable value of its assets would thereby become less than the aggregate of its liabilities and its issued share capital and share premium accounts.

- 139. Except in so far as the rights attaching to, or the terms of issue of, any share otherwise provide:
  - (a) all dividends shall be declared and paid according to the amounts paid up on the shares in respect of which the dividend is paid, but no amount paid up on a share in advance of calls shall be treated for the purposes of this Bye-law as paid up on the share; and
  - (b) all dividends shall be apportioned and paid pro rata according to the amounts paid up on the shares during any portion or portions of the period in respect of which the dividend is paid.
- 140. The Board may from time to time pay to the Members such interim dividends as appear to the Board to be justified by the profits of the Company and in particular (but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) if at any time the share capital of the Company is divided into different classes, the Board may pay such interim dividends in respect of those shares in the capital of the Company which confer on the holders thereof deferred or non-preferential rights as well as in respect of those shares which confer on the holders thereof preferential rights with regard to dividend and provided that the Board acts bona fide the Board shall not incur any responsibility to the holders of shares conferring any preference for any damage that they may suffer by reason of the payment of an interim dividend on any shares having deferred or non-preferential rights and may also pay any fixed dividend which is payable on any shares of the Company half-yearly or on any other dates, whenever such profits, in the opinion of the Board, justifies such payment.
- 141. The Board may deduct from any dividend or other moneys payable to a Member by the Company on or in respect of any shares all sums of money (if any) presently payable by him to the Company on account of calls or otherwise.
- 142. No dividend or other moneys payable by the Company on or in respect of any share shall bear interest against the Company.
- 143. Any dividend, interest or other sum payable in cash to the holder of shares may be paid by cheque or warrant sent through the post addressed to the holder at his registered address or, in the case of joint holders, addressed to the holder whose name stands first in the Register in respect of the shares at his address as appearing in the Register or addressed to such person and at such address as the holder or joint holders may in writing direct. Every such cheque or warrant shall, unless the holder or joint holders, to the order of the holder whose name stands first on the Register in respect of such shares, and shall be sent at his or their risk and payment of the cheque or warrant by the bank on which it is drawn shall constitute a good discharge to the Company notwithstanding that it may subsequently appear that the same has been stolen or that any endorsement thereon has been forged. Any one of two or more joint holders may give effectual receipts for any dividends or other moneys payable or property distributable in respect of the shares held by such joint holders.

- 144. All dividends or bonuses unclaimed for one (1) year after having been declared may be invested or otherwise made use of by the Board for the benefit of the Company until claimed. Any dividend or bonuses unclaimed after a period of six (6) years from the date of declaration shall be forfeited and shall revert to the Company. The payment by the Board of any unclaimed dividend or other sums payable on or in respect of a share into a separate account shall not constitute the Company a trustee in respect thereof.
- 145. Whenever the Board or the Company in general meeting has resolved that a dividend be paid or declared, the Board may further resolve that such dividend be satisfied wholly or in part by the distribution of specific assets of any kind and in particular of paid up shares, debentures or warrants to subscribe securities of the Company or any other company, or in any one or more of such ways, with or without offering any rights to Members to elect to receive such dividend in cash, and where any difficulty arises in regard to the distribution the Board may settle the same as it thinks expedient, and in particular may issue certificates in respect of fractions of shares, disregard fractional entitlements or round the same up or down, and may fix the value for distribution of such specific assets, or any part thereof, and may determine that cash payments shall be made to any Members upon the footing of the value so fixed in order to adjust the rights of all parties, and may determine that fractional entitlements shall be aggregated and sold and the benefit shall accrue to the Company rather than to the Members concerned, and vest any such specific assets in trustees as may seem expedient to the Board and may appoint any person to sign any requisite instruments of transfer and other documents on behalf of the persons entitled to the dividend, and such appointment shall be effective. The Board may resolve that no such assets shall be made available to Members 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 and in such event the only entitlement of the Members aforesaid shall be to receive cash payments as aforesaid. Members affected as a result of the foregoing sentence shall not be or be deemed to be a separate class of Members for any purpose whatsoever.
- 146. (1) Whenever the Board or the Company in general meeting has resolved that a dividend be paid or declared on the share capital of the Company, the Board may further resolve either:
  - (a) that such dividend be satisfied wholly or in part in the form of an allotment of shares credited as fully paid up, provided that the shareholders entitled thereto will be entitled to elect to receive such dividend (or part thereof) in cash in lieu of such allotment. In such case, the following provisions shall apply:
    - (i) the basis of any such allotment shall be determined by the Board;

- (ii) the Board, after determining the basis of allotment, shall give not less than two (2) weeks' Notice to the holders of the relevant shares of the right of election accorded to them and shall send with such notice forms of election and specify the procedure to be followed and the place at which and the latest date and time by which duly completed forms of election must be lodged in order to be effective;
- (iii) the right of election may be exercised in respect of the whole or part of that portion of the dividend in respect of which the right of election has been accorded; and
- (iv) the dividend (or that part of the dividend to be satisfied by the allotment of shares as aforesaid) shall not be payable in cash on shares in respect whereof the cash election has not been duly exercised ("the non-elected shares") and in satisfaction thereof shares shall be allotted credited as fully paid up to the holders of the non-elected shares on the basis of allotment determined as aforesaid and for such purpose the Board shall capitalise and apply out of any part of the undivided profits of the Company (including profits carried and standing to the credit of any reserves or other special account other than the Subscription Rights Reserve) as the Board may determine, such sum as may be required to pay up in full the appropriate number of shares for allotment and distribution to and amongst the holders of the non-elected shares on such basis; or
- (b) that the shareholders entitled to such dividend shall be entitled to elect to receive an allotment of shares credited as fully paid up in lieu of the whole or such part of the dividend as the Board may think fit. In such case, the following provisions shall apply:
  - (i) the basis of any such allotment shall be determined by the Board;
  - (ii) the Board, after determining the basis of allotment, shall give not less than two (2) weeks' notice in writing to the holders of the relevant shares of the right of election accorded to them and shall send with such notice forms of election and specify the procedure to be followed and the place at which and the latest date and time by which duly completed forms of election must be lodged in order to be effective;
  - (iii) the right of election may be exercised in respect of the whole or part of that portion of the dividend in respect of which the right of election has been accorded; and

- (iv) the dividend (or that part of the dividend in respect of which a right of election as been accorded) shall not be payable in cash on shares in respect whereof the share election has been duly exercised ("the elected shares") and in lieu thereof shares shall be allotted credited as fully paid up to the holders of the elected shares on the basis of allotment determined as aforesaid and for such purpose the Board shall capitalise and apply out of any part of the undivided profits of the Company (including profits carried and standing to the credit of any reserves or other special account other than the Subscription Rights Reserve) as the Board may determine, such sum as may be required to pay up in full the appropriate number of shares for allotment and distribution to and amongst the holders of the elected shares on such basis.
- (2) (a) The shares allotted pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (1) of this Bye-law shall rank pari passu in all respects with shares of the same class (if any) then in issue save only as regards participation in the relevant dividend or in any other distributions, bonuses or rights paid, made, declared or announced prior to or contemporaneously with the payment or declaration of the relevant dividend unless, contemporaneously with the announcement by the Board of their proposal to apply the provisions of sub-paragraph (a) or (b) of paragraph (2) of this Bye-law in relation to the relevant dividend or contemporaneously with their announcement of the distribution, bonus or rights in question, the Board shall specify that the shares to be allotted pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (1) of this Bye-law shall rank for participation in such distribution, bonus or rights.
  - (b) The Board may do all acts and things considered necessary or expedient to give effect to any capitalisation pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (1) of this Byelaw, with full power to the Board to make such provisions as it thinks fit in the case of shares becoming distributable in fractions (including provisions whereby, in whole or in part, fractional entitlements are aggregated and sold and the net proceeds distributed to those entitled, or are disregarded or rounded up or down or whereby the benefit of fractional entitlements accrues to the Company rather than to the Members concerned). The Board may authorise any person to enter into on behalf of all members interested, an agreement with the Company providing for such capitalisation and matters incidental thereto and any agreement made pursuant to such authority shall be effective and binding on all concerned.
- (3) The Company may upon the recommendation of the Board by ordinary resolution resolve in respect of any one particular dividend of the Company that notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1) of this Bye-law a dividend may be satisfied wholly in the form of an allotment of shares credited as fully paid up without offering any right to shareholders to elect to receive such dividend in cash in lieu of such allotment.

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

### **RESERVES**

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

## **CAPITALISATION**

- 148. The Company may in general meeting, upon the recommendation of the Board, at any time and from time to time pass an ordinary resolution to the effect that it is desirable to capitalise all or any part of any amount for the time being standing to the credit of any reserve or fund (including the profit and loss account) whether or not the same is available for distribution and accordingly that such amount be set free for distribution among the Members or any class of Members who would be entitled thereto if it were distributed by way of dividend and in the same proportions, on the footing that the same is not paid in cash but is applied either in or towards paying up the amounts for the time being unpaid on any shares in the Company held by such Members respectively or in paying up in full unissued shares, debentures or other obligations of the Company, to be allotted and distributed credited as fully paid up among such Members, or partly in one way and partly in the other, and the Board shall give effect to such resolution provided that, for the purposes of this Bye-law and subject to Section 40(2A)of the Act, a share premium account and any reserve or fund representing unrealised profits, may be applied only in paying up in full unissued shares of the Company to be allotted to such Members credited as fully paid. In carrying sums to reserve and in applying the same the Board shall comply with the provisions of the Act.
- 149. The Board may settle, as it considers appropriate, any difficulty arising in regard to any distribution under the last preceding Bye-law and in particular may issue certificates in respect of fractions of shares or authorise any person to sell and transfer any fractions or may resolve that the distribution should be as nearly as may be practicable in the correct proportion but not exactly so or may ignore fractions altogether, and may determine that cash payments shall be made to any Members in order to adjust the rights of all parties, as may seem expedient to the Board. The Board may appoint any person to sign on behalf of the persons entitled to participate in the distribution any contract necessary or desirable for giving effect thereto and such appointment shall be effective and binding upon the Members.

### **SUBSCRIPTION RIGHTS RESERVE**

- 150. The following provisions shall have effect to the extent that they are not prohibited by and are in compliance with the Act:
  - (1) If, so long as any of the rights attached to any warrants issued by the Company to subscribe for shares of the Company shall remain exercisable, the Company does any act or engages in any transaction which, as a result of any adjustments to the subscription price in accordance with the provisions of the conditions of the warrants, would reduce the subscription price to below the nominal value of a share, then the following provisions shall apply:

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

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

## **ACCOUTING RECORDS**

- 151. The Board shall cause true accounts to be kept of the sums of money received and expended by the Company, and the matters in respect of which such receipt and expenditure take place, and of the property, assets, credits and liabilities of the Company and of all other matters required by the Act or necessary to give a true and fair view of the Company's affairs and to explain its transactions.
- 152. The accounting records shall be kept at the Office or, subject to the Act, at such other place or places as the Board decides and shall always be open to inspection by the Directors. No Member (other than a Director) shall have any right of inspecting any accounting record or book or document of the Company except as conferred by law or authorised by the Board.
- 153. Subject to Section 88 of the Act, a printed copy of the Directors' report, accompanied by the balance sheet and profit and loss account, including every document required by law to be annexed thereto, made up to the end of the applicable financial year and containing a summary of the assets and liabilities of the Company under convenient heads and a statement of income and expenditure, together with a copy of the Auditors' report, shall be sent to each person entitled to receive notices of general meetings of the Company in accordance with the provisions of the Act and these Bye-laws at least twenty-one (21) days before the date of the general meeting and laid before the Company in general meeting in accordance with the requirements of the Act provided that this Bye-law shall not require a copy of those documents to be sent to any person whose address the Company is not aware or to more than one of the joint holders of any shares or debentures.

### AUDIT

- 154. (1) Subject to Section 88 of the Act, at the annual general meeting or at a subsequent special general meeting in each year, the Members shall appoint an auditor to audit the accounts of the Company and such auditor shall hold office until the Members appoint another auditor. Such auditor may be a Member but no Director or officer or employee of the Company shall, during his continuance in office, be eligible to act as an auditor of the Company.
  - (2) Subject to Section 89 of the Act, a person, other than an incumbent Auditor, shall not be capable of being appointed Auditor at an annual general meeting unless notice in writing of an intention to nominate that person to the office of Auditor has been given not less than twenty-one (21) days before the annual general meeting and furthermore, the Company shall send a copy of any such notice to the incumbent Auditor.
  - (3) The Members may, at any general meeting convened and held in accordance with these Bye-laws, by special resolution remove the Auditor at any time before the expiration of his term of office and shall by ordinary resolution at that meeting appoint another Auditor in his stead for the remainder of his term.

- 155. Subject to Section 88 of the Act the accounts of the Company shall be audited at least once in every year.
- 156. The remuneration of the Auditor shall be fixed by the Company in general meeting or in such manner as the Members may determine.
- 157. If the office of auditor becomes vacant by the resignation or death of the Auditor, or by his becoming incapable of acting by reason of illness or other disability at a time when his services are required, the Directors shall as soon as practicable convene a special general meeting to fill the vacancy.
- 158. The Auditor shall at all reasonable times have access to all books kept by the Company and to all accounts and vouchers relating thereto; and he may call on the Directors or officers of the Company for any information in their possession relating to the books or affairs of the Company.
- 159. The statement of income and expenditure and the balance sheet provided for by these Bye-laws shall be examined by the Auditor and compared by him with the books, accounts and vouchers relating thereto; and he shall make a written report thereon stating whether such statement and balance sheet are drawn up so as to present fairly the financial position of the Company and the results of its operations for the period under review and, in case information shall have been called for from Directors or officers of the Company, whether the same has been furnished and has been satisfactory. The financial statements of the Company shall be audited by the Auditor in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. The Auditor shall make a written report thereon in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the report of the Auditor shall be submitted to the Members in general meeting. The generally accepted auditing standards referred to herein may be those of a country or jurisdiction other than Bermuda. If the auditing standards of a country or jurisdiction other than Bermuda are used, the financial statements and the report of the Auditor should disclose this fact and name such country or jurisdiction.

### **NOTICES**

- 160. Any Notice from the Company to a Member shall be given in writing or by cable, telex or facsimile transmission message and any such Notice and (where appropriate) any other document may be served or delivered by the Company on or to any Member either personally or by sending it through the post in a prepaid envelope addressed to such Member at his registered address as appearing in the Register or at any other address supplied by him to the Company for the purpose or, as the case may be, by transmitting it to any such address or transmitting it to any telex or facsimile transmission number supplied by him to the Company for the giving of Notice to him or which the person transmitting the Notice reasonably and bona fide believes at the relevant time will result in the notice being duly received by the Member or may also be served by advertisement in appointed newspapers (as defined in the Act) or the Newspapers and in accordance with the requirements of the Designated Stock Exchange. In the case of joint holders of a share all notices shall be given to that one of the joint holders whose name stands first in the Register and notice so given shall be deemed a sufficient service on or delivery to all the joint holders.
- 161. Any Notice or other document:
  - (a) if served or delivered by post, shall where appropriate be sent by airmail and shall be deemed to have been served or delivered on the day following that on which the envelope containing the same, properly prepaid and addressed, is put into the post; in proving such service or delivery it shall be sufficient to prove that the envelope or wrapper containing the notice or document was properly addressed and put into the post and a certificate in writing signed by the Secretary or other officer of the Company or other person appointed by the Board that the envelope or wrapper containing the notice or other document was so addressed and put into the post shall be conclusive evidence thereof;
  - (b) if served or delivered in any other manner contemplated by these Bye-laws other than by advertisement in appointed newspapers or Newspapers, shall be deemed to have been served or delivered at the time of personal service or delivery or, as the case may be, at the time of the relevant despatch, transmission or publication; and in proving such service or delivery a certificate in writing signed by the Secretary or other officer of the Company or other person appointed by the Board as to the fact and time of such service, delivery, despatch, transmission or publication shall be conclusive evidence thereof; and
  - (c) if served by advertisement in appointed newspapers or Newspapers, shall be deemed to have been served on the day on which the notice is first published.

- 162. (1) Any Notice or other document delivered or sent by post to or left at the registered address of any Member in pursuance of these Bye-laws shall, notwithstanding that such Member is then dead or bankrupt or that any other event has occurred, and whether or not the Company has notice of the death or bankruptcy or other event, be deemed to have been duly served or delivered in respect of any share registered in the name of such Member as sole or joint holder unless his name shall, at the time of the service or delivery of the notice or document, have been removed from the Register as the holder of the share, and such service or delivery shall for all purposes be deemed a sufficient service or delivery of such Notice or document on all persons interested (whether jointly with or as claiming through or under him) in the share.
  - (2) A notice may be given by the Company to the person entitled to a share in consequence of the death, mental disorder or bankruptcy of a Member by sending it through the post in a prepaid letter, envelope or wrapper addressed to him by name, or by the title of representative of the deceased, or trustee of the bankrupt, or by any like description, at the address, if any, supplied for the purpose by the person claiming to be so entitled, or (until such an address has been so supplied) by giving the notice in any manner in which the same might have been given if the death, mental disorder or bankruptcy had not occurred.
  - (3) Any person who by operation of law, transfer or other means whatsoever shall become entitled to any share shall be bound by every notice in respect of such share which prior to his name and address being entered on the Register shall have been duly given to the person from whom he derives his title to such share.

### **SIGNATURES**

163. For the purposes of these Bye-laws, a cable or telex or facsimile transmission message purporting to come from a holder of shares or, as the case may be, a Director or alternate Director, or, in the case of a corporation which is a holder of shares from a director or the secretary thereof or a duly appointed attorney or duly authorised representative thereof for it and on its behalf, shall in the absence of express evidence to the contrary available to the person relying thereon at the relevant time be deemed to be a document or instrument in writing signed by such holder or Director or alternate Director in the terms in which it is received.

### WINDING UP

- 164. (1) The Board shall have power in the name and on behalf of the Company to present a petition to the court for the Company to be wound up.
  - (2) A resolution that the Company be wound up by the court or be wound up voluntarily shall be a special resolution.

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

### **INDEMNITY**

- The Directors, Secretary and other officers and every Auditor for the time being of the 166. (1) Company and the liquidator or trustees (if any) for the time being acting in relation to any of the affairs of the Company and everyone of them, and everyone of their heirs, executors and administrators, shall be indemnified and secured harmless out of the assets and profits of the Company from and against all actions, costs, charges, losses, damages and expenses which they or any of them, their or any of their heirs, executors or administrators, shall or may incur or sustain by or by reason of any act done, concurred in or omitted in or about the execution of their duty, or supposed duty, in their respective offices or trusts; and none of them shall be answerable for the acts, receipts, neglects or defaults of the other or others of them or for joining in any receipts for the sake of conformity, or for any bankers or other persons with whom any moneys or effects belonging to the Company shall or may be lodged or deposited for safe custody, or for insufficiency or deficiency of any security upon which any moneys of or belonging to the Company shall be placed out on or invested, or for any other loss, misfortune or damage which may happen in the execution of their respective offices or trusts, or in relation thereto; PROVIDED THAT this indemnity shall not extend to any matter in respect of any fraud or dishonesty which may attach to any of said persons.
  - (2) Each Member agrees to waive any claim or right of action he might have, whether individually or by or in the right of the Company, against any Director on account of any action taken by such Director, or the failure of such Director to take any action in the performance of his duties with or for the Company; PROVIDED THAT such waiver shall not extend to any matter in respect of any fraud or dishonesty which may attach to such Director.

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

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

### **INFORMATION**

168. No Member (not being a Director) shall be entitled to require discovery of or any information in respect of any detail of the Company's trading or any matter which is or may be in the nature of a trade secret or secret process which may relate to the conduct of the business of the Company and which in the opinion of the Directors it will be inexpedient in the interests of the members of the Company to communicate to the public.

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the annual general meeting of Binhai Investment Company Limited (the "**Company**") will be held at Canvas 5, 26/F, The Parklane Hong Kong, 310 Gloucester Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong on Friday, 12 May 2023 at 10:00 a.m. for the following purposes:

- 1. To receive and consider the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 and the report of the directors and the independent auditor's report thereon.
- 2. To approve a final dividend for the year ended 31 December 2022.
- 3. (A) To re-elect the following retiring directors of the Company (the "**Directors**") and to elect a new independent non-executive Director:
  - (a) To re-elect Mr. Hu Hao as executive Director;
  - (b) To re-elect Mr. Shen Hong Liang as non-executive Director;
  - (c) To re-elect Mr. Ip Shing Hing, *BBS*, *J.P.* as independent non-executive Director;
  - (d) To elect Dr. Tang Lai Wah as a new independent non-executive Director; and
  - (B) To authorize the board of Directors (the "**Board**") to fix the remuneration of Directors.
- 4. To re-appoint PricewaterhouseCoopers as auditor of the Company for the ensuing year and to authorize the Board to fix the remuneration of auditor.

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolutions with or without amendments as ordinary resolutions and special resolutions of the Company by way of special business:

#### **ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS**

#### 5. (A) **"THAT**:

- (a) Subject to paragraph (c) below, and pursuant to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities (the "Listing Rules") on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange"), the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with additional ordinary shares of HK\$0.10 each in the capital of the Company (the "Shares") and to make or grant offers, agreements and options (including bonds, warrants and debentures convertible into Shares) which would or might require the exercise of such power be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the approval in paragraph (a) above shall authorize the Directors during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) to make or grant offers, agreements and options (including bonds, warrants and debentures convertible into Shares) which would or might require the exercise of such power after the end of the Relevant Period;
- (c) the total number of Shares allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted (whether pursuant to an option or otherwise) and issued by the Directors pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above, otherwise than (i) a Rights Issue (as hereinafter defined); (ii) an issue of Shares under any option scheme or similar arrangement for the time being adopted for the grant or issue to employees of the Company and/or any of its subsidiaries of shares or rights to acquire Shares; (iii) an issue of Shares as scrip dividends pursuant to the bye-laws of the Company from time to time; or (iv) an issue of Shares upon the exercise of rights of subscription or conversion under the terms of any warrants of the Company issued or any securities issued by the Company which are convertible into Shares, shall not exceed 20% of the total number of the issued Shares as at the date of passing this Resolution provided that if any subsequent consolidation or subdivision of Shares is effected, the maximum number of Shares that may be issued pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above as a percentage of the total number of issued Shares immediately before and after such consolidation or subdivision shall be the same and such maximum number of Shares shall be adjusted accordingly; 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 expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by laws or regulations of Bermuda or the bye-laws of the Company to be held; or
- (iii) the date on which the authority set out in this Resolution is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting.

"**Rights Issue**" means an offer of Shares open for a period fixed by the Directors to the holders of Shares on the register on fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of such Shares as at that date (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, or the requirements of any recognized regulatory body or any stock exchange in, any territory outside Hong Kong applicable to the Company)."

- (B) **"THAT**:
  - (a) subject to paragraph (b) below, the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to repurchase ordinary shares of HK\$0.10 each in the capital of the Company (the "Shares") on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") or on any other stock exchange on which the Shares may be listed and recognized by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong and the Stock Exchange for this purpose, subject to and in accordance with all applicable laws and the requirements of the Listing Rules (as defined in ordinary resolution in item 5(A) of the notice convening the meeting) or of any other stock exchange as amended from time to time, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
  - (b) the total number of Shares which the Company is authorized to repurchase pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above shall not exceed 10% of the total number of the issued Shares as at the date of passing this Resolution provided that if any subsequent consolidation or subdivision of Shares is effected, the maximum number of Shares that may be repurchased pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above as a percentage of the total number of issued Shares immediately before and after such consolidation or subdivision shall be the same and such maximum number of Shares shall be adjusted accordingly; and

(c) for the purposes of this Resolution,

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

- (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
- (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by laws or regulations of Bermuda or the bye-laws of the Company to be held; or
- (iii) the date on which the authority set out in this Resolution is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting."
- (C) "THAT subject to the passing of Resolutions in items 5(A) and 5(B) of the notice convening the meeting, the general mandate granted to the Directors to allot, issue and deal with additional ordinary shares of HK\$0.10 each in the capital of the Company (the "Shares") pursuant to Resolution in item 5(A) of the notice convening this meeting be and is hereby extended by the addition thereto of a number representing the total number of Shares repurchased by the Company under the authority granted pursuant to Resolution in item 5(B) of the notice convening this meeting, provided that such number of Shares so repurchased shall not exceed 10% of the total number of the issued Shares as at the date of passing the said Resolution (such total number to be subject to adjustment in the case of any consolidation or subdivision of any or all of the Shares into a smaller or larger number of Shares after the passing of this resolution)."

### SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

### 6. **"THAT**:

- (a) the proposed amendments (the "Proposed Amendments") to the existing Bye-laws of the Company, the details of which are set forth in Appendix III to the circular of the Company dated 13 April 2023 (the "Circular"), be and are hereby approved;
- (b) the new Bye-laws of the Company (incorporating the Proposed Amendments) (the "New Bye-laws") in the form of the document marked "A" and produced to this meeting and for the purpose of identification initialled by the chairman of the meeting, be and is hereby approved and adopted in substitution for, and to the exclusion of, the existing Bye-laws of the Company with immediate effect; and

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- (c) any one director, secretary or the registered office provider 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 absolute discretion, deem necessary or expedient to give effect to the Proposed Amendments and the adoption of the New Bye-laws and to make relevant registrations and filings in accordance with the relevant requirements of the applicable laws, rules and regulations in Bermuda and Hong Kong."
- 7. **"THAT** subject to compliance by the Company with section 46(2) of the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda (as amended from time to time) and the applicable requirements of the Bye-laws of the Company (as amended from time to time) (the "**Bye-laws**"), with effect from the date of passing this resolution (the "**Effective Date**"):
  - (a) the entire amount standing to the credit of the share premium account of the Company as at the Effective Date be cancelled and reduced to nil, and the credit arising from such cancellation be transferred to the contributed surplus account of the Company (the "Contributed Surplus Account");
  - (b) the Directors of the Company be authorised to utilise and apply any credit balance in the Contributed Surplus Account in such manner as they consider appropriate from time to time (including, without limitation, the application of any amount to set off against the accumulated losses of the Company and to make distributions or payment of dividends to the shareholders of the Company) as may be permitted under the applicable laws of Bermuda and the Bye-laws; and
  - (c) the Directors of the Company be authorised generally to execute any such documents and to do such acts and things as they may consider necessary, desirable or expedient to implement or give effect to the foregoing."

By Order of the Board Binhai Investment Company Limited Gao Liang Executive Director

Hong Kong, 13 April 2023

Notes:

- 1. Any member of the Company entitled to attend and vote at the meeting is entitled to appoint one proxy or more proxies (if a member who is the holder of two or more ordinary shares of the Company) to attend and vote in his stead. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.
- 2. Where there are joint holders of any ordinary share of the Company any one of such joint holder may vote, either in person or by proxy, in respect of such ordinary share of the Company as if he were solely entitled thereto, but if more than one of such joint holders be present at any meeting the vote of the senior who tenders a vote, whether in person or by proxy, shall be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint holders, and for this purpose seniority shall be determined by the order in which the names stand in the register of members in respect of the joint holding.

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- 3. To be valid, the proxy form, together with any power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed, or a notarially certified copy thereof, must be deposited with the branch share registrar of the Company in Hong Kong, Hong Kong Registrars Limited, at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting or any adjournment thereof.
- 4. For determining the entitlement to attend and vote at the meeting, the register of members of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, 9 May 2023 to Friday, 12 May 2023, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of ordinary shares of the Company will be registered. In order to be eligible to attend and vote at the meeting, all completed transfer documents, accompanied by relevant share certificates, must be lodged with the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar and transfer office, Hong Kong Registrars Limited of Shops 1712-16, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong, for registration not later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, 8 May 2023.
- 5. For determining the entitlement to the proposed final dividend, the register of members of the Company will be closed from Friday, 19 May 2023 to Tuesday, 23 May 2023, during which no transfer of ordinary shares of the Company will be registered. In order to qualify for the proposed final dividend, all completed transfer documents, accompanied by relevant share certificates, must be lodged with the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar and transfer office, Hong Kong Registrars Limited of Shops 1712-16, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong, for registration not later than 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, 18 May 2023.
- 6. With regard to resolutions in item 3(A) set out in this notice, details of the retiring Directors and proposed new Director are set out in Appendix II to the circular of the Company dated 13 April 2023.
- 7. In connection with the proposed repurchase mandate under ordinary resolution no. 5(B), an explanatory statement as required by the Listing Rules is set out in Appendix I to the circular of the Company dated 13 April 2023.
- 8. All resolutions set out in this notice will be decided by poll at the meeting.
- 9. In case Typhoon Signal No. 8 or above is hoisted, or a Black Rainstorm Warning Signal or "extreme conditions caused by a super typhoon" announced by the Government of Hong Kong is/are in force in Hong Kong at or at any time after 7:00 a.m. on the date of the meeting, the meeting will be adjourned. The Company will post an announcement on the corporate website of the Company (www.binhaiinv.com) and the designated website of the Stock Exchange (www.hkexnews.hk) to notify shareholders of the date, time and place of the adjourned meeting. The meeting will be held as scheduled when an Amber or a Red Rainstorm Warning Signal is in force. Shareholders should decide on their own whether they would attend the meeting under bad weather conditions bearing in mind their own situation
- 10. As at the date of this notice, the Board comprises three executive Directors, namely, Mr. Hu Hao, Mr. Zuo Zhi Min and Mr. Gao Liang, three non-executive Directors, namely, Mr. Wang Gang, Mr. Shen Hong Liang and Mr. Yu Ke Xiang and three independent non-executive Directors, namely, Mr. Ip Shing Hing, *BBS, J.P.*, Mr. Lau Siu Ki, Kevin and Professor Japhet Sebastian Law.