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## A & S GROUP (HOLDINGS) LIMITED 亞洲實業集團(控股)有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability) (Stock Code: 1737)

# PROPOSED GRANT OF GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE AND REPURCHASE SHARES; PROPOSED RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS; PROPOSED RE-APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR; AND (4) NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A notice convening the annual general meeting ("**AGM**") of the Company to be held at 10/F., United Centre, 95 Queensway, Admiralty, Hong Kong on Wednesday, 13 September 2023 at 3:00 p.m. is set out on pages 15 to 19 of this circular.

A form of proxy for use at the AGM is enclosed with this circular. Whether or not you intend to attend and vote at the AGM, you are requested to complete and return the enclosed form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon to the Company's branch share registrar and transfer office in Hong Kong, Tricor Investor Services Limited at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong as soon as possible but in any event not later than 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the AGM or any adjournment thereof (as the case may be). Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting at the AGM or any adjournment thereof (as the case may be) should you so desire and in such event, the form of proxy shall be deemed to be revoked.

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

"AGM"	the annual general meeting of the Company to be convened and held at 10/F., United Centre, 95 Queensway, Admiralty, Hong Kong on Wednesday, 13 September 2023 at 3:00 p.m., the notice of which is set out on pages 15 to 19 of this circular
"AGM Notice"	the notice convening the AGM set out on pages 15 to 19 of this circular
"Articles of Association"	the second amended and restated articles of association of the Company as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time and "Article" shall mean an article of the Articles of Association
"Board"	the board of Directors
"close associate(s)"	has the same meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules
"Company"	A & S Group (Holdings) Limited (亞洲實業集團(控股)有限 公司), an exempted company incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability, the Shares of which are listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange
"connected person(s)"	has the same meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules
"Director(s)"	the director(s) of the Company
"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"	a general and unconditional mandate proposed to be granted to the Directors at the AGM to exercise all power of the Company to allot, issue and otherwise deal with Shares of the Company up to 20% of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing of the relevant resolution as set out in resolution no. 5 of the AGM Notice
"Latest Practicable Date"	21 July 2023, being the latest practicable date prior to the printing of this circular for the purpose of ascertaining certain information contained herein
"Listing Date"	14 March 2018, being the date the Shares first becoming listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange

#### DEFINITIONS

"Listing Rules"	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange as amended from time to time		
"Repurchase Mandate"	a general and unconditional mandate proposed to be granted to the Directors to exercise all powers of the Company to repurchase Shares of the Company up to 10% of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of AGM, as set out in resolution no. 6 in the AGM Notice		
"SFC"	Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong		
"SFO"	the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong), as amended and supplemented from time to time		
"Share(s)"	share(s) of with a par value of HK\$0.01 each in the share capital of the Company		
"Shareholder(s)"	the holder(s) of Share(s)		
"Stock Exchange"	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited		
"substantial shareholder(s)"	has the same meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules		
"Takeovers Code"	The Codes on Takeovers and Mergers and Share Buy-backs issued by SFC, as amended, modified or otherwise supplemented from time to time		
"%"	per cent.		



### A & S GROUP (HOLDINGS) LIMITED 亞洲實業集團(控股)有限公司

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Executive Directors: Mr. Law Kwok Leung Alex (Chairman) Mr. Law Kwok Ho Simon Mr. Chiu Tat Ting Albert (Chief Executive Officer)

Independent non-executive Directors: Mr. Ho Chun Chung Patrick Mr. Iu Tak Meng Teddy Mr. Kwan Ngai Kit Registered office: Windward 3, Regatta Office Park PO Box 1350 Grand Cayman KY1-1108 Cayman Islands

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28 July 2023

To the Shareholders

Dear Sir/Madam,

# PROPOSED GRANT OF GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE AND REPURCHASE SHARES; PROPOSED RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS; PROPOSED RE-APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR; AND (4) NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this circular is to: (i) provide you with details of the proposed Issue Mandate and the proposed Repurchase Mandate and the extension of the Issue Mandate by addition thereto of the number of Shares repurchased pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate; (ii) set out an explanatory statement regarding the Repurchase Mandate; (iii) furnish you with details of the proposed re-election of the retiring Directors; (iv) furnish you with details of the re-appointment of auditor; and (v) provide you the AGM Notice.

#### **GENERAL MANDATE TO ISSUE SHARES**

The Company's existing mandate to issue shares was approved by ordinary resolution at the annual general meeting held on 9 September 2022. The existing mandate to issue shares will lapse at the conclusion of the AGM.

At the AGM, an ordinary resolution will be proposed to grant to the Directors new general and unconditional mandate to allot, issue and otherwise deal with Shares of up to 20% of the total number of the issued Shares as at the date of passing of the relevant resolution.

The Directors have no present intention to exercise the Issue Mandate or the Repurchase Mandate (if granted to the Directors at the AGM).

The Issue Mandate allows the Company to allot, issue and otherwise deal with Shares only during the period ending on the earliest of (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company; (ii) the date by which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required to be held by the Articles of Association or the laws of the Cayman Islands; or (iii) the date upon which such authority is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders at a general meeting of the Company (the "**Relevant Period**").

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the issued share capital of the Company comprised of 1,000,000,000 Shares. Subject to the passing of the relevant resolution to approve the Issue Mandate and on the basis that no further Shares are allotted and issued or repurchased prior to the date of the AGM, the Directors would be authorised to allot, issue and otherwise deal with a maximum of 200,000,000 new Shares under the Issue Mandate, representing 20% of the total number of the issued Shares as at the date of the AGM.

#### **GENERAL MANDATE TO REPURCHASE SHARES**

The Company's existing mandate to repurchase shares was approved by ordinary resolutions at the annual general meeting held on 9 September 2022. The existing mandate to repurchase shares will lapse at the conclusion of the AGM.

At the AGM, an ordinary resolution will be proposed to grant to the Directors a new general and unconditional mandate to repurchase Shares of up to 10% of the total number of the issued shares as at the date passing of the relevant resolution. The Repurchase Mandate will allow the Company to make repurchases only during the Relevant Period.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the issued share capital of the Company comprised 1,000,000,000 Shares. Subject to the passing of the relevant resolution to approve the Repurchase Mandate and on the basis that no further Shares are allotted and issued or repurchased prior to the date of the AGM, the Company would be allowed to repurchase a maximum of 100,000,000 Shares under the Repurchase Mandate, representing 10% of the total number of the issued Shares as at the date of the AGM.

#### **EXTENSION OF ISSUE MANDATE**

In addition, subject to the passing of the resolutions to grant the Issue Mandate and the Repurchase Mandate, an ordinary resolution will be proposed at the AGM to authorise the Directors to extend the Issue Mandate to allot and issue Shares by an amount of shares representing the aggregate nominal value of shares of the Company purchased or repurchased by the Company pursuant to the authority granted to the Directors under the Repurchase Mandate provided that such extended amount shall not exceed 10% of the aggregate number of the issued Shares as at the date of passing the resolution for approving the Repurchase Mandate.

An explanatory statement required to be sent to the Shareholders under the Listing Rules is set out in Appendix I to this circular to provide the requisite information regarding the Repurchase Mandate to the Shareholders.

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

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the Board consisted of six Directors, namely:

**Executive Directors** Mr. Law Kwok Leung Alex Mr. Law Kwok Ho Simon Mr. Chiu Tat Ting Albert

#### **Independent non-executive Directors**

Mr. Ho Chun Chung Patrick Mr. Iu Tak Meng Teddy Mr. Kwan Ngai Kit

In accordance with Article 108, at each annual general meeting of the Company, one-third of the Directors for the time being (or, if their number is not three or a multiple of three, then the number nearest to but not less than one-third) shall retire from office by rotation provided that every Director, including those appointed for a specific term, shall be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years.

Further, according to Articles 111 and 112, any Director appointed by the Board or by ordinary resolution in a general meeting either to fill a casual vacancy or as an addition to the existing Board shall hold office only until the first annual general meeting of the Company after his appointment and shall then be eligible for re-election at such annual general meeting. Any Director appointed by the Board as an addition to the existing Board shall hold office only until the first annual general meeting of the Company after his appointment and shall hold office only until the first annual general meeting of the Company after his appointment and shall then be eligible for re-election at such annual general meeting. Any Director appointed under these Articles shall not be taken into account in determining who are to retire by rotation at an annual general meeting.

Accordingly, Mr. Law Kwok Ho Simon ("**Mr. Simon Law**") and Mr. Ho Chun Patrick ("**Mr. Ho**") will retire as Directors at the AGM and, being eligible, offer himself for re-election.

The nomination committee of the Company (the "Nomination Committee") had reviewed the independence of Mr. Ho and Mr. Ho also submitted an annual confirmation to the Company on his fulfillment of the independence guidelines set out in rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules. After due consideration, the Board confirmed that Mr. Ho continues to be considered as an independent non-executive Director and will continue to bring valuable business experience, knowledge and professionalism to the Board for its efficient and effective functioning and diversity. Mr. Ho had abstained from deliberation and decision in respect of the assessment of his own independence.

The Company has in place a nomination policy (the "Nomination Policy") which sets out, inter alia, the selection criteria (the "Criteria") and the evaluation procedures in nomination candidates to be appointed or re-appointed as the Directors. The Nomination Committee has reviewed the structure and composition of the Board, the qualifications, skills and experience, time commitment and contribution of the retiring Directors with reference to the Critera set out in the Nomination Policy. The re-appointment of each of Mr. Simon Law and Mr. Ho was recommended by the Nomination Committee, and the Board has accepted the recommendations following a review of their overall contribution and service to the Company including their attendance of Board meetings and general meeting, the level of participation and performance on the Board, and whether they continue to satisfy the Criteria.

The biographical details of the retiring Directors are set out in Appendix II to this circular. In consideration of the background, specific knowledge and experience of Mr. Simon Law and Mr. Ho, the Board believes that they could bring invaluable insights to the Board. Their in-depth knowledge, extensive experience and expertise continue to provide invaluable contribution and diversity to the Board.

#### **RE-APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR**

HLB Hodgson Impey Cheng Limited will retire as the independent auditor of the Company at the AGM and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-appointment.

Upon the recommendation of the audit committee of the Company (the "Audit Committee"), the Board proposed to re-appoint HLB Hodgson Impey Cheng Limited as the independent auditor of the Company and to hold office until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company.

#### **CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS**

The forthcoming AGM is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, 13 September 2023. For determining the entitlement to attend and vote at the AGM, the register of members of the Company will be closed from Friday, 8 September 2023 to Wednesday, 13 September 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 duly completed share transfer documents accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the branch share registrar of the Company in Hong Kong, Tricor Investor Services Limited, 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong, for registration not later than 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, 7 September 2023.

#### AGM AND PROXY ARRANGEMENT

The notice convening the AGM to be held at 10/F., United Centre, 95 Queensway, Admiralty, Hong Kong on Wednesday, 13 September 2023 at 3:00 p.m. is set out on pages 15 to 19 of this circular. A form of proxy for use by Shareholders at the AGM is enclosed with this circular. Whether or not you intend to attend and vote at the AGM in person, you are requested to complete and return the enclosed form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return it to the Company's branch share registrar and transfer office in Hong Kong, Tricor Investor Services Limited at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong as soon as possible but in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the AGM or any adjournment thereof (as the case may be). Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude you from subsequently attending and voting at the AGM or any adjournment thereof (as the case may be) should you so desire and in such event, the form of proxy shall be deemed to be revoked.

#### **VOTING BY POLL**

Pursuant to Rule 13.39(4) of the Listing Rules, any vote of the 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. Therefore, all resolutions as set out in the AGM Notice will be voted by way of a poll and, after being verified by the scrutineer, the results of the poll will be published in the manner prescribed under Rule 13.39(5) of the Listing Rules.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

The Directors consider that the granting of the Issue Mandate, the Repurchase Mandate, the extension of the Issue Mandate, the re-appointment of auditor and the re-election of the retiring Directors are in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole. Accordingly, the Directors recommend the Shareholders to vote in favour of the relevant resolutions to be proposed at the AGM and as set out in the AGM Notice.

#### **RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT**

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

By Order of the Board A & S Group (Holdings) Limited Law Kwok Leung Alex Chairman and executive director

This appendix serves as an explanatory statement as required under the Listing Rules to provide the requisite information to the Shareholders for consideration of the Repurchase Mandate pursuant to Rule 10.06 of the Listing Rules.

#### 1. SHARE CAPITAL

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the issued share capital of the Company comprised 1,000,000,000 Shares. Subject to the passing of the relevant resolution to approve the Repurchase Mandate and on the basis that no further Shares are allotted and issued or repurchased between the Latest Practicable Date and the date of AGM, the Company will be allowed to repurchase a maximum of 100,000,000 Shares during the Relevant Period.

#### 2. SOURCE OF FUNDS

The Directors propose that the repurchase of Shares under the Repurchase Mandate would be financed from the Company's internal resources.

In repurchasing the Shares, the Company may only apply funds which are legally available for such purposes in accordance with the constitutive documents of the Company, the Listing Rules and the applicable laws and regulations of the Cayman Islands. The Company will not purchase the Shares 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.

#### 3. REASONS FOR SHARE REPURCHASE

Although the Directors have no present intention of exercising the proposed Repurchase Mandate, the Directors believe that the flexibility afforded by the proposed Repurchase Mandate would be beneficial to the Company and the Shareholders. An exercise of the Repurchase Mandate may, depending on market conditions at the time, lead to an enhancement of the net asset value and/or earnings per Share and will only be made when the Directors believe that repurchase of Shares will benefit the Company and Shareholders as a whole.

#### 4. SHARE PRICES

The highest and lowest prices at which the Shares have traded on the Stock Exchange in each of the 12 months immediately preceding the Latest Practicable Date were as follows:

	Share	<b>Share Price</b>	
	Highest	Lowest	
	HK\$	HK\$	
2022			
July	0.232	0.206	
August	0.220	0.208	
September	0.225	0.173	
October	0.189	0.165	
November	0.174	0.137	
December	0.169	0.141	
2023			
January	0.178	0.155	
February	0.176	0.149	
March	0.160	0.132	
April	0.146	0.133	
May	0.159	0.133	
June	0.144	0.125	
July (up to the Latest Practicable Date)	0.135	0.128	

#### 5. UNDERTAKING

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

#### 6. EFFECT OF THE TAKEOVERS CODE

If as a result of a repurchase of Shares pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate, a Shareholder's proportionate interest in the voting rights of the Company increases, such increase will be treated as an acquisition for the purposes of the Takeovers Code. As a result, a Shareholder, or a group of Shareholders acting in concert (as defined in the Takeovers Code), depending on the level of increase of the Shareholders' interest, could obtain or consolidate control of the Company and become obliged to make a mandatory offer in accordance with Rule 26 and Rule 32 of the Takeovers Code.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the following Shareholders had interests representing 5% or more of the issued share capital of the Company:

			Approximate percentage of total issued Shares	
Name	Capacity/ Nature of interest	Number of shares held	As at the Latest Practicable Date	If Repurchase Mandate is exercised in full
Dynamic Victor Limited	Beneficial owner	750,000,000	75.0%	83.3%
Mr. Law Kwok Leung Alex (Note 2)	Interest in a controlled corporation	750,000,000	75.0%	83.3%
Mr. Law Kwok Ho Simon (Note 3)	Interest in a controlled corporation	750,000,000	75.0%	83.3%
Ms. Lau Lai Ha Sunshine (Note 4)	Interest of spouse	750,000,000	75.0%	83.3%

Notes:

- Mr. Law Kwok Leung Alex ("Mr. Alex Law") beneficially owns 65% of the issued share capital of Dynamic Victor Limited ("Dynamic Victor"). Therefore, Mr. Alex Law is deemed, or taken to be, interested in 750,000,000 Shares held by Dynamic Victor for the purpose of the SFO.
- 3. Mr. Law Kwok Ho Simon ("**Mr. Simon Law**") beneficially owns 35% of the issued share capital of Dynamic Victor. Therefore, Mr. Simon Law is deemed, on taken to be, interested in 750,000,000 Shares held by Dynamic Victor for the purpose of the SFO.
- 4. Ms. Lau Lai Ha Sunshine is the spouse of Mr. Alex Law. Therefore, Ms. Lau Lai Ha Sunshine is deemed to, or taken to be, interested in the same number of Shares in which Mr. Alex Law is interested for the purpose of the SFO.

On the basis of 1,000,000,000 Shares in issue as at the Latest Practicable Date and assuming there is no further issue or repurchase of Shares during the period from the Latest Practicable Date up to and including the date of the AGM, if the Repurchase Mandate were exercised in full, the total number of the Shares which will be repurchased pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate shall be 100,000,000 Shares (being 10% of the total number of issued Shares as at the Latest Practicable Date) and the interests in the shareholding in the Company held by Dynamic Victor, Mr. Alex Law, Mr. Simon Law and Ms. Lau Lai Ha Sunshine would be increased from 75.0% to approximately 83.3% of the issued Shares. Such increase would result in the aggregate number of Shares in the number of the Shares held by the public being reduced to less than the prescribed percentage of the Shares then in issue could only be implemented with the approval of the Stock Exchange to waive the Listing Rules requirements regarding the public float.

<sup>1.</sup> All interests stated are long positions.

The Directors do not intend to exercise the power to repurchase Shares to an extent which would render any Shareholder or group of Shareholders obliged to make a mandatory offer under Rule 26 and Rule 32 of the Takeovers Code.

The Directors will not repurchase the Shares on the Stock Exchange if the repurchase would result in the number of the listed securities which are in the hands of the public falling below 25%, being the relevant minimum prescribed percentage for the Company as required by the Stock Exchange.

# 7. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS OF DIRECTORS, THEIR CLOSE ASSOCIATES AND CORE CONNECTED PERSONS

As at the Latest Practicable Date, none of the Directors nor, to the best of their respective knowledge and belief and having made all reasonable enquiries, their close associates (as defined under the Listing Rules), have any present intention, if the Repurchase Mandate is approved by the Shareholders and is exercised, to sell any Shares to the Company or any of its subsidiaries under the Repurchase Mandate.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, no core connected person (as defined in the Listing Rules) of the Company (i) has notified the Company that he/she/it has a present intention to sell any Shares; (ii) has undertaken to the Company that he/she/it will not sell any Shares held by him/her/it to the Company, in the event that the Repurchase Mandate is approved by the Shareholders.

#### 8. MATERIAL ADVERSE CHANGE

As compared with the financial position of the Company as at 31 March 2023 (being the date to which the latest consolidated financial statements of the Company have been made up), the Directors consider that there would not be a material adverse impact on the working capital and on the gearing position of the Company in the event that the proposed repurchases were to be carried out in full during the proposed repurchase period.

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 of the Company or the gearing position which in the opinion of the Directors are from time to time appropriate for the Company.

#### 9. SHARE REPURCHASE MADE BY THE COMPANY

The Company had not purchased any of the Shares (whether on the Stock Exchange or otherwise) in the six months immediately preceding the Latest Practicable Date.

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

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

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

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

#### Mr. Law Kwok Ho Simon

Mr. Law Kwok Ho Simon ("**Mr. Simon Law**"), aged 48, is an executive Director. Mr. Simon Law was appointed as a Director on 7 July 2016 and re-designated as an executive Director on 3 July 2017. Mr. Simon Law is responsible for overseeing the Group's operation, business development, finance and administration. He became a director of A & S (HK) Logistics Limited in December 2012.

Mr. Simon Law completed secondary education in England. Subsequent to his completion of secondary education, he joined Bouygues Construction Group and worked as a foreman. Mr. Simon Law then joined the Group as a general manager in October 2002 where he gathered experience in logistics industry and he has been responsible for supervision of business operation, human resources, finance and administrative functions of the Group.

Mr. Simon Law is the brother of Mr. Alex Law and Mr. Law Kwok Pan.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Simon Law was deemed to be interested in 750,000,000 Shares held by Dynamic Victor, representing approximately 75.0% of the issued share capital of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Mr. Simon Law has entered into a director's service agreement with the Company for a term of three years commencing on the 13 March 2021 subject to rotation and re-election at annual general meetings of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association. The Director's fee of Mr. Simon Law will be reviewed annually by the Board and by reference to the prevailing market practice, the Company's remuneration policy, his experience, duties and responsibilities within the Company. For the year ended 31 March 2023, the total remuneration paid to Mr. Simon Law amounted to approximately HK\$3,158,000.

Save as disclosed above, as at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Simon Law did not hold any directorship in other public companies the securities of which are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas in the last three years or other major appointments and professional qualifications.

Save as disclosed above, as at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Simon Law did not have any relationship with other Directors, senior management, substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company and had no interests in the Shares which are required to be disclosed pursuant to Part XV to the SFO.

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

Save as disclosed above, the Company considers that in relation to the re-election of Mr. Simon Law as an executive Director, there is no information to be disclosed pursuant to paragraph 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules and there are no other matters that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

#### INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

#### Mr. Ho Chun Chung Patrick

Mr. Ho Chun Chung Patrick ("Mr. Ho"), aged 59, was appointed as an independent non-executive Director on 21 February 2018. He is the chairman of the remuneration committee of the Company and a member of each of the Audit Committee and the Nomination Committee. Mr. Ho is responsible for providing independent judgment on the issues of operation strategy, performance, resources and standard of conduct of the Group.

Mr. Ho worked in PricewaterhouseCoopers from 1987 to 1991 and Gold Peak Industries (Holdings) Limited (stock code: 40) from 1992 to 2000 with his last position as financial controller and Chen Hsong Holdings Limited (stock code: 57) from 2002 to 2005 as financial controller. Mr. Ho was an independent non-executive director of Tesson Holdings Limited (stock code: 1201) from 2014 to 2016 and Amber Hill Financial Holdings Limited (formerly named Asia Investment Finance Group Limited) (stock code: 33) from 2015 to 2018 respectively. He has been the independent non-executive director of Ling Yui Holdings Limited (stock code: 784) and Realord Group Holdings Limited (stock code: 1196) since December 2017 and March 2022, respectively.

Mr. Ho obtained a professional diploma in accountancy from the Hong Kong Polytechnic (currently known as The Hong Kong Polytechnic University) in November 1987 and a master degree in finance from the City University of Hong Kong in December 1996. Mr. Ho is an associate member of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and a fellow member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants since February 1991 and October 1995, respectively.

Mr. Ho has entered into a letter of appointment with the Company for a term of three years commencing on the 13 March 2021 subject to rotation and re-election at annual general meetings of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association. The Director's fee of Mr. Ho will be reviewed annually by the Board and by reference to the prevailing market practice, the Company's remuneration policy, his experience, duties and responsibilities within the Company. For the year ended 31 March 2023, the total remuneration paid to Mr. Ho amounted to approximately HK\$127,000.

Save as disclosed above, as at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Ho did not hold any directorship in other public companies the securities of which are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas in the last three years or any other position with the Company and other members of the Group or other major appointments and professional qualifications.

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

Save as disclosed above, as at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Ho did not have any relationship with other Directors, senior management, substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company and he had no interests in the Shares which are required to be disclosed pursuant to Part XV to the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, the Company considers that in relation to the re-election of Mr. Ho as an independent non-executive Director, there is no information to be disclosed pursuant to paragraph 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules and there are no other matters that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

#### NOTICE OF AGM

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(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability) (Stock Code: 1737)

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the annual general meeting of shareholders (the "AGM") of A & S Group (Holdings) Limited (the "Company") will be held at 10/F., United Centre, 95 Queensway, Admiralty, Hong Kong on Wednesday, 13 September 2023 at 3:00 p.m., to consider and, if thought fit, to pass with or without amendments, the following resolutions:

#### **ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS**

- 1. To receive, consider and adopt the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries and the reports of the directors of the Company (the "**Directors**") and the auditor of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2023;
- 2. To re-appoint HLB Hodgson Impey Cheng Limited as an auditor of the Company and to authorise the board of Directors to fix its remuneration;
- 3. (a) To re-elect Mr. Law Kwok Ho Simon as an executive Director; and
  - (b) To re-elect Mr. Ho Chun Chung Patrick as an independent non-executive Director;
- 4. To authorise the board of Directors to fix the remuneration of the Directors.
- 5. **"THAT**:
  - (a) Subject to paragraph (c) of this resolution, 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 shares (the "Shares") of HK\$0.01 each in the share capital of the Company or securities convertible into such Shares or options, warrants, or similar right to subscribe for any Shares or convertible securities of the Company 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;

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- (b) the approval in paragraph (a) of this resolution shall authorise the Directors during the Relevant Period 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 powers (including but not limited to the power to allot, issue and deal with additional Shares) during or after the end of the Relevant Period;
- the total number of Shares to be allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally (c) to be allotted and issued (whether pursuant to an option or otherwise) by the Directors pursuant to the approval in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this resolution, otherwise than pursuant to (i) a Rights Issue (as hereinafter defined); (ii) the exercise of any options granted under any share option scheme adopted by the Company or similar arrangement for the time being adopted for the grant or issue to officers and/or employees of the Company and/or any of its subsidiaries and/or any eligible persons thereunder of shares or rights to subscribe for shares in the capital of the Company; (iii) any scrip dividend scheme or similar arrangement providing for the allotment of shares in the Company in lieu of the whole or part a dividend pursuant to the articles of association of the Company (the "Articles of Association") 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 or any securities which are convertible into shares of the Company, shall not exceed 20% of the total number of the issued Shares as at the time of passing this resolution, and the said approval shall be limited 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 the Articles of Association or any applicable laws of the Cayman Islands to be held; or
  - (iii) the date on which the authority given under 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 of the Company opens for a period fixed by the Company or the Directors to holders of shares of the Company whose names appear on the register of members of the Company on a 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 any relevant jurisdiction, or the requirements of any recognised regulatory body or any stock exchange)."

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

- (a) subject to paragraph (c) of this resolution, the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to repurchase shares in the share capital of the Company on the Stock Exchange or on any other stock exchange on which the securities of the Company may be listed and which is recognised by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong and the Stock Exchange for this purpose, and that the exercise by the Directors of all powers to repurchase such shares are subject to and in accordance with all applicable laws and requirements of the Listing Rules or of any other stock exchange as amended from time to time, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the approval in paragraph (a) of this resolution above shall be in addition to any other authorisation given to the Directors and shall authorise the Directors on behalf of the Company during the Relevant Period to procure the Company to repurchase its shares at a price determined by the Directors;
- (c) the total number of Shares to be repurchased or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be repurchased by the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) of this resolution during the Relevant Period shall not exceed 10% of the total number of the issued Shares as at the time of the passing of this resolution, and the said approval shall be limited 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; or
  - (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the Articles of Association or any applicable laws of the Cayman Islands to be held; or
  - (iii) the date on which the authority given under this resolution is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in a general meeting."

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7. "**THAT** conditional upon the passing of resolutions no. 5 and no. 6 as set out in this notice convening the AGM of which this resolution forms part, the general mandate granted to the Directors pursuant to resolution no. 6 as set out in this notice convening the AGM of which this resolution forms part be and is hereby extended by the addition thereto of the total number of Shares which may be repurchased by the Company under the authority granted pursuant to resolution no. 6 as set out in this notice convening the AGM of which this resolution forms part, provided that such amount shall not exceed 10% of the total number of the issued Shares as at the date of passing this resolution."

#### **QUESTIONS FROM SHAREHOLDERS**

The Board considers that the AGM is an important opportunity for Shareholders to express their views by raising questions and voting. Shareholders' participation in the AGM are considered to be important. The Board wishes to emphasise that Shareholders can raise questions during the AGM. Shareholders who would like to raise questions in relation to any resolution set out in this notice or the business of the Company at the AGM can submit questions by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, 11 September 2023 (being not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the AGM or any adjournment thereof) via email to ir@brightcommns.com or via telephone hotline at (852) 3611 7839 providing personal particulars as follows for verification purposes:

- a) Full name;
- b) Registered address;
- c) Number of Shares held;
- d) Hong Kong Identity Card Number or passport number (in case of natural person)/ company registration number (in case of body corporate);
- e) Contact telephone number; and
- f) Email address.

Shareholders can also submit questions during the AGM.

The Board will arrange to answer the questions raised by Shareholders at the AGM and those submitted in advance to the extent possible.

By Order of the Board A & S Group (Holdings) Limited Law Kwok Leung Alex Chairman and Executive Director

Hong Kong, 28 July 2023

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Notes:

- 1. Any member of the Company entitled to attend and vote at the meeting is entitled to appoint one or more proxies 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 the AGM. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.
- 2. The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing under the hand of the appointer or his attorney duly authorised in writing, or if the appointer is a corporation, either under seal or under the hand of an officer or attorney duly authorised on its behalf.
- 3. Where there are joint registered holders of any Shares, any one of such persons may vote at the above meeting (or any adjournment thereof), either personally or by proxy, in respect of such share as if he were solely entitled thereto; but if more than one of such joint holders by present at the above meeting personally or by proxy, that one of the said persons so present whose name stands first on the register of members of the Company in respect of such share shall alone be entitled to vote in respect thereof.
- 4. In order to be valid, the proxy form, together with the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed or a notarially certified copy thereof, must be deposited at the Company's branch share registrar and transfer office in Hong Kong, Tricor Investor Services Limited at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the AGM or any adjournment thereof.
- 5. Delivery of an instrument appointing a proxy shall not preclude a shareholder from attending and voting in person at the meeting and, in such event, the instrument appointing a proxy shall be deemed to be revoked.
- 6. In relation to resolution no. 3, Mr. Law Kwok Ho Simon and Mr. Ho Chun Chung Patrick will retire from office at the AGM in accordance with the Articles of Association and, being eligible, will offer themselves for re-election. Biographical details of these Directors are set out in Appendix II to this circular.
- 7. An explanatory statement as required by the Listing Rules in connection with the repurchase mandate under resolution no. 6 above is set out in Appendix I to this circular.
- 8. The transfer books and Register of Members of the Company will be closed from Friday, 8 September 2023 to Wednesday, 13 September 2023, both days inclusive. During such period, no share transfers will be effected. In order to qualify for attending the AGM, all duly completed share transfer documents, accompanied by the relevant share certificates, must be lodged with the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Investor Services Limited at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong for registration no later than 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, 7 September 2023.
- 9. A form of proxy for use by shareholders at the AGM is enclosed.

As at the date of this notice, the Board comprises Mr. Law Kwok Leung Alex, Mr. Law Kwok Ho Simon and Mr. Chiu Tat Ting Albert as executive Directors and Mr. Ho Chun Chung Patrick, Mr. Iu Tak Meng Teddy and Mr. Kwan Ngai Kit as independent non-executive Directors.