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## **BIRMINGHAM SPORTS HOLDINGS LIMITED**

# 伯明翰體育控股有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability) (Stock Code: 2309)

## PROPOSED CHANGE OF COMPANY NAME AND NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

Capitalised terms used in this cover page shall have the same meanings as those defined in the section headed "Definitions" of this circular, unless the context otherwise requires.

A notice convening the EGM to be held at Theatre R2, 10/F, United Centre, 95 Queensway, Admiralty, Hong Kong on Thursday, 7 September 2023 at 4:00 p.m. or any adjournment thereof is set out on pages EGM-1 to EGM-2 of this circular. A form of proxy for use at the EGM is enclosed with this circular. Whether or not you are able to attend the EGM, please complete and sign the enclosed form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return the same to the Company's branch share registrar and transfer office in Hong Kong, Tricor Tengis Limited at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong, as soon as possible and in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the EGM 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 in person at the EGM or any adjournment thereof (as the case may be) should you so wish and in such event, the instrument appointing a proxy shall be deemed to be revoked.

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# DEFINITIONS

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

"Announcement"	the announcement of the Company dated 7 August 2023 in relation to, among others, the Proposed Change of Company Name
"Board"	the board of Directors
"Company"	Birmingham Sports Holdings Limited 伯明翰體育控股有限公司 (Stock code: 2309), an exempted company incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability and the issued shares of which are listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange
"Director(s)"	the director(s) of the Company
"EGM"	the extraordinary general meeting of the Company to be held at Theatre R2, 10/F, United Centre, 95 Queensway, Admiralty, Hong Kong on Thursday, 7 September 2023 at 4:00 p.m. or any adjournment thereof for considering, and if thought fit, approving the resolution as set out in the EGM Notice
"EGM Notice"	the notice for convening the EGM which is set out on pages EGM-1 to EGM-2 of this circular
"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
"Proposed Change of Company Name"	the proposed change of the English name of the Company from "Birmingham Sports Holdings Limited" to "ZO Future Group", and adoption and registration of the Chinese name "大象未來集 團" as the dual foreign name of the Company in place of its existing Chinese name "伯明翰體育控股有限公司"
"Latest Practicable Date"	11 August 2023, being the latest practicable date prior to the printing of this circular for the purpose of ascertaining certain information contained in this circular
"Listing Rules"	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange

# DEFINITIONS

"Share(s)"	ordinary share(s) of HK $0.25$ each in the share capital of the Company
"Shareholder(s)"	holder(s) of the Shares
"Stock Exchange"	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

In the event of any inconsistency, the English text of this circular, the EGM Notice and the accompanying form of proxy shall prevail over the Chinese text.

## LETTER FROM THE BOARD



# **BIRMINGHAM SPORTS HOLDINGS LIMITED**

伯明翰體育控股有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 2309)

Executive Directors: Mr. Zhao Wenqing (Chairman) Mr. Huang Dongfeng (Chief Executive Officer) Mr. Yiu Chun Kong Dr. Guo Honglin

*Non-executive Director:* Mr. Sue Ka Lok

Independent Non-executive Directors: Mr. Pun Chi Ping Ms. Leung Pik Har, Christine Mr. Yeung Chi Tat Registered Office: 4th Floor, Harbour Place 103 South Church Street George Town, P.O. Box 10240 Grand Cayman KY1-1002 Cayman Islands

Principal Place of Business in Hong Kong: 31/F., Vertical Sq No. 28 Heung Yip Road Wong Chuk Hang Hong Kong

17 August 2023

To the Shareholders

Dear Sir or Madam,

## PROPOSED CHANGE OF COMPANY NAME AND NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

### **INTRODUCTION**

Reference is made to the Announcement in relation to the Proposed Change of Company Name. The purpose of this circular is to provide you with (i) information on the Proposed Change of Company Name and (ii) the notice of the EGM at which a special resolution will be proposed to approve the Proposed Change of Company Name.

## LETTER FROM THE BOARD

#### PROPOSED CHANGE OF COMPANY NAME

The Board proposes to change the English name of the Company from "Birmingham Sports Holdings Limited" to "ZO Future Group", and to adopt and register the Chinese name "大象未來集團" as the dual foreign name of the Company in place of its existing Chinese name "伯明翰體育控股有限公司".

#### Conditions of the Proposed Change of Company Name

The Proposed Change of Company Name is subject to the fulfilment of the following conditions:

- (i) the passing of a special resolution by the Shareholders to approve the Proposed Change of Company Name at the EGM; and
- (ii) the Registrar of Companies in the Cayman Islands granting approval for the Proposed Change of Company Name and issuing a certificate of incorporation on change of name.

Subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set out above, the Proposed Change of Company Name will take effect from the date on which the Registrar of Companies in Cayman Islands registers the new name of the Company on the register in place of the existing name of the Company and issues the certificate of incorporation on change of name. Thereafter, the Company will carry out the necessary filing procedures with the Companies Registry in Hong Kong.

In addition, subject to the confirmation of the Stock Exchange, the English and Chinese stock short names for trading in the Shares will also be changed after the Proposed Change of Company Name becomes effective.

#### **Reasons for the Proposed Change of Company Name**

The Company is an investment holding company. The Group principally engages in the (i) operation of a professional football club in England and related business; (ii) investment in properties; and (iii) healthcare and medical related business. The Company intends to expand its business portfolio into additional business sectors and explore potential business opportunities in the high technologies and eco-friendly technologies businesses. The Company has been endeavoring in identifying suitable business opportunities around the world with an aim to bring value to the Group and the Shareholders as a whole.

The Board considers that the Proposed Change of Company Name can better reflect the Company's business direction, demonstrate its commitment on looking forward to future development and will provide the Company with a better corporate identity and image which can be beneficial in capturing potential business opportunities for its future development.

The Board is therefore of the view that the Proposed Change of Company Name is in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

## LETTER FROM THE BOARD

#### Effects of the Proposed Change of Company Name

The Proposed Change of Company Name will not affect any of the rights of the Shareholders. All existing share certificates of the Company in issue bearing the current name of the Company will, after the Proposed Change of Company Name becoming effective, continue to be evidence of title to the Shares and will continue to be valid for trading, settlement, registration and delivery for the same number of shares in the new name of the Company. There will not be any arrangement for free exchange of the existing share certificates of the Company for new share certificates printed in the new name of the Company. Upon the Proposed Change of Company Name becoming effective, any new share certificates will be issued in the new name of the Company.

The Proposed Change of Company Name will not affect the Group's daily business operations and its financial position.

#### THE EGM

A notice convening the EGM is set out on pages EGM-1 to EGM-2 of this circular. The EGM will be convened at Theatre R2, 10/F, United Centre, 95 Queensway, Admiralty, Hong Kong on Thursday, 7 September 2023 at 4:00 p.m. for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, approve the special resolution relating to the Proposed Change of Company Name. The resolution approving the Proposed Change of Company Name will be conducted by way of poll at the EGM and an announcement on the results of the EGM will be made by the Company after the EGM. As at the Latest Practicable Date, to the best knowledge, information and belief of the Directors having made all reasonable enquiries, no Shareholder will be required to abstain from voting on the relevant resolutions to be proposed at the EGM.

A proxy form for use by the Shareholders at the EGM is enclosed with this circular. Whether or not you intend to attend and vote at the EGM in person, you are requested to complete and return the enclosed proxy form in accordance with the instructions printed on such form and return it to the branch share registrar and transfer office of the Company in Hong Kong, Tricor Tengis Limited at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong, as soon as possible but in any event no later than 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the EGM or any adjourned meeting. Completion and return of the proxy form will not preclude you from attending and voting at the EGM in person or any adjourned meeting, as the case may be, should you so desire.

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

The register of members of the Company will be closed from Monday, 4 September 2023 to Thursday, 7 September 2023 (both days inclusive) for determining the identities of the Shareholders entitled to attend and vote at the EGM. No transfer of Shares will be registered during the above book closure period. In order to qualify for attending and voting at the EGM or any adjournment thereof, all transfers of Shares accompanied by the relevant share certificates and transfer forms must be lodged with the Company's branch share registrar and transfer office in Hong Kong, Tricor Tengis Limited at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong, not later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, 1 September 2023.

### VOTING AT THE EGM

Pursuant to Rule 13.39(4) of the Listing Rules, all resolutions will be put to vote by way of poll at the EGM. An announcement on the poll results will be made by the Company after the EGM pursuant to Rule 13.39(5) of the Listing Rules.

#### RECOMMENDATION

The Directors are of the opinion that the Proposed Change of Company Name is in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders and therefore recommends the Shareholders to vote in favour of the resolution to be proposed at the EGM.

### **RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DIRECTORS**

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.

Yours faithfully, On behalf of the Board Birmingham Sports Holdings Limited Zhao Wenqing Chairman

## EGM NOTICE



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### NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that an extraordinary general meeting of Birmingham Sports Holdings Limited (the "Company") will be held at Theatre R2, 10/F, United Centre, 95 Queensway, Admiralty, Hong Kong on Thursday, 7 September 2023 at 4:00 p.m. (the "EGM") to consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as special resolution of the Company:

### SPECIAL RESOLUTION

"THAT subject to and conditional upon the approval of the Registrar of Companies in the Cayman Islands, the English name of the Company be changed from "Birmingham Sports Holdings Limited" to "ZO Future Group" and a dual foreign name of the Company "大象未來集團" be adopted and registered in place of its existing Chinese name "伯明翰體育控股有限公司" (the "Proposed Change of Company Name") with effect from the date of entry of the new English name and the dual foreign name of the Company on the register of companies maintained by the Registrar of Companies in the Cayman Islands and issue of the certificate of incorporation on change of name by the Registrar of Companies in the Cayman Islands, and **THAT** any one or more of the directors or the secretary of the Company be and is/ are hereby authorised severally to do all such acts and things and execute all such documents as he/they may consider necessary, desirable or expedient for the purpose of or in connection with, the implementation of and giving effect to the Proposed Change of Company."

By Order of the Board Birmingham Sports Holdings Limited Zhao Wenqing Chairman

Hong Kong, 17 August 2023

## EGM NOTICE

Notes:

- (1) The register of members of the Company will be closed from Monday, 4 September 2023 to Thursday, 7 September 2023 (both days inclusive) for determining the identities of the shareholders entitled to attend and vote at the EGM. No transfer of shares will be registered during the above book closure period. In order to qualify for attending and voting at the EGM or any adjournment thereof, all transfers of shares accompanied by the relevant share certificates and transfer forms must be lodged with the Company's branch share registrar and transfer office in Hong Kong, Tricor Tengis Limited at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong, not later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, 1 September 2023.
- (2) Any shareholder of the Company entitled to attend and vote at a meeting is entitled to appoint another person as his/her/its proxy to attend and vote instead of him/her/it. A shareholder who is the holder of two or more Shares may appoint more than one proxy to represent him/her/it and vote on his/her/its behalf at a general meeting of the Company or at class meeting. A proxy needs not be a shareholder of the Company.
- (3) To be valid, the form of proxy and the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed or a certified copy of that power of attorney or authority must be lodged at the Company's branch share registrar and transfer office in Hong Kong, Tricor Tengis Limited at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong no later than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the EGM or any adjournment thereof.
- (4) Where there are joint holders of share(s) of the Company, any one of such holders may vote at the EGM either personally or by proxy in respect of such share(s) as if he/she was solely entitled thereto, but if more than one of such joint holders be present at the EGM personally or by proxy, that one of such holders so presents whose name stands first on the register of members of the Company in respect of such share(s) shall alone be entitled to vote in respect thereof.
- (5) Delivery of an instrument appointing a proxy shall not preclude a member from attending and voting in person at the EGM and in such event, the instrument appointing a proxy shall be deemed to be revoked.
- (6) As required under the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, the above resolution will be voted by way of poll.
- (7) If tropical cyclone warning No. 8 or above, or a "black rainstorm warning signal" is in effect any time after 7:00 a.m. on the date of the EGM, the EGM may be postponed in accordance with the articles of association of the Company. The Company will publish an announcement on the website of the Company at www.bshl.com.hk and the website of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited at www.hkexnews.hk on the "Latest Company Announcements" page to notify shareholders of the Company of the date, time and place of the rescheduled meeting.
- (8) In the event of any inconsistency, the English text of this notice shall prevail over the Chinese text.
- (9) As at the date of this notice, the Board comprises eight Directors, Mr. Zhao Wenqing (*Chairman*), Mr. Huang Dongfeng (*Chief Executive Officer*), Mr. Yiu Chun Kong and Dr. Guo Honglin as Executive Directors; Mr. Sue Ka Lok as Non-executive Director; and Mr. Pun Chi Ping, Ms. Leung Pik Har, Christine and Mr. Yeung Chi Tat as Independent Non-executive Directors.