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# CARsgen Therapeutics Holdings Limited 科濟藥業控股有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock code: 2171)

(I) PROPOSALS FOR GENERAL MANDATES
TO ISSUE SHARES AND REPURCHASE SHARES,
(II) RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS,
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MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION
AND ADOPTION OF THE EIGHTH AMENDED AND RESTATED
MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION
AND

(V) NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The notice convening the Annual General Meeting of CARsgen Therapeutics Holdings Limited to be held at 1F, Building 2, No. 466 Yindu Road, Xuhui District, Shanghai, the PRC on Tuesday, 21 May 2024 at 10:00 a.m. is set out on pages 23 to 28 of this circular. A form of proxy for use at the Annual General Meeting is also enclosed. Such form of proxy is also published on the website of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited at www.hkexnews.hk.

Whether or not you are able to attend the Annual General Meeting, you are requested to complete the form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return it to the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong, as soon as possible but in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the Annual General Meeting (i.e. no later than 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, 19 May 2024) or any adjournment thereof. Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude shareholders from attending and voting in person at the Annual General Meeting or any adjourned meeting thereof if they so wish.

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References to time and dates in this circular are to Hong Kong time and dates.

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#### **DEFINITIONS**

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

"Annual General Meeting" or "AGM"	the annual general meeting of the Company to be held at 1F, Building 2, No. 466 Yindu Road, Xuhui District, Shanghai, the PRC on Tuesday, 21 May 2024 at 10:00 a.m., or any adjournment thereof and the notice of which is set out on pages 23 to 28 of this circular
"Articles of Association"	the articles of association of the Company
"Audit Committee"	the audit committee of the Board
"Board"	the board of Directors
"CARsgen Therapeutics (Shanghai)"	CARsgen Therapeutics Co., Ltd (科濟生物醫藥(上海)有限公司), a company incorporated in the PRC with limited liability on 30 October 2014, and one of our consolidated affiliated entities
"Company", "our Company", "the Company", "CARsgen Therapeutics" or "CARsgen"	CARsgen Therapeutics Holdings Limited (科濟藥業控股有限公司), 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
"Current Memorandum and Articles of Association"	the seventh amended and restated memorandum and articles of association of the Company adopted on 25 May 2023 and effective therefrom
"Director(s)"	the director(s) of the Company
"Eighth Amended and Restated Memorandum and Articles of Association"	the eighth amended and restated memorandum of association and articles of association of the Company incorporating all proposed amendments to the Current Memorandum and Articles of Association
"Group", "our Group", "we", "us" or "our"	the Company, together with its subsidiaries and consolidated affiliated entities
"HK\$"	Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong
"Hong Kong"	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC

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"Issue Mandate" the general mandate proposed to be granted to the Directors at the Annual General Meeting to allot, issue and otherwise deal with additional Shares of not exceeding 20% of the total number of issued Shares of the Company as at the date of passing of the relevant resolution approving such grant "Latest Practicable Date" 8 April 2024, being the latest practicable date prior to the printing of this circular for ascertaining certain information in this circular 18 June 2021, the date on which the Shares were listed on "Listing Date" the Stock Exchange "Listing Rules" the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time "Nomination and Corporate the nomination and corporate governance committee of Governance Committee" the Board "PRC" or "China" the People's Republic of China, excluding, for the purpose of this circular, Hong Kong, Macau Special Administrative Region and Taiwan "Proposed Articles Amendments" the proposed amendments to the Current Memorandum and Articles of Association as set out in Appendix III to this circular "Repurchase Mandate" the general mandate proposed to be granted to the Directors at the Annual General Meeting to repurchase Shares not exceeding 10% of the number of the issued Shares of the Company as at the date of passing of the relevant resolution approving such grant "SFO" the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong), as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time ordinary share(s) in the share capital of our Company "Share(s)" with a par value of US\$0.0000025 each "Shareholder(s)" holder(s) of Share(s) "Stock Exchange" The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited "Takeovers Code" The Hong Kong Code on Takeovers and Mergers, as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time



# CARsgen Therapeutics Holdings Limited 科濟藥業控股有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

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Dr. Huamao WANG

Dr. Hua JIANG

Non-executive Directors:

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Mr. Huaging GUO

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To the Shareholders

Dear Sir or Madam,

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this circular is to provide you with information relating to the proposed grant of the Issue Mandate and the Repurchase Mandate, the re-election of retiring Directors who are going to offer themselves for re-election at the Annual General Meeting, the re-appointment of auditor as well as the Proposed Articles Amendments and adoption of the Eighth Amended and Restated Memorandum and Articles of Association, and to give you the notice of the Annual General Meeting.

#### 2. ISSUE MANDATE

At the annual general meeting of the Company held on 25 May 2023, a general mandate was granted to the Directors to issue Shares. Such mandate will lapse at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting. In order to give the Company the flexibility to issue Shares if and when appropriate, an ordinary resolution will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting that the Directors be granted a general and unconditional mandate to exercise all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with new Shares of not exceeding 20% of the total number of issued Shares of the Company as at the date of passing of such ordinary resolution. As at the Latest Practicable Date, there were 575,643,915 issued Shares. Subject to the passing of the relevant ordinary resolution to approve the Issue Mandate and on the basis that no further Shares are issued or repurchased between the Latest Practicable Date and the date of the Annual General Meeting, the Company will be authorised to allot, issue and deal with up to a maximum of 115,128,783 Shares under the Issue Mandate.

In addition, it is further proposed, by way of a separate ordinary resolution, that the Issue Mandate be extended so that the Directors be given a general mandate to issue further number of Shares equal to the total number of Shares repurchased under the Repurchase Mandate.

The Issue Mandate, if granted, will continue in force until the earliest of (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company after the Annual General Meeting; (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required to be held under the Articles of Association or the laws applicable to the Company; and (iii) the revocation or variation of such authority by an ordinary resolution passed at a general meeting of the Company.

#### 3. REPURCHASE MANDATE

At the annual general meeting of the Company held on 25 May 2023, a general mandate was granted to the Directors to repurchase Shares. Such mandate will lapse at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting. In order to give the Company the flexibility to repurchase Shares if and when appropriate, an ordinary resolution will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting that the Directors be granted a general and unconditional mandate to exercise all the powers of the Company to repurchase Shares on the Stock Exchange of not exceeding 10% of the total number of issued Shares of the Company as at the date of passing of such ordinary resolution. As at the Latest Practicable Date, there were 575,643,915 issued Shares. Subject to the passing of the relevant ordinary resolution approving the Repurchase Mandate and on the basis that no further Shares are issued or repurchased by the Company between the Latest Practicable Date and the date of the Annual General Meeting, the Company will be authorised to repurchase a maximum of 57,564,391 Shares under the Repurchase Mandate.

The Repurchase Mandate, if granted, will continue in force until the earliest of (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company after the Annual General Meeting; (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required to be held under the Articles of Association or the laws applicable to the Company; and (iii) the revocation or variation of such authority by an ordinary resolution passed at a general meeting of the Company.

An explanatory statement containing information relating to the Repurchase Mandate as required pursuant to the Listing Rules is set out in Appendix I on pages 8 to 10 of this circular.

#### 4. RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS

In accordance with Article 16.19 of the Articles of Association, Dr. Zonghai LI, Dr. Huamao WANG and Mr. Bingsen GUO shall retire by rotation at the Annual General Meeting. In addition, Ms. Xiangke ZHAO, who has been appointed by the Board on 4 July 2023, shall hold office until the next following general meeting pursuant to Article 16.2 of the Company's Articles of Association. All of the above Directors, being eligible, will offer themselves for re-election. The Company has received written confirmation from Ms. Xiangke ZHAO confirming her independence.

The Nomination and Corporate Governance Committee has reviewed the structure and composition of the Board, the confirmations and disclosures given by the Directors, the qualifications, skills and experience, time commitment and contribution of the retiring Directors with reference to the nomination principles and criteria set out in the Company's Board Diversity Policy and Director Nomination Policy and the Company's corporate strategy, and the independence of all independent non-executive Directors.

The Nomination and Corporate Governance Committee has recommended to the Board on re-election of all the retiring Directors including the aforesaid independent non-executive Director who is due to retire at the Annual General Meeting. The Company considers that the retiring independent non-executive Director is independent in accordance with the guidelines set out in the Listing Rules and the retiring Directors will continue to bring valuable business experience, knowledge, and professionalism to the Board for its efficient and effective functioning and diversity.

Details of the retiring Directors proposed for re-election at the Annual General Meeting are set out in Appendix II on pages 11 to 16 of this circular.

#### 5. RE-APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

The financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2023 were audited by Ernst & Young whose term of office will expire upon the Annual General Meeting.

Upon the recommendation of the Audit Committee, the Board proposed to re-appoint Ernst & Young as the auditor of the Company to hold office until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company.

#### 6. AMENDMENTS TO THE MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

The Board proposes to (i) make certain amendments to the Current Memorandum and Articles of Association, for the purpose of reflecting and aligning with the latest regulatory requirements in relation to the expanded paperless listing regime and the electronic dissemination of corporate communications by listed issuers and the relevant amendments to the Listing Rules which took effect from 31 December 2023; and (ii) adopt the Eighth Amended and Restated Memorandum and Articles of Association incorporating and consolidating all the Proposed Articles Amendments.

Further details of the Proposed Articles Amendments (marked-up against the relevant provisions of the Current Memorandum and Articles of Association) are set out in Appendix III to this circular.

The legal advisers to the Company as to Hong Kong laws and the Cayman Islands laws have respectively confirmed that the Proposed Articles Amendments comply with the applicable requirements of the Listing Rules and do not violate the laws of Cayman Islands. The Company also confirms that there is nothing unusual in the Proposed Articles Amendments from the perspective of a Cayman Islands company listed on the Stock Exchange.

The Proposed Articles Amendments and the adoption of the Eighth Amended and Restated Memorandum and Articles of Association are subject to the Shareholders' approval by way of a special resolution at the Annual General Meeting.

Shareholders are advised that the memorandum and articles of association of the Company are written in English only and there is no official Chinese translation. The Chinese translation is provided for reference only. In case of any discrepancy or inconsistency, the English version shall prevail.

#### 7. VOTING BY POLL

All the resolutions set out in the notice of the Annual General Meeting will be decided by poll in accordance with the Listing Rules. The poll results will be published on the Company's website at www.carsgen.com and the Stock Exchange's website at www.hkexnews.hk after the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting.

#### 8. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND PROXY ARRANGEMENT

Notice of the Annual General Meeting is set out on pages 23 to 28 of this circular. A form of proxy for use at the Annual General Meeting is enclosed with this circular. Whether or not you are able to attend the Annual General Meeting, you are requested to complete the form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return it to Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong, not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the Annual General Meeting (i.e. not later than 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, 19 May 2024) or the adjourned meeting (as the case may be). Completion and return of the form of proxy will not prevent you from attending and voting in person at the Annual General Meeting or any adjourned meeting if you so wish. If you attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting, the authority of the proxy will be revoked.

Pursuant to Rule 17.05A of the Listing Rules, trustees holding unvested Shares of the share schemes of the Company, whether directly or indirectly, shall abstain from voting on matters that require Shareholders' approval under the Listing Rules, unless otherwise required by law to vote in accordance with the beneficial owner's direction and such a direction is given. As at the Latest Practicable Date, the number of unvested Shares held by the trustee of the share schemes of the Company was 18,222,264.

To the best knowledge and belief of the Directors having made all reasonable enquiries, save for the aforesaid trustee holding such number of unvested Shares for the share schemes of the Company, none of the Shareholders is required to abstain from voting on the resolutions at the Annual General Meeting.

#### 9. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Your attention is drawn to the additional information set out in Appendix I (Explanatory Statement on the Repurchase Mandate), Appendix II (Details of Retiring Directors Proposed for Re-election) and Appendix III (Details of the Proposed Amendments to the Memorandum and Articles of Association) to this circular.

#### 10. 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.

#### 11. RECOMMENDATION

The Board considers that (i) the grant of the Issue Mandate; (ii) the grant of the Repurchase Mandate; (iii) the re-appointment of auditor; (iv) the re-election of retiring Directors; and (v) the Proposed Articles Amendments and adoption of Eighth Amended and Restated Memorandum and Articles of Association as set out respectively in the notice of the Annual General Meeting are all in the best interests of the Company and its Shareholders as a whole. Accordingly, the Board recommends the Shareholders to vote in favour of all such resolutions to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

Yours faithfully,
For and on behalf of the Board

CARsgen Therapeutics Holdings Limited

Dr. Zonghai LI

Chairman

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT ON THE REPURCHASE MANDATE

The following is the explanatory statement required to be sent to the Shareholders under the Listing Rules to enable them to make an informed decision on whether to vote for or against the ordinary resolution in relation to the Repurchase Mandate to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

#### 1. REPURCHASE PROPOSAL

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the issued share capital of the Company comprised 575,643,915 fully paid-up Shares. It is proposed that not exceeding 10% of the fully paid-up Shares in issue as at the date of passing of the relevant resolution to approve the Repurchase Mandate may be repurchased by the Directors. Subject to the passing of the relevant ordinary resolution to approve the Repurchase Mandate and on the basis that no further Shares are issued or repurchased by the Company between the Latest Practicable Date and the date of the Annual General Meeting, the Company would be allowed under the Repurchase Mandate to repurchase up to a maximum of 57,564,391 fully paid-up Shares. Neither this explanatory statement nor the Repurchase Mandate has any unusual features.

#### 2. REASONS FOR REPURCHASE

The Directors believe that it is in the best interests of the Company and its Shareholders as a whole to have a general authority from the Shareholders to enable the Company to repurchase Shares in the market. 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 earnings per Share and will only be made when the Directors believe that such a repurchase will benefit the Company and its Shareholders as a whole.

#### 3. FUNDING OF REPURCHASES

In repurchasing Shares, the Company may only apply funds legally available for such purpose in accordance with its Articles of Association and the applicable laws of the Cayman Islands.

The Directors propose that such repurchases of Shares be appropriately financed by the Company's distributable profits (if any in the future) and/or the proceeds of a fresh issue of Shares made for the purpose of such repurchases. 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 consolidated financial statements contained in the annual report of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2023 and taking into account the financial position of the Company as at the Latest Practicable Date, in the event that the proposed repurchases were to be carried out in full at any time during the proposed repurchase period. However, the Directors do not propose to exercise the Repurchase Mandate to such extent as would, in the circumstances, have a material adverse effect on the working capital requirements of the Company or the gearing levels which in the opinion of the Directors are from time to time appropriate for the Company.

#### 4. DIRECTORS' UNDERTAKING AND CORE CONNECTED PERSONS

The Directors will exercise the power of the Company to make repurchases pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate in accordance with the Listing Rules and the applicable laws of the Cayman Islands.

None of the Directors nor, to the best of their knowledge having made all reasonable enquiries, any of their close associates have a present intention, in the event that the Repurchase Mandate is approved by the Shareholders, to sell any Shares to the Company.

No core connected persons of the Company have notified the Company of a present intention to sell any Shares to the Company, or have undertaken not to do so, in the event that the Company is authorised to make repurchases of its Shares.

#### 5. 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 of voting rights for the purposes of the Takeovers Code. Accordingly, a Shareholder or a group of Shareholders acting in concert (within the meaning under the Takeovers Code), depending on the level of increase in the Shareholder's interest, could obtain or consolidate control of the Company and thereby become obliged to make a mandatory offer in accordance with Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code.

Dr. Zonghai LI, Mr. Bingsen GUO, Dr. Huamao WANG, Mr. Huaqing GUO, Mr. Haiou CHEN, CART Biotech Limited, Redelle Holding Limited, He Xi Holdings Limited, Candock Holdings Limited, Accure Biotech Limited, Ms. Xuehong YANG, Yeed Holdings Limited, Ms. Xiaojing GUO and Quanzhou Dingwo Chuangfeng Investment Center (Limited Partnership) (each, a "Concert Party" and together, the "Concert Party Group") entered into a concert party agreement on 22 February 2021 (the "Concert Party Agreement") and each party is deemed to be interested in the Shares that the other parties are interested in under section 317 of the SFO. As at the Latest Practicable Date, the Concert Party Group is deemed to be interested in 215,572,730 Shares, representing approximately 37.45% of the total issued share capital of the Company.

In the event that the Directors exercise the Repurchase Mandate in full, the shareholding of the Concert Party Group will increase to approximately 41.61% of the total issued share capital of the Company. To the best knowledge and belief of the Directors, such increase will give rise to an obligation to make a mandatory offer under the Takeovers Code. The Directors have no present intention to repurchase the Shares to the extent that will trigger the obligations under the Takeovers Code.

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT ON THE REPURCHASE MANDATE

Save as aforesaid, to the best knowledge of the Company, the Directors are not aware of any consequences which would arise under the Takeovers Code as a result of any repurchase of Shares pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate.

The Directors do not propose to exercise the Share Repurchase Mandate to such an extent as would, in the circumstances, give rise to an obligation to make a mandatory offer in accordance with Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code or result in the aggregate number of Shares held by the public shareholders falling below the prescribed minimum percentage required by the Stock Exchange.

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

During the six months preceding the Latest Practicable Date, the Company had not repurchased any of the Shares (whether on the Stock Exchange or otherwise).

#### 7. SHARE PRICES

The highest and lowest prices per Share at which the Shares were traded on the Stock Exchange during each calendar month in the previous 12 months up to the Latest Practicable Date were as follows:

Month	Highest	Lowest	
	HK\$	HK\$	
2023			
April	15.400	11.820	
May	12.640	10.180	
June	11.220	9.400	
July	11.880	9.420	
August	11.680	9.010	
September	9.440	8.120	
October	10.760	7.680	
November	11.880	8.500	
December	9.780	5.900	
2024			
January	6.640	3.730	
February	7.450	3.830	
March	7.530	5.820	
April (up to the Latest Practicable Date)	6.240	5.870	

The following are the details of the Directors proposed to be re-elected at the Annual General Meeting.

#### (1) DR. ZONGHAI LI

#### Position and Experience

**Dr. Zonghai LI** (李宗海), aged 50, was appointed as a Director in February 2018, and the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Scientific Officer in February 2021. He was re-designated as an executive Director in February 2021.

Dr. Zonghai LI has also held positions at CARsgen Therapeutics (Shanghai). He has been a director and the chief executive officer since October 2014, and the chief scientific officer since December 2017.

Dr. Zonghai LI has approximately 20 years of work experience in the biopharmaceutical field. Dr. Zonghai LI worked at Shanghai Cancer Institute (上海市腫瘤研究所) from July 2005 to June 2018 and served as the leader of the biotherapy research team at the State Key Laboratory of Oncogenes and Related Genes of Shanghai Cancer Institute (上海市腫瘤研究所癌基因及相關基因國家重點實驗室) during such period. In light of the governmental policy to support and encourage scientific researchers to work in private technology companies conditional upon the requisite college or research institutes' approval, Dr. Zonghai LI decided to establish our Group in October 2014 to conduct R&D work and the commercialization of cellular immunotherapy, while continuing to work at Shanghai Cancer Institute. The arrangement was ratified and approved by the Shanghai Cancer Institute in January 2016. Before that, Dr. Zonghai LI was a project manager at Guilin Pavay Gene Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. (桂林華諾威基因藥業有限公司) from July 2000 to April 2002.

Dr. Zonghai LI has dedicated himself to developing innovative treatment for the patients with cancer. One of his early career achievements is the identification of GE11, a peptide ligand of EGFR which has become a widely used unnatural peptide in antitumor study now. He is also the inventor of new technologies such as Hpd3cell, a new phage display technology; FR806, a new safety switch for T cell therapy; CycloCAR technology to increase the antitumor activities of chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T cells. He has a leading role in the research on CAR T cell therapy against solid tumors by publishing the first paper of CAR T cell therapy against GPC3, Claudin 18.2 and EGFR/EGFRvIII worldwide. Dr. Zonghai LI was a professor in Shanghai Cancer Institute, Renji Hospital affiliated to Shanghai Jiao Tong University School of Medicine (上海交通大學醫學院附屬仁濟醫院上海市腫瘤研究所) and a doctoral supervisor at Renji Hospital affiliated to Shanghai Jiao Tong University School of Medicine (上海交通大學醫學院附屬仁濟醫院).

Dr. Zonghai LI obtained his bachelor's degree in preventive medicine and master's degree in pathology and pathogen biology from the Central South University (中南大學), formerly known as the Hunan Medical University (湖南醫科大學), the PRC, in June 1997 and July 2000 respectively. He obtained his Doctor of Philosophy degree in pathogen biology from Fudan University (復旦大學), the PRC, in June 2005. Dr. Zonghai LI was awarded the Leading Talents of Shanghai City (上海市領軍人物) in 2018 and the Shanghai Youth Science and Technology Award (上海市青年科技傑出貢獻獎) in 2019.

#### Length of service

Dr. Li has entered into a service contract with the Company. The term of appointment is for an initial term of three years commencing from the date of his appointment until terminated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the service contract or by either party giving to the other not less than one month's prior notice.

#### Relationships

As far as the Board is aware, Dr. Li does not have any relationship with any Directors, senior management or substantial or controlling Shareholders of the Company.

#### **Interests in Shares**

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Dr. Li was deemed to be interested in 215,572,730 Shares, representing 37.45% of the issued share capital of the Company, within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

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

Pursuant to the abovementioned service contract, Dr. Li is not entitled to receive any remuneration in his capacity as executive Director. For the emoluments received by Dr. Li in respect of his employment from the Company, please refer to note 9 to the consolidated financial statements as contained in the annual report of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2023.

## Information that needs to be disclosed and matters that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders

Save as disclosed above, there is no information on Dr. Li that is required to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements under Rule 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules and there are no other matters concerning Dr. Li that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

#### (2) DR. HUAMAO WANG

#### Position and Experience

**Dr. Huamao WANG** (王華茂), aged 47, was appointed as a Director in September 2018 and the Chief Operating Officer in February 2021. He was re-designated as an executive Director in February 2021.

Dr. Wang has also held positions at other members of our Group. He has been a director and the Chief Operating Officer of CARsgen Therapeutics (Shanghai) since October 2014, the general manager of CARsgen Pharmaceuticals since November 2017 and the general manager of CARsgen Diagnostics since November 2020.

Prior to joining our Group, Dr. Wang served as the general manager of YIJIE Biotech (Shanghai) Holding Limited (上海益傑生物技術有限公司) from July 2013 to October 2014, and the deputy general manager of Shanghai Ruijin Biotechnology Co., Ltd. (上海鋭勁生物技術有限公司) from January 2011 to June 2013. Before that, Dr. Wang worked at Zhejiang Academy of Medical Sciences (浙江省醫學科學院) from July 2009 to January 2011.

Dr. Wang obtained his bachelor's degree in biochemistry from Sichuan University (四川大學), the PRC, in July 1999. He received his master's degree and Doctor of Philosophy degree in pathogenic organisms from Fudan University (復旦大學), the PRC, in June 2003 and June 2009, respectively.

#### Length of service

Dr. Wang has entered into a service contract with the Company. The term of appointment is for an initial term of three years commencing from the date of his appointment until terminated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the service contract or by either party giving to the other not less than one month's prior notice.

#### **Relationships**

As far as the Board is aware, Dr. Wang does not have any relationship with any Directors, senior management or substantial or controlling Shareholders of the Company.

#### Interests in Shares

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Dr. Wang was deemed to be interested in 215,572,730 Shares, representing 37.45% of the issued share capital of the Company, within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

#### Director's emoluments

Pursuant to the abovementioned service contract, Dr. Wang is not entitled to receive any remuneration in his capacity as executive Director. For the emoluments received by Dr. Wang in respect of his employment from the Company, please refer to note 9 to the consolidated financial statements as contained in the annual report of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2023.

## Information that needs to be disclosed and matters that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders

Save as disclosed above, there is no information on Dr. Wang that is required to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements under Rule 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules and there are no other matters concerning Dr. Wang that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

#### (3) MR. BINGSEN GUO

#### Position and Experience

Mr. Bingsen GUO (郭炳森), aged 53, was appointed as a Director in September 2018 and re-designated as a non-executive Director in February 2021.

Mr. Guo had been a director of CARsgen Therapeutics (Shanghai) from April 2016 to April 2020.

Mr. Guo is an entrepreneur with expertise in plastic manufacturing industry. He was appointed as a supervisor from February 2017 to April 2019 and co-founded Quanzhou Hongcheng Precision Plastic Mould Ltd. (泉州弘晟精密塑膠模具有限公司) in February 2017. Mr. Guo was appointed as the vice president of the council of the Fifth Administrative Committee of Fujian Province Youth Commercial Association (福建省青年商會第五屆管委會理事會) in 2016. In October 2009, Mr. Guo founded Hubei Xincheng Plastic Ltd. (湖北鑫晟塑膠有限公司); established Xinsheng Precision Computer Mould (Fujian) Ltd. (鑫晟精密電腦模具(福建)有限公司) in April 2006 and acts as its executive director. Mr. Guo cofounded Fujian Huian Xian Yide Plastic Co., Ltd. (福建惠安縣怡德塑膠有限公司) in March 1998 and acts as its director.

Mr. Guo was awarded the 12th Fujian Province Outstanding Entrepreneur (第十二屆福建 省優秀企業家) in 2008. He was nominated as one of the National Villages Young Entrepreneurial Leaders (全國農村青年創業致富帶頭人) in 2008.

#### Length of service

Mr. Guo has entered into a service contract with the Company. The term of appointment is for an initial term of three years commencing from the date of his appointment until terminated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the service contract or by either party giving to the other not less than two months' prior notice.

#### Relationships

Mr. Guo is an uncle of another non-executive Director, Mr. Huaqing GUO (郭華清).

#### **Interests in Shares**

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Guo was deemed to be interested in 215,572,730 Shares, representing 37.45% of the issued share capital of the Company, within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

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

Pursuant to the abovementioned service contract, Mr. Guo is not entitled to receive any remuneration in his capacity as non-executive Director. For the year ended 31 December 2023, Mr. Guo received no emoluments.

### Information that needs to be disclosed and matters that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders

Save as disclosed above, there is no information on Mr. Guo that is required to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements under Rule 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules and there are no other matters concerning Mr. Guo that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders

#### (4) MS. XIANGKE ZHAO

#### Position and Experience

Ms. Xiangke ZHAO (趙向可), aged 38, was appointed as an independent non-executive Director on 4 July 2023.

Ms. Zhao was the chief financial officer of Town Health International Medical Group Limited (康健國際醫療集團有限公司) (HKEX: 3886) from 2 December 2019 to 25 March 2024. Ms. Zhao also served as an executive director of Town Health International Medical Group Limited from 26 March 2021 to 20 June 2023, and an associate director of the Investment Management Department of China Life Private Equity Investment Company Limited (國壽股權投資有限公司) from July 2018 till March 2021. Ms. Zhao had worked in the assurance department and financial advisory department of two international accounting firms and has extensive experience in the provision of financial, auditing and advisory professional services.

Ms. Zhao graduated from Renmin University of China (中國人民大學) with a bachelor's degree in economics in June 2008. She is also a member of CPA Australia.

#### Length of service

Ms. Zhao has entered into a letter of appointment with the Company as an independent non-executive Director for a term of three years commencing from 4 July 2023.

#### Relationships

As far as the Board is aware, Ms. Zhao does not have any relationship with any Directors, senior management or substantial or controlling Shareholders of the Company.

#### **Interests in Shares**

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Ms. Zhao does not have any interest in the securities of the Company, within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

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

Pursuant to the letter of appointment, Ms. Zhao is entitled to receive a director's fee of RMB160,000 per annum before tax. Such fee was determined by the Board with reference to suggestion by the remuneration committee of the Company, her qualifications, experience, duties and responsibilities in the Company, and the prevailing market conditions. For the year ended 31 December 2023, Ms. Zhao received RMB80,000 as emoluments.

## Information that needs to be disclosed and matters that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders

Save as disclosed above, there is no information on Ms. Zhao that is required to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements under Rule 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules and there are no other matters concerning Ms. Zhao that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

Details of the Proposed Articles Amendments are as follows:

Currently in force		Proposed to be amended as	
No.	ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION	No.	ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION
Article	In these Articles, unless there be something in	Article	In these Articles, unless there be something in
2.2	the subject or context inconsistent therewith:	2.2	the subject or context inconsistent therewith:
	WORD MEANING		WORD MEANING
			"Corporate shall have the meaning given to it in the Listing Rules."
Article	The register may, on 10 business days' notice	Article	The register may, on 10 business days' notice
4.8	(or on 6 business days' notice in the case of a	4.8	(or on 6 business days' notice in the case of a
	rights issue) being given by advertisement		rights issue) being given by advertisement
	published on the Exchange's website, or, subject		published on the Exchange's website, or, subjec
	to the Listing Rules, by electronic		to the Listing Rules, by electronic
	communication in the manner in which notices		communication in the manner in which notices
	may be served by the Company by electronic		may be served by the Company by electronic
	means as herein provided or by advertisement		means as herein provided or by advertisement
	published in the newspapers, be closed at such		published in the newspapers, be closed at such
	times and for such periods as the Board may		times and for such periods as the Board may
	from time to time determine, either generally or		from time to time determine, either generally or
	in respect of any class of shares, provided that		in respect of any class of shares, provided that
	the register shall not be closed for more than 30		the register shall not be closed for more than 30
	days in any year (or such longer period as the		days in any year (or such longer period as the
	members may by ordinary resolution determine		members may by ordinary resolution determine
	provided that such period shall not be extended		provided that such period shall not be extended
	beyond 60 days in any year). The Company		beyond 60 days in any year). The Company
	shall, on demand, furnish any person seeking to		shall, on demand, furnish any person seeking to
	inspect the register or part thereof which is		inspect the register or part thereof which is
	closed by virtue of these Articles with a		closed by virtue of these Articles with a
	certificate under the hand of the Secretary		certificate under the hand of the Secretary
	stating the period for which, and by whose		stating the period for which, and by whose
	authority, it is closed. In the event that there is		authority, it is closed. In the event that there is
	an alteration of book closure dates, the		an alteration of book closure dates, the
	Company shall give at least 5 business days'		Company shall give at least 5 business days'
	notice in accordance with the procedures set out		notice in accordance with the procedures set ou
	in this Article.		in this Article and the Listing Rules.
Article	A copy of the notice referred to in Article 6.2	Article	A copy of the notice referred to in Article 6.2
6.3	shall be sent in the manner in which notices	6.3	shall be sent in the manner in which notices
	may be sent to members by the Company as		may be sent to members by the Company as
	herein provided.		herein-provided in Article 30.1.

Currently in force		Proposed to be amended as	
No.	ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION	No.	ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION
Article	The instrument appointing a proxy and (if	Article	The instrument appointing a proxy and (if
14.10	required by the Board) the power of attorney or	14.10	required by the Board) the power of attorney or
	other authority, (if any) under which it is		other authority, (if any) under which it is
	signed, or a notarially certified copy of such		signed, or a notarially certified copy of such
	power or authority, shall be delivered at the		power or authority, shall be delivered at the
	registered office of the Company (or at such		registered office of the Company (or at such
	other place as may be specified in the notice		other place as may be specified in the notice
	convening the meeting or in any notice of any		convening the meeting or in any notice of any
	adjournment or, in either case, in any document		adjournment or, in either case, in any document
	sent therewith) not less than 48 hours before the		sent therewith (including by electronic means))
	time appointed for holding the meeting or		not less than 48 hours before the time appointed
	adjourned meeting at which the person named in		for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at
	the instrument proposes to vote, or, in the case		which the person named in the instrument
	of a poll taken subsequently to the date of a		proposes to vote, or, in the case of a poll taken
	meeting or adjourned meeting, not less than 48		subsequently to the date of a meeting or
	hours before the time appointed for the taking		adjourned meeting, not less than 48 hours
	of the poll, and in default the instrument of		before the time appointed for the taking of the
	proxy shall not be treated as valid provided		poll, and in default the instrument of proxy
	always that the Chairperson of the meeting may		shall not be treated as valid provided always
	at his discretion direct that an instrument of		that the Chairperson of the meeting may at his
	proxy shall be deemed to have been duly		discretion direct that an instrument of proxy
	deposited upon receipt of telex or cable or		shall be deemed to have been duly deposited
	facsimile confirmation from the appointor that		upon receipt of telex or cable or facsimile
	the instrument of proxy duly signed is in the		confirmation from the appointor that the
	course of transmission to the Company. No		instrument of proxy duly signed is in the course
	instrument appointing a proxy shall be valid		of transmission to the Company. No instrument
	after the expiration of 12 months from the date		appointing a proxy shall be valid after the
	named in it as the date of its execution.		expiration of 12 months from the date named in
	Delivery of any instrument appointing a proxy		it as the date of its execution. Delivery of any
	shall not preclude a member from attending and		instrument appointing a proxy shall not preclude
	voting in person at the meeting or poll		a member from attending and voting in person
	concerned and, in such event, the instrument		at the meeting or poll concerned and, in such
	appointing a proxy shall be deemed to be		event, the instrument appointing a proxy shall
	revoked.		be deemed to be revoked.
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Currently in force			Proposed to be amended as		
No.	ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION	No.	ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION		
Article 30.1	Except as otherwise provided in these Articles, any notice or document may be served by the Company and any notices may be served by the Board on any member either personally or by sending it through the post in a prepaid letter addressed to such member at his registered address as appearing in the register or, to the extent permitted by the Listing Rules and all applicable laws and regulations, by electronic means by transmitting it to any electronic number or address or website supplied by the member to the Company or by placing it on the Company's Website provided that the Company has obtained either (a) the member's prior express positive confirmation in writing or (b) the member's deemed consent, in the manner specified in the Listing Rules to receive or otherwise have made available to him notices and documents to be given or issued to him by the Company by such electronic means, or (in the case of notice) by advertisement published in the manner prescribed under the Listing Rules. In the case of joint holders of a share, all notices shall be given to that holder for the time being whose name stands first in the register and notice so given shall be sufficient notice to all the joint holders.	Article 30.1	Except as otherwise provided in these Articles, any notice or document, including any Corporate Communication, may be served by the Company and any notices may be served by the Board on any member either personally or in any of the following manner to the extent permitted by, and in accordance with the requirements of, the Listing Rules:  (a) personally by leaving it at the registered address of such member as appearing in the register;  (b) by sending it through the post in a prepaid letter addressed to such member at his registered address as appearing in the register or, to the extent permitted by the Listing Rules and all applicable laws and regulations, (which shall be sent by airmail where the notice or document is posted from one country to another);  (c) by electronic means by transmitting it to any electronic number or address or website supplied by the member to the Company-or;  (d) by placing it on the Company's Website and the Exchange's website; or provided that the Company has obtained either (a) the member's prior express positive confirmation in writing or (b) the member's deemed consent, in the manner specified in the Listing Rules to receive or otherwise have made available to him notices and documents to be given or issued to him by the Company by such electronic means, or  (e) (in the case of notice) by advertisement published in the manner prescribed under the Listing Rules.  In the case of joint holders of a share, all notices shall be given to that holder for the time being whose name stands first in the register and notice so given shall be sufficient notice to all the joint holders.		

Currently in force		Propose	ed to be amended as
No.	ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION	No.	ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION
Article	A member shall be entitled to have notice	Article	A member shall be entitled to have notice
30.4	served on him at any address within Hong	30.4	served on him at any address within Hong
	Kong. Any member who has not given an		Kong. Any member who has not given an
	express positive confirmation in writing to the		express positive confirmation in writing to the
	Company in the manner specified in the Listing		Company in the manner specified in the Listing
	Rules to receive or otherwise have made		Rules to receive or otherwise have made
	available to him notices and documents to be		available to him notices and documents to be
	given or issued to him by the Company by		given or issued to him by the Company by
	electronic means and whose registered address		electronic means and whose registered address
	is outside Hong Kong may notify the Company		is outside Hong Kong may notify the Company
	in writing of an address in Hong Kong which		in writing of an address in Hong Kong which
	for the purpose of service of notice shall be		for the purpose of service of notice shall be
	deemed to be his registered address. A member		deemed to be his registered address. A member
	who has no registered address in Hong Kong		who has no registered address in Hong Kong
	shall be deemed to have received any notice		shall be deemed to have received any notice
	which shall have been displayed at the transfer		which shall have been displayed at the transfer
	office and shall have remained there for a		office and shall have remained there for a
	period of 24 hours and such notice shall be		period of 24 hours and such notice shall be
	deemed to have been received by such member		deemed to have been received by such member
	on the day following that on which it shall have		on the day following that on which it shall have
	been first so displayed, provided that, without		been first so displayed, provided that, without
	prejudice to the other provisions of these		prejudice to the other provisions of these
	Articles, nothing in this Article shall be		Articles, nothing in this Article shall be
	construed as prohibiting the Company from		construed as prohibiting the Company from
	sending, or entitling the Company not to send,		sending, or entitling the Company not to send,
	notices or other documents of the Company to		notices or other documents of the Company to
	any member whose registered address is outside		any member whose registered address is outside
	Hong Kong.		Hong Kong.

Curren	tly in force	Proposed to be amended as		
No.	ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION	No.	ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION	
Article 30.5	Any notice or document sent by post shall be deemed to have been served on the day following that on which it is put into a post office situated within Hong Kong and in proving such service it shall be sufficient to prove that the envelope or wrapper containing the notice or document was properly prepaid, addressed and put into such post office and a certificate in writing signed by the Secretary or other person appointed by the Board that the envelope or wrapper containing the notice or document was so addressed and put into such post office shall be conclusive evidence thereof.	Article 30.4	Any notice or document, including any Corporate Communication:  (a) delivered or left at a registered address otherwise than by post shall be deemed to have been served or delivered on the day it was so delivered or left;  (b) sent by post shall be deemed to have been served on the day following that on which it is put into a post office situated within Hong Kong and in proving such service it shall be sufficient to prove that the envelope or wrapper containing the notice or document was properly prepaid, addressed and put into such post office and a certificate in writing signed by the Secretary or other person appointed by the Board that the envelope or wrapper containing the notice or document was so addressed and put into such post office shall be conclusive evidence thereof-;	
			(c) given by electronic means as provided herein shall be deemed to have been served and delivered on the day following that on which it is successfully transmitted or at such later time as may be prescribed by the Listing Rules or any applicable laws or regulations, and it shall not be necessary for the receipt of the electronic transmission to be acknowledged by the recipient;	
			(d) served by being placed on the Company's Website and the Exchange's website shall be deemed to be served at the time the notice or document first appears on the Company's Website and the Exchange's website, or at such later time as may be prescribed by the Listing Rules; and	
			(e) served by advertisement shall be deemed to have been served on the day of issue of the official publication and/or newspaper(s) in which the advertisement is published (or on the last day of issue if the publication and/or newspaper(s) are published on different dates).	

Currently in force		Proposed to be amended as	
No.	ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION	No.	ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION
Article	Any notice or other document delivered or left	Article	Any notice or other document delivered or left
30.6	at a registered address otherwise than by post	30.6	at a registered address otherwise than by post
	shall be deemed to have been served or		shall be deemed to have been served or
	delivered on the day it was so delivered or left.		delivered on the day it was so delivered or left.
Article	Any notice served by advertisement shall be	Article	Any notice served by advertisement shall be
30.7	deemed to have been served on the day of issue	30.7	deemed to have been served on the day of issue
	of the official publication and/or newspaper(s)		of the official publication and/or newspaper(s)
	in which the advertisement is published (or on		in which the advertisement is published (or on
	the last day of issue if the publication and/or		the last day of issue if the publication and/or
	newspaper(s) are published on different dates).		newspaper(s) are published on different dates).
Article	Any notice given by electronic means as	Article	Any notice given by electronic means as
30.8	provided herein shall be deemed to have been	30.8	provided herein shall be deemed to have been
	served and delivered on the day following that		served and delivered on the day following that
	on which it is successfully transmitted or at		on which it is successfully transmitted or at
	such later time as may be prescribed by the		such later time as may be prescribed by the
	Listing Rules or any applicable laws or		Listing Rules or any applicable laws or
	regulations.		regulations.



# CARsgen Therapeutics Holdings Limited 科濟藥業控股有限公司

 $(Incorporated\ in\ the\ Cayman\ Islands\ with\ limited\ liability)$ 

(Stock code: 2171)

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** the annual general meeting (the "Annual General Meeting") of CARsgen Therapeutics Holdings Limited (the "Company") will be held at 1F, Building 2, No. 466 Yindu Road, Xuhui District, Shanghai, the PRC on Tuesday, 21 May 2024 at 10:00 a.m. for the purposes of considering and, if thought fit, passing with or without modifications, the following resolutions:

Unless otherwise specified, capitalized terms used in this notice and the following resolutions shall have the same meanings as those defined in the circular of the Company dated 18 April 2024 (the "Circular").

#### **Ordinary Resolutions**

- 1. To receive and adopt the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries and the reports of the directors and auditors for the year ended 31 December 2023.
- 2. To re-elect Dr. Zonghai LI as an executive director of the Company.
- 3. To re-elect Dr. Huamao WANG as an executive director of the Company.
- 4. To re-elect Mr. Bingsen GUO as a non-executive director of the Company.
- 5. To re-elect Ms. Xiangke ZHAO as an independent non-executive director of the Company.
- 6. To authorise the board of directors of the Company to fix the remuneration of the directors of the Company.
- 7. To re-appoint Ernst & Young as auditors of the Company and to authorise the board of directors of the Company to fix their remuneration.

#### 8. "THAT:

- (a) subject to paragraph (c) below, pursuant to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules"), the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as defined below) of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with additional shares in the share capital of the Company (the "Shares") and to make or grant offers, agreements, options, awards and other rights which would or might require the exercise of such powers, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the approval in paragraph (a) above shall authorise the Directors during the Relevant Period to make or grant offers, agreements, options, awards and other rights which would or might require the exercise of such powers 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) by the Directors pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above, otherwise than pursuant to or in consequence of:
  - (i) a Rights Issue (as defined below); or
  - (ii) any issue of shares under a share scheme of the Company or similar arrangement for the time being adopted for the grant or issue to option holders of Shares; or
  - (iii) any scrip dividend or similar arrangement providing for the allotment of Shares in lieu of the whole or part of a dividend on Shares in accordance with the articles of association of the Company; or
  - (iv) any adjustment, after the date of grant or issue of any options, rights to subscribe or other securities referred to above, in the price at which Shares shall be subscribed, and/or in the number of Shares which shall be subscribed, on exercise of relevant rights under such options, rights to subscribe or other securities, such adjustment being made in accordance with, or as contemplated by, the terms of such options, rights to subscribe or other securities; or
  - (v) a specified authority granted by the shareholders of the Company (the "Shareholders") in general meeting,

shall not exceed the aggregate of:

(aa) 20% of the total number of issued Shares of the Company as at the date of passing of this resolution; and

(bb) (if the Directors are so authorised by a separate ordinary resolution of the Shareholders) the total number of Shares of the Company repurchased by the Company subsequent to the passing of this resolution (up to a maximum equivalent to 10% of the number of issued Shares of the Company as at the date of passing of this resolution),

and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and

(d) 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 the articles of association of the Company or any applicable laws to be held; and
- (iii) the revocation or variation of the authority given under this resolution by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders in general meeting.

"Rights Issue" means an offer of Shares, or an offer of warrants, options or other securities giving rights to subscribe for Shares, open for a period fixed by the Directors to holders of Shares on the register of members of the Company on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of such Shares (subject in all cases 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 recognised regulatory body or any stock exchange)."

#### 9. **"THAT**:

a) subject to paragraph (b) below, the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as defined below) of all powers of the Company to repurchase its own 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 recognised 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/or the 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 total number of Shares to be repurchased or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be repurchased by the Company pursuant to paragraph (a) above during the Relevant Period shall not exceed 10% of the total number of issued Shares of the Company as at the date of passing of this resolution and the authority pursuant to paragraph (a) above shall be limited 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 the articles of association of the Company or any applicable laws to be held; and
- (iii) the revocation or variation of the authority given under this resolution by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders in general meeting."
- 10. "THAT conditional upon resolutions numbered 8 and 9 above being passed, the unconditional general mandate granted to the Directors to allot, issue and deal with additional Shares and to make or grant offers, agreements, options and other rights, or issue other securities which would or might require the exercise of such powers pursuant to resolution numbered 8 above be and is hereby extended by the addition thereto of an amount representing the total number of Shares of the Company repurchased by the Company under the authority granted pursuant to resolution numbered 9 above, provided that such amount shall not exceed 10% of the total number of issued Shares of the Company as at the date of passing of the said resolution."

#### **Special Resolution**

#### 11. "THAT

- (a) the proposed amendments to the current memorandum of associations and articles of association of the Company (the "**Proposed Articles Amendments**"), the details of which are set out in Appendix III to the circular of the Company dated 18 April 2024, be and are hereby approved;
- (b) the eighth amended and restated memorandum of associations and articles of association of the Company (the "the Eighth Amended and Restated Memorandum and Articles of Association"), which contains all the Proposed Articles Amendments and a copy of which has been produced to this meeting and marked "A" initialled by chairman of the Annual General Meeting for the

purpose of identification, be and are hereby approved and adopted in substitution for and to exclusion of the existing memorandum of association and articles of association of the Company with immediate effect; and

(c) any Director or company secretary of the Company be and is hereby authorized to do all such acts, deeds and things and execute all such documents and make all such arrangements that he/she shall, in his/her absolute discretion, deem necessary or expedient to give effect to the Proposed Articles Amendments and the adoption of the Eighth Amended and Restated Memorandum and Articles of Association, including without limitation, attending to the necessary filings with the Registrar of Companies in Hong Kong and Cayman Islands."

By Order of the Board

CARsgen Therapeutics Holdings Limited

Dr. Zonghai LI

Chairman

Hong Kong, 18 April 2024

#### Notes:

- 1. All resolutions at the meeting will be taken by poll (except where the chairman decides to allow a resolution relating to a procedural or administrative matter to be voted on by a show of hands) pursuant to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules"). The results of the poll will be published on the websites of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited and the Company in accordance with the Listing Rules.
- 2. Any shareholder of the Company entitled to attend and vote at the meeting is entitled to appoint another person as his/her proxy to attend and vote instead of him/her. A proxy need not be a shareholder of the Company. If more than one proxy is appointed, the number of shares in respect of which each such proxy so appointed must be specified in the relevant form of proxy. Every shareholder present in person or by proxy shall be entitled to one vote for each share held by him.
- 3. In order to be valid, the form of proxy together with the power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which it is signed or a certified copy of that power of attorney or authority, must be deposited at the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the meeting (i.e. not later than 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, 19 May 2024) or the adjourned meeting (as the case may be). Completion and return of the form of proxy shall not preclude a shareholder of the Company from attending and voting in person at the meeting and, in such event, the instrument appointing a proxy shall be deemed to be revoked.
- 4. For determining the entitlement to attend and vote at the meeting, the Register of Members of the Company will be closed from Thursday, 16 May 2024 to Tuesday, 21 May 2024, both dates inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be registered. In order to be eligible to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting, all transfer documents accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong for registration not later than 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 14 May 2024. The record date for determining the entitlement of the Shareholders to attend and vote at the meeting will be Tuesday, 21 May 2024.
- 5. References to time and dates in this notice are to Hong Kong time and dates.

As at the date of this notice, the board of directors of the Company comprises Dr. Zonghai LI, Dr. Huamao WANG and Dr. Hua JIANG as executive Directors; Mr. Bingsen GUO, Mr. Huaqing GUO and Mr. Ronggang XIE as non-executive Directors; Dr. Guangmei YAN, Dr. Huabing LI and Ms. Xiangke ZHAO as the independent non-executive Directors.

In the case of inconsistency, the English text of this notice shall prevail over the Chinese text.