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# PROPOSED RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS PROPOSED RE-APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR PROPOSALS FOR GRANTING OF GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE SHARES AND REPURCHASE SHARES PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A notice convening the annual general meeting of VIVA BIOTECH HOLDINGS to be held at Meeting Room A615, 735 Ziping Road, Zhoupu Town, Pudong New District, Shanghai, PRC on Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at 10 a.m. is set out on pages 19 to 24 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 and the website of the Company at www.vivabiotech.com. 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 Hong Kong branch share registrar and transfer office of the Company, 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 annual general meeting (i.e. no later than 10 a.m. on Monday, June 24, 2024, Hong Kong time) 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. For the avoidance of doubt, holders of treasury Shares of the Company, if any, shall abstain from voting at the Company's general meeting in connection to such treasury Shares.

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# **DEFINITIONS**

### **RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT**

This circular, for which the Directors (as defined herein) of the Company collectively and individually accept full responsibility, includes particulars given in compliance with the Listing Rules (as defined herein) for the purpose of giving information with regard to the Company. The Directors (as defined herein), 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.

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

"Annual General Meeting"	the annual general meeting of the Company to be held at Meeting Room A615, 735 Ziping Road, Zhoupu Town, Pudong New District, Shanghai, PRC on Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at 10 a.m., or any adjournment thereof and notice of which is set out on pages 19 to 24 of this circular
"Articles of Association"	the second amended and restated memorandum and articles of association of the Company adopted by special resolution on June 28, 2022, and as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time
"Audit Committee"	the audit committee of the Company
"Board"	the board of Directors
"Company"	Viva Biotech Holdings (维亚生物科技控股集团), an exempted company with limited liability incorporated in the Cayman Islands on August 27, 2008, the Shares of which are listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange
"Director(s)"	the director(s) of the Company
"Group"	the Company and its subsidiaries from time to time or, where the context so requires, in respect of the period prior to the Company becoming the holding company of its present subsidiaries, such subsidiaries as if they were subsidiaries of the Company at the relevant time
"Hong Kong"	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC
"HK\$"	Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong

# DEFINITIONS

"Issue Mandate"	a general and unconditional mandate proposed to be granted to the Directors at the Annual General Meeting to allot, issue and/or deal with the Shares (including any sale and transfer of treasury Shares) not exceeding 20 per cent of the aggregate nominal value of the share capital of the Company (excluding any treasure Shares) and the nominal amount of our share capital repurchased by the Company (if any) pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate
"Latest Practicable Date"	April 19, 2024, 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 of Hong Kong Limited (as amended from time to time)
"Nomination Committee"	the nomination committee of the Company
"PRC"	the People's Republic of China, excluding, for the purpose of this circular, Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan, unless otherwise specified
"Repurchase Mandate"	a general and unconditional mandate proposed to be granted to the Directors at the Annual General Meeting to exercise all the powers of the Company to repurchase Shares with an aggregate nominal value of not more than 10 per cent of the aggregate nominal value of the Company's issued share capital (excluding any treasure Shares)
"RMB"	Renminbi, the lawful currency of the PRC
"SFO"	Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong), as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time
"Share(s)"	ordinary share(s) in the capital of the Company with a par value of US\$0.000025 each
"Shareholder(s)"	holder(s) of the Shares
"Stock Exchange"	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

# **DEFINITIONS**

"Takeovers Code"	the Code on Takeovers and Mergers, as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time
"treasury Shares"	has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules which will come into effect on June 11, 2024 and as amended from time to time
"US\$"	United States dollars, the lawful currency of the United States
"%"	per cent

In this circular, the terms "close associate", "core connected person", "controlling shareholder", "subsidiary" and "substantial shareholder" shall have the meanings given to such terms in the Listing Rules, unless the context otherwise requires.



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Executive Directors: Mr. MAO Chen Cheney (Chairman of the Board) Mr. WU Ying Mr. REN Delin

Non-executive Directors: Mr. WU Yuting Mr. WANG Stephen Hui

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April 29, 2024

To the Shareholders

Dear Sir or Madam,

### PROPOSED RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS PROPOSED RE-APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR PROPOSALS FOR GRANTING OF GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE SHARES AND REPURCHASE SHARES PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this circular is to provide the Shareholders with information in respect of certain resolutions to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting for, among other things, (a) the re-election of the retiring Directors; (b) the proposed re-appointment of Ernst & Young as the auditor of the Company; (c) the granting to the Directors of the Share Issue Mandate and the Share Repurchase Mandate; and (d) proposed amendments to the articles of association.

# 2. ADOPTION OF THE AUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND THE REPORTS OF DIRECTORS AND AUDITOR

The annual report incorporating, among other things, the audited consolidated financial statements and the reports of Directors and auditor for the year ended December 31, 2023 of the Company and its subsidiaries has been despatched to the Shareholders on April 29, 2024. The audited consolidated financial statements have been reviewed by the Audit Committee.

### 3. PROPOSED RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS

In accordance with article 16.2 of the Articles of Association, Mr. Wang Stephen Hui, being new Director appointed on January 18, 2024 will retire at the Annual General Meeting. Mr. Wang Stephen Hui, being eligible, will offer himself for re-election at the Annual General Meeting.

In accordance with Article 16.18, Mr. Ren Delin, Mr. Fu Lei and Ms. Li Xiangrong will retire by rotation at the Annual General Meeting. The abovementioned Directors, being eligible, will offer themselves for re-appointment at the Annual General Meeting upon election.

### **Procedure and Process for Nomination of Directors**

The Nomination Committee will recommend to the Board for the appointment of a Director including an independent non-executive director in accordance with the following selection criteria and nomination procedures:

- (a) identify individuals who are suitably qualified to become Board members and select or make recommendations to the Board on the selection of individuals nominated for directorships, having due regard to the Company's Board Diversity Policy, the requirements in the Company's constitution, the Listing Rules and applicable laws and regulations, and the relevant candidates' contributions to the Board in terms of qualifications, skills, experiences, independence and gender diversity;
- (b) assess the independence of independent non-executive Director to determine their eligibility with reference to the factors set out in Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules and any other factors deemed appropriate by the Nomination Committee or the Board. If a proposed independent non-executive Director will be holding their seventh (or more) listed company directorship, to assess his/her ability to devote sufficient time to the Board matters; and
- (c) develop the criteria for identifying and assessing the qualifications of and evaluating candidates for directorship, including but not limited to evaluating the balance of skills, knowledge and experience on the Board, and in the light of this evaluation prepared a description of the role and capabilities required for a particular appointment.

#### **Recommendation of the Nomination Committee**

In accordance with the terms of reference of the Nomination Committee and the nomination policy of the Company, the Nomination Committee has evaluated the performance and contribution of each of the retiring Directors during the years of services.

In the evaluation, the Nomination Committee is of the opinion that each of the retiring Directors has contributed positively to the Board with their extensive knowledge and experience in various fields that is relevant to the Company's business. In addition, their diversity of experience have enabled them to provide valuable and diverse views, as well as relevant insights to the Board and to contribute to the diversity of the Board. The Board has received from each of the independent non-executive Directors a written annual confirmation of his/her independence pursuant to Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules and considers each of them to be independent.

The Board, having considered the recommendation of the Nomination Committee, has proposed the re-election of each of Mr. Mao Chen Cheney, Mr. Wu Ying, Mr. Wu Yuting and Mr. Wang Haiguang. Such proposal will be put forward at the Annual General Meeting for Shareholders' consideration and approval by way of ordinary resolutions. The Board also believes that the Directors who are seeking re-election at the Annual General Meeting have the qualifications and related expertise that will continue to generate significant contribution to the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

Detail of the abovementioned Directors are set out in Appendix I to this circular, which indicate how the directors to be elected contribute to the diversity of the Board.

# 4. AUTHORIZATION TO THE BOARD TO FIX THE REMUNERATION OF ALL DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANY

The Board recommended that, subject to the approval of Shareholders at the Annual General Meeting, the Board be authorized to fix the remuneration of all directors of the Company.

### 5. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

Reference is made to the announcement of the Company dated March 28, 2024 in relation to proposed amendments to the Articles of Association.

The proposed adoption of the third amended and restated memorandum and articles of association are proposed and subject to the approval of the Shareholders by way of a special resolution at the Annual General Meeting. The adoption is proposed in order to, among others, conform to the core standards of shareholder protection as provided in the amended Appendix 3 to the Listing Rules under the New Listing Regime for overseas issuers, enable attendance of the general meeting of members of the Company via video-conferencing and other means and to make certain other housekeeping improvements. Details of the proposed amendments are set forth in Appendix III to this circular.

#### 6. PROPOSED RE-APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Ernst & Young will retire as the auditor of the Company at the Annual General Meeting and, being eligible, offer themselves from re-appointment.

Following the recommendation of the Audit Committee, the Board proposed to re-appoint Ernst & Young as the auditor of the Company with a term expiring upon the next annual general meeting of the Company, and the Board proposed be authorized to fix its remuneration.

An ordinary resolution in respect of the re-appointment of the auditor of the Company will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting for consideration and approval by the Shareholders.

### 7. PROPOSED GRANTING OF GENERAL MANDATE TO ISSUE SHARES

In order to ensure flexibility and give discretion to the Directors in the event that it becomes desirable for the Company to issue any new Shares (including any sale or transfer of treasury Shares), approval is to be sought from the Shareholders, pursuant to the Listing Rules, for the general mandate to issue the Shares (including any sale or transfer of treasury Shares) at the Annual General Meeting. At the Annual General Meeting, an ordinary resolution no. 5(A) will be proposed to grant the Issue Mandate to the Directors to exercise the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with the additional Shares in the share capital of the Company (including any sale or transfer of treasury Shares) up to 20% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing of the resolution in relation to the Issue Mandate (excluding any treasury Shares).

As at the Latest Practicable Date, there were 2,161,366,305 Shares in issue. Subject to the passing of the ordinary resolution no. 5(A) and on the basis that no further Shares to be issued or repurchased after the Latest Practicable Date and up to the date of the Annual General Meeting, the Company will be allowed to issue a maximum of 432,273,261 Shares.

In addition, subject to a separate approval of the ordinary resolution no. 5(C), the number of Shares repurchased by the Company under ordinary resolution no. 5(B) will also be added to extend the 20% limit of the Issue Mandate as mentioned in the ordinary resolution no. 5(A) provided that such additional amount shall not exceed 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue as at the date of passing the resolutions in relation to the Issue Mandate and the Repurchase Mandate (excluding any treasury Shares). The Directors wish to state that they have no immediate plans to issue any new Shares pursuant to the Issue Mandate.

The Issue Mandate will continue to be in force from the passing of the said resolution until whichever the following first occurs: (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 any applicable laws or the Articles of Association or to be held; and (iii) the revocation or variation of the authority given under such ordinary resolution by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders in general meeting.

Subject to the approval of Shareholders, the Company may only use the general mandate for the sale or transfer of treasury Shares after the amendments to the Listing Rules relating to treasury shares come into effect.

### 8. PROPOSED GRANTING OF GENERAL MANDATE TO REPURCHASE SHARES

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 to approve the granting of the Repurchase Mandate to the Directors to purchase Shares on the Stock Exchange of not exceeding 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing of the relevant resolution by the Shareholders (excluding any treasury Shares). The Directors hereby state that they have no immediate plan to repurchase any Shares pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate.

The Repurchase Mandate will expire upon whichever is the earliest of: (a) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company; or (b) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required to be convened by the Articles of Association or by any applicable law(s); or (c) the revocation or variation of the mandate granted to the Directors by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders in general meetings.

An explanatory statement required by the Listing Rules to provide the Shareholders with requisite information reasonably necessary for them to make an informed decision on whether to vote for or against the granting of the Repurchase Mandate is set out in Appendix II to this circular.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, there were 2,161,366,305 Shares in issue. Subject to the passing of the ordinary resolution numbered 5(B) and on the basis that no further Shares to be issued or repurchased after the Latest Practicable Date and up to the date of the Annual General Meeting, the Company will be allowed to repurchase a maximum of 216,136,630 Shares.

### 9. NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Set out on pages 19 to 24 of this circular is the notice of the Annual General Meeting containing, inter alia, ordinary resolutions in relation to (1) the re-election of the retiring Directors; (2) the re-appointment of auditor; and (3) granting the Directors the Issue Mandate and the Repurchase Mandate, a special resolution in relation to the amendments of articles of association.

### 10. FORM OF PROXY

A form of proxy is enclosed for use at the Annual General Meeting. Such form of proxy is also published on the website of the Stock Exchange at www.hkexnews.hk. Whether or not you intend to be present at 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 Hong Kong branch share registrar and transfer office of the Company, Tricor Investor Services Limited, at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time fixed for the holding of the Annual General Meeting (i.e. no later than 10 a.m. on Monday, June 24, 2024, Hong Kong time) or at 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.

### 11. VOTING BY POLL

There is no shareholder who has any material interest in any of the resolutions to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting, and therefore none of the shareholder is required to abstain from voting on such resolution.

Pursuant to Rule 13.39(4) of the Listing Rules, any vote of Shareholders at a general meeting (save for certain procedural or administrative matters) must be taken by poll. The Chairman of the Annual General Meeting shall therefore demand voting on all resolutions set out in the notice of Annual General Meeting be taken by way of poll pursuant to article 13.5 of the Articles of Association.

On a poll, every Shareholder present in person or by proxy or, in the case of a Shareholder being a corporation, by its duly authorised representative shall have one vote for every fully paid Share of which he/she/it is the holder. A Shareholder entitled to more than one vote on a poll needs not use all his/her/its votes or cast all the votes he/she/it uses in the same way.

### 12. RECOMMENDATION

The Directors consider that, the proposed re-election of retiring Directors, the proposed re-appointment of Ernst & Young as the auditor of the Company, the proposed resolutions for the granting to the Directors of the Issue Mandate and the Repurchase Mandate and the proposed amendments of articles of association are in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole. The Directors therefore recommend the Shareholders to vote in favour of all the resolutions to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

### 13. MISCELLANEOUS

The English text of the circular shall prevail over the Chinese text for the purpose of interpretation.

Yours faithfully By Order of the Board VIVA BIOTECH HOLDINGS MAO Chen Cheney Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

# APPENDIX I DETAILS OF THE RETIRING DIRECTORS PROPOSED TO BE RE-ELECTED AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The following are details of the Directors who will retire, and being eligible, offer themselves for re-appointment at the Annual General Meeting upon election.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**Mr. REN Delin** (任德林) ("**Mr. Ren**"), aged 64, was appointed as an executive Director on July 3, 2018 and also served as the president of our Company from July 3, 2018 to December 1, 2023, mainly responsible for the overall management of our CRO business. Mr. Ren has approximately 14 years of experience in the CRO industry. Mr. Ren served as the vice president of the Department of Biology of Viva Shanghai from May 2009 to August 2017 and has served as the general manager of Viva Shanghai from August 2017 to December 2023. He has also served as the chief executive officer of Viva Shanghai since December 2023. Mr. Ren's work experience prior to joining our Group is set forth below.

- From January 1999 to April 2001, Mr. Ren served as a research scientist in the Warner-Lambert Pharmaceuticals LLC, an American pharmaceutical company which merged with Pfizer Inc. in 2001.
- Mr. Ren worked at the Global Research and Development Center of Pfizer Inc., an American pharmaceutical company, and served as a research scientist in the Metabolic Disease Division from January 2000 to April 2001, a senior scientist focusing on research and development of innovative drugs for central nervous system diseases from April 2001 to December 2003, a principal scientist focusing on research and development of innovative drugs for dermatology therapeutics from December 2003 to June 2007 and a principal scientist focusing on research and development of innovative drugs for cardiovascular and metabolic diseases and exploratory diabetes from July 2007 to April 2009.

Mr. Ren obtained his bachelor's degree in veterinary medicine from Shanxi Agricultural University (山西農業大學) in the PRC in July 1983. He obtained his master's degree in microbiology from Beijing Agricultural University (北京農業大學) in the PRC in July 1989. Mr. Ren obtained his Ph.D. degree in animal science from Michigan State University in the U.S. in December 1996 and was a post-doctoral research associate at the Department of Biochemistry of Michigan State University in the U.S. from January 1997 to December 1998. Mr. Ren has published about 10 research papers on topics including adipogenesis and fat-cell function in obesity and diabetes, among others.

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### NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. WANG Stephen Hui (王 暉) ("Mr. Wang"), aged 50, was appointed as a non-executive Director on January 18, 2024. He has served as the chief executive officer of HighLight Capital since 2014, leading the fund in investments in the healthcare and consumer technology industries. Prior to joining HighLight Capital, he served as a partner and a member of investment committee of CDH Investments from 2009 to 2014. He is currently a non-executive director of Zylox-Tonbridge Medical Technology Co., Ltd. (歸創通橋醫療科技股份有限公司), a company listed on the main board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited with the stock code 2190.

Mr. Wang received a bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Science and Technology of China in the PRC in July 1996 and a master's degree in chemistry from New York University in the United States in May 1998, and an M.B.A. degree from London Business School in the United Kingdom in August 2007.

### INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

**Mr. FU Lei** (傅磊) ("**Mr. Fu**"), aged 61, was appointed as an independent non-executive Director on April 14, 2019. Mr. Fu has been a professor of pharmaceutical chemistry in the School of Pharmacy of Shanghai Jiao Tong University since 2006. He has served as the Dean of the School of Pharmacy of Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University since 1 September 2023. Mr. Fu was a lecturer at Fudan University and was an invited scientist at Free University from September 1990 to August 1993. From November 1998, Mr. Fu served as a principal investigator of Pharmacyclics, Inc., a U.S. company focusing on the developing and commercializing small-molecule medicines for the treatment of cancers and immune-mediated diseases. Mr. Fu obtained his bachelor's degree in radiochemistry from Fudan University in the PRC in July 1984. He obtained his Ph.D. degree in chemistry from Stanford University in the U.S. in September 1997.

**Ms. LI Xiangrong** (李向荣) ("Ms. Li"), aged 51, was appointed an independent non-executive Director on April 14, 2019. Ms. Li was employed with Unilever for various positions from 1993 to 2010, including serving as the financial controller for greater China region from 2007 to 2010. Ms. Li served as the chief financial officer of Hengdeli Holdings Ltd (HK.3389) from 2010 to August 2014. Ms. Li served as the chief financial officer of Homeinns Hotel Group (previously listed on NASDAQ with stock ticker HMIN) from August 2014 to April 2016. Following merger of Homeinns Hotel Group and Beijing Tourist Hotel (Group) Co., Ltd. (北京首旅酒店(集團)股份有限公司) in April 2016, Ms. Li has served as the deputy general manager and financial controller of Beijing Tourist Hotel (Group) Co., Ltd. (北京首旅酒店(集團)股份有限公司) (600258) since then. Since September 6, 2019, Ms. Li was appointed as an independent director and served on the board of directors for MakeMyTrip Limited, an Indian online travel company (listed on NASDAQ with the stock ticker MMYT).

Ms. Li obtained a graduation certificate for her bachelor's degree in international accounting jointly awarded by the Shanghai University of Finance and Economics (上海財經大學) and Shanghai International Studies Institute (上海外國語學院, now known as Shanghai International Studies University (上海外國語大學)) in July 1993. She obtained a master's degree in executive management business administration from China Europe International Business School (中歐國際商學院) in September 2008 and is now a senior member of The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and a member of The Chinese Institute of Certified Public Accountants (中國註冊會計師會).

# APPENDIX I DETAILS OF THE RETIRING DIRECTORS PROPOSED TO BE RE-ELECTED AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the interests or short positions of each of Mr. Ren and Mr. Wang in the Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance were as follows:

Name of Director	Nature of interest	Number of ordinary shares	Approximate percentage of the Company's issued share capital+
Mr. REN Delin <sup>(2)</sup>	Beneficiary of a trust (other than a discretionary interest)	1,920,000 (L)	0.09%
	Beneficial owner	15,460,248 (L)	0.72%
Mr. WANG Stephen Hui <sup>(3)</sup>	Interest of controlled corporation	85,000,000 (L)	3.93%

Notes:

(1) The letter "L" denotes the person's long position in the Shares.

(2) Mr. Ren Delin is a beneficiary of Viva Biotech Holdings Restricted Share Unit Scheme.

(3) Mr. Wang is interested in 85,000,000 shares of the Company through HLC VGC Partners HK II Limited ("HLC SPV"), HLC SPV is in turn owned and controlled by VGC Fund IV L.P. (an exempted limited partnership formed under the laws of the Cayman Islands) whose general partner is HLC VGC GP IV Limited, which is ultimately owned by Mr. Wang. In addition, HLC SPV is also interested in US\$4.395 million of the registered capital (representing approximately 6.61% of the total registered capital) of Viva Biotech (Shanghai) Ltd. (維亞生物科技(上海)有限公司), a non-wholly owned subsidiary of the Company.

Mr. Ren has entered into a service contract with the Company for an initial term of three years or until the third general meeting of the Company commencing from the Listing Date (whichever is earlier), which may be terminated by not less than three months' notice in writing. Each of Mr. Fu and Ms. Li have signed a letter of appointment with the Company for an initial term of three years or until the third general meeting of the Company commencing from the Listing Date (whichever is earlier), which may be terminated by not less than three months' notice in writing. Mr. Wang has signed a letter of appointment with the Company for an initial term of three years or until the third with the Company for an initial term of three years commencing from January 18, 2024, which may be terminated by not less than three months' notice in writing.

Except for Mr. Wang is not entitled to an annual director's fee, each of Mr. Ren, Mr. Fu and Ms. Li are entitled to an annual director's fee of HK\$250,000, which have been determined by the remuneration committee of the Company and the Board with reference to their performance, duties and responsibilities with the Company and the prevailing market condition.

Save as disclosed herein, as at the Latest Practicable Date, none of the above Directors has any interest in Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance, has hold any position with the Company or any other member of the Group, nor have any directorships in other listed public companies the securities of which are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas in the last three years. In addition, save as disclosed herein, none of the above Directors has relationship with any Directors, senior management, substantial Shareholders or controlling Shareholders (as defined in the Listing Rules) and there is no other matter in relation to the following Directors that needs to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders and there is no other information relating to the above Directors which is required to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements of Rule 13.51(2) (h) to (v) of the Listing Rules.

# **APPENDIX II**

The following is an explanatory statement required by the Stock Exchange to be sent to the Shareholders under the Listing Rules in connection with the proposed Repurchase Mandate.

### 1. LISTING RULES

The Listing Rules permit companies with a primary listing on the Stock Exchange to repurchase their shares on the Stock Exchange subject to certain restrictions, the most important of which are summarized below:

- (i) the shares to be repurchased by a company must be fully paid-up;
- (ii) the company has previously sent to its shareholders an explanatory statement complying with the Listing Rules; and
- (iii) all on market repurchase of shares by a company with its primary listing on the Stock Exchange must be approved in advance by an ordinary resolution, either by way of a specific approval in relation to specific transactions or by a general mandate to the directors of the company to make such repurchase, and a copy of such resolution together with the necessary documentation have been delivered to the Stock Exchange in accordance with the Listing Rules.

### 2. SHARE CAPITAL

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the issued share capital of the Company comprised 2,161,366,305 Shares of nominal value of US\$0.000025 each. Subject to the passing of the resolution granting the Repurchase Mandate and on the basis that no further Shares are issued or repurchased after the Latest Practicable Date and up to the Annual General Meeting, the Company will be allowed to repurchase a maximum of 216,136,630 Shares which represent 10 per cent of the issued share capital of the Company during the period ending on the earlier 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 any applicable laws or the Articles of Association to be held; or (iii) the revocation or variation of the authority given under the resolution by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders in general meeting.

### 3. REASONS AND FUNDING OF REPURCHASES

The Directors believe that the granting of the Repurchase Mandate is in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole. Repurchases of the Shares may, depending on the market conditions and funding arrangements at the time, lead to an enhancement of the net asset value per Share and/or earnings per Share and will only be made when the Directors believe that such a repurchase will benefit the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

Any repurchase of securities of the Company would be funded entirely from the cash flow or working capital facilities available to the Company, and will, in any event be made out of funds legally available for the purpose in accordance with the Articles of Association, applicable laws of the Cayman Islands and the Listing Rules.

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The Directors consider that if the Repurchase Mandate was to be exercised in full, it might not have a material adverse impact on the working capital or the gearing position of the Company, as compared with the positions disclosed in the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company as at December 31, 2023, being the date to which the latest published audited consolidated financial statements of the Company were made up. The Directors do not propose to exercise the Repurchase Mandate to such extent as would, in the circumstances, have a material adverse effect on the working capital requirements of the Company or on the gearing levels which in the opinion of the Directors are from time to time appropriate for the Company.

### 4. TAKEOVERS CODE

In the event of a general offer, by way of takeover or otherwise (other than by way of scheme of arrangement), is made to all the Shareholders (other than the offeror and/or any person controlled by the offeror and/or any person acting in association or concert with the offeror and such offer becomes or is declared unconditional prior to the expiry date of the relevant option), the Company shall forthwith give notice thereof to the Grantee and the Grantee shall be entitled to exercise the option to its full extent or to the extent notified by the Company, at any time within such period as shall be notified by the Company.

In the event of a general offer by way of scheme of arrangement and has been approved by the necessary number of Shareholders at the requisite meeting, the Company shall forthwith give notice thereof to the Grantee, and the Grantee may at any time thereafter (but before such time as shall be notified by the Company) exercise the option to its full extent or to the extent notified by the Company.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, there is no Controlling Shareholder of the Company. Mr. Mao is the single largest Shareholder holding 458,323,527 representing 21.21% of the total issued Share capital of the Company. In the event that the Directors exercise in full the power to repurchase Shares under the Repurchase Mandate, then the shareholding of Mr. Mao would be increased from 21.21% to approximately 23.56% of the total number of Shares in issue, such increase would not give rise to a general offer obligation under the Takeovers Code.

### 5. DIRECTORS, THEIR CLOSE ASSOCIATES AND THE COMPANY'S CORE CONNECTED PERSONS

None of the Directors nor, to the best of their knowledge having made reasonable enquiries, any of their close associates (as defined in the Listing Rules) has any present intention, in the event that the Repurchase Mandate is approved by Shareholders, to sell Shares to the Company. No core connected person (as defined in the Listing Rules) of the Company has notified the Company that he/she/it has any present intention to sell Shares to the Company, or has undertaken not to do so, in the event that the Repurchase Mandate is approved by the Shareholders.

### 6. UNDERTAKING OF THE DIRECTORS

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

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# **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

### 7. GENERAL

The Company may cancel such repurchased Shares or hold them as treasury Shares, subject to market conditions and the Group's capital management needs at the relevant time of the repurchases.

For any treasury Shares deposited with CCASS pending resale on the Stock Exchange, the Company shall (i) procure its broker not to give any instructions to HKSCC to vote at general meetings of the Company for the treasury Shares deposited with CCASS; and (ii) in the case of dividends or distributions, withdraw the treasury Shares from CCASS, and either re-register them in its own name as treasury Shares or cancel them, in each case before the record date for the dividends or distributions, or take any other measures to ensure that it will not exercise any shareholders' rights or receive any entitlements which would otherwise be suspended under the applicable laws if those Shares were registered in its own name as treasury Shares.

### 8. SHARE REPURCHASE MADE BY THE COMPANY

No Repurchases of Shares have been made by the Company during the previous six months immediately prior to the Latest Practicable Date (whether on the Stock Exchange or otherwise).

#### 9. SHARE PRICES

The highest and lowest prices at which the Shares had been traded on the Stock Exchange during the 12 calendar months preceding the Latest Practicable Date were as follows:

Month	Highest traded prices HK\$	Lowest traded prices <i>HK\$</i>
2023		
April	1.700	1.360
May	1.630	1.310
June	2.000	1.440
July	1.800	1.490
August	1.780	1.450
September	1.490	1.180
October	1.410	1.180
November	1.350	1.130
December	1.170	0.920
2024		
January	1.050	0.600
February	0.670	0.550
March	0.700	0.480
April (up to the Latest Practicable Date)	0.540	0.410

# APPENDIX III PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

Details of the proposed amendments to the made to the Articles of Association upon adoption of the third amended and restated memorandum ("**Memorandum**") and articles ("**Articles**") of association are set out as follows:

As to the Articles

I. By inserting the following definition to paragraph 2 of the Articles:

"Corporate Communication" shall have the meaning given to it in the Listing Rules.

II. Paragraph 4.8 be revised as follow:

The register may, on 10 business days' notice (or on 6 business days' notice in the case of a rights issue) being given by advertisement published on the Exchange's website, or, subject to the Listing Rules, by electronic communication in the manner in which notices may be served by the Company by electronic means as herein provided or by advertisement published in the newspapers, be closed at such times and for such periods as the Board may from time to time determine, either generally or in respect of any class of shares, provided that the register shall not be closed for more than 30 days in any year (or such longer period as the members may by ordinary resolution determine provided that such period shall not be extended beyond 60 days in any year). The Company shall, on demand, furnish any person seeking to inspect the register or part thereof which is closed by virtue of these Articles with a certificate under the hand of the Secretary stating the period for which, and by whose authority, it is closed. In the event that there is an alteration of book closure dates, the Company shall give at least 5 business days' notice in accordance with the procedures set out in this Article **and the Listing Rules**.

III. Paragraph 6.3 be revised as follow:

A copy of the notice referred to in Article 6.2 shall be sent in the manner in which notices may be sent to members by the Company as herein provided in Article 30.1.

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IV. Paragraph 14.10 be revised as follow:

The instrument appointing a proxy and (if required by the Board) the power of attorney or other authority, (if any) under which it is signed, or a notarially certified copy of such power or authority, shall be delivered at the registered office of the Company (or at such other place as may be specified in the notice convening the meeting or in any notice of any adjournment or, in either case, in any document sent therewith <u>(including by electronic means)</u>) not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote, or, in the case of a poll taken subsequently to the date of a meeting or adjourned meeting, not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the taking of the poll, and in default the instrument of proxy shall not be treated as valid provided always that the Chairman of the meeting may at his discretion direct that an instrument of proxy shall be deemed to have been duly deposited upon receipt of telex or cable or facsimile confirmation from the appointor that the instrument of proxy duly signed is in the course of transmission to the Company. No instrument appointing a proxy shall be valid after the expiration of 12 months from the date named in it as the date of its execution.

Delivery of any instrument appointing a proxy shall not preclude a member from attending and voting in person at the meeting or poll concerned and, in such event, the instrument appointing a proxy shall be deemed to be revoked.

V. Paragraph 30.1 be revised as follow:

Except as otherwise provided in these Articles, any notice or document, including any <u>Corporate Communication</u>, may be served by the Company and any notices may be served by the Board on any member either personally or by in any of the following manner to the extent permitted by, and in compliance 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) <u>by</u> 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 (which shall be sent by airmail where the notice or document is posted from one country to another);
- (c) 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;

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### (d) by placing it on the Company's Website and the Exchange's website; or

- (e) (in the case of notice) by advertisement published in the manner prescribed under the Listing Rules.
- VI. Paragraphs 30.4, 30.6, 30.7 and 30.8 be deleted entirely and conforming changes to the numbering of the existing paragraphs 30.5, 30.9 to 30.12.
- VII. The existing paragraph 30.5 (renumbered as paragraph 30.4) to be revised as follow:

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 servedand delivered on the day following that on which it is successfully transmitted or<br/>at such later time as may be prescribed by the Listing Rules or any applicable<br/>laws or regulations, and it shall not be necessary for the receipt of the electronic<br/>transmission to be acknowledged by the recipient;
- (d)served by being made available on the Company's Website and the Exchange's<br/>website shall be deemed to be served on the day the notice first appears on the<br/>Company's Website and the Exchange's website, or such later time as may be<br/>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).



(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands as an exempted company with limited liability) (Stock code: 1873)

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** the annual general meeting (the "**Meeting**") of VIVA BIOTECH HOLDINGS (the "**Company**") will be held at Meeting Room A615, 735 Ziping Road, Zhoupu Town, Pudong New District, Shanghai, PRC on Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at 10 a.m. for considering and, if thought fit, passing, with or without amendments, the following resolutions as ordinary resolutions of the Company:

### **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 auditor for the year ended December 31, 2023.
- 2. (a) To re-elect Mr. Ren Delin as executive director of the Company;
  - (b) To re-elect Mr. Wang Stephen Hui as non-executive director of the Company;
  - (c) To re-elect Mr. Fu Lei as independent non-executive director of the Company;
  - (d) To re-elect Ms. Li Xiangrong as independent non-executive director of the Company;
- 3. To authorise the board of directors of the Company to fix the remuneration of all the directors.
- 4. To re-appoint Ernst & Young as auditor of the Company and authorise the board of directors of the Company to fix their remuneration.

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5. To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolutions as ordinary resolutions:

#### (A) **"That**:

- (i) subject to paragraph (iii) below, the exercise by the directors of the Company during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue or otherwise deal with additional shares in the capital of the Company or securities convertible into shares, or options, warrants or similar rights to subscribe for shares or such convertible securities of the Company and to make or grant offers, agreements and/or options (including bonds, warrants and debentures convertible into shares of the Company) including any sale or transfer of treasury shares (where so permitted under the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of the Hong Kong Limited out of treasury) which may require the exercise of such powers be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (ii) the approval in paragraph (i) of this resolution above shall be in addition to any other authorisation given to the directors of the Company and shall authorise the directors of the Company during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) to make or grant offers, agreements and/or options which may require the exercise of such power after the end of the Relevant Period;
- (iii) the aggregate nominal amount of share capital allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted (whether pursuant to options or otherwise) by the directors of the Company during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) pursuant to paragraph (i) of this resolution above, otherwise than pursuant to (1) a Rights Issue (as hereinafter defined); or (2) the grant or exercise of any option under the option scheme of the Company or any other option, scheme or similar arrangement for the time being adopted for the grant or issue to the directors, officers and/or employees of the Company and/or any of its subsidiaries of shares or rights to acquire shares of the Company; or (3) any scrip dividend or similar arrangement providing for the allotment of shares in lieu of the whole or part of a dividend on shares of the Company in accordance with the articles of association of the Company in force from time to time; or (4) any issue of shares in the Company upon the exercise of rights of subscription or conversion under the terms of any existing convertible notes issued by the Company or any existing securities of the Company which carry rights to subscribe for or are convertible into shares of the Company, shall not exceed the aggregate of 20 per cent of the aggregate nominal amount of share capital of the Company in issue as at the date of passing this resolution and the said approval shall be limited accordingly (excluding any treasury shares); and

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- (iv) for the purpose of this resolution:
  - (a) **"Relevant Period**" means the period from the passing of this resolution until whichever is the earliest of:
    - (1) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
    - (2) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by any applicable laws or the articles of association of the Company to be held;
    - (3) the revocation or variation of the authority given under this resolution by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting; and
  - (b) "**Rights Issue**" means an offer of shares in the capital of the Company, or an offer or issue of warrants, options or other securities giving rights to subscribe for shares, open for a period fixed by the directors of the Company to holders of shares in the capital of the Company or any class thereof whose names appear on the register of members on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of such shares or class thereof (subject to such exclusion or other arrangements as the directors of the Company 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, or the expense or delay which may be involved in determining the exercise or extent of any restrictions or obligations under the laws of, or the requirements of, any jurisdiction applicable to the Company, any recognised regulatory body or any stock exchange applicable to the Company)."

### (B) "That:

- (i) subject to paragraph (iii) below, the exercise by the directors of the Company during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to repurchase shares of the Company on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") or on any other stock exchange on which the shares of the Company may be listed and recognised for this purpose by the Securities and Futures Commission and the Stock Exchange under the Code on Share Buy-backs and, subject to and in accordance with all applicable laws and the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (ii) the approval in paragraph (i) 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 (as hereinafter defined) to procure the Company to repurchase its shares at a price determined by the Directors;

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- (iii) the aggregate nominal amount of the shares of the Company, which may be repurchased by the Company during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) pursuant to the approval in paragraph (i) above shall not exceed 10 per cent of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue as at the date of passing of this resolution (excluding any treasury shares), and the said approval shall be limited accordingly;
- (iv) subject to the passing of each of the paragraphs (i), (ii) and (iii) of this resolution, any prior approvals of the kind referred to in paragraphs (i), (ii) and (iii) of this resolution which had been granted to the directors of the Company and which are still in effect be and are hereby revoked; and
- (v) for the purpose of this resolution:

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

- (a) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
- (b) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by any applicable laws or the articles of association of the Company to be held; and
- (c) the revocation or variation of the authority given under this resolution by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting."

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(C) "That conditional upon the resolutions numbered 5(A) and 5(B) set out in the notice convening this meeting being passed, the general mandate granted to the directors of the Company to exercise the powers of the Company to allot, issue and otherwise deal with new shares of the Company (including any sale or transfer of treasury shares out of the treasury that are held as treasury shares of the Company) and to make or grant offers, agreements and options which might require the exercise of such powers pursuant to the ordinary resolution numbered 5(A) set out in the notice convening this meeting be and is hereby extended by the addition to the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company which may be allotted or agreed conditional or unconditionally to be allotted by the directors of the Company pursuant to such general mandate of an amount representing the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company repurchased by the Company under the authority granted pursuant to ordinary resolution numbered 5(B) set out in the notice convening this meeting, provided that such extended amount shall not exceed 10 per cent of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue as at the date of passing of this resolution (excluding any treasury shares)."

### SPECIAL RESOLUTION

6. To consider as special business and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as a Special Resolution:

"THAT the third amended and restated memorandum and articles of association of the Company (the "New Articles"), a copy of which has been produced to the Meeting marked "A" and for identification purpose signed by the Chairman of the Meeting, be and is hereby approved and adopted in substitution for and to the exclusion of the existing amended and restated memorandum and articles of association of the Company with immediate effect after the announcement by the Company of the poll result that this resolution was duly passed as a Special Resolution and that the Directors of the Company be and are hereby authorised to do all things necessary to implement the adoption of the New Articles."

By Order of the Board VIVA BIOTECH HOLDINGS MAO Chen Cheney Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Hong Kong, April 29, 2024

Registered Office: PO Box 309 Ugland House Grand Cayman, KY1-1104 Cayman Islands Corporate Headquarters: 735 Ziping Road Zhoupu Town Pudong New District Shanghai, PRC Principal place of business in Hong Kong: Room 1901, 19/F Lee Garden One 33 Hysan Avenue Causeway Bay Hong Kong

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Notes:

- (i) Ordinary resolution numbered 5(C) will be proposed to the shareholders for approval provided that ordinary resolutions numbered 5(A) and 5(B) are passed by the shareholders of the Company.
- (ii) A shareholder 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. A shareholder who is the holder of two or more shares may appoint more than one proxy to represent him/her and vote on his/her behalf at the Meeting. On a poll, votes may be given either personally or by proxy. Holders of treasury Shares of the Company, if any, shall abstain from voting at the Company's general meeting in connection to such treasury Shares.
- (iii) In the case of joint holders, any one of such joint holders may vote at the Meeting, either in person or by proxy, in respect of such share as if he/she were solely entitled thereto, but if more than one of such joint holders be present at the Meeting, the vote of the senior who tenders a vote, whether in person or by proxy, will be accepted to the exclusion of the vote(s) of the other joint holder(s) and for this purpose seniority shall be determined as 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.
- (iv) In order to be valid, a form of proxy must be deposited at the Hong Kong branch share registrar and transfer office of the Company, Tricor Investor Services Limited, at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong together with the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed (or a notarially certified copy thereof) not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the above meeting (i.e. no later than 10 a.m. on Monday, June 24, 2024, Hong Kong time) or any adjournment thereof. The completion and return of the form of proxy shall not preclude shareholders of the Company from attending and voting in person at the above meeting (or any adjourned meeting thereof) if they so wish.
- (v) The transfer books and register of members of the Company will be closed from Friday, June 21, 2024 to Wednesday, June 26, 2024, both days inclusive, during which period no share transfers can be registered. In order to qualify for attending the Meeting, all transfers accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Hong Kong branch share registrar and transfer office of the Company, Tricor Investor Services Limited, at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong not later than 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 20, 2024.
- (vi) In respect of ordinary resolutions numbered 2 above, Mr. Ren Delin, Mr. Wang Stephen Hui, Mr. Fu Lei and Ms. Li Xiangrong, shall retire at the Meeting and being eligible, have offered themselves for re-election at the above meeting. Details of the above retiring directors are set out in Appendix I to the accompanied circular dated April 29, 2024.
- (vii) In respect of the ordinary resolution numbered 5(A) above, the directors of the Company (the "Directors") wish to state that they have no immediate plans to issue any new shares of the Company. Approval is being sought from the shareholders of the Company as a general mandate for the purposes of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the "Listing Rules").
- (viii) In respect of ordinary resolution numbered 5(B) above, the Directors wish to state that they will exercise the powers conferred by the general mandate to repurchase shares of the Company in circumstances which they deem appropriate for the benefits of shareholders of the Company. The explanatory statement containing the information necessary to enable shareholders to make an informed decision on whether to vote for or against the resolution to approve the repurchase by the Company of its own shares, as required by the Listing Rules, is set out in Appendix II to the accompanied circular dated April 29, 2024.