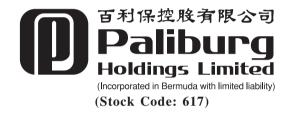
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# RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS, GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE AND REPURCHASE ORDINARY SHARES AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A notice convening the 2024 Annual General Meeting of Paliburg Holdings Limited (the "Company") to be held at the Regal Hongkong Hotel, 88 Yee Wo Street, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong on Thursday, 13th June, 2024 at 12:00 noon ("2024 AGM") is appended to this circular. If you do not propose to attend the 2024 AGM, you are requested to complete the accompanying proxy form in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return the same to the Company's branch registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Tengis Limited, at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong as soon as possible and in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding of the 2024 AGM or any adjournment thereof. Completion and return of the proxy form shall not preclude you from attending and voting in person at the 2024 AGM or at any adjourned meeting should you so wish, and in the event that you turn up in such meeting(s) after sending in the proxy form, the proxy shall be deemed to be revoked.

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# DEFINITIONS

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

"2023 Annual Report"	the annual report of the Company for the year ended 31st December, 2023
"2024 AGM"	the annual general meeting of the Company convened to be held on Thursday, 13th June, 2024 at 12:00 noon
"Board"	the board of Directors, presently comprising six Executive Directors and four Independent Non-Executive Directors, all as named in the Letter from the Chairman contained in this circular
"Bye-laws"	the bye-laws of the Company
"Century"	Century City International Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability, the ordinary shares of which are listed on the Stock Exchange
"Century City Group"	Century and its subsidiaries
"close associates"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Listing Rules
"Companies Act"	The Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda
"Company"	Paliburg Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability, the Ordinary Shares of which are listed on the Stock Exchange
"controlling shareholders"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Listing Rules
"core connected persons"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Listing Rules
"Cosmopolitan"	Cosmopolitan International Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability, the ordinary shares of which are listed on the Stock Exchange
"Director(s)"	the director(s) of the Company
"Group"	the Company and its subsidiaries
"HK\$"	Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong
"Hong Kong"	Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China

# DEFINITIONS

"Latest Practicable Date"	22nd April, 2024, being the latest practicable date for the purposes of ascertaining certain information in this circular
"listed public companies"	public companies which securities are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas
"Listing Rules"	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange
"Notice of 2024 AGM"	the notice convening the 2024 AGM appended to this circular
"Ordinary Resolution(s)"	the proposed ordinary resolution(s) as set out in the Notice of 2024 AGM
"Ordinary Shares"	ordinary shares of HK\$0.10 each in the share capital of the Company
"Regal"	Regal Hotels International Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability, the ordinary shares of which are listed on the Stock Exchange
"Regal Group"	Regal and its subsidiaries
"Regal REIT"	Regal Real Estate Investment Trust, a Hong Kong collective investment scheme authorised under section 104 of the SFO, the units of which are listed on the Stock Exchange
"Repurchase Mandate"	a general mandate proposed to be granted to the Directors in such manners as set out in Ordinary Resolution $4(A)$ contained in the Notice of 2024 AGM relating to the repurchase of Ordinary Shares
"Repurchase Proposal"	the proposal with respect to the repurchase of Ordinary Shares pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate, details of which proposal are set out in "Appendix II — Explanatory Statement on Repurchase of Ordinary Shares" to this circular
"Retiring Directors"	those Directors who, as named under the section headed "Re-election of Directors" in the Letter from the Chairman contained in this circular, will retire at the 2024 AGM pursuant to the Bye-laws
"RPML"	Regal Portfolio Management Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Regal and the manager of Regal REIT, the listed subsidiary of Regal
"SFO"	Securities and Futures Ordinance, Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong

# DEFINITIONS

"Shareholder(s)"	holder(s) of Ordinary Shares
"Stock Exchange"	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
"substantial shareholders"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Listing Rules
"Takeovers Code"	the Code on Takeovers and Mergers issued by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong
"%"	per cent.



Executive Directors: LO Yuk Sui (Chairman and Chief Executive Officer) Jimmy LO Chun To (Vice Chairman and Managing Director) Kelvin LEUNG So Po LO Po Man Kenneth NG Kwai Kai Kenneth WONG Po Man

Independent Non-Executive Directors: Bowen Joseph LEUNG Po Wing, GBS, JP Winnie NG, JP Abraham SHEK Lai Him, GBS, JP WONG Chi Keung Head office and principal place of business: 11th Floor, 68 Yee Wo Street Causeway Bay Hong Kong

Registered office: 4th Floor North, Cedar House 41 Cedar Avenue Hamilton HM 12 Bermuda

29th April, 2024

To the Shareholders

Dear Sir or Madam,

# RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS, GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE AND REPURCHASE ORDINARY SHARES AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The purpose of this circular is to provide the Shareholders with requisite information with respect to the resolutions to be proposed at the forthcoming 2024 AGM relating to the followings:

- (1) the re-election of the Retiring Directors who will retire and, being eligible, have offered themselves for re-election at the 2024 AGM;
- (2) the grant of a general mandate to the Directors for the issue of new Ordinary Shares in such manners as set out in Ordinary Resolutions 4(B) and 4(C) contained in the Notice of 2024 AGM; and
- (3) the grant of the Repurchase Mandate to the Directors for the Repurchase Proposal.

#### **Re-election of Directors**

In accordance with Bye-law 99 of the Bye-laws, the following Directors will retire from office by rotation at the 2024 AGM:

- (i) Mr. Bowen Joseph LEUNG Po Wing (Independent Non-Executive Director);
- (ii) Mr. Kenneth NG Kwai Kai (Executive Director); and
- (iii) Ms. Winnie NG (Independent Non-Executive Director).

In accordance with Bye-law 102 of the Bye-laws, Mr. Kelvin LEUNG So Po, who was appointed as an Executive Director of the Company on 1st September, 2023, shall hold office until the 2024 AGM.

The above Retiring Directors, being eligible, have offered themselves for re-election at the 2024 AGM.

The re-election of the Retiring Directors at the 2024 AGM will not be for any specific term of office, but the Retiring Directors will be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years in accordance with the Bye-laws. The particulars of the Retiring Directors offering for re-election, which are required to be disclosed pursuant to the Listing Rules, are set out in Appendix I to this circular. The re-election of each Retiring Director will be subject to a separate resolution to be proposed at the 2024 AGM for approval by the Shareholders.

The Nomination Committee of the Company has considered the biographical details and other related particulars of the Retiring Directors, with reference to the board diversity policy of the Company and their contributions to the Board and the Group during their tenure. The Retiring Directors have extensive experience and knowledge in their respective professional and commercial fields, who can contribute valuable advice on the business and development of the Group and can also conform with the Company's board diversity policy.

Mr. Leung Po Wing has served on the Board as an Independent Non-Executive Director for more than nine years. During his tenure, he has given valuable independent guidance and advice to the Company through active participation as a board member or committee members in meetings of the Board and the relevant board committees of the Company. Mr. Leung has provided to the Company his annual confirmation of independence pursuant to Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules. As disclosed in his biographical details contained in Appendix I to this circular, he has extensive experience in corporate leadership and public administration, which enables him to provide valuable strategic insights and facilitates effective decision-making of the Board. Based on the criteria under Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules and his experience, Mr. Leung has the expertise, integrity and independence to continue to act as an Independent Non-Executive Director and to discharge related duties in providing guidance and advice on the affairs of the Company, with independent judgement and from balanced and objective view, and for safeguarding the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole, despite the length of his service with the Company.

#### General Mandate to Issue Ordinary Shares

The Directors wish to seek the approval of the Shareholders (i) to grant a general mandate to the Directors to exercise the powers of the Company to allot and issue new Ordinary Shares up to 20% of the Ordinary Shares in issue as at the date of the passing of the proposed Ordinary Resolution 4(B) as set out in the Notice of 2024 AGM; and (ii) to extend the 20% share issuing mandate to be granted pursuant to Ordinary Resolution 4(B) by adding to such mandate the number of Ordinary Shares repurchased by the Company pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate.

Based on 1,114,585,474 Ordinary Shares in issue as at the Latest Practicable Date and on the assumption that there will be no variation in the issued ordinary share capital of the Company during the period up to the date of the 2024 AGM on 13th June, 2024, the Company would be allowed to allot and issue a maximum number of 222,917,094 Ordinary Shares pursuant to the 20% share issuing mandate as set out in Ordinary Resolution 4(B).

There is no immediate plan for the issue by the Company of any new Ordinary Shares pursuant to the 20% share issuing mandate.

#### General Mandate to Repurchase Ordinary Shares

The Directors wish to seek the approval of the Shareholders to the Repurchase Mandate for the Repurchase Proposal. The explanatory statement regarding the Repurchase Proposal required to be sent to the Shareholders in accordance with the Listing Rules is set out in Appendix II to this circular.

#### Notice of 2024 AGM

The Notice of 2024 AGM is contained in pages 14 to 16 of this circular. Pursuant to Rule 13.39(4) of the Listing Rules and Bye-law 70 of the Bye-laws, voting on all resolutions to be put forth to the Shareholders at the 2024 AGM will be taken by poll. The Company will announce the results of poll voting by way of publication of an announcement in accordance with the requirements under Rule 13.39(5) of the Listing Rules on the websites of the Stock Exchange and the Company.

#### **Recommendation from the Directors**

The Directors consider that the proposed grant of the Repurchase Mandate and the 20% share issuing mandate pursuant to the Ordinary Resolution 4(A) and the Ordinary Resolutions 4(B) and 4(C), respectively, are in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole. Accordingly, the Directors recommend the Shareholders to vote in favour of these Ordinary Resolutions to be proposed at the 2024 AGM.

Yours faithfully,

LO YUK SUI Chairman

### PARTICULARS OF RETIRING DIRECTORS OFFERING FOR RE-ELECTION

#### (I) Mr. LEUNG Po Wing, Bowen Joseph (Independent Non-Executive Director)

Mr. Bowen Leung, GBS, JP, aged 74, was invited to the Board as an Independent Non-Executive Director in 2008. Mr. Leung is also an independent non-executive director of RPML. Mr. Leung previously served the Hong Kong Government for over 32 years until his retirement as the Director of the Office of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in Beijing ("Beijing Office") in November 2005. He joined the Administrative Service in June 1973 and rose to the rank of Administrative Officer Staff Grade A1 in June 1996. During his service in the Administrative Service, Mr. Leung had served in various policy bureaux and departments. Senior positions held by Mr. Leung included: Deputy Secretary for District Administration (later retitled as Deputy Secretary for Home Affairs); Deputy Secretary for Planning, Environment and Lands; Private Secretary, Government House, Secretary for Planning, Environment and Lands and Director of the Beijing Office. Mr. Leung has extensive experience in corporate leadership and public administration. During his tenure as the Director of the Beijing Office, he had made commendable efforts in promoting Hong Kong in the Mainland, as well as fostering closer links and co-operation between Hong Kong and the Mainland. Mr. Leung is an independent non-executive director and a member of the audit committee of Quali-Smart Holdings Limited, which is listed on the Stock Exchange. Save as disclosed herein, Mr. Leung has not held any directorships in other listed public companies during the last three years.

Mr. Leung's directorship with the Company is subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years pursuant to the relevant provisions under the Bye-laws. Mr. Leung does not have a service contract with the Group. He is entitled to normal director's fee in the amount of HK\$150,000 per annum each in acting as a Director and a director of RPML. Mr. Leung is also entitled to normal fees in acting as a member of the board committees of the Company and RPML as detailed below:

- (i) HK\$100,000 per annum each in acting as a member of the Audit Committee of the Company and RPML; and
- (ii) HK\$50,000 per annum each in acting as a member of the Nomination Committee of the Company and RPML.

The normal fees were determined based on the duties and responsibilities in respect of such respective offices and, where required under the Bye-laws, were previously approved by the Shareholders at general meeting.

Mr. Leung does not hold any interests in the securities of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO. He does not have any relationships with any Directors, senior management, or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company.

Mr. Leung has served on the Board as an Independent Non-Executive Director for more than nine years. Please refer to the section headed "Re-election of Directors" under the preceding Letter from the Chairman for relevant factors of considering that Mr. Leung is independent.

There is no information that is required to be disclosed by Mr. Leung pursuant to Rule 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules, and there is no other matter which needs to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders in relation to the re-election of Mr. Leung.

#### (II) Mr. NG Kwai Kai (Alias: Kenneth) (Executive Director)

**Mr. Kenneth Ng**, aged 69, was appointed to the Board as an Executive Director in 1995. Mr. Ng is also an executive director and the chief operating officer of Century (the ultimate listed holding company of the Company), an executive director of Regal (a listed subsidiary of the Company) and Cosmopolitan (a listed subsidiary of the Company and the listed fellow subsidiary of Regal), and a non-executive director of RPML. Mr. Ng has been with the Century City Group since 1985 and is in charge of the corporate finance, company secretarial and administrative functions of the Century City Group. Mr. Ng is a Chartered Secretary. Save as disclosed herein, Mr. Ng has not held any directorships in other listed public companies during the last three years.

Mr. Ng's directorship with the Company is subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years pursuant to the relevant provisions under the Bye-laws. Mr. Ng has a service contract with the Group, which does not have a specific length of service and is determinable by either party on 3 months' notice. Under his service contract, he is presently entitled to receive from the Group an allocated monthly salary of HK\$262,865, which was determined by reference to industry norm and market conditions and based on the services rendered to the Group and, in addition, performance based discretionary bonus and other related employee benefits and allowances. Mr. Ng is also entitled to normal director's fee in the amount of HK\$150,000 per annum each in acting as a Director and a director of each of Regal, Cosmopolitan and RPML. He is also entitled to normal fees in acting as a member of the board committees of RPML as detailed below:

- (i) HK\$100,000 per annum in acting as a member of the Audit Committee of RPML; and
- (ii) HK\$50,000 per annum in acting as a member of the Nomination Committee of RPML.

The normal fees were determined based on the duties and responsibilities in respect of such respective offices and, where required under the relevant bye-laws of the Company and Regal, were previously approved by the respective shareholders of the Company and Regal at relevant general meetings.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Ng held direct interests in 176,200 issued Ordinary Shares, representing approximately 0.02% of the issued ordinary share capital of the Company as at the Latest Practicable Date, within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO. Details of the directorships of Mr. Ng in the substantial and controlling shareholders of the Company are disclosed under the section headed "Substantial Shareholders' Interests in Share Capital" in the Report of the Directors contained in the 2023 Annual Report. Save as disclosed herein, Mr. Ng does not have any other relationships with any Directors, senior management, or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company.

The relevant details required to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.51(2)(l) of the Listing Rules are set out below:

Mr. Ng acted as a director of (i) The New China Hong Kong Group Limited ("NCHKG") and (ii) Villawood Development Limited ("Villawood") and Hennic Properties Limited ("Hennic"), until the commencement of the creditors' voluntary winding up of NCHKG and the appointment of provisional liquidators of Villawood and Hennic, respectively.

# PARTICULARS OF RETIRING DIRECTORS OFFERING FOR RE-ELECTION

- (a) NCHKG, of which certain subsidiaries of Century and Regal were financial creditors, is a company incorporated in Hong Kong and was the holding company of an investment and financial services group established in Hong Kong. Due to the Asian financial crisis in 1998, NCHKG experienced financial difficulties. With a view to assisting in the launch of a corporate rescue of NCHKG, Mr. Ng was appointed as a director of NCHKG on 30th September, 1998 and sat on its executive committee. The attempted corporate rescue of NCHKG turned out to be unsuccessful and it went into a creditors' voluntary winding up on 1st March, 1999. Mr. Ng's only involvement in the management of NCHKG was principally related to the attempted corporate rescue of NCHKG since his appointment as one of its directors on 30th September, 1998. The winding up process had been completed on 17th August, 2021. Other than information publicly available, there is no information accessible by Mr. Ng in his capacity as a past director of NCHKG that could ascertain the actual amounts involved.
- (b) Villawood, a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands, and Hennic, a wholly owned subsidiary of Villawood incorporated in Hong Kong, (together, the "Villawood Companies"), were companies within a disposal group classified as held for sale, as disclosed in the audited consolidated financial statements of each of Century and the Company for the years ended 31st December, 2005 to 2011, respectively. The disposal group comprises Talent Faith Investments Ltd., the holding company holding 65% shareholding interest in Villawood, and the Villawood Companies, in which the Group no longer holds any beneficial interests. The remaining 35% shareholding interests in Villawood are held by two independent third parties. One of the two independent shareholders of Villawood (the "Relevant Villawood Shareholder") had petitioned for the winding up of the Villawood Companies, and court orders were granted by the High Court of Hong Kong on 12th May, 2009 for the appointment of provisional liquidators to Villawood and Hennic. The petitions by the Relevant Villawood Shareholder involved claims for advances made to the Villawood Companies in an aggregate amount of approximately HK\$76 million, and the winding up process of Hennic had been completed on 28th May, 2018. Save as disclosed herein and other than information publicly available, the Group has no knowledge of the latest progress of the winding up process of Villawood.

Save as disclosed herein, there is no other information that is required to be disclosed by Mr. Ng pursuant to Rule 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules, and there is no other matter which needs to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders in relation to the re-election of Mr. Ng.

#### (III) Ms. Winnie NG (Independent Non-Executive Director)

Ms. Winnie Ng, JP, aged 60, was invited to the Board as an Independent Non-Executive Director in 2018. Ms. Ng is also an independent non-executive director of Century and Regal. Ms. Ng holds an MBA (Master of Business Administration) from University of Chicago and an MPA (Master of Public Administration) from Harvard University. Ms. Ng has received numerous awards and recognition. In 2019, she received the Outstanding Businesswomen Award and in 2017, she was appointed a Justice of the Peace. In 2016, she won Nobel Laureate Series: Asian Chinese Leadership Award and China Top Ten Outstanding Women Entrepreneurs. In previous years, she received recognitions as a Woman of Excellence in Hong Kong, one of 60 Meritorious Chinese Entrepreneurs with Achievement and National Contribution, Yazhou Zhoukan Young Chinese Entrepreneur Award and was Mason Fellow of Harvard University.

Active in public service, Ms. Ng is Director of Po Leung Kuk, Member of Women's Commission and Co-Convenor of Women Empowerment Fund, Director of CUHK Medical Centre, Director of HKBU Chinese Medicine Hospital, Council Member of The Education University of Hong Kong, Advisor of Our Hong Kong Foundation, and Council Member of The Better Hong Kong Foundation. She was Chairman of Hospital Governing Committee of Prince of Wales Hospital from 2014 to 2020, Member of Hong Kong Tourism Board and its Marketing & Business Development Committee Chairman, Member of Hospital Authority and its Supporting Services Development Committee Chairman from 2010 to 2016, Member of Employees Retraining Board and its Course Vetting Committee Convenor, and Member of Vocational Training Council from 2011 to 2017.

Ms. Ng is also a non-executive director of Transport International Holdings Limited, and she was the founder, deputy chairman and a non-executive director of RoadShow Holdings Limited (now known as Bison Finance Group Limited). Both companies are listed on the Stock Exchange. Save as disclosed herein, Ms. Ng has not held any directorships in other listed public companies during the last three years.

Ms. Ng's directorship with the Company is subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years pursuant to the relevant provisions under the Bye-laws. Ms. Ng does not have a service contract with the Group. She is entitled to normal director's fee in the amount of HK\$150,000 per annum each in acting as a Director and a director of Regal. Ms. Ng is also entitled to normal fees in acting as a member of the board committees of the Company and Regal as detailed below:

- (i) HK\$100,000 per annum each in acting as a member of the Audit Committee of the Company and Regal;
- (ii) HK\$50,000 per annum each in acting as a member of the Nomination Committee of the Company and Regal; and
- (iii) HK\$50,000 per annum each in acting as a member of the Remuneration Committee of the Company and Regal.

# PARTICULARS OF RETIRING DIRECTORS OFFERING FOR RE-ELECTION

The normal fees were determined based on the duties and responsibilities in respect of such respective offices and, where required under the relevant bye-laws of the Company and Regal, were previously approved by the respective shareholders of the Company and Regal at relevant general meetings.

Ms. Ng does not hold any interests in the securities of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO. Details of the directorships of Ms. Ng in the substantial and controlling shareholders of the Company are disclosed under the section headed "Substantial Shareholders' Interests in Share Capital" in the Report of the Directors contained in the 2023 Annual Report. Save as disclosed herein, Ms. Ng does not have any other relationships with any Directors, senior management, or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company.

The Company has received from Ms. Ng her annual confirmation of independence pursuant to Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules and considers that Ms. Ng is independent.

There is no information that is required to be disclosed by Ms. Ng pursuant to Rule 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules, and there is no other matter which needs to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders in relation to the re-election of Ms. Ng.

#### (IV) Mr. LEUNG So Po (Alias: Kelvin) (Executive Director)

**Mr. Kelvin Leung**, aged 51, was appointed to the Board as an Executive Director in September 2023. Mr. Leung is also an executive director of Century and Regal and an executive director and the chief financial officer of Cosmopolitan. He has been with the Century City Group since 1997 and is involved in the corporate finance function as well as in the China business division of the Century City Group. Mr. Leung holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and a Master of Laws Degree in Chinese Business Law both from The Chinese University of Hong Kong. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He has over 28 years of experience in accounting and corporate finance field. Save as disclosed herein, Mr. Leung has not held any directorships in other listed public companies during the last three years.

Mr. Leung's directorship with the Company is subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years pursuant to the relevant provisions under the Bye-laws. Mr. Leung does not have a service contract with the Group. He is entitled to normal director's fee in the amount of HK\$150,000 per annum each in acting as a Director and a director of each of Regal and Cosmopolitan. The normal fees were determined based on the duties and responsibilities in respect of such respective offices and, where required under the relevant bye-laws of the Company and Regal, were previously approved by the respective shareholders of the Company and Regal at relevant general meetings. With respect to his executive role, Mr. Leung is also entitled to receive from the Group an allocated monthly salary of HK\$186,580, which was determined by reference to industry norm and market conditions and based on the services rendered to the Group and, in addition, performance based discretionary bonus and other related employee benefits and allowances.

# PARTICULARS OF RETIRING DIRECTORS OFFERING FOR RE-ELECTION

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Leung held the following interests in the securities of the Company and Century within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO:

- (1) direct interests in 50,185 issued Ordinary Shares, representing approximately 0.005% of the issued ordinary share capital of the Company as at the Latest Practicable Date; and
- (2) direct interests in 4,000 issued ordinary shares of Century, representing approximately 0.0001% of the issued ordinary share capital of Century as at the Latest Practicable Date.

Details of the directorships of Mr. Leung in the substantial and controlling shareholders of the Company are disclosed under the section headed "Substantial Shareholders' Interests in Share Capital" in the Report of the Directors contained in the 2023 Annual Report. Save as disclosed herein, Mr. Leung does not have any other relationships with any Directors, senior management, or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company.

There is no information that is required to be disclosed by Mr. Leung pursuant to Rule 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules, and there is no other matter which needs to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders in relation to the re-election of Mr. Leung.

# EXPLANATORY STATEMENT ON REPURCHASE OF ORDINARY SHARES

This is the explanatory statement to provide requisite information to you for your consideration of the Repurchase Proposal, as required by the relevant rules set out in the Listing Rules to regulate the repurchase by companies with primary listings on the Stock Exchange of their own securities on the Stock Exchange. The Ordinary Shares are listed on the Stock Exchange.

### 1. SHARE CAPITAL

As at the Latest Practicable Date, there were 1,114,585,474 Ordinary Shares in issue.

Subject to the passing of the Ordinary Resolution 4(A) as set out in the Notice of 2024 AGM, the Company would be allowed under the Repurchase Mandate to repurchase a maximum of 111,458,547 Ordinary Shares, on the assumption that there will be no variation in the issued ordinary share capital of the Company during the period up to the date of the 2024 AGM. The aggregate number of Ordinary Shares which may be repurchased under the Repurchase Mandate will not exceed 10% of that of the Ordinary Shares in issue at the date of the 2024 AGM.

The Repurchase Mandate will be valid for the period from the date of passing the Ordinary Resolution 4(A) 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 is required by the Bye-laws or the Companies Act or any other applicable law of Bermuda to be held; and (iii) the revocation or variation of the authority given under the Ordinary Resolution 4(A) by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders in general meeting.

#### 2. REASONS FOR REPURCHASES

The Directors believe that the Repurchase Proposal is in the interests of the Company and its Shareholders. Such purchases may, depending on market conditions and funding arrangements at the time, lead to an enhancement of the net assets and/or earnings per share or may otherwise be in the interests of the Company, and will only be made when the Directors believe that such purchases will benefit the Company and its Shareholders.

#### 3. FUNDING OF REPURCHASES

Pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate, repurchases would be funded entirely from the Company's funds legally available for such purpose in accordance with the Company's Memorandum of Association and Bye-laws and the laws of Bermuda. Any shares repurchased under the Repurchase Mandate must be funded out of the capital paid up on the repurchased shares or the funds of the Company which would otherwise be available for dividend or distribution, or out of the proceeds of a fresh issue of shares. Any premium payable on the repurchase must be provided for out of the funds of the Company otherwise available for dividend or distribution or out of the Company's share premium account.

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT ON REPURCHASE OF ORDINARY SHARES

It is not expected that there would be material adverse impact on the working capital or gearing position of the Company (as compared with the position disclosed in the audited financial statements contained in the 2023 Annual Report) even if the proposed repurchases were to be carried out in full at any time during the proposed repurchase period. Nevertheless, 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. SHARE PRICES

The highest and lowest prices at which the Ordinary Shares have traded on the Stock Exchange in each of the previous twelve months and in April 2024 (up to the Latest Practicable Date) were as follows:

	<b>Ordinary Shares</b>	
	Highest	Lowest
	HK\$	HK\$
April 2023	1.790	1.570
May 2023	1.710	1.580
June 2023	1.700	1.470
July 2023	1.580	1.190
August 2023	1.270	0.890
September 2023	1.050	0.940
October 2023	1.080	0.900
November 2023	0.930	0.730
December 2023	0.820	0.740
January 2024	0.780	0.640
February 2024	0.730	0.610
March 2024	0.860	0.670
From 1st April, 2024 to the Latest Practicable Date	0.840	0.680

### 5. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

None of the Directors nor, to the best of their knowledge having made all reasonable enquiries, their close associates have any present intention to sell any Ordinary Shares to the Company under the Repurchase Proposal if the same is approved by the Shareholders. No other core connected persons of the Company have notified the Company that they have a present intention to sell Ordinary Shares to the Company, or have undertaken not to do so, in the event that the Repurchase Proposal is approved by the Shareholders.

The Directors will, so far as the same may be applicable, exercise the powers of the Company to make repurchases pursuant to the Ordinary Resolution 4(A) in accordance with the Listing Rules and the laws of Bermuda.

# EXPLANATORY STATEMENT ON REPURCHASE OF ORDINARY SHARES

Neither this explanatory statement nor the proposed Repurchase Mandate has any unusual features.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Century, together with Mr. LO Yuk Sui (the chairman and controlling shareholder of Century) and his other close associates, held approximately 74.55% shareholding interests in the issued ordinary share capital of the Company.

In the event that the Repurchase Mandate granted to the Directors pursuant to the Repurchase Proposal were to be carried out in full, the shareholding interests of Century, together with Mr. LO Yuk Sui and his other close associates, in the Company would increase to approximately 82.84% of the issued ordinary share capital of the Company, assuming there are no other changes in the capital structure of the Company. Pursuant to Rule 32.1 of the Takeovers Code, such resultant increase in shareholding interests would be treated as an acquisition of voting rights for the purpose of the Takeovers Code. Based on information known to date, the Directors are not aware of any consequences which may arise under the Takeovers Code even if the Repurchase Mandate were exercised in full. Nevertheless, the Directors do not intend to exercise the Repurchase Mandate to such extent as would, in the circumstances, trigger any potential consequences under the Takeovers Code.

Furthermore, the Directors have no intention to exercise the Repurchase Mandate to such extent as would cause the public float to fall below 25% or such other minimum percentage as prescribed by the Listing Rules from time to time.

#### 6. SECURITIES PURCHASES MADE BY THE COMPANY

The Company has not purchased any of its Ordinary Shares (whether on the Stock Exchange or otherwise) during the six months preceding the Latest Practicable Date.

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Regal Hongkong Hotel, 88 Yee Wo Street, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong on Thursday, 13th June, 2024 at 12:00 noon for the following purposes:

- 1. To receive and consider the Audited Financial Statements and the Reports of the Directors and the Auditor for the year ended 31st December, 2023.
- 2. To elect Directors.
- 3. To appoint Auditor and authorise the Board of Directors to fix the Auditor's remuneration.
- 4. To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolutions as Ordinary Resolutions:
  - (A) **"THAT**:
    - (a) subject to paragraph (b) below, the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period of all the powers of the Company to purchase ordinary shares of HK\$0.10 each in the capital of the Company ("Ordinary Shares"), subject to and in accordance with all applicable laws and the relevant requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
    - (b) the aggregate number of Ordinary Shares which may be purchased by the Company pursuant to paragraph (a) above shall not exceed 10% of the aggregate number of the Ordinary Shares in issue at the date of this Resolution, and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and
    - (c) for the purpose of this Resolution, "Relevant Period" means the period from the passing of this Resolution until whichever is the earlier 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 is required by the Bye-laws of the Company or The Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda or any other applicable law of Bermuda 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."

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- (B) "THAT the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as defined in Resolution 4(A) set out in the Notice of this Meeting) of all the powers of the Company to issue, allot and dispose of additional Ordinary Shares (including making and granting offers, agreements and options which would or might require Ordinary Shares to be issued, allotted or disposed of, whether during or after the end of the Relevant Period) be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved, provided that, otherwise than pursuant to a rights issue where Ordinary Shares are offered to shareholders on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of Ordinary Shares (subject to such exclusions or other arrangements as the Directors may deem necessary or expedient in relation to fractional entitlements or having regard to any restrictions or obligations under the laws of, or the requirements of any recognised regulatory body or any stock exchange in, any territory outside Hong Kong), the additional Ordinary Shares issued, allotted or disposed of (including Ordinary Shares agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be issued, allotted or disposed of, whether pursuant to an option or otherwise) shall not in aggregate exceed 20% of the aggregate number of the Ordinary Shares in issue at the date of this Resolution, and the said approval shall be limited accordingly."
- (C) **"THAT** the general mandate granted to the Directors under Resolution 4(B) above be and is hereby extended by the addition of an amount representing the aggregate number of Ordinary Shares purchased by the Company pursuant to the general mandate approved in Resolution 4(A) above."

By Order of the Board Paliburg Holdings Limited Eliza Lam Sau Fun Secretary

Hong Kong, 29th April, 2024

#### Notes:

- 1. A shareholder entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend and vote in his stead. A proxy need not be a shareholder of the Company.
- 2. The proxy form must be deposited with the Company's branch registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Tengis Limited, (the "Branch Registrar") at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the Meeting or any adjournment thereof.
- 3. For the purpose of ascertaining shareholders' entitlement to attend and vote at the Meeting, the Register of Ordinary Shareholders of the Company will be closed from Friday, 7th June, 2024 to Thursday, 13th June, 2024, both days inclusive, and no transfers of Ordinary Shares of the Company will be effected during such period. In order to be entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting, all transfers of Ordinary Shares of the Company, duly accompanied by the relevant share certificates, must be lodged with the Branch Registrar no later than 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, 6th June, 2024.

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- 4. A circular of the Company containing further details relating to the re-election of Directors and an explanatory statement or information regarding Resolutions 4(A), 4(B) and 4(C) above will be sent to the Company's shareholders together with the 2023 Annual Report of the Company.
- 5. In the event that a typhoon signal no. 8 (or above), a black rainstorm warning or "extreme conditions" caused by a super typhoon announced by the Government of Hong Kong is in effect on the day of the Meeting, Shareholders are requested to call the Company's hotline at (852) 2894-7521 on that day to enquire about the arrangements of the Meeting.