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#### **GRAPHEX GROUP LIMITED**

烯石電動汽車新材料控股有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)
(Stock code: 6128)

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

A notice convening an annual general meeting of Graphex Group Limited to be held at 11/F, COFCO Tower, 262 Gloucester Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong on Thursday, 27 June 2024 at 2:30 p.m. is set out on pages 16 to 21 of this circular. A proxy form for use at the annual general meeting is enclosed with this circular. Such form of proxy is also published on the websites of the Stock Exchange (www.hkexnews.hk) and the Company (www.graphexgroup.com).

Shareholders recorded on the Company's register of members as of the close of business on the Share Record Date (Hong Kong Time) are cordially invited to attend the annual general meeting in person. ADS Holders as of the close of business on the ADS Record Date (New York Time) are cordially invited to submit your voting instructions to The Bank of New York Mellon if ADSs are held directly by the ADS Holders on the books and records of The Bank of New York Mellon or to the ADS Holder's bank, brokerage or other securities intermediary if ADSs are held by any of them on behalf of the ADS Holders. Whether or not you propose to attend and vote at the said meeting, please complete, sign, date, and return the accompanying proxy form to the Company's share registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Investor Services Limited (for Shareholders) or your voting instructions to The Bank of New York Mellon if you hold your ADSs directly on the books and records of The Bank of New York Mellon or to your bank, brokerage, or other securities intermediary if you hold your ADSs indirectly through any of them, as the case may be (for ADS Holders) as promptly as possible and before the prescribed deadline if you wish to exercise your voting rights. Tricor Investor Services Limited must receive the proxy form by no later than 2:30 p.m. (Hong Kong Time) on 25 June 2024 at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong to ensure your representation at the annual general meeting; and The Bank of New York Mellon must receive your voting instructions by the time and date specified in the ADS voting instruction card to enable the votes attaching to the Shares represented by your ADSs to be cast at the annual general meeting.

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#### **DEFINITIONS**

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

"ADS(s)" or "American Depositary

Share(s)"

the securities that are listed on the NYSE American and traded under the symbol "GRFX", each representing 20

Shares

"ADS Holder(s)"

the person in whose name American Depositary Shares is registered on the books of the Depositary maintained for that purpose either directly with the Depository or through his or her bank, brokerage or other securities intermediary

on his or her behalf

"ADS Record Date"

17 May 2024 (New York Time)

"AGM"

the annual general meeting of the Company to be held at 11/F, COFCO Tower, 262 Gloucester Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong on Thursday, 27 June 2024 at 2:30 p.m., to consider and, if appropriate, to approve the resolutions contained in the notice of the AGM set out on pages 16 to 21 of this circular, or any adjournment thereof

"Articles"

the articles of association of the Company, adopted on 3

June 2014, and as amended from time to time

"Board"

the board of directors of the Company

"Companies Law"

the Companies Law (as revised) of the Cayman Islands, as amended, consolidated or otherwise modified from time to

time

"Company"

Graphex Group Limited, a company incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability whose shares are

listed on the Stock Exchange (stock code: 6128)

"CYY"

CYY Holdings Limited, a company incorporated under the laws of the British Virgin Islands on 22 November 2013 with limited liability, which is wholly owned by Mr. Chan and is a Controlling Shareholder of the Company

"Depositary" or "The Bank of New

York Mellon"

The Bank of New York Mellon, a New York banking corporation, and any successor as depositary under the deposit agreement related to the American Depositary

Shares

"Director(s)"

the director(s) of the Company

#### **DEFINITIONS**

"Executive Director(s)" the executive director(s) of the Company "Group" the Company and its subsidiaries "HK\$" the lawful currency of Hong Kong "HKILA" The Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects, the professional body for landscape architects in Hong Kong incorporated under section 3 of The Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects Incorporation Ordinance (Chapter 1162 of the Laws of Hong Kong) "Hong Kong" the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC "Independent Non-executive the independent non-executive director(s) of the Company Director(s)" "Landscape Architects Registration Landscape Architects Registration Ordinance (Chapter 516 Ordinance" or "LARO" of the Laws of Hong Kong), as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time "Latest Practicable Date" 23 April 2024, being the latest practicable date prior to the printing of this circular for the purpose of ascertaining certain information contained herein "Listing Rules" the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange "LSBJ" LSBJ Holdings Limited, a company incorporated under the laws of the British Virgin Islands on 22 November 2013 with limited liability, which is wholly owned by Mr. Lau and is a Controlling Shareholder of the Company "Memorandum" the memorandum of association of the Company, adopted on 3 June 2014, and as amended from time to time "Mr. Chan" Chan Yick Yan Andross (陳奕仁), an Executive Director and a substantial shareholder

"Mr. Lau" Lau Hing Tat Patrick (劉興達), an Executive Director

"Nomination Committee" the nomination committee of the Board

"Non-executive Director(s)" the non-executive director(s) of the Company

"NYSE American" the NYSE American LLC stock exchange market

#### **DEFINITIONS**

"PRC" the People's Republic of China

"Register of Members" the register of members of the Company

"Repurchase Mandate" the general and unconditional mandate proposed to be

granted to the Board to repurchase the Shares up to an aggregate nominal amount not exceeding 10% of the aggregate nominal value of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of the passing the relevant

resolution at the AGM

"SFO" the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the

Laws of Hong Kong)

"Share(s)" ordinary share(s) of HK\$0.01 each in the issued share

capital of the Company

"Share Issue Mandate" the general and unconditional mandate proposed to be

granted to the Board to (i) allot and issue Shares up to an aggregate nominal amount not exceeding 20% of the aggregate nominal value of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of the passing of the relevant resolution at the AGM; and (ii) extend the mandate in (i) above by an amount representing the aggregate nominal amount of the Shares repurchased by the Company pursuant to and in accordance with the Repurchase

Mandate

"Share Record Date" 27 June 2024 (Hong Kong time)

"Shareholder(s)" the shareholder(s) of the Company

"Stock Exchange" The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

"substantial shareholder(s)" has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules

"Takeovers Code" the Codes on Takeovers and Mergers and Share Buy-backs

"United States" the United States of America

"US\$" United States dollars, the lawful currency in the United

States

"%" per cent



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Mr. Chan Yick Yan Andross

Mr. Qiu Bin

Non-executive Director:

Mr. Ma Lida

Independent Non-executive Directors:

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29 April 2024

To the Shareholders

Dear Sir or Madam,

# GENERAL MANDATES TO REPURCHASE AND ISSUE SHARES RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND

#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this circular is to provide you with the relevant information regarding (i) the granting of the Repurchase Mandate and the Share Issue Mandate; and (ii) the re-election of Directors; and to give you notice of the AGM at which resolutions will be proposed for the Shareholders to consider and, if thought fit, approve the aforesaid matters.

A notice convening the AGM is set out on pages 16 to 21 of this circular.

#### LETTER FROM THE BOARD

#### 2. REPURCHASE MANDATE AND SHARE ISSUE MANDATE

Pursuant to the resolutions passed by the Shareholders on 29 June 2023, the Board was granted the general and unconditional mandates to issue, allot and repurchase Shares. Such general mandates will lapse upon the conclusion of the AGM. In order to ensure flexibility for the Board to issue, allot and repurchase Shares, ordinary resolutions will be proposed to seek for Shareholders' approval at the AGM to renew the Repurchase Mandate and to grant the Share Issue Mandate. Details of such ordinary resolutions are set out in ordinary resolutions numbered 5, 6 and 7 in the notice of the AGM. The Repurchase Mandate and the Share Issue Mandate, if approved at the AGM, will continue in force until (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company, (ii) the expiry of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the Articles or applicable laws to be held or (iii) the revocation or variation of the authority given to the Directors by ordinary resolution by the Shareholders in general meeting, whichever occurs first.

An explanatory statement as required by the Listing Rules to provide the Shareholders with all the information reasonably necessary for them to make an informed decision on the proposed resolution for the granting of the Repurchase Mandate is set out in Appendix I to this circular.

#### 3. RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Pursuant to Article 108(a) of the Articles, Mr. Lau Hing Tat Patrick, Mr. Qiu Bin and Mr. Ma Lida will retire by rotation at the AGM. Mr. Lau Hing Tat Patrick, Mr. Qiu Bin and Mr. Ma Lida, being eligible, will offer themselves for re-election at the AGM. The biographical details are set out in Appendix II to this circular.

The Nomination Committee is responsible to identify individuals suitably qualified to become Board members and select or make recommendations to the Board on the selection of individuals nominated for directorships and to assess the independence of Independent Non-executive Directors. The Board will have the final authority on determining the selection of nominees for directorships recommended by the Nomination Committee.

The Nomination Committee has also considered the skills, knowledge and professional experience of Mr. Lau Hing Tat Patrick, Mr. Qiu Bin and Mr. Ma Lida as described in their biography set out in Appendix II to this circular, having regard to the Company's board diversity policy and is of the view that each of Mr. Lau Hing Tat Patrick, Mr. Qiu Bin and Mr. Ma Lida has extensive industry experience in business, legal, landscape architecture and accounting respectively that is relevant to the Company's business. In addition, their strong educational background, as well as their breadth and diversity of experience has 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.

#### LETTER FROM THE BOARD

With the recommendations of the Nomination Committee, the Board has proposed Mr. Lau Hing Tat Patrick, Mr. Qiu Bin and Mr. Ma Lida stand for re-election as Directors at the AGM. As good corporate governance practice, each of Mr. Lau Hing Tat Patrick, Mr. Qiu Bin and Mr. Ma Lida abstained from voting at the relevant Board meeting on the respective propositions of their re-election by the Shareholders at the AGM.

#### 4. THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A notice convening the AGM is set out on pages 16 to 21 of this circular. At the AGM, resolutions will be proposed to approve, *inter alia*, (i) the granting of the Repurchase Mandate and the Share Issue Mandate; and (ii) the re-election of Directors.

Completion and return of the proxy form will not preclude you from attending and voting in person at the AGM or any adjournment thereof should you so wish. In the event that a Shareholder having lodged a proxy form attends the AGM, his proxy form will be deemed to have been revoked.

#### 5. FORM OF PROXY

A proxy form for use at the AGM is enclosed with this circular. Whether or not you are able to attend the meeting. Such form of proxy is also published on the websites of the Stock Exchange (www.hkexnews.hk) and the Company (www.graphexgroup.com).

Shareholders recorded on the Company's register of members as of the close of business on the Share Record Date (Hong Kong Time) are cordially invited to attend the AGM in person. ADS Holders as of the close of business on the ADS Record Date (New York Time) are cordially invited to submit your voting instructions to The Bank of New York Mellon if the ADSs are held directly by the ADS Holders on the books and records of The Bank of New York Mellon or to the ADS Holder's bank, brokerage or other securities intermediary if the ADSs are held by any of them on behalf of the ADS Holders. Whether or not you propose to attend and vote at the said meeting, please complete, sign, date, and return the accompanying proxy form to the Company's share registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Investor Services Limited (for Shareholders) or your voting instructions to The Bank of New York Mellon if you hold your ADSs directly on the books and records of The Bank of New York Mellon or to your bank, brokerage, or other securities intermediary if you hold your ADSs indirectly through any of them, as the case may be (for ADS Holders) as promptly as possible and before the prescribed deadline if you wish to exercise your voting rights. Tricor Investor Services Limited must receive the proxy form by no later than 2:30 p.m. (Hong Kong Time) on 25 June 2024 at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong to ensure your representation at the AGM; and The Bank of New York Mellon must receive your voting instructions by the time and date specified in the ADS voting instruction card to enable the votes attaching to the Shares represented by your ADSs to be cast at the AGM.

#### LETTER FROM THE BOARD

#### 6. VOTING BY POLL

Pursuant to Rule 13.39(4) of the Listing Rules, any vote of the Shareholders at a general meeting of the Company must be taken by way of poll, except where the chairman, in good faith, decides to allow a resolution which relates purely to a procedural or administrative matter to be voted on by a show of hands. Accordingly, the resolutions to be considered and, if thought fit, approved at the AGM will be voted by way of a poll by the Shareholders. Results of the poll voting will be published on the Company's website at www.graphexgroup.com and the website of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited at www.hkexnews.hk upon the closing of the AGM.

#### 7. RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

This circular includes particulars given in compliance with the Listing Rules for the purpose of giving information relating to the Group. The Directors collectively and individually accept full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in this circular and confirm, having made all reasonable enquiries, that to the best of their knowledge and belief, there are no other facts not contained in this circular, the omission of which would make any statement in this circular incorrect or misleading.

#### 8. RECOMMENDATION

The Directors are of the opinion that all the proposed resolutions at the AGM, including but not limited to (i) the granting of the Repurchase Mandate and the Share Issue Mandate; and (ii) the re-election of Directors are in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole. Accordingly, the Directors recommend that the Shareholders to vote in favor of all the resolutions proposed at the AGM. No shareholder is required to abstain from voting in respect of any of the resolutions to be proposed at the AGM under the Listing Rules.

#### 9. FURTHER INFORMATION

Your attention is drawn to the information set out in the appendices to this circular.

Yours faithfully,
For and on behalf of the board of
Graphex Group Limited
Lau Hing Tat Patrick, JP
Chairman

#### APPENDIX I EXPLANATORY STATEMENT FOR REPURCHASE MANDATE

This Appendix serves as an explanatory statement, as required to be sent to all Shareholders under the Listing Rules, to provide the relevant information in connection with the Repurchase Mandate.

#### 1. LISTING RULES RELATING TO THE REPURCHASES OF SECURITIES

The Listing Rules permit companies whose primary listing is on the Stock Exchange to repurchase shares on the Stock Exchange and any other stock exchange on which securities of the company are listed and such exchange is recognised by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong subject to certain restrictions. Among such restrictions, the Listing Rules provide that the shares of such company must be fully paid up and all repurchases of shares by such company must be approved in advance by an ordinary resolution of shareholders, either by way of a general mandate or by specific approval of a particular transaction.

#### 2. EXERCISE OF THE REPURCHASE MANDATE

The Directors believe that the flexibility afforded by the mandate granted to them if the Repurchase Mandate is approved would be beneficial to the Company.

It is proposed that up to 10% of the issued and outstanding Shares as at the date of the passing of the resolution to approve the Repurchase Mandate may be repurchased. As at the Latest Practicable Date, 898,570,941 Shares were in issue and outstanding. Subject to the passing of the ordinary resolution set out in item 6 of the notice for the AGM and on the basis that no Shares are issued or repurchased by the Company between the Latest Practicable Date and the date of the AGM, the Board would be authorised to repurchase up to 89,857,094 Shares during the period up to the earlier of: (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting held, (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the Articles or applicable laws to be held or (iii) the revocation or variation of the Repurchase Mandate by ordinary resolution of the Shareholders at a general meeting of the Company.

#### 3. REASONS FOR REPURCHASES

Repurchases of Shares will only be made if the Board is of the view that such a repurchase will benefit the Company and its Shareholders as a whole. Such repurchases may, depending on the market conditions and funding arrangements at the time, lead to an enhancement of the net value of the Company and its assets and/or its earnings per Share.

#### 4. FUNDING OF REPURCHASES

Any exercise of the Repurchase Mandate would be financed entirely from the Company's available cash flow or working capital. Any repurchases will be made out of funds of the Company that are legally permitted to be utilised in this connection in accordance with the Company's Memorandum and Articles, the Listing Rules and the applicable laws and regulations of the Cayman Islands.

On the basis of the financial position of the Company as at 31 December 2023 (being the date of its latest published audited financial statements) and taking into account the current working capital position of the Company and the number of Shares now in issue, the Directors consider that there might be material adverse impact on the working capital or gearing position of the Company in the event that the Repurchase Mandate is to be exercised in full during the proposed repurchase period. The Directors will consider the financial conditions of the Company prevailing at the time whenever they consider exercising the Repurchase Mandate and 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 or the gearing levels of the Group at the time of the relevant repurchases unless the Directors determine that such repurchases are, taking into account all relevant factors, in the best interests of the Company.

#### 5. STATUS OF REPURCHASED SECURITIES

The Listing Rules provide that the listing of all repurchased securities is automatically cancelled and that the certificates for those securities must be cancelled and destroyed. The aggregate of the authorised share capital shall remain unchanged.

#### 6. INTENTION TO SELL SHARES

None of the Directors, and to the best of their knowledge, having made all reasonable enquiries, none of the close associates (as defined in the Listing Rules) of the Directors, have any present intention, if the Repurchase Mandate is approved by the Shareholders, to sell any Shares to the Company or its subsidiaries.

#### 7. DIRECTORS' UNDERTAKING

The Directors have undertaken to the Stock Exchange that, so far as the same may be applicable, they will exercise the power of the Company to make purchases pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate in accordance with the Company's Memorandum and Articles, the Listing Rules and the applicable laws and regulations of the Cayman Islands.

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

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

#### 9. TAKEOVERS CODE CONSEQUENCES

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

As at the Latest Practicable Date, to the best knowledge of the Company, the following Shareholders were interested in more than 10% of the Shares then in issue.

Name of shareholder	Capacity/ nature of interest	Number of Shares	Approximate % of shareholding
The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation	Interest of controlled corporation	277,075,148	30.84%
The Bank of New York Mellon	Beneficial owner	277,075,148	30.84%
Shen Taoyu	Interest of controlled corporation	100,000,000	11.14%
Wu Wenbei	Interest of controlled corporation	100,000,000	11.14%
Tycoon Partner Holdings Limited	Beneficial owner	100,000,000	11.14%
CYY Holdings Limited <sup>(Note)</sup>	Beneficial owner	93,716,887	10.44%

Note: CYY Holdings Limited is 100% beneficially owned by Mr. Chan Yick Yan Andross. Accordingly, Mr. Chan Yick Yan Andross is deemed to be interested in the shares of the Company held by CYY Holdings Limited under the SFO.

In the event that the Repurchase Mandate is exercised in full and assuming that there is no other change in the issued share capital of the Company between the Latest Practicable Date and the date of repurchase, the shareholding of these Shareholders in the Company would be increased.

Such increase may give rise to an obligation to make a mandatory offer under Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code. The Directors have no intention to exercise the Repurchase Mandate to such an extent as would result in takeover obligations. Save as disclosed above, the Directors are not aware of any Shareholder or group of Shareholders acting in concert, who may become obliged to make a mandatory offer under Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code as a consequence of any repurchases pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate.

The Directors have no intention to exercise the Repurchase Mandate to such an extent that would result in the number of Shares in the hands of public falling below the prescribed minimum percentage of 25%. The Directors will not exercise the Repurchase Mandate to such extent that may jeopardise the public float requirement.

#### 10. MARKET PRICES

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

Traded market price	
Highest	Lowest
HK\$	HK\$
0.570	0.430
0.490	0.405
0.640	0.415
0.530	0.445
0.480	0.400
0.465	0.405
0.470	0.400
0.450	0.395
0.425	0.305
0.340	0.232
0.230	0.192
0.200	0.160
0.178	0.125
	Highest  HK\$  0.570 0.490 0.640 0.530 0.480 0.465 0.470 0.450 0.425

### 11. INTENTION OF CORE CONNECTED PERSON(S) 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 has a present intention to sell Shares to the Company nor has he/she undertaken to sell any of the Shares held by him/her to the Company in the event that the Company is authorised to make purchases of shares.

Biographical details of the Directors proposed to be re-elected at the AGM are set out as follows:

#### (1) Mr. Lau Hing Tat Patrick - Executive Director

Mr. Lau Hing Tat Patrick (劉興達), JP, aged 64, is the Chairman of the Board and an Executive Director since 25 November 2013. He has over 40 years of experience in operation and management in landscape architecture service industry. Mr. Lau joined the Group in October 1986 as managing director of Earthasia Limited responsible for formulating corporate and business strategies and making major corporate and operational decisions and became one of the directors and shareholders in February 1987. He has been the director of Earthasia Limited since February 1987, the director of Earthasia (International) Limited since October 2004, the director and legal representative of Earthasia (Shanghai) Co. Ltd. since November 2004, the director of Carbonaphene Holdings Limited since March 2015, the director of Graphex Innovation and Technology Limited since August 2017. The aforementioned companies are principal subsidiaries, among others, of the Group in which Mr. Lau acts as a director or senior executive for the purpose of overseeing the management of such businesses.

Prior to joining the Group, Mr. Lau gained his experience in another two landscape architecture companies, namely, (i) Urbis Travis Morgan Limited from March 1985 to September 1986, and (ii) EBC Hong Kong (恰境師) from August 1983 to February 1985, as a landscape architect responsible for landscape design and project management.

Mr. Lau obtained his bachelor's degree in Landscape Architecture from the University of Toronto in June 1983. He obtained his master's degree in Urban Design from the University of Hong Kong in November 1991. Mr. Lau was qualified as a professional member in the grade of Associate of the Landscape Institute in the United Kingdom in January 1987. He has been a registered landscape architect under LARO since September 1999. He served in HKILA as president from September 1994 to May 1998 and has been a fellow member of HKILA since November 2008. He has taken up the positions of chairman of Asian Habitat Society (亞洲人居環境協會) and director of the Hong Kong Coalition of Professional Service. Mr. Lau is currently a member of the Town Planning Appeal Board Panel. He was a member of the Urban Forestry Advisory Panel from 2017 to 2023. He was a district councillor of the Hong Kong Eastern District Council from 2004 to 2011. He was also a member of the following institutions, namely, (i) the Community Involvement Committee on Greening from March 2011 to February 2013, (ii) the Harbour-front Enhancement Committee from May 2004 to August 2009, (iii) the Harbourfront Commission from July 2010 to June 2013, and (iv) the Lands and Development Advisory Committee from July 2009 to July 2015. Mr. Lau was appointed Justice of the Peace in July 2017.

Apart from his directorship at the Company, Mr. Lau has not held any directorships in any other listed companies in the past three years. Save as disclosed in this circular, Mr. Lau does not have any relationship with any Directors, senior management, substantial shareholders or controlling shareholder of the Company.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Lau held 9,212,000 Shares by himself, and 46,003,444 Shares through LSBJ Holdings Limited. Mr. Lau is the beneficial owner of the entire issued capital of LSBJ Holdings Limited. Mr. Lau's interest in the Company is 55,215,444 shares, representing approximately 6.15% of the issued share capital of the Company.

Mr. Lau has entered into a service agreement with the Company for an initial fixed term of three years commencing from 25 June 2014 and shall continue thereafter until it is terminated by Mr. Lau by giving to the Company not less than three months' notice in writing at any time after such initial fixed term or by the Company giving to Mr. Lau not less than three months' prior notice in writing at any time after the date of agreement. Mr. Lau is also subject to retirement from office and re-election at the annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the Articles.

Mr. Lau is currently entitled to HK\$3,360,000 per annum for his appointment as an Executive Director and may also be entitled to a discretionary bonus if so recommended by the remuneration committee and approved by the Board at its absolute discretion. The remuneration of Mr. Lau was determined with reference to his experience, level of responsibility and general market conditions.

Save as disclosed above, there is no other information relating to Mr. Lau that is required to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules, nor are there any other matters that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders in connection with Mr. Lau's proposed re-election.

#### (2) Mr. Qiu Bin - Executive Director

Mr. Qiu Bin (仇斌), aged 52, is an Executive Director since 31 July 2017. Mr. Qiu has been the director of Graphex Innovation and Technology Limited since August 2017; the business director of Earthasia Limited since October 2017. The aforementioned companies are principal subsidiaries, among others, of the Group in which Mr. Qiu acts as a director or senior executive for the purpose of overseeing the management of such businesses. He graduated from Beijing Union University with a bachelor degree in Business Administration. From 1992 to 2003, he was the department manager at the Bank of China Limited, Beijing Branch responsible for a wide range of banking and credit duties. From 2004 to 2008, he joined the Shanghai Pudong Development Bank, Beijing Branch and served as the business manager in charge of marketing and credit functions. From 2009 to 2012, Mr. Qiu became the deputy general manager and director of the finance department in Beijing Dong Fang Chengrui Investment Consultants, Ltd. ("Dong Fang"). He was responsible for the overall operation and strategic decisions of the foreign investment and financing businesses of Dong Fang. Mr. Qiu is well versed with Chinese domestic banking system, settlement, foreign exchange and credit areas. He also has extensive experience in the fields of financial management and securities investment.

Mr. Qiu has not held any directorships in any listed companies in the past three years.

Mr. Qiu does not have any relationship with any Directors, senior management, substantial shareholders or controlling shareholder of the Company.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Qiu does not have any interests or short positions in any share, underlying share or debenture of the Company or any of its associate corporations within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Mr. Qiu has entered into a service agreement with the Company under which he was appointed for a period of one year commencing from 31 July 2017, provided that either the Company or Mr. Qiu may terminate such appointment at any time by giving at least one month's notice in writing to the other at any time after the date of the agreement. Mr. Qiu is also subject to retirement from office and re-election at the annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the Articles.

Mr. Qiu is currently entitled to HK\$1,440,000 per annum for his appointment as an Executive Director. The remuneration of Mr. Qiu was determined with reference to his experience, level of responsibility and general market conditions.

Save as disclosed above, there is no other information relating to Mr. Qiu that is required to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules, nor are there any other matters that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders in connection with Mr. Qiu's proposed re-election.

#### (3) Mr. Ma Lida – Non-executive Director

Mr. Ma Lida (馬力達), aged 43, is a Non-executive Director since 24 February 2014. He has over 17 years of experience in financial management. He has been the deputy general manager and board secretary of Pubang Landscape Architecture Company Limited (廣州普邦園 林股份有限公司) ("**Pubang**") since May 2010 responsible for the general secretarial affairs. From July 2003 to February 2008, he worked as a project manager for the provision of auditing services in various projects in GP Certified Public Accountants Co., Ltd. (廣東正中珠江會計師 事務所有限公司), a PRC accounting firm.

Mr. Ma obtained his bachelor's degree in Economics from the School of Public Economics & Administration at Shanghai University of Finance and Economics (上海財經大學公共經濟與管理學院) in July 2003. He further obtained his master's degree in Business Administration from Sun Yat-sen University (中山大學) in June 2010.

Mr. Ma has not held any directorships in any listed public companies in the past three years.

Mr. Ma does not have any relationship with any Directors, senior management, substantial shareholders or controlling shareholder of the Company.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Ma does not have any interests or short positions in any share, underlying share or debenture of the Company or any of its associate corporations within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Mr. Ma has entered into a service agreement with the Company under which he was appointed for a period of three years commencing from 25 June 2014, provided that either the Company or Mr. Ma may terminate such appointment at any time by giving at least one month's notice in writing to the other at any time after the date of the agreement. Mr. Ma is also subject to retirement from office and re-election at the annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the Articles.

Mr. Ma is currently entitled to HK\$600,000 per annum for his appointment as a Non-executive Director. The remuneration of Mr. Ma was determined with reference to his experience, level of responsibility and general market conditions.

Save as disclosed above, there is no other information relating to Mr. Ma that is required to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules, nor are there any other matters that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders in connection with Mr. Ma's proposed re-election.



## GRAPHEX GROUP LIMITED 烯石電動汽車新材料控股有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)
(Stock code: 6128)

#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the annual general meeting of Graphex Group Limited (the "Company") will be held at 11/F, COFCO Tower, 262 Gloucester Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong on Thursday, 27 June 2024 at 2:30 p.m. (the "AGM"), for the following purposes:

#### ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS

As ordinary business to consider and, if thought fit, pass, with or without modification, the following resolutions as ordinary resolutions:

- 1. to receive and consider the audited financial statements and the reports of the directors (the "**Directors**") and the auditors of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2023;
- 2. (a) to re-elect Mr. Lau Hing Tat Patrick as an Executive Director of the Company;
  - (b) to re-elect Mr. Qiu Bin as an Executive Director of the Company;
  - (c) to re-elect Mr. Ma Lida as a Non-executive Director of the Company;
- 3. to authorise the board of Directors of the Company (the "**Board**") to fix the remuneration of all the Directors of the Company for the year ending 31 December 2024;
- 4. to re-appoint Crowe (HK) CPA Limited as the auditors of the Company for Hong Kong financial reporting purpose and to authorise the Board to fix their remuneration for the year ending 31 December 2024;

As special business to consider and, if thought fit, pass, with or without modification, the following resolutions as ordinary resolutions:

#### 5. "THAT:

- (a) subject to paragraphs (b) and (c) below, the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to purchase ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each in the capital of the Company (the "Shares") on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") or any other stock exchange recognised for this purpose by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong and the Stock Exchange in accordance with all applicable laws including the Hong Kong Code on Share Repurchases and the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the "Listing Rules") as amended from time to time be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the aggregate nominal amount of Shares which may be purchased or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be purchased by the Directors pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above shall not exceed 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue as at the date of passing this resolution, and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and
- (c) for the purposes of this resolution:

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

- (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
- (ii) the expiry of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the articles of association of the Company (the "Articles") or the applicable laws of the Cayman Islands to be held; and
- (iii) the revocation or variation of the authority given to the Directors under this resolution by ordinary resolution of the Company's shareholders in general meeting."

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

(a) subject to paragraph (c) below, the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with additional Shares and to make or grant offers, agreements and options which might require the exercise of such powers be and are hereby generally and unconditionally approved;

- (b) the approval in paragraph (a) shall authorise the Directors during the Relevant Period to make or grant offers, agreements and options which might require the exercise of such powers after the end of the Relevant Period;
- (c) the aggregate nominal amount of share capital allotted, issued and dealt with or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted, issued and dealt with (whether pursuant to an option or otherwise) by the Directors pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above, otherwise than pursuant to (i) a Rights Issue (as hereinafter defined), (ii) the exercise of options granted under any share option scheme adopted by the Company or (iii) any scrip dividend or similar arrangement providing for the allotment of Shares in lieu of the whole or part of a dividend on Shares in accordance with the Articles, shall not exceed the aggregate of 20% of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue at the date of passing this resolution and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and
- (d) for the purposes of this Resolution:

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

- (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
- (ii) the expiry of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the Articles or the applicable laws of the Cayman Islands to be held;
- (iii) the revocation or variation of the authority given to the Directors under this resolution by ordinary resolution of the Company's Shareholders in general meeting; and

"Rights Issue" means an offer of Shares open for a period fixed by the Directors to holders of Shares on the register of members of the Company on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of such Shares (subject to such exclusion or other arrangements as the Directors may deem necessary or expedient in relation to fractional entitlements or having regard to any legal or practical restrictions or obligations under the laws of, or the requirements of, any recognised regulatory body or any stock exchange in any territory applicable to the Company) and an offer, allotment or issue of Shares by way of rights shall be construed accordingly."

#### 7. "**THAT**:

Subject to the passing of resolutions 5 and 6 set out in this notice of the AGM, the aggregate nominal amount of Shares which are to be purchased by the Company pursuant to the authority granted to the Directors under resolution 5 set out in this notice of the AGM shall be added to the aggregate nominal amount of share capital that may be allotted or agreed to be allotted by the Directors pursuant to resolution 6 set out in this notice of the AGM."

#### SHARE RECORD DATE AND ADS RECORD DATE

The Board has fixed the close of business on 27 June 2024 (Hong Kong Time) as the record date (the "Share Record Date") of the Shares. Holders of record of the Shares (as of the Share Record Date) are entitled to attend and vote at the AGM and any adjourned meeting thereof.

The Board has fixed the close of business on 17 May 2024 (New York Time) as the record date (the "ADS Record Date") of the American Depositary Shares (the "ADSs"). Holders of record of the ADS ("ADS Holders") (as of the ADS Record Date), who wish to exercise their voting rights for the underlying Shares must give voting instructions either directly to The Bank of New York Mellon, the depositary of the ADSs, if the ADSs are held directly by the ADS Holders on the books and records of The Bank of New York Mellon, or indirectly through a bank, brokerage or other securities intermediary if the ADSs are held by any of them on behalf of the ADS Holders, as the case may be.

#### ATTENDING THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Only Shareholders as of the Share Record Date are entitled to attend and vote at the AGM. All officers and agents of the Company reserve the right to refuse any person entry to the AGM venue, or to instruct any person to leave the AGM venue, where such officer or agent reasonably considers that such refusal or instruction is or may be required for the Company or any other person to be able to comply with applicable laws and regulations. The exercise of such right to refuse entry or instruct to leave shall not invalidate the proceedings at the AGM.

#### PROXY FORMS AND ADS VOTING CARDS

A Shareholder as of the Share Record Date may appoint a proxy to exercise his or her rights at the AGM. ADS Holders as of the ADS Record Date will need to directly instruct The Bank of New York Mellon, the depositary of the ADSs, if the ADSs are held directly by the ADS Holders on the books and records of The Bank of New York Mellon, or instruct the ADS Holder's bank, brokerage or other securities intermediary if the ADSs are held by any of them on behalf of the ADS Holders, as the case may be, as to how to vote the shares represented by the ADSs. Please refer to the proxy form (for Shareholders) which is published on the websites of the Stock Exchange (www.hkexnews.hk) and the Company (www.graphexgroup.com).

Shareholders recorded on the Company's register of members as of the close of business on the Share Record Date (Hong Kong Time) are cordially invited to attend the AGM in person. ADS Holders as of the close of business on the ADS Record Date (New York Time) are cordially invited to submit your voting instructions to The Bank of New York Mellon if the ADSs are held directly by the ADS Holders on the books and records of The Bank of New York Mellon or to the ADB Holder's bank, brokerage or other securities intermediary if the ADSs are held by any of them on behalf of the ADS Holders. Whether or not you propose to attend and vote at the said meeting, please complete, sign, date, and return the accompanying proxy form to the Company's share registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Investor Services Limited (for holders of the Shares) or your voting instructions to The Bank of New York Mellon if you hold your ADSs directly on the books and records of The Bank of New York Mellon or to your bank, brokerage, or other securities intermediary if you hold your ADSs indirectly through any of them, as the case may be (for ADS Holders) as promptly as possible and before the prescribed deadline if you wish to exercise your voting rights. Tricor Investor Services Limited must receive the proxy form by no later than 2:30 p.m. (Hong Kong Time) on 25 June 2024 at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong to ensure your representation at the AGM; and The Bank of New York Mellon must receive your voting instructions by the time and date specified in the ADS voting instruction card to enable the votes attaching to the Shares represented by your ADSs to be cast at the AGM.

By order of the board
Graphex Group Limited
Lau Hing Tat Patrick, JP
Chairman

Hong Kong, 29 April 2024

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#### Notes:

- 1. Any member of the Company entitled to attend and vote at the AGM is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend and, on a poll, vote in his stead. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.
- 2. In order to be valid, a form of proxy, together with the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed, or a notarially certified copy thereof, must be deposited at the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Investor Services Limited, 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time for holding the AGM. Completion and return of a form of proxy will not preclude a member from attending and voting in person if he is subsequently able to be present.

- 3. In case of joint shareholdings, the vote of the senior joint shareholder who tenders a vote, whether in person or by proxy, will be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint shareholder(s) and for this purpose seniority will be determined by the order in which the names stand in the register of members of the Company in respect of the joint shareholding.
- 4. In relation to the ordinary resolution set out in item 5 of this notice, the Directors wish to state that they will exercise the powers conferred thereby to repurchase Shares in circumstances which they deem appropriate or for the benefit of the Shareholders. The explanatory statement containing the information necessary to enable the 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 is set out in Appendix I of the circular on, amongst others, general mandate to repurchase and issue shares to be published by the Company on 29 April 2024.
- 5. For the purposes of holding the AGM, the register of members of the Company will be closed from Monday, 24 June 2024 to Thursday, 27 June 2024 (both days inclusive), for the purpose of determining the entitlement to attend and vote at the AGM scheduled to be held on Thursday, 27 June 2024. In order to be eligible to attend and vote at the AGM, all transfer forms accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Investor Services Limited, 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong not later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, 21 June 2024.

As at the date of this notice, the Directors of the Company are:

Executive Directors:

Mr. Lau Hing Tat Patrick

Mr. Chan Yick Yan Andross

Mr. Qiu Bin

Non-executive Director:

Mr. Ma Lida

Independent Non-executive Directors:

Ms. Tam Ip Fong Sin

Mr. Wang Yuncai

Mr. Liu Kwong Sang

Mr. Tang Zhaodong