# HKBN Ltd. 香港寬頻有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(the "Company")

# **TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE NOMINATION COMMITTEE**

### Definitions

1. For the purposes of these terms of reference (the "**Terms**"):

"Articles" means the articles of association of the Company (as amended from time to time);

"Board" means the board of directors of the Company;

"Company" means HKBN Ltd.;

"Company Secretary" means the company secretary of the Company;

"Directors" means the members of the Board;

"Group" means the Company and its subsidiaries;

"Listing Rules" means the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (as amended from time to time);

"**Nomination Committee**" means the nomination committee established by the resolution of the Board in accordance with these Terms;

"Shareholders" means the shareholders of the Company from time to time; and

"Stock Exchange" means The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

#### Establishment

2. The Nomination Committee was established by resolution of the Board on 6 February 2015.

## Membership

- 3. The members of the Nomination Committee shall be appointed by the Board from among the Directors and shall consist of not less than three members, a majority of whom shall be independent non-executive Directors. A quorum shall be two members of whom at least one shall be an independent non-executive Director.
- 4. The chairman of the Nomination Committee shall be appointed by the Board and shall be an independent non-executive Director or the chairman of the Board.
- 5. If there is any deviation on the membership of the Nomination Committee, the Company shall provide reason in its annual and interim reports.
- 6. The composition of the Nomination Committee shall comply with the requirements of the Listing Rules.

## Meetings

- 7. Meetings shall be held as and when appropriate, but not less than once a year.
- 8. An agenda and other relevant documents should be sent to all members in a timely manner and at least three days before the intended date of a meeting of the Nomination Committee (or such other period as may be agreed by its members).
- 9. Meetings of the Nomination Committee may follow the same procedures as those for meetings of the Board under the relevant provisions in the Articles.

### Annual general meetings

10. The chairman of the Nomination Committee (or in his/her absence, his/her duly appointed delegate) shall attend the Company's annual general meetings and be prepared to respond to any Shareholders' questions on the Nomination Committee's activities.

## Authority

- 11. The Nomination Committee is authorised by the Board to perform any activity within these Terms. It is authorised to seek any information it requires from any employee of the Group and all employees are directed to co-operate with the Nomination Committee.
- 12. The Nomination Committee is authorised by the Board to determine the Nomination Policy of the Company and adopt the nomination procedures, process and criteria to select and recommend candidates for directorship. In carrying out its responsibilities, the Nomination Committee shall give due consideration to all relevant laws, rules, regulations and guidance applicable to the Group.
- 13. The Nomination Committee is authorised by the Board to obtain, at the Company's expense, external independent professional advice and to secure the attendance of external party with relevant experience and expertise if it considers necessary. The Nomination Committee shall be provided with sufficient resources to perform its duties. The Nomination Committee shall be responsible for establishing the selection criteria, selecting, appointing and setting the terms of reference for any external party who advises the Nomination Committee.

#### Duties

- 14. The duties of the Nomination Committee shall include:
  - (a) reviewing the structure, size and composition (including the skills, knowledge and experience) required of the Board at least annually and making recommendations on any proposed changes to the Board to complement the Company's corporate strategy;
  - (b) giving full consideration to succession planning for Directors and other senior executives in the course of its work, taking into account the challenges and opportunities facing by the Company and skills and expertise needed on the Board in the future;
  - (c) reviewing the Nomination Policy and the Board Diversity Policy and being responsible for identifying and nominating for the approval of the Board, candidates to fill such board vacancies as and when they arise, having due regard to the Nomination Policy and the Board Diversity Policy;

- (d) identifying individuals suitably qualified to become Directors and selecting or making recommendations to the Board on the selection of individuals nominated for directorship;
- (e) assessing the independence of independent non-executive Directors;
- (f) making recommendations to the Board on the appointment or re-appointment of Directors and succession planning for Directors, in particular the chairman and the chief executive;
- (g) before appointments are made by the Board, evaluating the balance of skills, knowledge and experience on the Board, and, in the light of this evaluation preparing a description of the role and capabilities required for a particular appointment. In identifying suitable candidates, the Nomination Committee shall (where applicable and appropriate):
  - (i) use open advertising or the services of external advisers to facilitate the search;
  - (ii) consider candidates from a wide range of backgrounds; and
  - (iii) consider candidates on merit and against objective criteria, taking care that appointees have enough time available to devote to the position;
- (h) reviewing the leadership needs of the Group, both executive and non-executive Directors, with a view to ensuring the continued ability of the Group to compete effectively in the market;
- (i) keeping up to date and fully informed about strategic issues and commercial changes affecting the Company and the market in which it operates;
- (j) reviewing and monitoring the training and continuous professional development of Directors and senior management;
- (k) reviewing at least annually the time and contribution required from Directors. Performance evaluations should be used to assess whether the Directors are spending enough time in fulfilling their duties; and
- (1) ensuring that on appointment to the Board, non-executive Directors receive a formal letter of appointment setting out clearly what is expected of them in terms of time commitment, committee service and involvement outside board meetings.
- 15. The Nomination Committee having due regard to the Nomination Policy and the Board Diversity Policy (where appropriate) shall also make recommendations to the Board concerning:
  - (a) formulating succession plans for both executive and non-executive Directors;
  - (b) suitable candidates for the role of independent non-executive Directors;
  - (c) membership of the Company's board committees in consultation with the chairmen of those committees;

- (d) the re-appointment of any non-executive Director at the conclusion of their specified term of office having given due regard to their performance and ability to continue to contribute to the Board in the light of the knowledge, skills and experience required;
- (e) the re-election by Shareholders of any Director under the "retirement by rotation" provisions in the Articles having due regard to their performance and ability to continue to contribute to the board in the light of the knowledge, skills and experience required; and
- (f) any matters relating to the continuation in office of any Director at any time including the suspension or termination of service of an executive Director as an employee of the Company subject to the provisions of the law and their service contract.

## **Reporting procedures**

- 16. Full minutes of the Nomination Committee's meetings shall be kept by a duly appointed secretary of the meeting (who should normally be the Company Secretary or a duly appointed representative). The minutes shall be made available for inspection on reasonable notice by any Director. Minutes of meetings of the Nomination Committee shall record in sufficient detail the matters considered by the Nomination Committee and decisions reached, including any concerns raised by members or dissenting views expressed. Draft and final versions of minutes of such meetings should be sent to all members of the Nomination Committee for their comment and records within a reasonable time after such meetings.
- 17. Without prejudice to the generality of the duties of the Nomination Committee set out in these Terms, the Nomination Committee shall report back to the Board and keep the Board fully informed of its decisions and recommendations, unless there are legal or regulatory restrictions on its ability to do so.
- 18. The Nomination Committee shall make a statement in the annual reports about its activities, the process used to make appointments and whether external advice and/or open advertising was used.
- 19. The Nomination Committee should evaluate its own performance, these Terms, and its membership annually to ensure it is performing its duties effectively, and recommend to the Board any changes it considers necessary.

## Terms available

20. The Nomination Committee shall make these Terms available on request and by inclusion on the websites of the Company and the Stock Exchange in order to explain its role and the authority delegated to it by the Board.

Hong Kong, 31 October 2024