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(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 288)

- (1) PROPOSED RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS
- (2) PROPOSED GRANTING OF GENERAL MANDATES TO REPURCHASE SHARES AND TO ISSUE SHARES
 (3) PROPOSED FINAL DIVIDEND AND
 (4) NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Capitalized terms used in this cover shall have the same meanings as those defined in this circular.

A notice convening the Annual General Meeting of WH Group Limited to be held at The Diamond Ballroom I, Level 3, The Ritz-Carlton, Hong Kong, International Commerce Centre, 1 Austin Road West, Kowloon, Hong Kong on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 3:30 p.m. is set out on pages 18 to 22 of this circular. A form of proxy for use at the Annual General Meeting is also sent to the Shareholders together with this circular. Such form of proxy is also published on the websites of the Stock Exchange (www.hkexnews.hk) and the Company (www.wh-group.com).

Whether or not you intend to attend the Annual General Meeting, you are requested to complete the accompanying form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return the same to Computershare, the branch share registrar of the Company in Hong Kong, at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong as soon as possible but in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the Annual General Meeting (i.e. before 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 26, 2019) or any adjournment thereof. Completion and return of the form of proxy shall not preclude you from attending and voting in person at the Annual General Meeting or any adjournment thereof if you so desire.

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DEFINITIONS

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

"2018 Final Dividend" a final dividend of HK\$0.15 per Share for the year ended

December 31, 2018

"Annual General an annual general meeting of the Company to be held at The Meeting"

Diamond Ballroom I, Level 3, The Ritz-Carlton, Hong Kong, International Commerce Centre, 1 Austin Road West, Kowloon, Hong Kong on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 3:30 p.m., or any adjournment thereof, to consider and, if thought fit, approve the resolutions contained in the notice of the Annual General

Meeting which is set out on pages 18 to 22 of this circular

"Articles of the articles of association of the Company, as amended and adopted from time to time Association"

"Audit Committee" the audit committee of the Company

"Board" the board of Directors

"Company" WH Group Limited, a company incorporated in the Cayman

Islands with limited liability, the Shares of which are listed on the

Main Board of the Stock Exchange

"Computershare" Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, the

branch share registrar of the Company in Hong Kong

"Director(s)" the director(s) of the Company

Ernst & Young, Certified Public Accountants "Ernst & Young"

"Group" the Company and its subsidiaries

Plan"

"Heroic Zone Share the share plan dated December 25, 2009, revised on December

> 17, 2012 and July 11, 2016 respectively, under which a group of employees of Shuanghui Development and its associated entities hold 100% of the beneficial interests in Rise Grand Group Limited, which in turn holds 100% of the equity interest in

Heroic Zone Investments Limited

Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong "HK\$"

"Hong Kong" the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC

"Issuance Mandate" a general mandate proposed to be granted to the Directors as set

out in item 7 of the notice of the Annual General Meeting

"Latest Practicable April 15, 2019, being the latest practicable date prior to the Date"

printing of this circular for ascertaining certain information in

this circular

DEFINITIONS

"Listing Date" August 5, 2014, being the date of the listing of the Shares on the

Main Board of the Stock Exchange

the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock "Listing Rules"

Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

"Nomination Committee" the nomination committee of the Company

"PRC" the People's Republic of China

"RMB" Renminbi, the lawful currency of the PRC

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

of Hong Kong)

ordinary share(s) with nominal value of US\$0.0001 each in the "Share(s)"

share capital of the Company

"Shareholder(s)" holder(s) of Share(s)

"Share Repurchase a general mandate proposed to be granted to the Directors as set Mandate"

out in item 6 of the notice of the Annual General Meeting

"Shuanghui Henan Shuanghui Investment & Development Co., Ltd. (河南雙 Development"

匯投資發展股份有限公司), a company established under the laws of the PRC and an indirect non-wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, the shares of which are listed on the Shenzhen Stock

Exchange in the PRC

"Shuanghui Group" Henan Luohe Shuanghui Industry Group Co., Ltd. (河南省漯河

市雙匯實業集團有限責任公司), a company established under the laws of the PRC and an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the

Company in the PRC

"Smithfield" Smithfield Foods, Inc., a corporation incorporated in the

Commonwealth of Virginia, the U.S. and an indirect wholly-

owned subsidiary of the Company

"Stock Exchange" The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

"subsidiary" has the meaning ascribed thereto under the Listing Rules

"Takeovers Code" the Code on Takeovers and Mergers as amended from time to

time

"U.S." the United States of America

United States dollars, the lawful currency of the U.S. "US\$"

"_{0/0}" per cent



(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

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Executive Directors:

Mr. WAN Long (Chairman and Chief Executive Officer)

Mr. WAN Hongjian (Deputy Chairman and Vice President)

Mr. GUO Lijun (Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer)

Mr. SULLIVAN Kenneth Marc (President and Chief Executive Officer of Smithfield)

Mr. MA Xiangjie (President of Shuanghui Development)

Non-executive Director:

Mr. JIAO Shuge

Independent Non-executive Directors:

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Mr. LEE Conway Kong Wai

Mr. LAU, Jin Tin Don

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April 24, 2019

To the Shareholders

Dear Sir/Madam,

- (1) PROPOSED RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS
- (2) PROPOSED GRANTING OF GENERAL MANDATES TO REPURCHASE SHARES AND TO ISSUE SHARES
 (3) PROPOSED FINAL DIVIDEND AND
 - (4) NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this circular is to provide the Shareholders with information of the resolutions to be proposed, and if thought fit, to be approved at the Annual General

Meeting in respect of:

- (i) the re-election of the retiring Directors;
- (ii) the granting of the Share Repurchase Mandate and the Issuance Mandate to the Directors; and
- (iii) the proposed payment of the 2018 Final Dividend.

2. PROPOSED RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS

Pursuant to Article 16.18 of the Articles of Association, at every annual general meeting of the Company, one-third of the Directors for the time being (or, if their number is not three or a multiple of three, then the number nearest to, but not less than, one-third) shall retire from office by rotation, provided that every Director (including those appointed for a specific term) shall be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years. A retiring Director shall retain office until the close of the meeting at which he retires and shall be eligible for re-election thereat.

In accordance with Article 16.18 of the Articles of Association, Mr. GUO Lijun, Mr. SULLIVAN Kenneth Marc and Mr. LEE Conway Kong Wai shall retire from their offices as Directors at the Annual General Meeting. Mr. GUO Lijun, Mr. SULLIVAN Kenneth Marc and Mr. LEE Conway Kong Wai being eligible, will offer themselves for re-election at the Annual General Meeting.

In accordance with Article 16.2 of the Articles of Association, Mr. WAN Hongjian and Mr. MA Xiangjie, both appointed as Directors with effect from June 4, 2018, shall retire from their offices as Directors at the Annual General Meeting. Mr. WAN Hongjian and Mr. MA Xiangjie, being eligible, will offer themselves for re-election at the Annual General Meeting.

The details of Mr. WAN Hongjian, Mr. GUO Lijun, Mr. SULLIVAN Kenneth Marc, Mr. MA Xiangjie and Mr. LEE Conway Kong Wai are set out in Appendix I to this circular.

3. PROPOSED GRANTING OF GENERAL MANDATE TO REPURCHASE SHARES AND TO ISSUE SHARES

Pursuant to the resolutions passed by the Shareholders at the annual general meeting of the Company on June 4, 2018, (i) a general mandate was granted to the Directors to repurchase Shares not exceeding 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company as at June 4, 2018, and (ii) a general mandate was granted to the Directors to issue, allot and deal with additional Shares not exceeding 20% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company as at June 4, 2018, and such general mandate was extended by the aggregate nominal amount of the Shares repurchased by the Company. Such mandates will lapse at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting.

In order to give the Company the flexibility to repurchase Shares and issue Shares if and when appropriate, ordinary resolutions will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting to approve:

- (i) the granting of the Share Repurchase Mandate to the Directors to purchase Shares on the Stock Exchange of not exceeding 10% of the total number of issued Shares as at the date of passing of the ordinary resolution as set out in item 6 of the notice of the Annual General Meeting (i.e. 1,469,888,211 Shares, on the basis that the total number of issued Shares will remain unchanged on the date of the Annual General Meeting);
- (ii) the granting of the Issuance Mandate to the Directors to allot, issue or deal with additional Shares of not exceeding 10% of the total number of issued Shares as at the date of passing of the ordinary resolution as set out in item 7 of the notice of the Annual General Meeting (i.e. 1,469,888,211 Shares on the basis that the total number of issued Shares will remain unchanged on the date of the Annual General Meeting); and
- (iii) the extension of the Issuance Mandate by adding the total number of Shares repurchased by the Company since the granting of the Share Repurchase Mandate, as set out in item 8 of the notice of the Annual General Meeting.

The Directors wish to state that they have no immediate plan to repurchase any Shares pursuant to the Share Repurchase Mandate or to issue any Shares pursuant to the Issuance Mandate.

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

4. PROPOSED FINAL DIVIDEND

As disclosed in the announcement of the Company dated March 15, 2019, the Board has recommended the payment of the 2018 Final Dividend of HK\$0.15 per Share for the year ended December 31, 2018 to the Shareholders subject to the approval of the Shareholders at the Annual General Meeting. Taking into account of the interim dividend of HK\$0.05 per Share paid on September 12, 2018, total dividend for the year ended December 31, 2018 will be HK\$0.20 per Share (2017: HK\$0.27 per Share). The 2018 Final Dividend is expected to be paid in cash to the Shareholders on or about Friday, June 21, 2019.

5. CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The register of members of the Company will be closed during the following periods and during these periods, no transfer of Shares will be registered:

(i) To attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting

For the purpose of ascertaining the Shareholders' entitlement to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting, the register of members of the Company will be closed from Thursday, May 23, 2019 to Tuesday, May 28, 2019, both days inclusive. In order to be eligible to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting, all transfers of Shares accompanied by the relevant share certificates and appropriate transfer forms must be lodged for registration with Computershare at Shops 1712–1716, 17/F, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong not later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 22, 2019.

(ii) To qualify for the proposed 2018 Final Dividend

For the purpose of ascertaining the Shareholders' entitlement to the proposed 2018 Final Dividend, the register of members of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, June 4, 2019 to Thursday, June 6, 2019, both days inclusive. In order to qualify for the proposed 2018 Final Dividend, all transfers of Shares accompanied by the relevant share certificates and appropriate transfer forms must be lodged for registration with Computershare at Shops 1712–1716, 17/F, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong, not later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, June 3, 2019.

6. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND PROXY ARRANGEMENT

The notice of the Annual General Meeting is set out on pages 18 to 22 of this circular.

Pursuant to Rule 13.39(4) of the Listing Rules and Article 13.6 of the Articles of Association, any vote of shareholders at a general meeting must be taken by 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. An announcement on the poll results will be published by the Company after the Annual General Meeting in the manner prescribed under Rule 13.39(5) of the Listing Rules.

A form of proxy for use at the Annual General Meeting is sent to the Shareholders together with this circular. Such form of proxy is also published on the websites of the Stock Exchange (www.hkexnews.hk) and the Company (www.wh-group.com). Whether or not you intend to attend the Annual General Meeting, you are requested to complete the accompanying form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return the same to Computershare, the branch share registrar of the Company in Hong Kong, at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong as soon as possible but in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of

the Annual General Meeting (i.e. before 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 26, 2019) or any adjournment thereof. Completion and return of the form of proxy shall not preclude you from attending and voting in person at the Annual General Meeting if you so desire.

To the best of the Directors' knowledge, information and belief, having made all reasonable enquiries, no Shareholder is required to abstain from voting at the Annual General Meeting.

7. RECOMMENDATION

The Directors consider that (i) the proposed re-election of the retiring Directors; (ii) the proposed granting of the Share Repurchase Mandate and Issuance Mandate to the Directors; and (iii) the proposed payment of the 2018 Final Dividend are in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole. Accordingly, the Directors recommend the Shareholders to vote in favour of all resolutions to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

8. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

Yours faithfully,
For and on behalf of the Board
WH Group Limited
Wan Long
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

WAN Hongjian (萬洪建), age 50, was appointed as an executive Director on March 26, 2018 with effect from June 4, 2018 and as the deputy chairman of our Board since August 14, 2018. He has also served as a vice president of the Company since April 2016. He is responsible for the international trading business of the Group. Previously, Mr. Wan served as a cooked food workshop worker at Henan Luohe Meat Products Processing United Factory (河南省漯河市肉類聯合加工廠) from October 1990 to December 1991, as a sales officer in the Beijing sales office of Shuanghui Group from January 1992 to October 1993, as a deputy director of the foreign trading department of Shuanghui Group from November 1993 to September 2010, as deputy general manager of Rotary Vortex in charge of international trading business from February 2012 to October 2013 and as a director of international trading department of the Company from November 2015 to March 2016. Mr. Wan graduated from Henan Radio and Television University (河南廣播電視大學) with an associate degree in commercial business management in July 1990. He is the son of Mr. Wan Long.

Mr. Wan has entered into a service contract with the Company as an executive Director for a term of three years commencing from June 4, 2018, being the effective date of his appointment. Mr. Wan is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at least once every three years at the annual general meeting in accordance with the Articles of Association. Mr. Wan is not entitled to receive any director's fee. Mr. Wan is entitled to receive a discretionary management bonus which is determined by the Board with reference to the Company's performance, the prevailing market conditions and the individual director's overall performance after the completion of each service year. Mr. Wan received director's emoluments in the total sum of HK\$3,584,341 for the period from June 4, 2018 (the effective date of his appointment as an executive Director) to December 31, 2018.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Wan: (1) does not have any interests in the Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO; (2) has not held any other positions with the Company or other members of the Group; (3) has not been a director of any public company, the securities of which are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas, in the last three years; (4) does not have any other major appointments and professional qualifications; (5) does not have any relationship with any Director, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company; (6) has no other information that needs to be disclosed pursuant to paragraphs (h) to (v) of Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules; and (7) has no other matter that needs to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

GUO Lijun (郭麗軍), age 48, was appointed as an executive Director on December 31, 2013. He has also served as an executive vice president and the chief financial officer of the Company since April 2016. He also holds directorships in various subsidiaries of the Group. Prior to this, Mr. Guo was our deputy chief executive officer from October 2013 to January

2014, and a vice president and the chief financial officer of the Company from January 2014 to March 2016. Mr. Guo has over 20 years of experience overseeing the financial operations of various companies. Mr. Guo worked as an accountant in the finance department of the Henan Luohe Meat Products Processing United Factory (河南省漯河市肉類聯合加工廠) from June 1993 to March 1996. Mr. Guo was also the financial controller of Luohe Chinachem Shuanghui Packaging Industry Co., Ltd. (漯河華懋雙匯化工包裝有限公司) and Luohe Chinachem Shuanghui Plastic Processing Co., Ltd. (漯河華懋雙匯塑料工程有限公司) from April 1996 to February 2001. Mr. Guo held various positions in Shuanghui Group from March 2001 to August 2012, including serving as its deputy director, its director of the finance department and its chief financial officer. In addition, Mr. Guo was also the executive vice president of Shuanghui Development (a company listed on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange with stock code 000895 and our subsidiary) from August 2012 to October 2013.

Mr. Guo obtained his adult higher education diploma in financial accounting from Henan Radio and Television University (河南廣播電視大學) in July 1994 and obtained the completion certificate for the master of business administration program of the Graduate School of Renmin University (中國人民大學研究生院) in December 2004. Mr. Guo received his assistant accountant certificate awarded by the PRC Ministry of Personnel (中華人民共和國人事部) in October 1994.

Mr. Guo has entered into a service contract with the Company as an executive Director for a term of three years commencing from the Listing Date. Mr. Guo is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at least once every three years at the annual general meeting in accordance with the Articles of Association. Mr. Guo retired as executive Director by rotation on May 23, 2016 and was re-elected as executive Director on May 23, 2016 for a term of three years commencing on the date of re-election. Mr. Guo is not entitled to receive any director's fee. Mr. Guo is entitled to receive a discretionary management bonus which is determined by the Board with reference to the Company's performance, the prevailing market conditions and the individual director's overall performance after the completion of each service year. Mr. Guo received director's emoluments in the total sum of HK\$6,510,000 for the year ended December 31, 2018.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Guo is (i) interested in 100,000 Shares; (ii) interested in the share options to subscribe for 40,000,000 Shares granted under the pre-IPO share option scheme of the Company; (iii) deemed to be interested in 1,899,000 Shares by virtue of his interest in controlled corporations; and (iv) deemed to be interested in 76,144,602 Shares as a beneficiary of a trust of the Heroic Zone Share Plan; each within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Guo: (1) does not have any interests in the Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO; (2) has not held any other positions with the Company or other members of the Group; (3) has not been a director of any public company, the securities of which are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas, in the last three years; (4) does not have any other major appointments and professional qualifications; (5) does not have any relationship with any Director, senior management

or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company; (6) has no other information that needs to be disclosed pursuant to paragraphs (h) to (v) of Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules; and (7) has no other matter that needs to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

SULLIVAN Kenneth Marc, age 55, was appointed as an executive Director on January 22, 2016. He has served as president and chief executive officer of Smithfield since December 2015 and as a director of Smithfield since January 2016. He also holds directorships in various subsidiaries of the Group. He has served in various other positions with Smithfield since joining Smithfield in 2003, including vice president of internal audit from 2003 to 2007, vice president and chief accounting officer from 2007 to 2010, senior vice president of finance and chief accounting officer from 2012 to 2013, executive vice president and chief financial officer from October 2013 to October 2015 and President and chief operating officer from October 2015 to December 2015. Mr. Sullivan has expertise in corporate strategy and finance, capital markets, operations analysis and organizational leadership, and possesses in-depth knowledge of the Group's U.S. and international business segments. Prior to joining Smithfield, Mr. Sullivan spent 12 years at various large accounting and consulting firms.

Mr. Sullivan became a certified public accountant in the Commonwealth of Virginia, U.S. in April 1993. Mr. Sullivan obtained his bachelor of science degree from the School of Business of the Virginia Commonwealth University in August 1988.

Mr. Sullivan has entered into a service contract with the Company as an executive Director for a term of three years commencing from January 22, 2016, being the date of his appointment. Mr. Sullivan is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at least once every three years at the annual general meeting in accordance with the Articles of Association. Mr. Sullivan retired as executive Director on May 23, 2016 and was re-elected as executive Director on May 23, 2016 for a term of three years commencing on the date of re-election. Mr. Sullivan is not entitled to receive any director's fee. Mr. Sullivan is entitled to receive a discretionary management bonus which is determined by the Board with reference to the Company's performance, the prevailing market conditions and the individual director's overall performance after the completion of each service year. Mr. Sullivan received director's emoluments in the total sum of US\$3,434,534 (equivalent to approximately HK\$26,789,365) for the year ended December 31, 2018.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Sullivan is interested in the share options to subscribe for 12,000,000 Shares granted under the pre-IPO share option scheme of the Company, within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Sullivan: (1) does not have any interests in the Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO; (2) has not held any other positions with the Company or other members of the Group; (3) has not been a director of any public company, the securities of which are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas, in the last three years; (4) does not have any other major appointments and professional qualifications; (5) does not have any relationship with any Director, senior

management or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company; (6) has no other information that needs to be disclosed pursuant to paragraphs (h) to (v) of Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules; and (7) has no other matter that needs to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

MA Xiangjie (馬相傑), age 47, was appointed as an executive Director on March 26, 2018 with effect from June 4, 2018. He has also served as a director and the president of Shuanghui Development since August 22, 2018 and December 26, 2017, respectively. Previously, he served as the vice president of Shuanghui Development and the general manager of its fresh food division from August 25, 2012 to December 25, 2017. He also holds directorships in various subsidiaries of the Group. Mr. Ma has over 22 years of work experience with the Group. Mr. Ma was the deputy director of Shuanghui Development in charge of the production of fresh meat products department from September 2008 to September 2010. He also served as the general manager of the integrated business department of Shuanghui Group from September 2010 to April 2012. In addition, Mr. Ma has worked as the director of Shuanghui Development Ingredients Factory (雙匯發展香輔 料分廠) since May 2001; as a general manager of Luohe Shineway Haiying Seasoning Food Co., Ltd. (漯河雙匯海櫻調味料食品有限公司) since August 2003; as a general manager of Luohe Tianrui Biochemicals Co., Ltd. (漯河天瑞生化有限公司) since April 2004; as a managing director of Luohe Shuanghui Food Sales Co., Ltd. (漯河雙匯食品銷售有限公司) since October 26, 2012; as a director of Fuxin Shuanghui Meat Processing Co., Ltd. (阜新雙 匯肉類加工有限公司) since February 22, 2013; as a director of Heilongjiang Baoquanling Shuanghui Beidahuang Food Co., Ltd. (黑龍江寶泉嶺雙匯北大荒食品有限公司) since February 22, 2013 and as a director of Shaanxi Shuanghui Food Co., Ltd. (陝西雙匯食品 有限公司) since November 19, 2013.

Mr. Ma graduated from the faculty of storage and processing of agricultural products from the Henan Agricultural University (河南農業大學) in July 1996, obtained the completion certificate for the master of business administration program of the Graduate School of Renmin University (中國人民大學研究生院) in March 2005 and received his master's degree in food engineering from the Northwest A&F University (西北農林科技大學) in June 2010. In addition, Mr. Ma obtained his qualification as an engineer of light industries issued by the People's Government of Luohe City in June 2003.

Mr. Ma has entered into a service contract with the Company as an executive Director for a term of three years commencing from June 4, 2018, being the effective date of his appointment. Mr. Ma is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at least once every three years at the annual general meeting in accordance with the Articles of Association. Mr. Ma is not entitled to receive any director's fee. Mr. Ma is entitled to receive a discretionary management bonus which is determined by the Board with reference to the Company's performance, the prevailing market conditions and the individual director's overall performance after the completion of each service year. Mr. Ma received director's emoluments in the total sum of RMB2,033,693 (approximately HK\$2,424,580) for the period from June 4, 2018 (the effective date of his appointment as an executive Director) to December 31, 2018.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Ma is (i) interested in the share options to subscribe for 9,922,417 Shares granted under the pre-IPO share option scheme of the Company; (ii) deemed to be interested in 16,113,357 Shares as a beneficiary of a trust of the Heroic Zone Share Plan, (iii) deemed to be interest in 3,000 Shares by virtue of the interest of his spouse in 3,000 Shares of the Company; and (iv) deemed to be interest in 16,350 shares of Shuanghui Development, being an associated corporation of the Company, by virtue of the interest of his spouse in 16,350 shares of Shuanghui Development, each within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Ma: (1) does not have any interests in the Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO; (2) has not held any other positions with the Company or other members of the Group; (3) has not been a director of any public company, the securities of which are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas, in the last three years; (4) does not have any other major appointments and professional qualifications; (5) does not have any relationship with any Director, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company; (6) has no other information that needs to be disclosed pursuant to paragraphs (h) to (v) of Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules; and (7) has no other matter that needs to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

LEE Conway Kong Wai (李港衛), age 64, was appointed as one of our independent non-executive Directors on July 16, 2014 with effect from the Listing Date. In addition, Mr. Lee has extensive experience as an independent non-executive director of listed companies and currently serves as an independent non-executive director in the following companies listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange: Chaowei Power Holdings Limited (with stock code 00951) since July 2010, West China Cement Limited (with stock code 02233) since July 2010, China Modern Dairy Holdings Ltd. (with stock code 01117) since December 2010, Gome Electrical Appliances Holding Limited (with stock code 00493) since March 2011, Tibet 5100 Water Resources Holdings Ltd. (with stock code 01115) since March 2011, NVC Lighting Holding Limited (with stock code 02222) since November 2012, Yashili International Holdings Ltd. (with stock code 01230) since November 2013, GCL New Energy Holdings Limited (with stock code 0451) since May 2014, China Rundong Auto Group Limited (with stock code 1365) since August 2014 and Guotai Junan Securities Co., Ltd. ("GTJA") (with stock code 02611) since April 2017. Mr. Lee also serves as an independent director of GTJA (a company listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange with stock code: 601211) since April 2017. Formerly, Mr. Lee also served as a non-executive director and the deputy chairman of Merry Garden Holdings Limited (a company listed on the Stock Exchange with stock code 01237) from July 2014 to September 2015, an independent non-executive director of China Taiping Insurance Holdings Company Limited (a company listed on the Stock Exchange with stock code 00966) from October 2009 to August 2013, of Sino Vanadium Inc. (a company listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange with stock code SVX) from October 2009 to December 2011, and of CITIC

Securities Company Limited (with stock code 06030) from November 2011 to May 2016. Mr. Lee had been a partner of Ernst & Young (HK) from September 1980 to September 2009.

Mr. Lee was a member of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference of Hunan Province in China between 2008 and 2017. He received a bachelor's degree in arts from Kingston University (formerly known as Kingston Polytechnic) in London in July 1980 and subsequently obtained his postgraduate diploma in business from Curtin University of Technology in Australia in February 1988. He is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, the Chartered Accountants, Australia and New Zealand (formerly known as the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia), the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Macau Society of Registered Accountants.

Mr. Lee has entered into a letter of appointment with the Company as an independent non-executive Director for a term of three years commencing from the Listing Date. Mr. Lee is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at least once every three years at the annual general meeting in accordance with the Articles of Association. Mr. Lee retired as an independent non-executive Director by rotation on May 23, 2016 and was re-elected as an independent non-executive Director on May 23, 2016 for a term of three years commencing on the date of re-election. Mr. Lee received director's emoluments in the total sum of HK\$465,000 for the year ended December 31, 2018.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Lee (1) does not have any interests in the Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO; (2) has not held any other positions with the Company or other members of the Group; (3) has not been a director of any public company, the securities of which are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas, in the last three years; (4) does not have any other major appointments and professional qualifications; (5) does not have any relationship with any Director, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company; (6) has no other information that needs to be disclosed pursuant to paragraphs (h) to (v) of Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules; and (7) has no other matter that needs to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

Recommendation from Nomination Committee

In identifying suitable candidates for independent non-executive Director, the Nomination Committee shall consider candidates on merit and against the objective criteria, with due regard for the benefits of diversity on the Board. The factors considered by the Nomination Committee in assessing the suitability of a proposed candidate for independent non-executive Director include: (i) reputation for integrity; (ii) accomplishment and professional knowledge and industry experience which may be relevant to the Group; (iii) commitment in respect of available time, interest and attention to the businesses of the Group; (iv) perspectives, skills and experience that the individual can bring to the Board; (v) diversity in all its aspects, including but not limited to gender, age, cultural and educational background, ethnicity, professional experience, skills,

knowledge and length of service; (vi) Board succession planning considerations and long term objectives of the Group; and (vii) the independence of such candidate with reference to, among other things, the requirements as set out in Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules.

The Nomination Committee had assessed and reviewed the written confirmation of independence of Mr. Lee based on the independence criteria as set out in Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules and is satisfied that Mr. Lee remains independent in accordance with Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules. In addition, having evaluated the performance of Mr. Lee, the Nomination Committee is of the view that Mr. Lee has provided valuable contributions to the Company and has demonstrated his abilities to provide independent, balanced and objective view to the Company's affairs.

The Nomination Committee also considers that Mr. Lee can contribute to the diversity of the Board, in particular, with his diversified educational background and professional experience in public accounting and auditing, corporate finance, merger and acquisition and initial public offerings, financial management and connections in various industries.

Notwithstanding Mr. Lee's engagement as an independent non-executive director of 11 companies listed on the Stock Exchange (including the Company), the Board is of the view that he has devoted and will continue to be able to devote sufficient time to the Company for the following reasons:

- (i) During the previous terms as an independent non-executive Director, Mr. Lee has attended all of the meetings of the Board, the Audit Committee, the remuneration committee of the Company, the food safety committee of the Company and the risk management committee of the Company and has made significant contribution to the supervision and oversight of the Company's affairs.
- (ii) Mr. Lee has over 30 years of experience in public accounting and auditing, corporate finance, merger and acquisition and initial public offerings, over 8 years of working experience as an independent non-executive director of companies listed on the Stock Exchange, and 29 years of working experience at Ernst & Young, an internationally renowned professional services firm, where he served as a partner and other senior roles. With his extensive background and experience, Mr. Lee is fully aware of the responsibilities, requirements and level of involvement as an independent non-executive director.
- (iii) None of the current commitment of Mr. Lee as an independent non-executive director of the relevant listed companies would require his full time involvement and Mr. Lee does not participate in the day-to-day operations of those listed companies.

Accordingly, the Board, with the recommendation of Nomination Committee, is satisfied that Mr. Lee has the required character, integrity and experience to continuously fulfil his role as an independent non-executive Director effectively.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT ON THE SHARE REPURCHASE MANDATE

The following is an explanatory statement required by Rule 10.06(b) of the Listing Rules to provide the Shareholders with information reasonably necessary to enable such Shareholders to make an informed decision on whether to vote for or against the ordinary resolution to approve the granting of the Share Repurchase Mandate.

1. SHARE CAPITAL

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the total number of issued Shares is 14,698,882,111.

Subject to the passing of the ordinary resolution set out in item 6 of the notice of the Annual General Meeting in respect of the granting of the Share Repurchase Mandate and on the basis that the total number of issued Shares will remain unchanged on the date of the Annual General Meeting, being 14,698,882,111 Shares, the Directors would be authorized under the Share Repurchase Mandate to repurchase, during the period in which the Share Repurchase Mandate remains in force, up to 1,469,888,211 Shares, representing approximately 10% of the total number of issued Shares as at the date of the Annual General Meeting.

2. REASONS FOR SHARE REPURCHASE

The Directors believe that the granting of the Share Repurchase Mandate is in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

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

3. FUNDING OF SHARE REPURCHASE

In repurchasing Shares, the Company may only apply funds legally available for such purpose in accordance with its memorandum and Articles of Association, the laws of the Cayman Islands and/or any other applicable laws, as the case may be.

4. IMPACT OF SHARE REPURCHASE

There might be a material adverse impact on the working capital or gearing position of the Company (as compared with the position disclosed in the audited accounts contained in the annual report of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2018) in the event that the Share Repurchase Mandate was to be carried out in full at any time during the proposed repurchase period. However, the Directors do not intend to exercise the Share Repurchase Mandate to such extent as would, in the circumstances, have a material adverse impact on the working capital or gearing position of the Company which in the opinion of the Directors are from time to time appropriate for the Company.

5. MARKET PRICES OF SHARES

The highest and lowest prices per Share at which Shares have traded on the Stock Exchange during each of the previous twelve months up to and including the Latest Practicable Date were as follows:

Month	Highest	Lowest
	HK\$	HK\$
2018		
April	8.79	7.78
May	9.03	7.88
June	8.29	6.00
July	6.56	6.03
August	6.81	5.68
September	6.14	5.11
October	6.09	5.38
November	6.57	5.27
December	6.54	5.70
2019		
January	6.96	5.58
February	7.96	6.58
March	8.82	6.88
April (up to and including the Latest Practicable Date)	9.20	8.35

6. GENERAL

To the best of the knowledge of the Directors having made all reasonable enquiries, none of the Directors nor any of their respective close associates (as defined in the Listing Rules) have any present intention, in the event that the granting of the Share Repurchase Mandate is approved by the Shareholders, to sell any Shares to the Company.

The Company has not been notified by any core connected persons (as defined in the Listing Rules) of the Company that they have a present intention to sell any Shares to the Company, or that they have undertaken not to sell any Shares held by them to the Company, in the event that the granting of the Share Repurchase Mandate is approved by the Shareholders.

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

7. TAKEOVERS CODE

If as a result of a repurchase of Shares pursuant to the Share Repurchase Mandate, a Shareholder's proportionate interest in the voting rights of the Company increases, such increase will be treated as an acquisition of voting rights for the purposes of Rule 32 of the Takeovers Code. Accordingly, a Shareholder or a group of Shareholders acting in concert (within the meaning under the Takeovers Code), depending on the level of increase in the Shareholder's interest, could obtain or consolidate control of the Company and thereby become obliged to make a mandatory offer in accordance with Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Rise Grand Group Limited controls Heroic Zone Investments Limited's exercise of voting rights attached to the Shares it holds, and Heroic Zone Investments Limited in turn has the power to control Chang Yun Holdings Limited, High Zenith Limited, Sure Pass Holdings Limited and Rich Matrix Global Limited's exercise of their respective voting rights attached to the Shares they respectively hold. Therefore, to the best knowledge of the Company, as at the Latest Practicable Date, Rise Grand Group Limited, Heroic Zone Investments Limited, Chang Yun Holdings Limited, High Zenith Limited, Sure Pass Holdings Limited and Rich Matrix Global Limited will be together entitled to directly and indirectly exercise or control the exercise of the voting power attached to 5,274,991,111 Shares, representing approximately 35.89% of the issued Shares.

Therefore, the abovementioned parties are the controlling shareholders of the Company (as defined in the Listing Rules). In the event that the Directors exercise the proposed Share Repurchase Mandate in full, the shareholding of the abovementioned parties would be increased to approximately 39.87% of the issued Shares.

On this basis of such figures, if the Share Repurchase Mandate is exercised in full by the Company and assuming that abovementioned parties do not receive, acquire or dispose of any Shares, the consequential percentage increase in their shareholding after such repurchase may give rise to an obligation for the abovementioned parties and parties acting in concert with them to make a mandatory offer to the Shareholders under Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code.

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 in accordance with Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code as a consequence of any repurchases pursuant to the Share Repurchase Mandate.

8. REPURCHASE OF SHARES MADE BY THE COMPANY

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



(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 288)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an annual general meeting (the "Annual General Meeting") of WH Group Limited (the "Company") will be held at The Diamond Ballroom I, Level 3, The Ritz-Carlton, Hong Kong, International Commerce Centre, 1 Austin Road West, Kowloon, Hong Kong on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 3:30 p.m. for the following purposes:

- 1. To receive, consider and adopt the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries and the reports of the directors and auditor for the year ended December 31, 2018.
- 2. (a) To re-elect Mr. WAN Hongjian as an executive director of the Company.
 - (b) To re-elect Mr. GUO Lijun as an executive director of the Company.
 - (c) To re-elect Mr. SULLIVAN Kenneth Marc as an executive director of the Company.
 - (d) To re-elect Mr. MA Xiangjie as an executive director of the Company.
 - (e) To re-elect Mr. LEE Conway Kong Wai as an independent non-executive director of the Company.
- 3. To authorize the board of directors of the Company (the "Board") to fix the remuneration of all directors of the Company (the "Directors").
- 4. To re-appoint Ernst & Young as the auditor of the Company, to hold office until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company, and to authorize the Board to fix their remuneration.
- 5. To declare a final dividend of HK\$0.15 per share of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2018.

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

6. "THAT:

- (a) subject to paragraph (b) below, a general mandate be and is hereby generally and unconditionally given to the Directors to exercise during the Relevant Period (as defined below) all the powers of the Company to purchase its shares in accordance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations;
- (b) the total number of shares of the Company to be purchased pursuant to the mandate in paragraph (a) above shall not exceed 10% of the total number of issued shares of the Company as at the date of passing of this resolution (subject to adjustment in the case of subdivision and consolidation of the shares of the Company) and the said mandate shall be limited accordingly; and
- (c) for the purposes of this resolution:

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

- (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
- (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the articles of association of the Company or any applicable laws to be held; and
- (iii) the date on which the authority set out in this resolution is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders in general meeting."

7. "THAT:

- (a) subject to paragraph (c) below, a general mandate be and is hereby generally and unconditionally given to the Directors during the Relevant Period (as defined below) to allot, issue and deal with additional shares of the Company, or securities convertible into shares of the Company, or options, warrants or similar rights to subscribe for any shares of the Company, and to make or grant offers, agreements and options which might require the exercise of such powers;
- (b) the mandate in paragraph (a) above shall authorize the Directors to make or grant offers, agreements and options during the Relevant Period which would or might require the exercise of such powers after the end of the Relevant Period;

- (c) the total number of shares allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted by the Directors pursuant to the mandate in paragraph (a) above, otherwise than pursuant to:
 - (i) a Rights Issue (as defined below);
 - (ii) the exercise of options under a share option scheme of the Company;
 - (iii) any scrip dividend scheme or similar arrangement providing for the allotment of shares in lieu of the whole or part of a dividend on shares of the Company in accordance with the articles of association of the Company; and
 - (iv) the exercise of rights of subscription or conversion under the term of any securities convertible into shares of the Company, or options, warrants or similar rights to subscribe for any shares of the Company;

shall not exceed 10% of the total number of issued shares of the Company on the date of passing of this resolution (subject to adjustment in the case of subdivision and consolidation of the shares of the Company) and the said mandate shall be limited accordingly; and

- (d) for the purposes of this resolution:
 - "Relevant Period" means the period from the passing of this resolution until whichever is the earliest of:
 - (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
 - (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the articles of association of the Company or any applicable laws to be held; and
 - (iii) the date on which the authority set out in this resolution is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders in general meeting.

"Rights Issue" means an offer of shares open for a period fixed by the Directors to holders of shares of the Company or any class thereof on the register on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of such shares or class thereof (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 any relevant jurisdiction or the requirements of any recognized regulatory body or any stock exchange)."

8. "THAT conditional upon the passing of resolutions set out in items 6 and 7 of the notice convening this meeting (the "Notice"), the general mandate referred to in the resolution set out in item 7 of the Notice be and is hereby extended by the addition to the total number of shares which may be allotted and issued or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted and issued by the Directors pursuant to such general mandate of an amount representing the total number of shares purchased by the Company pursuant to the mandate referred to in resolution set out in item 6 of the Notice, provided that such amount shall not exceed 10% of the total number of issued shares of the Company as at the date of passing of this resolution (subject to adjustment in the case of subdivision and consolidation of the shares of the Company)."

By Order of the Board
WH Group Limited
Wan Long
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Hong Kong, April 24, 2019

Notes:

- 1. Any shareholder of the Company entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote on his/her behalf. A proxy need not be a shareholder of the Company. A shareholder who is the holder of two or more shares of the Company may appoint more than one proxy to represent him/her to attend and vote on his/her behalf. If more than one proxy is so appointed, the appointment shall specify the number and class of shares in respect of which each such proxy is so appointed.
- 2. In order to be valid, the form of proxy together with the power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which it is signed or a certified copy of that power of attorney or authority, must be deposited at the branch share registrar of the Company in Hong Kong, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited ("Computershare") at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the Annual General Meeting (i.e. before 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 26, 2019) or any adjournment thereof. Completion and return of the form of proxy shall not preclude a shareholder of the Company from attending and voting in person at the Annual General Meeting and, in such event, the instrument appointing a proxy shall be deemed to be revoked.
- 3. The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing under the hand of the appointor or of his attorney duly authorised in writing, or if the appointor is a corporation, either under seal or under the hand of an officer or attorney duly authorised.
- 4. Where there are joint holders of any share, any one of such joint holders may vote at the Annual General Meeting, either personally or by proxy, in respect of such share as if he/she were solely entitled thereto, but if more than one of such joint holders are present at the Annual General Meeting personally or by proxy, then the one of such joint holders so present whose name stands first on the register of members of the Company shall, in respect of such share, be entitled alone to vote in respect thereof.
- 5. The resolutions at the Annual General Meeting will be taken by poll pursuant to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules") and the results of the poll will be published on the websites of the Stock Exchange (www.hkexnews.hk) and the Company (www.wh-group.com) in accordance with the Listing Rules.

- 6. The register of members of the Company will be closed during the following periods and during these periods, no transfer of the shares of the Company will be registered:
 - (i) To attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting

For the purpose of ascertaining the shareholders' entitlement to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting, the register of members of the Company will be closed from Thursday, May 23, 2019 to Tuesday, May 28, 2019, both days inclusive. In order to be eligible to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting, all transfers of shares of the Company accompanied by the relevant share certificates and appropriate transfer forms must be lodged for registration with Computershare at Shops 1712–1716, 17/F, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong not later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 22, 2019.

(ii) To qualify for the proposed final dividend for the year ended December 31, 2018

For the purpose of ascertaining the shareholders' entitlement to the proposed final dividend for the year ended December 31, 2018, the register of members of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, June 4, 2019 to Thursday, June 6, 2019, both days inclusive. In order to qualify for the proposed final dividend, all transfers of shares of the Company accompanied by the relevant share certificates and appropriate transfer forms must be lodged for registration with Computershare at Shops 1712–1716, 17/F, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong, not later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, June 3, 2019.

As at the date of this notice, the executive Directors are Mr. WAN Long, Mr. WAN Hongjian, Mr. GUO Lijun, Mr. SULLIVAN Kenneth Marc and Mr. MA Xiangjie; the non-executive Director is Mr. JIAO Shuge; and the independent non-executive Directors are Mr. HUANG Ming, Mr. LEE Conway Kong Wai and Mr. LAU, Jin Tin Don.