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(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability) (Stock code: 1939)

## PROPOSALS FOR (1) GRANT OF GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE AND REPURCHASE SHARES, (2) RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS, (3) CHANGE OF COMPANY NAME, (4) AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES AND ADOPTION OF THE NEW ARTICLES, AND (5) NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A notice convening the Annual General Meeting to be held at 3:00 p.m. at 1/F, China Building, 29 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong on Wednesday, 13 August 2025 is set out on pages 83 to 88 of this circular.

Whether or not you are able 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 the Company's share registrar, Tricor Investor Services Limited at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong as soon as possible and in any event not less than 48 hours before the time of the Annual General Meeting (i.e. by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, 11 August 2025) or any adjournment thereof (as the case may be). Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting in person at the meeting or any adjournment thereof (as the case may be) should you so wish, and in such case, the form of proxy previously submitted shall be deemed to be revoked.

References to time and dates in this circular are to Hong Kong time and dates.

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## DEFINITIONS

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

"Annual General Meeting"	the annual general meeting of the Company to be held at 3:00 p.m. at 1/F, China Building, 29 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong on Wednesday, 13 August 2025, the notice of which is set out on pages 83 to 88 of this circular, and any adjournment thereof
"Articles"	the articles of association of the Company, as amended from time to time
"Board"	the board of Directors
"close associates"	has the meaning ascribed thereto under the Listing Rules
"Companies Ordinance"	Companies Ordinance (Chapter 622 of the Laws of Hong Kong), as amended or supplemented from time to time
"Company"	Tokyo Chuo Auction Holdings Limited (東京中央拍賣控股有限 公司), a company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability and the issued Shares of which are listed on Main Board of the Stock Exchange
"controlling shareholder"	has the meaning ascribed thereto under the Listing Rules
"core connected persons"	has the meaning ascribed thereto under the Listing Rules
"Director(s)"	director(s) of the Company
"Existing Articles"	the existing Articles
"Extension Mandate"	a general and unconditional mandate proposed to be granted to the Directors to the effect that the total number of Shares which may be allotted and issued under the Issue Mandate may be increased by an additional number representing such number of Shares actually repurchased under the Repurchase Mandate
"Group"	the Company and its subsidiaries
"Hong Kong"	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China

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"Issue Mandate"	a general and unconditional mandate proposed to be granted to the Directors to exercise the power of the Company to allot, issue or otherwise deal with new Shares up to a maximum of $20\%$ of the aggregate number of Shares in issue (excluding treasury shares, if any) as at the date of passing the relevant resolution at the Annual General Meeting	
"Latest Practicable Date"	15 July 2025, being the latest practicable date prior to the printing of this circular for ascertaining certain information in this circular	
"Listing Rules"	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange	
"New Articles"	the new Articles, as set out in Appendix III to this circular, proposed to be adopted at the Annual General Meeting	
"Proposed Amendments"	the proposed amendments to the Existing Articles	
"Proposed Change of Company Name"	the proposed change of the English name of the Company from "Tokyo Chuo Auction Holdings Limited" to "Shangshan Gold International Holdings Limited" and its Chinese name from "東 京中央拍賣控股有限公司" to "上善黃金國際控股有限公司"	
"Repurchase Mandate"	a general and unconditional mandate proposed to be granted to the Directors to enable them exercise all powers of the Company to repurchase the Shares, on the Stock Exchange, or on any other stock exchange on which the Shares may be listed, the aggregate number of which shall not exceed 10% of the aggregate number of the Shares in issue (excluding treasury shares, if any) as at the date of passing the relevant resolution at the Annual General Meeting	
"SFO"	the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong)	
"Share(s)"	ordinary share(s) in the share capital of the Company	
"Shareholder(s)"	holder(s) of the Shares	
"Stock Exchange"	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited	
"Takeovers Code"	the Code on Takeovers and Mergers	
"treasury shares"	has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules	
"HK\$"	Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong	

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"JPY" Japanese Yen, the official currency of Japan

"%" per cent.

\* for identification purpose only



# 東京中央拍賣控股有限公司

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

(Stock code: 1939)

Executive Directors: Mr. Huang Shikun Mr. Huang Shifeng Ms. Qian Yuanyuan Mr. Tong Jun

Non-executive Directors: Mr. Li Jiefeng Mr. Zheng Haoran

Independent non-executive Directors: Professor He Jia Professor Hu Zuohao Mr. Leung Ting Yuk Registered office: Room 2601, 26/F Wing On Centre 111 Connaught Road Central Hong Kong

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21 July 2025

To the Shareholders

Dear Sir/Madam

## PROPOSALS FOR (1) GRANT OF GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE AND REPURCHASE SHARES, (2) RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS, (3) CHANGE OF COMPANY NAME, (4) AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES AND ADOPTION OF THE NEW ARTICLES AND (5) NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The primary purpose of this circular is to provide you with information regarding the resolutions to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting, including, *inter alia*: ordinary resolutions on (i) the proposed grant of each of the Issue Mandate, the Repurchase Mandate and the Extension Mandate; and (ii) the proposed re-election of the Directors, special resolutions on (i) the Proposed Change of Company Name; and (ii) the Proposed Amendments to the Existing Articles and the adoption of the New Articles, and to give you notice of the Annual General Meeting.

#### **ISSUE MANDATE**

At the Annual General Meeting, an ordinary resolution will be proposed that the Directors be granted the Issue Mandate, i.e. a general and unconditional mandate to exercise the powers of the Company to allot, issue, or otherwise deal with new Shares with an aggregate not exceeding 20% of the total Shares in issue (excluding treasury shares, if any) as at the date of passing of the relevant resolution at the Annual General Meeting.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, a total of 500,000,000 Shares were in issue and there were no treasury shares. Subject to the passing of the proposed resolution granting the Issue Mandate to the Directors and on the basis that no Share will be issued or repurchased by the Company prior to the Annual General Meeting, the Company will be allowed under the Issue Mandate to issue a maximum of 100,000,000 Shares.

#### **REPURCHASE MANDATE AND EXTENSION MANDATE**

At the Annual General Meeting, an ordinary resolution will also be proposed to grant the Directors the Repurchase Mandate, i.e. a general and unconditional mandate to exercise all powers of the Company to repurchase, on the Stock Exchange, or on any other stock exchange on which the Shares may be listed, Shares up to a maximum of 10% of the aggregate number of Shares in issue (excluding treasury shares, if any) as at the date of passing of the relevant resolution at the Annual General Meeting.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, a total of 500,000,000 Shares were in issue and there were no treasury shares. Subject to the passing of the proposed resolution granting the Repurchase Mandate to the Directors and on the basis that no Share will be issued or repurchased by the Company prior to the Annual General Meeting, the Company will be allowed under the Repurchase Mandate to repurchase a maximum of 50,000,000 Shares.

In addition, an ordinary resolution regarding the Extension Mandate will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting to authorise the Director to increase the total number of new Shares which may be allotted and issued under the Issue Mandate by an additional number representing such number of Shares actually repurchased under the Repurchase Mandate.

The Repurchase Mandate and the Issue Mandate will continue to be in force until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company, unless it is renewed at such meeting or until revoked or varied by ordinary resolutions of the Shareholders in general meeting held prior to the next annual general meeting of the Company.

Under the Listing Rules, the Company is required to give to its Shareholders all information which is reasonably necessary to enable Shareholders to make an informed decision as to whether to vote for or against the resolution in respect of the Repurchase Mandate at the Annual General Meeting. An explanatory statement for such purpose is set out in the Appendix I to this circular.

#### **RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

The Board currently consists of nine Directors.

Mr. Huang Shikun, Mr. Huang Shifeng, Ms. Qian Yuanyuan and Mr. Tong Jun were appointed as executive Directors; Mr. Li Jiefeng and Mr. Zheng Haoran were appointed as non-executive Directors; and Professor He Jia, Professor Hu Zuohao and Mr. Leung Ting Yuk were appointed as independent non-executive Directors on 30 May 2025. Pursuant to Article 119 of the Articles, Mr. Huang Shikun, Mr. Huang Shifeng, Ms. Qian Yuanyuan, Mr. Tong Jun, Mr. Li Jiefeng, Mr. Zheng Haoran, Professor He Jia, Professor Hu Zuohao and Mr. Leung Ting Yuk ("**Retiring Directors**") shall hold office until the first annual general meeting of the Company after their appointment and being eligible, offer themselves for re-election at the Annual General Meeting.

The nomination committee of the Company ("Nomination Committee") has reviewed the structure and composition of the Board, the confirmations and disclosures given by the Directors, the qualifications, skills and experience, time commitment and contribution of Retiring Directors with reference to the nomination principles and criteria set out in the board diversity policy of the Company, nomination policy of the Company, the corporate strategy of the Company and the independence of the independent non-executive Directors. Professor He Jia, Professor Hu Zuohao and Mr. Leung Ting Yuk, the retiring independent non-executive Directors, have confirmed their independence with reference to the factors set out in Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules. The aforesaid independent non-executive Directors also demonstrated the ability to provide an independent, balanced and objective view to the Company's matters. The Nomination Committee and the Board thus considered that the retiring independent non-executive Directors are independent in accordance with the independence guidelines set out in the Listing Rules. Besides, the Nomination Committee and the Board believed that all the Retiring Directors will continue to make contributions to the Board and is satisfied with all the Retiring Director's contributions to the Company, which will continue to bring valuable business experience, knowledge and professionalism to the Board for its efficient and effective functioning and diversity. The Nomination Committee and the Board therefore recommended the re-election of all the Retiring Directors, including the aforesaid independent non-executive Directors, who are due to retire at the Annual General Meeting.

Particulars of Retiring Directors are set out in Appendix II to this circular.

#### **PROPOSED CHANGE OF COMPANY NAME**

The Board proposes to change the English name of the Company from "Tokyo Chuo Auction Holdings Limited" to "Shangshan Gold International Holdings Limited", and its Chinese name from "東京中央拍賣控股有限公司" to "上善黃金國際控股有限公司".

#### Conditions of the Proposed Change of Company Name

The Proposed Change of Company Name is subject to the following conditions being fulfilled:

- (i) the passing of a special resolution by the Shareholders at the Annual General Meeting to approve the Proposed Change of Company Name; and
- (ii) the Companies Registry in Hong Kong approving the Proposed Change of Company Name by issuing a certificate of change of name.

Subject to the satisfaction of the above conditions, the Proposed Change of Company Name will take effect from the date of issuance of the certificate of change of name by the Companies Registry in Hong Kong.

#### Reasons for the Proposed Change of Company Name

The Board considers that the Proposed Change of Company Name will provide the Company with a new corporate image which will benefit the Company's future business development. Therefore, the Board considers that the Proposed Change of Company Name is in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

#### Effects of the Proposed Change of Company Name

The Proposed Change of Company Name will not affect any rights of the Shareholders or the Company's daily business operation and its financial position.

All the existing share certificates of the Company in issue bearing the present name of the Company shall, after the Proposed Change of Company Name has become effective, continue to be evidence of title to such Shares and the existing share certificates will continue to be valid for trading, settlement, registration and delivery purposes.

There will not be any arrangement for exchange of the existing share certificates of the Company for new share certificates bearing the new name of the Company. Once the Proposed Change of Company Name has become effective, share certificates of the Company will only be issued in the new name of the Company and the Shares will be traded on the Stock Exchange under the new name of the Company.

In addition, subject to the confirmation by the Stock Exchange, the English and the Chinese stock short names of the Company for trading in its securities on the Stock Exchange will also be changed after the Proposed Change of Company Name has become effective. Subject to the Proposed Change of Company Name becoming effective, the Company will also change its company website and logo afterwards.

# PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES AND ADOPTION OF THE NEW ARTICLES

The Board also proposes to adopt the New Articles for the purpose of (i) bringing the Articles in conformity with the recent amendments to the Listing Rules in relation to the further expansion of the paperless listing regime; (ii) aligning with the recently amended Companies Ordinance (Chapter 622 of the laws of Hong Kong) in relation to the implementation of the treasury shares regime for Hong Kong incorporated listed companies and the promotion of paperless corporate communications; (iii) providing flexibility to the Company by allowing general meetings to be held as hybrid or electronic meetings; (iv) incorporating other housekeeping amendments in the Existing Articles; and (v) bringing the Articles in line with other requirements of the Listing Rules and applicable laws of Hong Kong.

In view of the number of amendments proposed to be made to the Existing Articles, the Board proposes that the New Articles, incorporated with all the Proposed Amendments to the Existing Articles, be adopted in substitution for and to the exclusion of the Existing Articles. Subject to the approval of the Shareholders by way of a special resolution at the Annual General Meeting, the New Articles will take effect subject to the Proposed Change of Company Name becoming effective and with effect from the date of issue of the certificate of change of name by the Companies Registry in Hong Kong.

The legal advisers to the Company as to Hong Kong laws have confirmed that the New Articles comply with the requirements of the Listing Rules and do not violate the laws of Hong Kong. The Company also confirms that there is nothing unusual about the New Articles for a Hong Kong company listed on the Stock Exchange.

The New Articles as proposed by special resolution numbered 8 is set out in Appendix III to this circular. The Chinese translation of the New Articles set out in the Chinese version of this circular is for reference only. In case of any discrepancy or inconsistency, the English version shall prevail.

#### **ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN**

At the Annual General Meeting, resolutions will be proposed to approve, among other matters, the following:

- (a) ordinary resolution on the proposed grant of the Issue Mandate, Repurchase Mandate and Extension Mandate;
- (b) ordinary resolution on the proposed re-election of Directors;
- (c) special resolution on the Proposed Change of Company Name; and
- (d) special resolution on the Proposed Amendments to the Existing Articles and the adoption of the New Articles.

A form of proxy for use at the Annual General Meeting is enclosed herewith and published on the website of the Stock Exchange at **www.hkexnews.hk** and the website of the Company at **www.chuo-auction.com.hk**. Whether or not you are able to attend the Annual General Meeting in person, you are requested to complete the form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return it to the Company's share registrar, Tricor Investor Services Limited at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong as soon as possible and in any event not later than 48 hours before the time for the Annual General Meeting (i.e. by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, 11 August 2025) or any adjournment thereof (as the case may be). Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting in person at the Annual General Meeting or any adjournment thereof should you so wish.

#### VOTING AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Pursuant to Rule 13.39 of the Listing Rules, all votes of the Shareholders at the general meetings must be taken by poll. The chairman of the Annual General Meeting will therefore demand a poll for every resolution put to the vote of the Annual General Meeting pursuant to Article 77 of the Articles. An announcement on the poll vote results will be made by the Company after the Annual General Meeting in the manner prescribed under Rule 13.39(5) of the Listing Rules.

#### **RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT**

This circular, for which the Directors collectively and individually accept full responsibility, includes particulars given in compliance with the Listing Rules for the purpose of giving information with regard to the Company. The Directors, having made all reasonable enquiries, confirm that, to the best of their knowledge and belief, the information contained in this circular is accurate and complete in all material respects and not misleading or deceptive, and there are no other matters the omission of which would make any statement herein or this circular misleading.

#### RECOMMENDATION

The Board considers that the resolutions to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting are in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole and recommends the Shareholders to vote in favour of such resolutions at the Annual General Meeting.

#### **CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS**

For determination of the entitlement to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting, the register of members will be closed from Thursday, 7 August 2025 to Wednesday, 13 August 2025 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of Shares will be effected. The record date for attendance and voting at the Annual General Meeting is Wednesday, 13 August 2025. In order to be eligible to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting, all transfers accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's share registrar, Tricor Investor Services Limited at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong not later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, 6 August 2025.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

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

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

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

Yours faithfully, For and on behalf of the Board of **Tokyo Chuo Auction Holdings Limited** 東京中央拍賣控股有限公司 **Huang Shikun** *Chairman* 

This Appendix I serves as an explanatory statement, as required by the Listing Rules, to provide requisite information as to the proposed Repurchase Mandate.

#### 1. LISTING RULES RELATING TO THE REPURCHASE OF SHARES

The Listing Rules permit companies whose primary listing is on the Stock Exchange to repurchase their shares on the Stock Exchange and any other stock exchange on which the 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 repurchase of shares by such company must be approved in advance by an ordinary resolution of shareholders, either by way of a general repurchase mandate or by specific approval of a particular transaction.

#### 2. SHARE CAPITAL

As at Latest Practicable Date, there were a total of 500,000,000 Shares in issue and there were no treasury shares.

Subject to the passing of the proposed resolution granting the Repurchase Mandate and on the basis that no further Shares are issued or repurchased prior to the Annual General Meeting, the Company will be allowed under the Repurchase Mandate to repurchase a maximum of 50,000,000 Shares which represents 10% of the aggregate number of Shares in issue (excluding treasury shares, if any) as at the date of passing such resolution during the period (the "**Relevant Period**") ending on 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 or the Companies Ordinance, Chapter 622 of the Laws of Hong Kong or any applicable laws to be held; or (iii) the passing of an ordinary resolution by the Shareholders in general meeting revoking or varying the authority given to the Directors.

Subject to the New Articles being adopted, if the Company repurchases any Shares pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate, the Company will either (i) cancel the Shares repurchased and/or (ii) hold such Shares in treasury, subject to market conditions and the Company's capital management needs at the relevant time any repurchases of Shares are made. If the Company holds any Shares in treasury, any sale or transfer of Shares held in treasury will be subject to the terms of the Issue Mandate and made in accordance with the Listing Rules and applicable laws, rules and regulations of Hong Kong.

Subject to the New Articles being adopted and to the extent that any treasury shares are deposited with Central Clearing and Settlement System ("CCASS") pending resale, the Company will adopt appropriate measures to ensure that it does not exercise any shareholders' rights or receive any entitlements which would otherwise be suspended under the applicable laws if those Shares were registered in the Company's own name as treasury shares. These measures may include approval by the Board that (i) the Company will not (or will procure its broker not to) give any instructions to Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited to vote at general meetings for the treasury shares deposited with CCASS; and (ii) in the case of dividends or distributions, the Company will withdraw the treasury shares from CCASS, and either re-register them in its own name as treasury shares or cancel them, in each case before the record date for the dividends or distributions.

#### 3. REASONS FOR THE REPURCHASE

The Directors believe that it is in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole to seek a general authority from the Shareholders to enable the Company to repurchase the Shares on the Stock Exchange or any other stock exchange on which the Shares are listed. Share repurchases may, depending on 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 repurchase will benefit the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

The Directors confirm that neither this explanatory statement nor the Repurchase Mandate has any unusual features.

#### 4. FUNDING OF REPURCHASES

In repurchasing the Company's securities, the Company may only apply funds legally available for the purpose in accordance with the Articles, the Companies Ordinance and the laws of Hong Kong and/or other applicable laws, as the case may be.

Taking into account the current working capital position of the Company, the Directors consider that, if the Repurchase Mandate were to be exercised in full, it might have a material adverse effect on the working capital and/or the gearing position of the Company as compared with the position as at 31 March 2025, being the date of its latest audited consolidated financial statements. However, the Directors do not intend to make any repurchases to such an extent as would, in the circumstances, have a material adverse effect on the working capital requirements or the gearing position of the Company which in the opinion of the Directors are from time to time appropriate for the Company.

#### 5. SHARE PRICES

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

	Highest price <i>HK\$</i>	Lowest price <i>HK\$</i>
July 2024	0.80	0.70
August 2024	0.80	0.60
September 2024	0.72	0.58
October 2024	0.70	0.62
November 2024	0.70	0.70
December 2024	0.70	0.49
January 2025	0.50	0.46
February 2025	0.51	0.46
March 2025	0.46	0.42
April 2025	1.50	0.46
May 2025	3.18	0.79
June 2025	5.20	1.05
July 2025 (up to the Latest Practicable Date)	5.05	3.80

#### 6. THE TAKEOVERS CODE AND MINIMUM PUBLIC HOLDING

If a Shareholder's proportionate interest in the voting rights of the Company increases on the Company exercising its powers to repurchase Shares pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate, such increase will be treated as an acquisition for the purposes of Rule 32 of the Takeovers Code. As a result, a Shareholder or a group of Shareholders acting in concert (as defined in the Takeovers Code) 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.

On the basis of the shareholding held by ESSA Financial Group Ltd ("ESSA Financial"), Ruihe Data Technology Holdings Limited ("Ruihe Data"), Mr. Li Jiefeng ("Mr. Li") and Mr. Zheng Haoran ("Mr. Zheng") (the parties acting in concert with any of them) as at the Latest Practicable Date as set out below, the exercise in full of the Repurchase Mandate will not result in ESSA Financial being obliged to make a mandatory offer under Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code. In addition, the Directors are not aware of any consequence which would arise under the Takeovers Code as a consequence of any buy backs pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate.

Name	Number of Shares	Approximate percentage of existing shareholding	Approximate percentage of shareholding if the Repurchase Mandate is exercised in full
ESSA Financial			
(Note 1)	334,157,278	66.83%	74.26%
Ruihe Data			
(Note 2)	15,000,000	3.00%	3.33%
Mr. Li	15,000,000	3.00%	3.33%
Mr. Zheng	15,000,000	3.00%	3.33%
	379,157,278	75.83%	84.25%

Notes:

- 1. ESSA Financial is a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands with limited liability and is wholly and beneficially owned by Mr. Huang Shikun, an executive Director and chairman of the Board.
- 2. As at the Latest Practicable Date, 15,000,000 shares are held by Ruihe Data, which is a company incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability and the issued shares of which are listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange (stock code: 3680). The Shares held by Ruihe Data are counted as public float.

The Directors have no intention to exercise the Repurchase Mandate to such an extent that will 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 if the repurchase would result in the number of Shares which are in the hands of the public falling below 25% of the total number of Shares in issue (or such other percentage as may be prescribed as the minimum public shareholding under the Listing Rules).

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

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

#### 8. GENERAL

None of the Directors nor, to the best of their knowledge having made all reasonable enquiries, any of their close associates have any present intention to sell any Shares to the Company if the Repurchase Mandate is approved by the Shareholders.

The Directors have undertaken that they will only exercise the power of the Company to make repurchase pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate in accordance with the Listing Rules and the applicable laws of Hong Kong.

## **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

No core connected person of the Company has notified the Company that he/she has a present intention to sell any Shares to the Company nor has any such core connected person undertaken not to sell any Shares held by him/her to the Company in the event that the Repurchase Mandate is granted.

The biographical details of Retiring Directors eligible for re-election at the Annual General Meeting are set out below:

#### Mr. Huang Shikun ("Mr. Huang"), aged 44

Mr. Huang is an executive Director and chairman of the Board. He was appointed as an executive Director of the Company on 30 May 2025 and chairman of the Board on 20 June 2025.

Mr. Huang graduated with an Executive Master of Business Administration degree from Tsinghua University and a Master of Business Administration degree from The Chinese University of Hong Kong in a programme jointly offered by both universities. Mr. Huang is the chairman of 深圳金雅福控股集團有限公司 (Shenzhen Kinghood Holding Group Company Limited\*) ("Shenzhen Kinghood"), a company principally engaged in gold and jewellery industry chain. Shenzhen Kinghood ranked 295th in 2024 Fortune China 500. Mr. Huang holds approximately 57.06% equity interest directly in Shenzhen Kinghood and approximately 40.87% indirectly in Shenzhen Kinghood through a company owned as to 95% by him. Mr Huang is also a member of the 12th and 13th Guangdong Provincial Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, the vice chairman of the Shenzhen Federation of Industry and Commerce, and the chairman of the Shenzhen Federation of Mr. Huang Shifeng.

The Company has entered into a service contract with Mr. Huang, pursuant to which he agreed to act as executive Director for an initial term of one year from the date of appointment which shall be renewed automatically for successive terms of one year unless terminated by either party with one month's written notice. The term of service contract shall be subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meeting in accordance with the Articles. During the term of the service contract, he is entitled to a basic salary of HK\$480,000 per annum, which will be reviewed annually by the Board with reference to his duties and responsibilities with the Group and the Group's remuneration policy.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Huang was interested in 334,157,278 Shares by way of his interest in ESSA Financial.

Save as disclosed herein, as at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Huang did not have any interests in the Shares, underlying Shares and debenture of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO, nor was he related to any other Directors, senior management, or substantial or controlling shareholders (as defined in the Listing Rules) of the Company. He did not hold directorship in other listed public companies in the last three years.

#### Mr. Huang Shifeng ("Mr. Huang SF"), aged 42

Mr. Huang SF was appointed as an executive Director of the Company on 30 May 2025.

Mr. Huang SF graduated with a bachelor's degree in optical information and science technology from the South China Normal University, the PRC in July 2007. Mr. Huang SF has ample experience in the field of gold and jewellery science and technology and technology research and development innovation. Mr. Huang SF has been the executive president and head of the innovation centre of Shenzhen Kinghood since January 2009 and the general manager of Shenzhen Shangshan Intelligent Company Limited\* (深圳上善智能 有限公司) since May 2020. Mr. Huang SF is the brother of Mr. Huang.

The Company has entered into a service contract with Mr. Huang SF, pursuant to which he agreed to act as executive Director for an initial term of one year from the date of appointment which shall be renewed automatically for successive terms of one year unless terminated by either party with one month's written notice. The term of service contract shall be subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meeting in accordance with the Articles. During the term of the service contract, he is entitled to a basic salary of HK\$360,000 per annum, which will be reviewed annually by the Board with reference to his duties and responsibilities with the Group and the Group's remuneration policy.

Save as disclosed herein, as at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Huang SF did not have any interests in the Shares, underlying Shares and debenture of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO, nor was he related to any other Directors, senior management, or substantial or controlling shareholders (as defined in the Listing Rules) of the Company. He did not hold directorship in other listed public companies in the last three years.

#### Ms. Qian Yuanyuan ("Ms. Qian"), aged 41

Ms. Qian was appointed as an executive Director of the Company on 30 May 2025.

Ms. Qian obtained a doctor of philosophy in management from Zhejiang University, the PRC in June 2010. From July 2010 to June 2016, Ms. Qian worked at Shenzhen Gold Investment Co., Ltd. Ms. Qian joined Shenzhen Kinghood in May 2018 and had been the general manager of training from May 2018 to December 2020, the assistant to the president of the gold and jewelry banking channel from December 2020 to March 2025 and the vice president since April 2025.

The Company has entered into a service contract with Ms. Qian, pursuant to which she agreed to act as executive Director for an initial term of one year from the date of appointment which shall be renewed automatically for successive terms of one year unless terminated by either party with one month's written notice. The term of service contract shall be subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meeting in accordance with the Articles. During the term of the service contract, she is entitled to a

basic salary of HK\$240,000 per annum, which will be reviewed annually by the Board with reference to his duties and responsibilities with the Group and the Group's remuneration policy.

Save as disclosed herein, as at the Latest Practicable Date, Ms. Qian did not have any interests in the Shares, underlying Shares and debenture of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO, nor was she related to any other Directors, senior management, or substantial or controlling shareholders (as defined in the Listing Rules) of the Company. She did not hold directorship in other listed public companies in the last three years.

#### Mr. Tong Jun ("Mr. Tong"), aged 60

Mr. Tong was appointed as an executive Director of the Company on 30 May 2025.

Mr. Tong obtained a master of business administration from The Chinese University of Hong Kong in December 2009. From March 2012 to September 2016, Mr. Tong was the general manager of Shenzhen Kinghood and since May 2020, Mr. Tong has been the executive vice president of Shenzhen Kinghood. From December 2016 to November 2018, Mr. Tong was the associate vice president and director of senior management training of the Shenzhen Finance Institute, Chinese University of Hong Kong-Shenzhen. He was also the deputy general manager of the financial and securities department of Shenzhen Neptunus Group Co., Ltd. from July 2002 to February 2012.

The Company has entered into a service contract with Mr. Tong, pursuant to which he agreed to act as executive Director for an initial term of one year from the date of appointment which shall be renewed automatically for successive terms of one year unless terminated by either party with one month's written notice. The term of service contract shall be subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meeting in accordance with the Articles. During the term of the service contract, he is entitled to a basic salary of HK\$240,000 per annum, which will be reviewed annually by the Board with reference to his duties and responsibilities with the Group and the Group's remuneration policy.

Save as disclosed herein, as at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Tong did not have any interests in the Shares, underlying Shares and debenture of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO, nor was he related to any other Directors, senior management, or substantial or controlling shareholders (as defined in the Listing Rules) of the Company. He did not hold directorship in other listed public companies in the last three years.

#### Mr. Li Jiefeng ("Mr. Li"), aged 58

Mr. Li was appointed as a non-executive Director of the Company on 30 May 2025.

Mr. Li graduated with a Master of Business Administration degree from The University of Sunderland by way of distance learning. Mr. Li holds the qualification of senior engineer specialising in architectural decoration design approved by Beijing Senior

Specialized Technique Qualification Evaluation Committee. Mr. Li is now the owner of JKL Investment, s.r.o., a company incorporated in Czech Republic which is principally engaged in investment holdings.

The Company has entered into a letter of appointment with Mr. Li, pursuant to which he agreed to act as non-executive Director for an initial term of one year from the date of appointment which shall be renewed automatically for successive terms of one year unless terminated by either party with one month's written notice. The term of appointment shall be subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meeting in accordance with the Articles. During his terms of service, he is entitled to a director fee of HK\$60,000 per annum, which will be reviewed annually by the Board with reference to his duties and responsibilities with the Group and the Group's remuneration policy.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Li was interested in 15,000,000 Shares.

Save as disclosed herein, as at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Li did not have any interests in the Shares, underlying Shares and debenture of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO, nor was he related to any other Directors, senior management, or substantial or controlling shareholders (as defined in the Listing Rules) of the Company. He did not hold directorship in other listed public companies in the last three years.

#### Mr. Zheng Haoran ("Mr. Zheng"), aged 36

Mr. Zheng was appointed as a non-executive Director of the Company on 30 May 2025.

Mr. Zheng graduated with a bachelor's degree in information and computing science from Dalian Ocean University in 2013. Mr. Zheng worked in China Merchants Bank from July 2013 to June 2023 with the last position as the president of Renmin Road Sub-branch, Zhuhai Branch of China Merchants Bank. Mr. Zheng is one of the founding partners of 沁 灣(深圳)私募股權基金管理合夥企業(有限合夥)(Qinwan (Shenzhen) Private Equity Fund Management Partnership (Limited Partnership)\*) ("Qinwan"), which is principally engaged in private equity fund management. He has been a compliance and risk control officer of Qinwan since June 2023.

The Company has entered into a letter of appointment with Mr. Zheng, pursuant to which he agreed to act as non-executive Director for an initial term of one year from the date of appointment which shall be renewed automatically for successive terms of one year unless terminated by either party with one month's written notice. The term of appointment shall be subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meeting in accordance with the Articles. During his terms of service, he is entitled to a director fee of HK\$60,000 per annum, which will be reviewed annually by the Board with reference to his duties and responsibilities with the Group and the Group's remuneration policy.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Zheng was interested in 15,000,000 Shares.

Save as disclosed herein, as at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Zheng did not have any interests in the Shares, underlying Shares and debenture of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO, nor was he related to any other Directors, senior management, or substantial or controlling shareholders (as defined in the Listing Rules) of the Company. He did not hold directorship in other listed public companies in the last three years.

#### Professor He Jia ("Professor He"), aged 70

Professor He was appointed as an independent non-executive Director of the Company on 30 May 2025.

Professor He studied as a worker-peasant-soldier student in the mathematics department of Heilongjiang University, the PRC from October 1975 to July 1978, graduated with a master's degree in computer science and decision-making from Shanghai Jiao Tong University, the PRC in December 1983 and obtained a doctor of philosophy in finance from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, the United States of America in August 1988. Professor He has more than 35 years of experience in academia in higher education institutes in the PRC and the United States of America. Since October 2021, Professor He has been the chair professor at Shandong University and from May 2021 to July 2024, Professor He was the Qiushi chair professor of the International Business School of Zhejiang University. Since February 2022, Professor He has been the chairman of the internet investment and financing working committee of the Internet Society of China\* (中國互聯網協會互聯網投融資工作委員會).

Professor He has also been the independent director of CGS International Holdings Limited since 2011. Professor He has been appointed as (i) an independent non-executive director of China Chengtong Development Group Limited (Stock Code: 217) since September 2015, a company listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange; (ii) an independent director of Tibet Huayu Mining Co., Ltd. (Stock Code: 601020) since December 2024, a company listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange; and (iii) an independent non-executive director of Bank of Tianjin Co., Ltd. (Stock Code: 1578) from June 2018 to January 2025, a company listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange.

The Company has entered into a letter of appointment with Professor He, pursuant to which he agreed to act as independent non-executive Director for an initial term of one year from the date of appointment which shall be renewed automatically for successive terms of one year unless terminated by either party with one month's written notice. The term of appointment shall be subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meeting in accordance with the Articles. During his terms of service, he is entitled to a director fee of HK\$120,000 per annum, which will be reviewed annually by the Board with reference to his duties and responsibilities with the Group and the Group's remuneration policy

Save as disclosed herein, as at the Latest Practicable Date, Professor He did not have any interests in the Shares, underlying Shares and debenture of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO, nor was he related to any other Directors, senior management, or substantial or controlling shareholders (as defined in the Listing Rules) of the Company. He did not hold directorship in other listed public companies in the last three years.

#### Professor Hu Zuohao ("Professor Hu"), aged 60

Professor Hu was appointed as an independent non-executive Director of the Company on 30 May 2025.

Professor Hu graduated with a bachelor's degree in solid mechanics from Huazhong Institute of Technology\* (華中工學院), the PRC (presently known as Huazhong University of Science and Technology) in July 1985. He then obtained a master's degree in industrial management engineering from Zhejiang University, the PRC in July 1988 and a doctor of philosophy in economics from Kyoto University, Japan, in January 2000. Professor Hu has been a professor of the School of Economics and Management at Tsinghua University since December 2007, an associate professor of the –6- School of Economics and Management at Tsinghua University from August 2001 to November 2007, a lecturer at the School of Economics and Management at Tsinghua University from August 2001 and a lecturer at the School of Management at Zhejiang University from August 1988 to October 1995. Professor Hu is also currently the vice chairman and the enterprise working committee director of the China Enterprise Research Centre\* (中國企業研究中心) of the School of Economics and Management at Tsinghua University.

Professor Hu has been the independent director of each of (i) Qingdao Richen Food Co. Ltd. (Stock Code: 603755) since May 2022, a company listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange; (ii) Beijing Tri-Prime Gene Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. (Stock Code: 837344) since May 2024, a company listed on the Beijing Stock Exchange; and (iii) Ocean's King Lighting Science & Technology Co., Ltd. (Stock Code: 002724) since June 2020, a company listed on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange.

The Company has entered into a letter of appointment with Professor Hu, pursuant to which he agreed to act as independent non-executive Director for an initial term of one year from the date of appointment which shall be renewed automatically for successive terms of one year unless terminated by either party with one month's written notice. The term of appointment shall be subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meeting in accordance with the Articles. During his terms of service, he is entitled to a director fee of HK\$120,000 per annum, which will be reviewed annually by the Board with reference to his duties and responsibilities with the Group and the Group's remuneration policy.

Save as disclosed herein, as at the Latest Practicable Date, Professor Hu did not have any interests in the Shares, underlying Shares and debenture of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO, nor was he related to any other Directors, senior management, or substantial or controlling shareholders (as defined in the Listing Rules) of the Company. He did not hold directorship in other listed public companies in the last three years.

#### Mr. Leung Ting Yuk ("Mr. Leung"), aged 50

Mr. Leung was appointed as an independent non-executive Director of the Company on 30 May 2025.

Mr. Leung graduated with a bachelor of commerce in accountancy from the University of Wollongong, Australia, in July 2000. Mr. Leung has been accredited as a Certified Practising Accountant of CPA Australia in November 2006 and as a Certified Public Accountant of The Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants in January 2008. Mr. Leung has more than 19 years of experience in the financial management, accounting and auditing field.

Mr. Leung has been appointed as an independent non-executive director of Yanchang Petroleum International Limited (Stock Code: 346) since December 2009, an independent non-executive director of Most Kwai Chung Limited (Stock Code: 1716) since March 2018, an independent non-executive director of Xinyi Energy Holdings Limited (Stock Code: 3868) since November 2018 and an independent non-executive director of Tai United Holdings Limited (Stock Code: 718) since July 2023, each being companies listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange.

The Company has entered into a letter of appointment with Mr. Leung, pursuant to which he agreed to act as independent non-executive Director for an initial term of one year from the date of appointment which shall be renewed automatically for successive terms of one year unless terminated by either party with one month's written notice. The term of appointment shall be subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meeting in accordance with the Articles. During his terms of service, he is entitled to a director fee of HK\$120,000 per annum, which will be reviewed annually by the Board with reference to his duties and responsibilities with the Group and the Group's remuneration policy.

Save as disclosed herein, as at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Leung did not have any interests in the Shares, underlying Shares and debenture of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO, nor was he related to any other Directors, senior management, or substantial or controlling shareholders (as defined in the Listing Rules) of the Company. He did not hold directorship in other listed public companies in the last three years.

#### GENERAL

Save as disclosed herein, there are no other matters concerning any of the above Directors that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders in relation to their reelection and there is no information to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements of Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules.

## **ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION**

OF

# SHANGSHAN GOLD INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LIMITED (上善黄金國際控股有限公司)

(As adopted by special resolution passed on the 13th day of August, 2025 and effective on the [•] day of [•], 2025)

Incorporated on the 11th day of July, 2013 Name changed on the [•] day of [•], 2025

#### THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 622)

#### Public Company Limited by Shares

## **ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION**

(As adopted by Special Resolution passed on the 13th day of August, 2025 and effective on the [•] day of [•], 2025)

## OF

# SHANGSHAN GOLD INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LIMITED 上善黃金國際控股有限公司

#### Name of Company

(A) The Name of the Company is "Shangshan Gold International Holdings Limited (上善 Company 黄金國際控股有限公司)".

#### Registered Office

(B) The Registered Office of the Company is situated in Hong Kong.

#### Liability of the Members

(C) The liability of the members of the Company is limited and limited to the extent of any Members' amount unpaid on the shares held by the members.

Registered Office

#### PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES AND ADOPTION OF THE NEW ARTICLES

#### PRELIMINARY

1. In these presents unless there is something in the subject or context inconsistent Interpretation therewith:

"the Articles" or "these presents" or "these Articles" means the Articles of Association of the Company for the time being in force;

"Associates" has the same meaning as that set out in Rule 1.01 of the Listing Rules as modified from time to time;

"black rainstorm warning" has the same meaning as that set out in the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance (Chapter 1 of the Laws of Hong Kong) as modified from time to time;

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

"business day" means any day on which The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited is open for business of dealing in securities;

"capital" means the issued share capital from time to time of the Company;

"Clearing house" means a recognised clearing house within the meaning as set out in App A1 para Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571) as modified from time to time, including Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited;

"Close Associate" means in relation to any Director: shall have the same meaning as defined under Rule 1.01 of the Listing Rules as modified from time to time except that for purposes of Article 123 where the transaction or arrangement to be approved by the Board is a connected transaction referred to in the Listing Rules, it shall have the same meaning as that ascribed to "associate" in the Listing Rules;

"the Company" or "this Company" means Shangshan Gold International Holdings Limited (上善黃金國際控股有限公司);

"Company Secretary" shall mean any person appointed by the Directors to perform any of the duties of the company secretary, and, where two or more persons are appointed to act as joint secretaries, any one of those persons; includes any person appointed to perform the duties of secretary temporarily and any duly appointed assistant secretary;

"connected entity" has the same meaning as that for "an entity connected with a director or former director of a company" set out in Section 486(1) of the Ordinance;

"the Directors" means the Board or the Directors present at a meeting of Directors at which a quorum is present or as the case may be, the directors of the Company for the time being;

"electronic facilities" means, without limitation, website addresses, webinars, webcast, video or any form of conference call systems (telephone, video, web or otherwise);

"financial statements" means annual financial statements or annual consolidated financial statements within the context of Section 380 of the Ordinance;

"gale warning" has the same meaning as that set out in the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance (Chapter 1 of the Laws of Hong Kong) as modified from time to time;

"Hong Kong" means Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China;

"hybrid meeting" means a general meeting convened for (i) physical attendance by members and/or proxies at the Principal Meeting Place and where applicable, one or more Meeting Location(s) and (ii) virtual attendance and participation by members and/or proxies by means of electronic facilities;

"Listing Rules" means the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited as modified from time to time;

"Meeting Location" has the meaning ascribed to it in Article 68;

"member" means a person who is registered as the holder of shares in the capital of the Company;

"month" means calendar month;

"office" means the registered office for the time being of the Company;

"the Ordinance" means the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622) including any subsidiary legislation providing relevant administrative, technical and procedural matters for implementation of the Ordinance, as modified from time to time;

"paid up" or "paid" includes credited as paid up or paid;

"physical meeting" means a general meeting held and conducted by physical attendance and participation by members and/or proxies at the Principal Meeting Place and/or when applicable, one or more Meeting Location(s);

"Principal Meeting Place" shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Article 57;

"the register" means the register of members to be kept pursuant to the Ordinance;

"reporting documents" means, in relation to a financial year of the Company, the documents set out in Section 357(2) of the Ordinance, that is, (a) the financial statements for the financial year; (b) the directors' report for the financial year; and (c) the auditor's report on those financial statements;

"seal" means the common seal of the Company or where appropriate the official seal of the Company for use in any particular state, country or territory outside Hong Kong and includes, where the context so admits, any official seal adopted by the Company pursuant to the Ordinance for sealing share certificates;

"share" means the existing ordinary shares in the capital of the Company and shall include, where applicable, all such other additional shares of the Company in the same, or different class, issued, allotted or otherwise converted from time to time in accordance with the Articles;

"special notice" in relation to a resolution shall have the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 578 of the Ordinance;

"special resolution" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 564 of the Ordinance;

"treasury shares" means the shares of the Company held by the Company continuously since they were bought back or were regarded as having been bought back in accordance with the Ordinance;

"virtual meeting" means a general meeting convened for virtual attendance and participation by members and/or proxies by means of electronic facilities;

"writing" or "printing" includes printing, lithography and other means of representing or reproducing words or figures in a visible form and includes telex, facsimile and other similar means of reproducing messages;

"year" means calendar year.

The singular includes the plural and vice versa. Words importing any gender include the other genders.

Save as aforesaid any words or expressions defined in the Ordinance shall if not inconsistent with the subject or context bear the same meaning in these presents.

The headings and marginal notes shall not affect the construction of these presents.

2. The regulations contained in Schedule 1 to The Companies (Model Articles) Notice Model (Cap. 622H) shall not apply to the Company.

#### CAPITAL AND SHARES

3. Subject to the provisions of the Ordinance and the relevant authority given by the Allotment of Company in general meeting, the Directors may exercise any power of the Company to allot shares (with or without conferring a right of renunciation), grant options over or otherwise dispose of them to such persons, or to grant rights to subscribe for or convert any security into shares to such persons, on such terms and conditions and at such times as the Directors shall in their sole and absolute discretion think fit.

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- 4. (A) The Company may at any time pay a commission or brokerage to any person for Company may pay subscribing or agreeing to subscribe (whether absolutely or conditionally) for any commission shares in the Company or procuring or agreeing to procure subscriptions (whether absolute or conditional) for any shares in the Company but so that the conditions and requirements of the Ordinance shall be observed and complied with and in each case the commission or brokerage shall not exceed ten percent of the price at which the shares are issued.
  - (B) The Directors may issue warrants (other than share warrants to bearer) to subscribe for any class of shares or securities of the Company on such terms as they may from time to time determine. No fraction of any share shall be allotted on exercise of the subscription rights.
- (A) Subject to the provisions, if any, in this Articles and without prejudice to any 5. special rights previously conferred on the holders of existing shares, any share in one or different class may be allotted and issued with such preferred, redeemable, deferred or other special rights or such restrictions, whether in regard to dividend, voting, return of share capital or otherwise, as the Company may from time to time by ordinary resolution determine (or, in the absence of any such determination or so far as the same shall not make specific provision, as the Directors may determine). Subject to the provisions of the Ordinance, any share may be allotted and issued which are to be redeemed, or liable to be redeemed at the option of the Company or the holder and the Directors may determine the terms, conditions and manner of redemption of any such share, provided that buy-backs of redeemable shares not made through the market or by tender shall be limited to a maximum price and if buy-backs are by tender, tenders shall be available to all shareholders holding redeemable shares of the Company alike. For shares which do not carry voting rights, the words "non-voting" shall appear in the designation of such shares. For shares with different voting rights, the designation of each class of shares, other than those with the most favourable voting rights, shall include the words "restricted voting" or "limited voting".
  - (B) The Company may, in accordance with the Ordinance, before the issue of any new shares, make any provisions as to the issue and allotment of such shares including, but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, a provision that the new shares or any of them shall be offered in the first instance to all the holders for the time being of shares of any class in proportion to the number of the shares held by them respectively but in default of any such determination or so far as the same shall not extend, such shares may be dealt with as if they formed part of the capital of the Company existing prior to the issue of the same.
- (A) If at any time the capital is divided into different classes of shares, the rights 6. attached to any class (unless otherwise provided by the terms of issue of the shares of that class) may, subject to the provisions of section 180 of the Ordinance, be varied with the consent in writing of the holders of at least seventy-five per cent of the total voting rights of holders of shares of that class or with the sanction of a

Directors may issue warrants

Shares issued with special rights

Shares of fered to existing members

Variation of class rights

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special resolution passed at a separate general meeting of the holders of the shares of that class. To any such separate general meeting all the provisions of the Articles as to general meetings of the Company shall mutatis mutandis apply, but so that the necessary quorum shall be not less than two persons holding or representing by proxy or authorised representative at least one-third of the issued shares of that class, and at an adjourned meeting one person holding any shares of that class or his proxy, and that every holder of shares of the class shall be entitled on a poll to one vote for every such share held by him, that any holder of shares of the class present in person or by proxy or authorised representative may demand a poll and that at any adjourned meeting of such holders one holder present in person or by proxy or authorised representative (whatever the number of shares held by him) shall be a quorum.

- (B) The rights conferred upon the holders of the shares of any class issued with preferred or other rights shall not, unless otherwise expressly provided by the terms of issue of the shares of that class, be deemed to be varied by the creation or issue of further shares ranking *pari passu* therewith.
- 7. Except as otherwise expressly provided by the Articles or required by law or ordered by True reconnected a court of competent jurisdiction, no person shall be recognised by the Company as holding any share upon any trust and the Company shall not be bound by or be compelled in any way to recognise (even when having notice thereof) any equitable, contingent, future or partial interest in any share or any interest in any fractional part of a share or (except only as by the Articles or by law otherwise provided) any other rights in respect of any share except an absolute right to the entirety thereof in the registered holder.
- Subject to any requirements and restrictions contained in the Ordinance, and any 8. Company to finance relevant rules or regulations issued by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the buy-back of its own "Stock Exchange") or the Securities and Futures Commission from time to time, the shares Company shall be entitled to buy-back shares of all classes and securities which carry a right to subscribe or buy-back shares out of its own issued share capital or to give directly or indirectly, by means of a loan, guarantee, the provision of security or otherwise, financial assistance for the purpose of or in connection with a purchase made or to be made by any person of any shares in the Company and should the Company buy back its own shares neither the Company nor the Board shall be required to select the shares to be bought back ratably or in any other particular manner as between the holders of shares of the same class or as between them and the holders of shares of any other class or in accordance with the rights as to dividends or capital conferred by any class of shares provided always that in case where the primary listing of any share capital of the Company is on the Stock Exchange, any such buy-back or financial assistance shall only be made or given in accordance with any relevant rules or regulations issued by the Stock Exchange or the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong or any other relevant regulatory authorities from time to time.

Trusts not recognised

- 9. Subject to the Ordinance, shares of the Company that have been purchased or H redeemed by the Company or any shares of the Company surrendered to it may be held streasury shares in accordance with the Ordinance. Shares held by the Company as treasury shares shall continue to be classified as treasury shares until such shares are either cancelled or transferred as the Board may determine on such terms and subject to such conditions as it in its absolute discretion thinks fit in accordance with the Ordinance and subject to the Listing Rules.
- No dividend may be declared or paid, and no other distribution (whether in cash or distribution) of the Company's assets (including any distribution of assets to members on a winding up) may be declared or paid in respect of a treasury share.
- 11. The Company or its nominee(s) shall be entered in the register of members of the Rin Company as the holder of the treasury shares provided that:
  - (A) the Company or its nominee(s) shall not be treated as a member for any purpose in relation to the treasury share and shall not exercise any right in respect of the treasury shares, and any purported exercise of such a right shall be void; and
  - (B) a treasury share shall not be voted, directly or indirectly, at any meeting of the Company and shall not be counted in determining the total number of issued shares at any given time, whether for the purposes of these Articles or the Ordinance, save that an allotment of shares as fully paid bonus shares in respect of a treasury share is permitted and shares allotted as fully paid bonus shares in respect of a treasury share shall be treated as treasury shares.

## **REGISTER OF MEMBERS AND SHARE CERTIFICATES**

- 12. The Directors shall cause to be kept a register of the members and there shall be Register of members
- 13. The register of members of the Company in Hong Kong shall be open for inspection by Inspection of the members as provided by the Ordinance, but the Company may be permitted to register App A1 para close the register on terms equivalent to the relevant sections of the Ordinance.
- 14. (A) Every person whose name is entered as a member in the register shall be entitled without payment within the relevant time limit as required by the Ordinance or other codes, rules and regulations as may be prescribed by any applicable regulatory authority from time to time, whichever is shorter, after allotment or lodgment of transfer (or within such other period as the conditions of issue shall provide) to the issue of one certificate for all his shares or, if he shall so request, in a case where the allotment or transfer is of a number of shares in excess of the number for the time being forming a stock exchange board lot, upon payment, in the case of a transfer, of a fee of such amount (of not more than the maximum sum as may be permitted by the Ordinance and approved by any stock exchange in Hong Kong or such lesser sum as the Board may from time to time require, for every certificate), such number of certificates for shares in stock exchange board

Holding of treasury shares

Distribution in respect of treasury shares

Rights of holders of treasury shares

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lots or multiples thereof as he shall request and one for the balance (if any) of the shares in question, provided that in respect of a share or shares held jointly by several persons the Company shall not be bound to issue a certificate or certificates to each such person and the issue and delivery of a certificate or certificates to one of several joint holders shall be sufficient delivery to all such holders.

- (B) Every certificate for shares or debentures or warrants or representing any other form of security of the Company shall be issued, under its official seal in accordance with the Ordinance.
- (C) Every share certificate hereafter issued shall specify the number and class of shares and distinguishing number of shares (if required by the Ordinance) in respect of which it is issued and the amount paid thereon and may otherwise be in such form as the Directors may from time to time prescribe.
- (D) If at any time the share capital of the Company is divided into different classes of shares, every share certificate shall contain the descriptions required under the Ordinance. A share certificate shall relate to only one class of shares.
- 15. Subject to the provisions in the Ordinance, if a share certificate is defaced, worn out, Replacement lost or destroyed, it may be replaced on payment of a fee of such amount of not more than the maximum amount as shall for the time being be permitted by the Ordinance and approved by any stock exchange in Hong Kong and on such terms, if any, as to publication of notices, evidence and indemnity and to payment of any exceptional costs and the reasonable out-of-pocket expenses of the Company in investigating such evidence and preparing such indemnity as the Directors may think fit and, where it is defaced or worn out, after delivery of the defaced or worn out certificate to the Company.
- 16. If any share shall stand in the names of two or more persons, the person first named in Joint holders the register shall be deemed the sole holder thereof as regards service of notices and, subject to the provisions of the Articles, all or any other matters connected with the Company, except the transfer of the share.

#### LIEN

17. The Company shall have a first and paramount lien on every share (not being a fully paid up share) for all moneys (whether presently payable or not) called or payable at a fixed time in respect of that share; and the Company shall also have a first and paramount lien and charge on all shares (other than fully paid up shares) standing registered in the name of a single member for all the debts and liabilities of such member or his estate to the Company and whether the same shall have been incurred before or after notice to the Company of any equitable or other interest of any person other than such member and whether the period for the payment or discharge of the same shall have actually arrived or not and notwithstanding that the same are joint debts or liabilities of such member or his estate and any other person, whether a

of share certificates

Shares and dividends subject to lien for debts due to the Company

member of the Company or not; but the Directors may at any time declare any share to be for some specified period wholly or in part exempt from the provisions of this Article. The Company's lien, if any, on a share shall extend to all dividends, bonuses and distributions payable in respect thereof.

- 18. The Company may sell, in such manner as the Directors think fit, any shares on which the Company has a lien but no sale shall be made unless some sum in respect of which the lien exists is presently payable or the liability or engagement in respect of which such lien exists is liable to be presently fulfilled or discharged nor until expiration of 14 days after a notice in writing specifying the relevant debt, liability or engagement and demanding payment, fulfilment or discharge thereof and giving notice of intention to sell in default, shall have been given to the registered holder for the time being of the share, or the person entitled thereto by reason of the death, mental disorder or bankruptcy of the registered holder.
- 19. The net proceeds of the sale after the payment of the costs of such sale shall be received Application by the Company and applied in or towards payment, fulfilment or discharge of the of sale debt or liability or engagement in respect whereof the lien exists, so far as the same is presently payable or due to be fulfilled or discharged, and any residue shall (subject to a like lien for debts or liabilities or engagements not presently payable or due to be fulfilled or discharged as existing upon the shares prior to the sale and upon surrender, if required by the Company, for cancellation of the certificate for the shares sold) be paid to the person who was the holder of such shares immediately before the sale of such shares. For giving effect to any such sale the Directors may authorise some person to transfer the shares sold to the purchaser thereof. The purchaser shall be registered as the holder of the shares comprised in any such transfer and he shall not be bound to see to the application of the purchase money, nor shall his title to the shares be affected by any irregularity or invalidity in the proceedings in reference to the sale.

#### **CALLS ON SHARES**

- 20. The Directors may from time to time make such calls as they may think fit upon the Calls and members in respect of all or any part of the moneys unpaid on the shares held by them respectively and not by the conditions of issue or allotment thereof made payable at a date fixed by or in accordance with such terms of issue or allotment; and each member shall (subject to receiving at least 14 days' notice specifying the time and place of payment and to whom such call shall be paid) pay to the Company at the time and place and to the person so specified the amount called on his shares. A call shall be deemed to have been made when the resolution of the Directors authorising such call is passed and may be made payable in one sum or by instalments. A call may be revoked or postponed as the Directors may determine. A person upon whom a call is made shall remain liable on such call notwithstanding any subsequent transfer of the shares in respect of which the call was made.
- 21. A copy of the notice referred to in Article 20 shall be sent to the members in the Service of notice manner in which notices may be sent to members by the Company as herein provided.

Enforcement of lien by sale

of proceeds

notice of calls

- 22. In addition to the giving of notice in accordance with Article 20, notice of the person appointed to receive payment of every call and of the time and place appointed for payment may, if required by any applicable laws, rules or regulations, or determined by the board of Directors to be appropriate, be given to the members affected by notice to be inserted once in The Hong Kong Government Gazette and once at least in an English language daily newspaper and a Chinese language daily newspaper or any other form of advertisement circulating in Hong Kong.
- 23. The joint holders of a share shall be jointly and severally liable to pay all calls and instalments due in respect of such share or other moneys due in respect thereof.
- 24. The Directors may from time to time at their discretion extend the time fixed for any call and may extend such time as regards all or any of the members whom, by reason of residence outside Hong Kong or other cause, the Directors may deem entitled to any such extension but no member shall be entitled to any such extension except as a matter of grace and favour.
- 25. If a sum called in respect of a share is not paid before or on the day appointed for payment thereof, the person from whom the sum is due shall pay interest upon the sum at such rate not exceeding twenty percent per annum as the Directors shall fix from the day appointed for the payment thereof to the time of the actual payment but the Directors shall be at liberty to waive payment of that interest wholly or in part.
- 26. No member shall be entitled to receive any dividend or bonus or to be present and vote (save as proxy for another member who is entitled) at any general meeting, either personally or by proxy or authorised representative or be reckoned in a quorum or to exercise any other privilege as a member until all calls and instalments due from him to the Company, whether alone or jointly with any other person, together with interest and expenses (if any) shall have been paid.
- 27. On the trial or hearing of any action or other proceedings for the recovery of any money due for any call, it shall be sufficient to prove that the name of the member sued is entered in the register as the holder, or one of the holders, of the shares in respect of which such debt accrued; that the resolution making the call is duly recorded in the minute book; and that notice of such call was duly given to the member sued, in pursuance of the Articles; and it shall not be necessary to prove the appointment of the Directors who made such call nor any other matters whatsoever and the proof of the matters aforesaid only shall be conclusive evidence of the existence of the debt.
- 28. Any sum which by the terms of issue or allotment of a share becomes payable upon allotment or any date fixed by or in accordance with such call terms of issue or allotment shall for all the purposes of the Articles be deemed to be a call duly made, notified and payable on the date on which by the terms of issue or allotment the same becomes payable. In case of non-payment, all the relevant provisions of the Articles as to payment of interest and expenses, forfeiture or otherwise shall apply as if such sum had become payable by virtue of a call duly made and notified.

Notices in Gazette and newspapers

Liability of joint holders

Board may extend time fixed for call

Interest on unpaid calls

Suspension of privileges while call unpaid

Evidence in action for recovery of call

Sums payable on allotment deemed a call

- 29. The Directors may make arrangements on the issue of shares for differences in the amount of calls to be paid and in the times of payment between one allottee or holder and another.
- 30. The Directors may, if they think fit, receive from any member willing to advance the same either in money or money's worth all or any part of the moneys uncalled and unpaid or instalments not yet payable upon any shares held by him; and upon all or any of the moneys so advanced may (until the same would, but for such advance, become presently payable) pay interest at such rate (not exceeding, without the sanction of the Company in general meeting, six percent per annum) as may be agreed upon between the member paying the sum in advance and the Directors. The Directors may at any time repay the amount so advanced or any part thereof upon giving to such member not less than one month's notice in writing of their intention in that behalf, unless before the expiration of such notice the amount proposed to be repaid shall have been called up on the shares in respect of which it was advanced in which event the same shall be applied in or towards satisfaction of the call under the applicable provisions of the Articles.

# FORFEITURE OF SHARES

- 31. If a member fails to pay in full any call or instalment of a call on the day appointed for the payment thereof, the Directors may at any time thereafter during such time as any part of the call or instalment remains unpaid, without prejudice to the provisions of Article 26, serve a notice on him requiring payment of so much of the call or instalment as is unpaid together with any interest which may have accrued and which may still accrue up to the date of actual payment.
- 32. The notice shall name a further day (not earlier than 14 days after the date of service of the notice) on or before which and the place where the payment required by the notice is to be made and shall state that in the event of non-payment at or before the time and at the place appointed the shares in respect of which the call was made will be liable to be forfeited.
- 33. If the requirements of any such notice as aforesaid are not complied with, any share in Forfeiture by resolution of directors respect of which the notice has been given may at any time thereafter, before the payment required by the notice has been made, be forfeited by a resolution of the Directors to that effect. Such forfeiture shall include all dividends and bonuses declared in respect of the forfeited shares but not paid before the forfeiture. The Directors may accept a surrender of any share liable to be forfeited hereunder and in such case, references in these presents to forfeiture shall include surrender.
- 34. Until cancelled in accordance with the requirements of the Ordinance, any share so forfeited shall be deemed to be the property of the Company and may be sold, cancelled, reallotted or otherwise disposed of either to the person who was, before the forfeiture, the holder thereof or entitled thereto or to any other person on such terms

Difference in amount and times of payment of calls

Payment of calls in advance

Notice requiring payment of caĺl

Date and place for payment to be made

Forfeited share deemed property of the Company

and in such manner as the Directors think fit and at any time before a sale or disposition thereof the forfeiture may be cancelled on such terms as the Directors think fit.

- 35. A person whose shares have been forfeited shall cease to be a member in respect of the forfeited shares but shall, notwithstanding, remain liable to pay to the Company all calls already made and moneys which, at the date of forfeiture, were presently payable by him to the Company in respect of the shares and without any deduction or allowance for the value of the shares at the date of forfeiture (together with interest thereon at such rate not exceeding twenty percent per annum as the Directors may prescribe from the date of forfeiture if the Directors think fit to enforce payment of such interest) but his liability shall cease if and when the Company shall receive payment in full of all such calls, monies and interests in respect of the shares. For the purposes of this Article, any sum which by the terms of issue of a share is payable thereon at a fixed time which is subsequent to the date of forfeiture shall, notwithstanding that such time has not yet arrived be deemed to be payable at the date of forfeiture and the same shall become due and payable immediately upon the forfeiture but interest thereon shall only be payable in respect of any period between the said fixed time and, if later, the date of actual payment.
- 36. A statutory declaration in writing to the effect that the declarant is a Director or the Disposition Company Secretary of the Company and that a share in the Company has been duly forfeited or surrendered on a date stated in the declaration shall be conclusive evidence of the facts therein stated as against all persons claiming to be entitled to the share. The Company may receive the consideration, if any, given for the share on any sale, reallotment or disposition thereof and may, subject to the restrictions contained in the Articles, execute a transfer of the share in favour of the person to whom the share is sold, reallotted or disposed of and he shall thereupon be registered as the holder of the share and shall not be bound to see to the application of the purchase money, if any, nor shall his title to the share be affected by any irregularity or invalidity in the proceedings in reference to the forfeiture, sale, cancellation, reallotment or disposal of the share.
- 37. When any share shall have been forfeited, notice of the resolution shall be given to the Notice of member in whose name it stood immediately prior to the forfeiture and an entry of the forfeiture, with the date thereof, shall forthwith be made in the register.
- 38. (A) Notwithstanding any such forfeiture as aforesaid, the Directors may at any time, before any shares so forfeited shall have been sold, cancelled, reallotted or otherwise disposed of, permit the shares forfeited to be redeemed upon the terms of payment of all calls and interest due upon and expenses incurred in respect of the shares and upon such further terms (if any) as they think fit.
  - (B) The forfeiture of a share shall not prejudice the right of the Company to any call already made or instalment payable thereon.

Arrears to be paid notwithstanding forfeiture

after forfeiture

forfeiture

Redemption of forfeited shares

Forfeiture of share not to prejudice any call made

# PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES AND ADOPTION OF THE NEW ARTICLES

- (C) The provisions of this Article as to forfeiture shall apply in the case of Forfeiture applies to non-payment of any sum which, by the terms of issue of a share, becomes payable at a fixed time as if the same had been payable by virtue of a call duly of any sum made and notified.
- (D) The forfeiture of a share shall involve the extinction at the time of the forfeiture of all interest in, and all claims and demands against the Company in respect of the share and all other rights and liabilities incident to the share, between the member whose share has been forfeited and the Company except only such of those rights
  Forfeiture of shares to extinguish claims against the Company in respect of the share incident to the share.

## TRANSFER OF SHARES

- 39. (A) All transfers of shares may be effected by transfer in writing in any usual or Manner of common form or in any other form acceptable to the Directors.
  - (B) The instrument of transfer shall be in writing and executed by or on behalf of the transferor and by or on behalf of the transferee, and shall be executed with a manual signature or machine imprinted signature by or on behalf of the transferor or transferee provided that in the case of execution by machine printed signature by or on behalf of the transferor or transferee, the Company shall have previously been provided with a list of specimen signatures of the authorised signatories of such transferor and the Board shall be reasonably satisfied that such machine imprinted signature corresponds to one of those specimen signatures.
  - (C) The transferor shall remain the holder of the shares concerned until the name of Transferor remains the transferee is entered in the register in respect thereof.
- 40. Nothing in the Articles shall preclude the Directors from recognising a renunciation of the allotment or provisional allotment of any share by the allottee in favour of some other person. The Directors in their sole and absolute discretion may decline to register any transfer of shares which are not fully paid up to a person of whom they do not approve and they may also refuse to register transfer of any share to more than four joint holders thereof and in addition may refuse to register any transfer of share (not being a fully paid up share) on which the Company has a lien. The Directors shall not register to a person who is known to them to be an infant or a person of unsound mind or under any other legal disability but the Directors shall not be bound to enquire into the age or soundness of mind or legal ability of any transferee.
- 41. Every instrument of transfer shall be left at the office or at such other place as the Directors may appoint for registration accompanied by the certificate of the shares to be transferred and such other evidence as the Directors may reasonably require to prove the title of the transferor or his right to transfer the shares. If the Directors refuse to register a transfer they shall within two months after the date on which the transfer was lodged with the Company send to each of the transferor and transferee notice of the refusal to register the transfer provided that if any of the transferor or transferee request for a statement of the reasons for the refusal, it must within

Transferor remains member until transferee registered Directors may refuse registration

of refusal to register transfer and retention of instruments of transfer

Notification

twenty-eight days after receiving such request send the statement of the reasons or register the transfer. All instruments of transfer which are registered shall be retained by the Company but any instrument of transfer which the Directors may decline to register shall (except in the case of fraud) be returned to the person depositing the same together with the share certificate and such other evidence as aforesaid within two months after the date on which the transfer was lodged with the Company.

- 42. The Directors may also decline to recognise any instrument of transfer unless:
  - (i) a fee of such amount of not more than the maximum amount as shall for the time being be permitted by the Ordinance and approved by any stock exchange in Hong Kong or such other lesser sum as the Directors may from time to time require is paid to the Company for registering any transfer or other document relating to or affecting the title to the shares involved or for otherwise making an entry in the register relating to such shares;
  - (ii) the instrument of transfer is in respect of only one class of share;
  - (iii) the shares are fully-paid;
  - (iv) the shares concerned are free of any lien in favour of the Company; and
  - (v) the instrument of transfer is properly stamped.
- 43. Upon every transfer of shares the certificate relating to the shares to be transferred held by the transferor shall be given up to be cancelled and shall forthwith be cancelled and shall forthwith be cancelled share of share certificate shall be issued without charge to the transferee in respect of the shares transferred to him and if any of the shares included in the certificate so given up shall be retained by the transferor a new certificate in respect thereof shall be issued to him without charge.
- 44. The registration of transfers may be suspended and the register closed at such times Suspension and for such periods as the Directors may from time to time determine provided always that such registration shall not be suspended or the register closed for more than thirty days in any year or, if the Company in general meeting approves, sixty days in any year.

### UNTRACED SHAREHOLDERS

- 45. The Company may sell any shares in the Company if:
  - (i) all cheques or warrants, being not less than three in total number, for any sum payable in cash to the holder of such shares in respect of them sent in the manner authorised by the Articles of the Company have remained uncashed for a period of 12 years;

Power to sell shares

Instruments of transfer

- (ii) the Company has not at any time during the relevant period received any indication of the existence of the Member or of any person who is entitled to such shares; and
- (iii) the Company, on expiry of the aforesaid 12 year period, gives notice of its intention to sell the shares to The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and to the public by way of an advertisement to be inserted in at least one English language and at least one Chinese language newspaper and published in the Hong Kong Government Gazette, and a period of three months has elapsed since the date of such notice to the public.

To give effect to any such sale the Directors may authorise any person to transfer the Manner of sale said shares and an instrument of transfer signed or otherwise executed by or on behalf of such person shall be as effective as if it had been executed by the registered holder or the person entitled by transmission to such shares, and the purchaser shall not be bound to see to the application of the purchase moneys nor shall his title to the shares be affected by any irregularity or invalidity in the proceedings relating to the sale. The net proceeds of the sale shall belong to the Company and upon receipt by the Company of such net proceeds it shall become indebted to the former member for an amount equal to such net proceeds. No trust shall be created in respect of such debt and no interest shall be payable in respect of it and the Company shall not be required to account for any moneys earned from the net proceeds which may be employed in the business of the Company or as it thinks fit. Any sale under this Article shall be valid and effective notwithstanding that the member holding the shares sold is dead, bankrupt or otherwise under any legal disability or incapacity.

# **TRANSMISSION OF SHARES**

- 46. In the case of the death of a member, the survivor or survivors where the deceased was Death of a a joint holder and the legal personal representatives of the deceased where he was a sole holder shall be the only persons recognised by the Company as having any title to his interest in the share; but nothing herein contained shall release the estate of the deceased (whether sole or joint holder) from any liability in respect of any share which had been held by him jointly with other persons or solely.
- 47. Subject to the provisions of the Ordinance, any person to whom the right to any share Directors may decline has been transmitted by death, bankruptcy or otherwise by operation of law may, upon of transferee such evidence being produced as may from time to time required by the Directors and subject as hereinafter provided, elect either to be registered himself as holder of the shares, whether in whole or part, or to have some person nominated by him registered as the transferee thereof, whether in whole or part, but the Directors shall, in either case, have the same right to decline or suspend registration as they would have had in the case of a transfer of the shares by the original member before the event giving rise to the transmission. The merger of any two or more corporations under the laws of one or more foreign countries or states shall constitute a transmission by operation of law for the purposes of this Article.

member

registration

- 48. If the person so becoming entitled shall elect to be registered himself, whether in whole or in part in respect of the shares involved, he shall deliver or send to the Company a notice in writing signed by him stating that he so elects. If he shall elect to have another person registered, in whole or in part in respect of the shares involved, he shall testify his election by executing in favour of that person a transfer of the relevant shares. All the limitations, restrictions and provisions of the Articles relating to the right to transfer and the registration of transfers of shares shall be applicable to any such notice or transfer as aforesaid as if the transmission had not occurred and the notice or transfer signed by the original registered holder.
- 49. Any person to whom the right to any share has been transmitted by operation of law shall be entitled to the same dividends and other advantages to which he would be entitled if he were the registered holder of the share, provided always that the Directors may at any time give notice requiring any such person to elect either to be registered himself or to transfer the share, and if the notice is not complied with within 90 days the Directors may thereafter withhold payment of all dividends, bonuses or other monies payable in respect of the share until the requirements of the notice have been complied with but, subject to the requirements of Article 81 being met, such person may vote at meetings of the Company.

# ALTERATION OF CAPITAL

- 50. Subject to the provisions of the Ordinance, the Company may from time to time alter Alteration of capital in whatever ways as permitted by the Ordinance.
- 51. Except so far as otherwise provided by the conditions of issue or by these Articles, any new shares allotted and issued as a consequence of an alteration of capital shall be subject to the same provisions with reference to the payments of calls and instalments, a liens, transfer, transmission, forfeiture, cancellation, surrender, voting and otherwise as the shares in the original capital.
- 52. The Company may by ordinary resolution:
  - (i) consolidate all of its shares into smaller number of shares than its existing of number; on any consolidation of fully paid shares into smaller number of shares, the Directors may settle any difficulty which may arise as they think expedient and in particular (but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) may as between the holders of the shares to be consolidated determine which particular shares are to be consolidated into each consolidated share and if it shall happen that any person shall become entitled to fractions of a consolidated share or shares, such fractions may be sold by some person appointed by the Directors for that purpose and the person so appointed may transfer the shares so sold to the purchaser thereof and the validity of such transfer shall not be questioned and so that the net proceeds of such sale (after deduction of the expenses of such sale) may either be distributed among the persons who would otherwise be entitled to a

Registration of transferee

Transmission of shares confers same rights and privileges

New shares issued

pursuant to alteration of capital

Consolidation of shares

fraction or fractions of a consolidated share or shares rateably in accordance with their rights and interests or may be paid to the Company for the Company's benefit;

- sub-divide its existing shares into larger number of shares than its existing number (ii) Subdivision subject, nevertheless, to the provisions of the Ordinance; and so that the resolution whereby any share is sub-divided may determine that, as between the holders of the shares resulting from such sub-division, one or more of the shares may have any such preferred or other special rights over or may have such deferred rights or be subject to any such restrictions as compared with the others as the Company has power to attach to new shares; and
- (iii) cancel any shares which, at the date of the passing of the resolution, have not been taken or agreed to be taken by any person or have been forfeited in accordance with these Article.
- 53. The Company may by special resolution reduce its capital in such manner authorised Reduction of capital and subject to any conditions prescribed by law.

# GENERAL MEETINGS

54. The Company shall hold a general meeting for each financial year as its annual general meeting, which is within six (6) months after the end of its financial year. The annual general meeting shall be convened by the board of Directors to be held, subject to these Articles, at such time and place as the Directors think fit. The Directors may, at its absolute discretion, hold general meetings (including any general meeting, adjourned meeting or postponed meeting) by way of physical meeting in any Meeting Location(s), as a hybrid meeting or as a virtual meeting, and/or arrange for members to attend a general meeting by simultaneous attendance and participation at Meeting Location(s) using electronic means at such Meeting Location(s) in any part of the world as the Directors may, at its absolute discretion, designate. The members present in person or by proxy at the Meeting Location(s) or by electronic means shall be counted in the quorum for, and entitled to speak and vote (except where the member is required by the Listing Rules to abstain from voting to approve the matter under consideration) at, the subject general meeting, and that meeting shall be duly constituted and its proceedings valid provided that the chairman of the meeting is satisfied that adequate facilities are available throughout the meeting to ensure that members attending at all the Meeting Location(s) or by electronic means are able to hear all those persons present and speak at the Principal Meeting Place, at any other Meeting Location held by electronic means and by electronic means and be heard by all other persons in the same way. For physical meeting or hybrid meeting, the chairman of the meeting shall be present at, and the meeting shall be deemed to take place at, the Principal Meeting Place. General meetings include other meetings of members which are not annual general meetings.

of shares

Cancellation of shares not taken up

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55. The Directors may, whenever they think fit, convene general meeting other than an annual general meeting. Such general meetings shall also be convened on such requisition from member(s) individually or collectively holding not more than 10% of the shares of the Company, on a one vote per share basis, or in default may be convened by such requisitionists in the same manner, as nearly as possible, as that in which general meetings are to be convened by the Directors, who may also add resolutions to meeting agenda, as provided by and subject to the Ordinance and the Listing Rules.

## NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETINGS

- 56. An annual general meeting shall be called by 21 days' notice in writing at the least and Na all other general meetings of the Company shall be called by 14 days' notice in writing day at the least. The notice shall be exclusive of the day on which it is served or deemed to he served and of the day for which it is given.
- 57. The notice calling a general meeting shall specify (a) the time and date of the meeting; (b) if the general meeting is to be a physical meeting or a hybrid meeting, the place of the meeting and if there is more than one Meeting Location using any technology that enables the members who are not together at the same place to listen, speak and vote at the meeting as determined by the Board, the principal place of the meeting (the "**Principal Meeting Place**") and the other Meeting Location(s); (c) if the general meeting is to be a hybrid meeting or a virtual meeting, the details of the electronic facilities for attendance and participation by electronic means at the meeting; and (d) particulars of resolutions to be considered at the meeting, and there shall appear with reasonable prominence in every such notice a statement that a member entitled to attend, speak and vote is entitled to appoint a proxy or proxies to attend, speak and, on a poll, vote instead of him and that a proxy need not be a member of the Company. The notice convening a general meeting shall specify the meeting as such.
- 58. Subject to the foregoing Article, the notice of every general meeting shall be given in the manner hereinafter mentioned or in such other manner, if any, as may be comprescribed by the Company in general meeting to such persons as are under the Articles are noticed to receive such notices from the Company; provided that subject to the provisions of the Ordinance a meeting of the Company shall, notwithstanding that it is called by shorter notice than that specified in this Article, be deemed to have been duly called if it is so agreed:
  - (i) in the case of a meeting called as the annual general meeting, by all the members entitled to attend and vote thereat; and
  - (ii) in the case of any other general meeting, by a majority in number of the members having a right to attend and vote at the meeting, being a majority together holding not less than ninety-five percent of the total voting rights at the meeting of all members.

Other General Meetings

App A1 para 14(5) CO s566

Notices of General Meetings App A1 para 14(2)

Contents of notice of general meetings

Notwithstanding any contrary provisions in these Articles, the Directors shall have the power to provide in every notice calling a general meeting that if a black rainstorm warning or a gale warning is in force at a specific time on the day of the general meeting as specified in such notice, the general meeting will not be held on that day (the "Scheduled Meeting Day") but will, without further notice be automatically postponed and by virtue of that same notice, be held instead at a time on an alternative day (as specified in such notice) that falls within seven business days of the Scheduled Meeting Day. It shall not be a ground of objection to the validity of such notice that the notice calls a general meeting contingently on whether a black rainstorm warning or a gale warning is in force at the relevant time as specified in such notice.

- 59. The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to or the non-receipt of notice of a meeting by any person entitled to receive notice shall not invalidate any resolution passed or any proceedings at any meeting.
- 60. In cases where instruments of proxy are or are to be sent out with notices, the accidental omission to send such instruments of proxy to or the non-receipt of such instruments of proxy by any person entitled to receive notice shall not invalidate any resolution passed or any proceeding at any such meeting.

## **PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS**

- 61. All business relating to the reading, consideration and adoption of the reporting documents, the election of Directors in the place of those retiring at the meeting whether by rotation or otherwise, the appointment of the auditors (where special notice of the resolution for such appointment is not required by the Ordinance) and the fixing, or the determination of the method of fixing, of the remuneration of the Directors and of the auditors shall be transacted at the annual general meeting.
- 62. For all purposes, the quorum for a general meeting shall be two (2) members entitled to Quorum vote present in person (including attendance by electronic means) or by separate proxy or representative. No business shall be transacted at any general meeting unless the requisite quorum shall be present at the commencement of the business provided that the absence of a quorum shall not preclude the appointment, choice or election of a chairman which shall not be treated as part of the business of the meeting.
- 63. If within 15 minutes from the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present, Adjournment of the meeting, if convened upon a requisition of members, shall be dissolved; in any meeting other case it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week and at such time and (where applicable) place(s) and in such form and manner referred to in Article 54, as shall be absolutely decided by the Board and if at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within 15 minutes from the time appointed for the meeting, the member or members present shall be a quorum and may transact the business for which the meeting was called.

Omission to give notice and non-receipt of notice

Omission to send instruments of proxy or non-receipt of same

Business of Annual General Meeting

64. Each Director shall be entitled to attend and speak at any general meeting of the Director's Company and at any separate meeting of the holders of any class of shares in the Company.

right of attendance and speech

- 65. The chairman, if any, of the Directors or, in his absence, the deputy chairman, if any, Chairman shall preside as chairman at every general meeting of the Company.
- 66. If there is no such chairman or deputy chairman or if at any meeting neither of such Who can act as Chairman chairman or deputy chairman is present within 15 minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting or is willing to act as chairman, the members present shall choose another Director as chairman and if only one Director shall be present he shall, if willing to act, preside as chairman. If no Director shall be present or if all the Directors present decline to take the chair or if the chairman chosen shall retire from the chair, then the members present shall choose one of them to be the chairman. The Chairman of a general meeting shall, for the purpose of conducting the meeting in an orderly manner, have power to take all such steps and actions as he deems appropriate to maintain order during the meeting.
- 67. The chairman may, with the consent of any meeting at which a quorum is present and Power to adjourn shall, if so directed by the meeting, adjourn the meeting from time to time and/or from General Meeting place to place and/or from one form to another (a physical meeting, a hybrid meeting or a virtual meeting), but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business which might lawfully have been transacted at the meeting from which the adjournment took place. When a meeting is adjourned for 14 days or more, at least 7 clear days' written notice specifying the place and/or the details of the electronic facilities for attendance and participation by electronic means, the day and the hour of the adjourned meeting shall be given as in the case of an original meeting but it shall not be necessary to specify in such notice the nature of the business to be transacted at the adjourned meeting. Save as aforesaid it shall not be necessary to give any notice of an adjournment or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting.
- 68. (i) The Board may, at its absolute discretion, arrange for persons entitled to attend a general meeting to do so by simultaneous attendance and participation by means of electronic facilities at such location(s) ("Meeting Location(s)") or by electronic means determined by the Board at its absolute discretion. Any member or any proxy attending and participating in such way or any member or proxy participating in a hybrid meeting or a virtual meeting by means of electronic facilities is deemed to be present at and shall be counted in the quorum of the meeting.
  - (ii) All general meetings are subject to the following and, where appropriate, all references to member(s) in this sub-paragraph shall include proxy(ies):
    - (a) where a member is attending a Meeting Location and/or in the case of a hybrid meeting, the meeting shall be treated as having commenced if it has commenced at the Principal Meeting Place;

Meeting Location App A1 para 14(6)(a)

- (b) members present in person or by proxy at a Meeting Location and/or members attending and participating in a hybrid meeting or a virtual meeting by means of electronic facilities shall be counted in the quorum for and entitled to vote at the meeting in question, and that meeting shall be duly constituted and its proceedings valid provided that the chairman of the meeting is satisfied that adequate electronic facilities are available throughout the meeting to ensure that members at all Meeting Locations and members participating in a hybrid meeting or a virtual meeting by means of electronic facilities are able to participate in the business for which the meeting has been convened;
- (c) where members attend a meeting by being present at one of the Meeting Locations and/or where members participating in a hybrid meeting or a virtual meeting by means of electronic facilities, a failure (for any reason) of the electronic facilities or communication equipment, or any other failure in the arrangements for enabling those in a Meeting Location other than the Principal Meeting Place to participate in the business for which the meeting has been convened or in the case of a hybrid meeting or a virtual meeting, the inability of one or more members or proxies to access, or continue to access, the electronic facilities despite adequate electronic facilities having been made available by the Company, shall not affect the validity of the meeting or the resolutions passed, or any business conducted there or any action taken pursuant to such business provided that there is a quorum present throughout the meeting; and
- (d) if any of the Meeting Locations is not in the same jurisdiction as the Principal Meeting Place and/or in the case of a hybrid meeting, the provisions of these Articles concerning the service and giving of notice for the meeting, and the time for lodging proxies, shall apply by reference to the Principal Meeting Place; and in case of a virtual meeting, the time for lodging proxies shall be as stated in the notice for the meeting.
- 69. The Board and, at any general meeting, the chairman of the meeting may from time to App A1 para 14(6)(b) time make arrangements for managing attendance and/or participation and/or voting at the Principal Meeting Place, any Meeting Location(s) and/or participation and/or voting in a hybrid meeting or a virtual meeting by means of electronic facilities (whether involving the issue of tickets or some other means of identification, passcode, seat reservation, electronic voting or otherwise) as it shall in its absolute discretion consider appropriate, and may from time to time change any such arrangements, provided that a Member who, pursuant to such arrangements, is not entitled to attend, in person or by proxy, at any Meeting Location shall be entitled so to attend at one of the other Meeting Locations; and the entitlement of any Member so to attend the meeting or adjourned meeting or postponed meeting at such Meeting Location(s) shall be subject to any such arrangement as may be for the time being in force and by the notice of meeting or adjourned meeting or postponed meeting stated to apply to the meeting.

- 70. If it appears to the chairman of the general meeting that:
  - (a) the electronic facilities at the Principal Meeting Place or at such other Meeting Location(s) at which the meeting may be attended have become inadequate for the purposes referred to in Article 68(i) or are otherwise not sufficient to allow the meeting to be conducted substantially in accordance with the provisions set out in the notice of the meeting;
  - (b) in the case of a hybrid meeting or a virtual meeting, electronic facilities being made available by the Company have become inadequate;
  - (c) it is not possible to ascertain the view of those present or to give all persons entitled to do so a reasonable opportunity to communicate and/or vote at the meeting; or
  - (d) there is violence or the threat of violence, unruly behaviour or other disruption occurring at the meeting or it is not possible to secure the proper and orderly conduct of the meeting,

then, without prejudice to any other power which the chairman of the meeting may have under these Articles, the Ordinance or at common law, the chairman may, at his/her absolute discretion, without the consent of the meeting, and before or after the meeting has started and irrespective of whether a quorum is present, interrupt or adjourn the meeting (including adjournment for indefinite period). All business conducted at the meeting up to the time of such adjournment shall be valid.

- 71. The Board and, at any general meeting, the chairman of the meeting may make any arrangement and impose any requirement or restriction the Board or the chairman of the meeting, as the case may be, considers appropriate to ensure the security and orderly conduct of a meeting (including, without limitation, requirements for evidence of identity to be produced by those attending the meeting, the searching of their personal property and the restriction of items that may be taken into the meeting place, determining the number and frequency of and the time allowed for questions that may be raised at a meeting). Members shall also comply with all requirements or restrictions imposed by the owner of the premises at which the meeting is held. Any decision made under this Article shall be final and conclusive and a person who refuses to comply with any such arrangements, requirements or restrictions may be refused entry to the meeting, asked to leave the meeting or ejected from the meeting (whether physically or electronically).
- 72. If, after the sending of notice of a general meeting but before the meeting is held, or after the adjournment of a meeting but before the adjourned meeting is held (whether or not notice of the adjourned meeting is required), the Directors, in their absolute discretion, consider that it is inappropriate, impracticable, unreasonable or undesirable for any reason to hold the general meeting on the date or at the time or place or by means of electronic facilities specified in the notice calling the meeting, they may change or postpone the meeting to another date, time and/or place and/or change

the electronic facilities and/or change the form of the meeting (a physical meeting or a hybrid meeting or a virtual meeting) without approval from the members. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the Directors shall have the power to provide in every notice calling a general meeting the circumstances in which a postponement of the relevant general meeting may occur automatically without further notice, including without limitation where a number 8 or higher typhoon signal, black rainstorm warning or other similar event is in force at any time on the day of the meeting. This Article shall be subject to the following:

- (a) when a meeting is so postponed, the Company shall endeavour to post a notice of such postponement on the Company's website as soon as practicable (provided that failure to post such a notice shall not affect the automatic postponement of a meeting);
- (b) when only the form of the meeting or electronic facilities specified in the notice are changed, the Board shall notify the members of details of such change in such manner as the Board may determine;
- (c) when a meeting is postponed or changed in accordance with this Article, subject to and without prejudice to Article 67, unless already specified in the original notice of the meeting, the Board shall fix the date, time, place (if applicable) and electronic facilities (if applicable) for the postponed or changed meeting and shall notify the members of such details in such manner as the Board may determine; further all proxy forms shall be valid (unless revoked or replaced by a new proxy) if they are received as required by these Articles not less than 48 hours before the time of the postponed meeting; and
- (d) notice of the business to be transacted at the postponed or changed meeting shall not be required, nor shall any accompanying documents be required to be recirculated, provided that the business to be transacted at the postponed or changed meeting is the same as that set out in the original notice of general meeting circulated to the members.
- 73. All persons seeking to attend and participate in a hybrid meeting or a virtual meeting shall be responsible for maintaining adequate facilities to enable them to do so. Subject to Article 70, any inability of a person or persons to attend or participate in a general meeting by way of electronic facilities shall not invalidate the proceedings of and/or resolutions passed at that meeting.
- 74. Without prejudice to other provisions in Article 67, a physical meeting may also be held by means of such telephone, electronic or other communication facilities as permit all persons participating in the meeting to communicate with each other simultaneously and instantaneously, and participation in such a meeting shall constitute presence in person at such meeting.

- 75. At any general meeting a resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided on a How a poll may be show of hands, unless a poll is required by the Listing Rules or is (before or on the demanded declaration of the result of the show of hands) demanded by:
  - the chairman; (i)
  - (ii) at least five members present in person or by proxy or representative entitled to vote at the meeting; or
  - (iii) any member or members present in person or by proxy or representative and representing not less than five per cent of the total voting rights of all the members having the right to vote at the meeting.

If the Chairman, before or on the declaration of the result on a show of hands, knows Chairman must demand from the proxies received by the Company that the result on a show of hands will be a poll different from that on a poll, the Chairman must demand a poll.

Unless a poll is so required under the Listing Rules or duly demanded and in the latter case the demand is not withdrawn, a declaration by the chairman that a resolution has, on a show of hands, been carried or carried unanimously or by a particular majority or lost and an entry to that effect in the book of the proceedings of the Company shall be conclusive evidence of the fact, without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against that resolution.

- 76. If a poll is duly demanded it shall (subject as provided in Article 79) be taken in such manner (including the use of ballot or voting papers or tickets or scrutineers or electronic facilities) and at such time and place and/or by means of such electronic facilities, not being more than 30 days from the date of the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the poll was demanded, as the chairman directs. No notice needs to be given of a poll not taken immediately. The demand for a poll may be withdrawn with the consent of the chairman at any time before the close of the meeting or the taking of the poll, whichever is the earlier. The result of the poll, whether or not declared by the Chairman at the meeting, or any adjourned meeting thereof, shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded. The poll result, as recorded in the scrutineers' certificate and signed by the scrutineer, shall be the conclusive evidence of such resolution of the meeting without proof. The Company shall record in the minutes of the general meeting such result of the poll in accordance with the Ordinance.
- 77. All questions submitted to a meeting shall be decided by a simple majority of votes Decision by except where a greater majority is required by the Articles or by the Ordinance or by the Listing Rules or by the applicable laws, rules and/or regulations to which the Company is subject. In the event of an equality of votes whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the chairman of the meeting shall be entitled to a second or casting voting.

Manner of taking a poll

majority of votes

- 78. The demand for a poll shall not prevent the continuance of a meeting for the transaction of any business other than the question on which a poll has been demanded.
- 79. A poll duly demanded on the election of a chairman of a meeting or on a question of Time for adjournment shall be taken forthwith at the meeting and without adjournment. A poll demanded on any other question shall be taken at such time (being not later than three months after the date of the demand) and place as the chairman of the meeting directs.

### VOTES OF MEMBERS

- 80. Subject to any rights or restrictions for the time being attached to any class or classes Votes of of shares, on a show of hands every member present in person or by proxy or by representative shall have one vote and on a poll every member present in person or by proxy or by representative shall have one vote for each share of which he is the holder and which is fully paid up or credited as fully paid up (but so that no amount paid up or credited as paid up on a share in advance of calls or instalments shall be treated for the purpose of this Article as paid up on the share). If a member appoints more than one proxy, the proxies so appointed are not entitled to vote on the resolution on a show of hands. A person entitled to cast more than one vote upon a poll need not use all his votes or cast all the votes he uses in the same way.
- 81. Any person entitled under Article 47 to be registered as a shareholder may vote at any general meeting in respect thereof in the same manner as if he were the registered holder of such shares provided that at least 48 hours before the time of the holding of the meeting or adjourned meeting (as the case may be) at which he proposes to vote, he shall satisfy the Directors of his right to be registered as the holder of such shares or the Directors shall have previously admitted his right to vote at such meeting in respect thereof.
- 82. In the case of joint holders the vote of the senior who tenders a vote, whether in person Joint holders or by proxy or by representative, shall be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint holders; and for this purpose seniority shall be determined by the order in which the names stand in the register. Several executors or administrators of a deceased member in whose name any share stands shall for the purposes of this Article be deemed joint holders thereof.
- 83. A member of unsound mind or in respect of whom an order has been made by any court having jurisdiction in lunacy may vote, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, by his committee, receiver, curator bonis or other person in the nature of a committee, receiver or curator bonis appointed by that court and any such committee, receiver, curator bonis or other person may on a poll vote by proxy.
- 84. If (a) any objection shall be raised to the qualification of any voter or (b) any votes have been counted which ought not to have been counted or which might have been rejected or (c) any votes are not counted which ought to have been counted, the objection or error shall not vitiate the decision of the meeting or adjourned meeting on

Business may proceed not withstanding demand for poll

taking polls

members

Votes in respect of deceased and bankrupt members

Voting by member of unsound mind

Objections to votes or errors in counting

any resolution unless the same is raised or pointed out at the meeting or, as the case may be, the adjourned meeting at which the vote objected to is given or tendered or at which the error occurs. Any objection or error shall be referred to the chairman of the meeting and shall only vitiate the decision of the meeting on any resolution if the chairman decides that the same may have affected the decision of the meeting. The decision of the chairman on such matters shall be final and conclusive.

- 85. Where any member is, under the Listing Rules, required to abstain from voting on any App A1 para 14(4)particular resolution or restricted to voting only for or only against any particular resolution, any votes cast by or on behalf of such member in contravention of such requirement or restriction shall not be counted.
- 86. Any member of the Company, whether an individual or a corporation, entitled to Proxies attend and vote at a meeting of the Company or a meeting of the holders of any class of App A1 para shares in the Company shall be entitled to appoint another representative as his proxy to attend and vote instead of him and shall be treated as being present in person at any meeting. Votes may be given either personally or by proxy. A member who is the holder of two or more shares may appoint more than one proxy to represent him and vote on his behalf at a general meeting of the Company or at a class meeting. Proxy need not be a member of the Company. In addition, a proxy or proxies representing either a member who is an individual or a member which is a corporation shall be entitled to exercise the same powers on behalf of the member which he or they represent as such member could exercise.
- 87. The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing under the hand of the appointor Execution of or of his attorney duly authorised in writing or, if the appointor is a corporation, either under seal or executed as a deed or under the hand of an officer or attorney duly authorised.
- 88. The Company may, at its absolute discretion, designate from time to time an electronic address for the receipt of any document or information relating to proxies for a meeting (including any instrument of proxy or invitation to appoint a proxy, any document necessary to show the validity of, or otherwise relating to, an appointment of proxy and notice of termination of the authority of a proxy). If any document or information required to be sent to the Company under this Article is sent to the Company by electronic means, such document or information is not treated as validly delivered to or deposited with the Company if the same is not received by the Company at its designated electronic address in accordance with this Article or if no electronic address is so designated by the Company for the receipt of such document or information.
- 89. The instrument appointing a proxy and the power of attorney or other authority, if Deposit of any, under which it is signed or a notarially certified copy of that power or authority shall,

instrument of proxy

- (a) in the case of an appointment of proxy in hard copy form, be deposited at the office or at the place or one of such places (if any) as may be specified for that purpose in or by way of note to the notice convening the meeting or in any notice of any adjourned meeting or, in either case, in any document sent therewith or in the instrument of proxy issued by the Company not less than 48 hours before the time for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting (as the case may be) at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote;
- (b) in the case of an appointment of proxy in electronic form, be received at the electronic address, specified in the notice convening the meeting, any appointment of proxy or any invitation to appoint a proxy sent out or made available by the Company in relation to the meeting, not less than forty-eight hours before the time for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting (as the case may be) at which the person named in such instrument proposes to vote. In such case, the actual time of receipt showing from the record of the Company will be deemed as the actual time of receipt by the Company; or
- (c) in the case of a poll taken more than forty-eight hours after it was demanded, be received as aforesaid after the poll has been demanded and not less than twenty-four hours before the time appointed for the taking of the poll.
- 90. An appointment of proxy not received or delivered in accordance with these Articles Duration of proxy shall not be treated as valid. No instrument appointing a proxy shall be valid after the expiration of twelve months from the date of its execution unless it states that it is valid for all meetings whatsoever until revoked with the exception that any instrument may be used at any adjournment of the meeting for which it was originally intended and on a poll demanded at a meeting or adjourned meeting provided that in all these cases the meeting was originally held within 12 months from such date. A vote cast or poll demanded by a proxy is valid despite the previous termination of the authority of a person to act as a proxy unless notice of such termination shall have been received by the Company as provided for in the Ordinance.
- 91. The instrument appointing a proxy to vote at any general meeting shall be deemed to Power of proxy confer authority to demand or join in demanding a poll and to vote on any amendment of a resolution put to the meeting for which it is given as the proxy thinks fit.
- 92. A vote given or poll demanded by a proxy, including the duly authorised representative of a corporation, in accordance with the terms of an instrument of proxy or power of attorney shall be valid notwithstanding the previous death or insanity of the principal or the previous termination or the revocation of the proxy or power of attorney or other authority under which the proxy was executed or transfer of the share in respect of which the proxy is given provided that no notice in writing of the death, insanity, termination, revocation or transfer has been received by the Company before the commencement of the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote is given or in the case of a poll taken more than forty-eight hours after it is demanded before the time appointed for the taking of the poll.

Vote by proxy valid though authority revoked

- 93. An instrument appointing a proxy whether for a specified meeting or otherwise may be Form of in any usual or common form or in any other form which the Directors may approve and the Directors may, if they think fit, send out with the notice of any meeting forms of instruments of proxy for use at the meeting provided, however, that any form of proxy shall provide for two way voting.
- 94. (A) Any corporation which is a member of the Company may, by resolution of its directors or other governing body or by power of attorney, authorise such person as it thinks fit to act as its representative at any meeting of the Company or of any class of members of the Company and the person so authorised shall be entitled to exercise the same powers on behalf of the corporation which he represents as that corporation could exercise as if it were an individual member of the Company and where a corporation is so represented, it shall be treated as being present at any meeting in person. References in these Articles to a member present in person a meeting shall, unless the context otherwise requires, include a corporation which is a member at the meeting by such duly authorised representative.
  - (B) If a Clearing house (or its nominee(s)) is a member of the Company, it may App A1 para authorise or appoint such person(s) as it thinks fit to act as its representative(s) or proxy(ies) at any meeting of the Company or at any meeting of any class of members or creditors of the Company provided that, if more than one person is so authorised or appointed, the authorisation or instrument of proxy shall specify the number and class of shares in respect of which each such person is so authorised or appointed. A person so authorised or appointed under the provisions of this Article shall be entitled to exercise the same powers on behalf of the Clearing house (or its nominee(s)) which he represents as that Clearing house (or its nominee(s)) could exercise as if such person were an individual member of the Company including, where applicable, the right to speak and to vote individually on a show of hands notwithstanding any contrary provisions contained in these Articles.

# DIRECTORS

- 95. Subject to the provisions of the Articles and the Ordinance, the Company may by A ordinary resolution elect any person to be a Director either to fill a casual vacancy or as an addition to the existing Directors. Unless otherwise determined by the Company in general meeting, the number of Directors shall not be less than two. There shall be no maximum number of Directors unless otherwise determined from time to time by the members in general meeting.
- 96. (A) No person, other than a Director retiring at the meeting, shall, unless recommended by the Directors for election, be eligible for appointment as a Director at any General Meeting unless notice in writing by a member of the Company (not being the person to be proposed) entitled to attend and vote at the meeting for which such notice is given, of his intention to propose that person for election as a Director and also notice in writing signed by that person of his

Appointment and number of Directors

Eligibility for election

willingness to be elected as a Director shall have been lodged with the Company Secretary during such period as may from time to time be designated by the Company.

- (B) The period for lodgment of the said notice(s) referred to in paragraph (A) above shall be a period of not less than 7 days, which shall commence no earlier than the day after the despatch of the notice of meeting appointed for such election and end no later than 7 days prior to the date of such meeting.
- (C) For the avoidance of doubt, paragraph (B) above applies for the purposes of calculating the minimum 7-day notice period and it does not prevent the Company from accepting the notices referred to in paragraph (A) above earlier than the time when the notice of the meeting referred to in paragraph (B) above is despatched.
- 97. The Company may by ordinary resolution in general meeting remove any Director for (including a Managing Director or other Executive Director) before the expiration of his period of office notwithstanding anything in these Articles or in any agreement determined between the Company and such Director (but without prejudice to any claim which such Director may have for damages for breach of any such agreement). Special notice is required of a resolution to remove a Director, or to appoint somebody in place of a Director so removed at the meeting at which he is removed, in accordance with the Ordinance. Any person so elected and appointed to fill the vacancy of a removed Director shall be treated for the purpose of determining the time at which he or any other Director is to retire by rotation as if he had become a Director.

In default of such appointment the vacancy arising upon the removal of a Director from office may be filled as a casual vacancy.

- 98. Without prejudice to the power of the Company in pursuance of the provisions of the Articles to appoint any person to be a Director and subject to the provision of the Ordinance, the Directors may appoint any person to be a Director as an additional Director or to fill a casual vacancy provided that any person so appointed shall hold office only until the first annual general meeting of the Company after his appointment and shall then be eligible for re-election. In case the aforesaid Director retires at an annual general meeting in pursuance of this Article 98, he shall not be taken into account in determining the Directors or the number of Directors who are to retire by rotation at that annual general meeting in accordance with Article 110.
- 99. A Director may at any time, by notice in writing signed by him delivered to the A registered office of the Company or at a meeting of the Board, appoint any person (including another Director) to act as alternate Director in his place during his absence and may in like manner at any time determine such appointment. If such person is not another Director, such appointment, unless previously approved by the Board, shall have effect only upon and subject to being so approved.

Removal of Directors App A1 para 4(3)

Board may fill vacancies or appoint additional Director

App A1 para 4(2)

Alternate Director

- 100. The appointment of an alternate Director shall determine on the happening of any event which, were he a Director, would cause him to vacate such office or if his appointor ceases to be a Director.
- 101. An alternate Director shall (except when absent from Hong Kong) be entitled to receive notices of meetings of the Board and shall be entitled to attend and vote as a Director at any such meeting at which the Director appointing him is not personally present and generally at such meeting to perform all the functions of his appointor as a Director and for the purposes of the proceedings at such meeting the provisions of these presents shall apply as if he (instead of his appointor) were a Director. If he shall be himself a Director or shall attend any such meeting as an alternate for more than one Director his voting rights shall be cumulative. If his appointor is for the time being absent from Hong Kong or otherwise not available or unable to act, his signature (which may be handwritten or made electronically as provided in Article 125) to any resolution in writing of the Directors shall be as effective as the signature of his appointor. To such extent as the Board may from time to time determine in relation to any committee of the Board, the foregoing provisions of this paragraph shall also apply mutatis mutandis to any meeting of any such committee of which his appointor is a member. An alternate Director shall not, save as aforesaid, have power to act as a Director nor shall he be deemed to be a Director for the purposes of these Articles. Section 478(1) of the Ordinance shall not apply to an alternate Director appointed pursuant to these Articles.
- 102. An alternate Director shall be entitled to contract and be interested in and benefit from contracts or arrangements or transactions and to be repaid expenses and to be indemnified to the same extent mutatis mutandis as if he were a Director, but he shall not be entitled to receive from the Company in respect of his appointment as alternate Director any remuneration except only such part (if any) of the remuneration otherwise payable to his appointor as such appointor may by notice in writing to the Company from time to time direct.
- 103. A Director shall not be required to hold any qualification shares but shall nevertheless Quasible entitled to attend and speak at all general meetings of the Company and of any class of members of the Company.
  - Qualification shares

Remuneration of Directors

104. The Directors shall be entitled to receive by way of remuneration for their services such sum as shall from time to time be determined by the Company in general meeting, such sum (unless otherwise directed by the resolution by which it is voted) to be divided amongst the Directors in such proportions and in such manner as the Directors may agree, or failing agreement, equally, except that in the event that any Director holding office for less than the whole of the relevant period in respect of which the remuneration is paid shall only rank in such division in proportion to the time during such period for which he has held office.

- 105. Any Director who, by request of the Directors or the Company, goes or resides outside the jurisdiction in which he normally resides for any purpose of the Company or holds any executive office or who serves on any committee or who otherwise performs services which in the opinion of the Directors are outside the scope of the ordinary duties of a Director may be paid such extra remuneration by way of salary, commission, participation in profits or otherwise as the Directors may determine.
- 106. The Directors shall also be entitled to be repaid all travelling, hotel and other expenses reasonably incurred by them respectively in or about the performance of their duties as Directors including their expenses of travelling to and from board meetings, committee meetings or general meetings or otherwise incurred whilst engaged on, in or about the business of the Company.
- 107. The Directors may establish and maintain or procure the establishment and maintenance of any contributory or non-contributory pension or superannuation funds or death or disability benefits for the benefit of, or give or procure the giving donations, gratuities, pensions, allowances or emoluments to, any persons who are or were at any time in the employment or service of the Company or of any company which is a subsidiary of the Company or is allied or associated with the Company or with any such subsidiary company or who are or were at any time Directors or officers of the Company of any such other company as aforesaid and holding or who have held any salaried employment or office in the Company or such other company and the wives, widows, families and dependants of any such persons.
- 108. The Directors may also establish and subsidise or subscribe to any institutions, associations, clubs or funds calculated to be for the benefit of or to advance the interests and well-being of the Company or of any such other company as aforesaid or of any such persons as aforesaid and may make payments for or towards the insurance of any such persons as aforesaid and subscribe or guarantee money for charitable or benevolent objects or for any exhibition or for any public, general or useful object. The Directors may do all or any of the matters aforesaid, either alone or in conjunction with any such other company as aforesaid. Any Director holding any such employment or office shall be entitled to participate in and retain for his own benefit any such donation, gratuity, pension, allowance or emolument.
- 109. Without prejudice to the provisions for retirement by rotation herein contained, the When office office of a Director shall be vacated if the Director:
  - becomes bankrupt or has a receiving order made against him or suspends payment (i) or makes any arrangement or composition with his creditors generally;
  - (ii) becomes a lunatic or of unsound mind or a patient for any purpose of any statute relating to mental health and a majority of the Directors resolve that his office be vacated:

Extra remuneration for Directors

Reimbursement of expenses

Establishment of employee benefits

Establishment, subsidv or subscription to institutions, clubs, etc.

of Director to be vacated

- (iii) (not being a Director appointed to an office in the management or business of the Company under Article 118 whose contract precludes resignation) resigns his office by notice in writing to the Company;
- (iv) is convicted of an offence (except for traffic offences) and a majority of the Directors resolve that his office be vacated;
- (v) has his office vacated or becomes prohibited from being a Director under any of the provisions of the Ordinance or any order made under the Ordinance;
- (vi) absents himself from the meetings of the Directors during a continuous period of six months, without special leave or absence from the Directors (regardless of whether or not his representative Director appointed pursuant to the Articles shall not during such period have attended in his stead) and the Directors pass a resolution that his office be vacated by reason of such absence;
- (vii) shall be removed from office by notice in writing served upon him signed by three-quarters of his co-Directors requesting him to resign, irrespective of whether or not he does tender his resignation following the due dispatch of such request by registered post to his last known address; and
- (viii) shall be removed from office by an ordinary resolution of the Company under Article 97.

# **ROTATION OF DIRECTORS**

- 110. Unless and until the Company in a general meeting shall otherwise determine, Rotation and one-third of the Directors for the time being (or if their number is not a multiple of three (3), the number nearest to but not less than one-third) shall retire from office by rotation and shall be eligible for re-election, provided that every Director (including those appointed for a specific term) shall retire from office by rotation at least once every three years, or by such other manner of rotation as may be required by the Listing Rules or other codes, rules, and regulations as may be prescribed by the applicable regulatory authority from time to time. The retiring Director(s) shall be eligible for re-election and shall continue to act as Director(s) throughout the meeting at which he retires until the conclusion of that meeting.
- 111. The Directors to retire under the Articles shall be those who have been longest in office. As between two or more Directors who have been in office an equal length of time the Director to retire shall in default of agreement between them be determined by lot. The length of time a Director has been in office shall be computed from his last election or appointment where he has previously vacated office. Any Director appointed by the Board to fill casual vacancy pursuant to Article 98 shall not be taken into account in determining which particular Directors or the number of Directors who are to retire by rotation.

retirement of Directors

- 112. The Company at any general meeting at which any Directors retire in the manner Meeting to aforesaid may fill the vacated office by electing a like number of persons to be Directors.
- 113. If at any general meeting at which an election of Directors ought to take place, the places of the retiring Directors are not filled, the retiring Directors or such of them as have not had their places filled shall be deemed to have been re-elected and shall, if willing, continue in office until the next relevant annual general meeting and so on from year to year until their places are filled, unless:
  - (i) it shall be determined at such meeting to reduce the number of Directors;
  - (ii) it is expressly resolved at such meeting not to fill up such vacated offices; or
  - (iii) in any such case the resolution for re-election of a Director is put to the meeting and lost.
- 114. The Company shall keep at its office a register in which there shall be entered the Register of particulars required by the Ordinance in respect of the Directors and Company Secretary and shall from time to time notify to the Registrar of Companies any change that takes place in such particulars as required by the Ordinance.

### **POWERS AND DUTIES OF DIRECTORS**

- 115. (A) The business of the Company shall be managed by the Directors who, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, may pay all expenses incurred in setting up and registering the Company and may exercise all such powers of the Company as are not required, by the Ordinance or by the Articles, to be exercised by the Company in general meeting subject, nevertheless, to such regulations as may be prescribed by the Company in general meeting being not inconsistent with any of the Articles or the provisions of the Ordinance; but no regulation made by the Company in general meeting shall invalidate any prior act of the Directors which would have been valid if that regulation had not been made. The general powers given by this Article shall not be limited or restricted by any special authority or power given to the Directors by any other Article.
  - (B) Without prejudice to the general powers conferred by the Articles, it is hereby specific powers expressly declared that the Directors shall have the following powers:
    - (i) To give to any person the right or option of requiring at a future date that an allotment shall be made to him of any share at such agreed value.
    - (ii) To give to any Directors, officers or servants of the Company an interest in any particular business or transaction or participation in the profits thereof or in the general profits of the Company either in addition to or in substitution for a salary or other remuneration.

Circumstances when retiring Directors to remain in office

Specific powers conferred on Directors

- 116. The Directors may from time to time and at any time by power of attorney or otherwise appoint any company, firm or person or any fluctuating body of persons, whether nominated directly or indirectly by the Directors, to be the attorney or attorneys of the Company for such purposes and with such powers, authorities and discretions (not exceeding those vested in or exercisable by the Directors under the Articles) and for such period and subject to such conditions as they may think fit and any such power of attorney may contain such provisions for the protection and convenience of persons dealing with any such attorney as the Directors may think fit and may also authorise any such attorney to sub-delegate all or any of the powers, authorities and discretions vested in him.
- 117. The Directors may establish any committees, local boards or agencies for managing any of the affairs of the Company, either in Hong Kong or elsewhere, and may appoint any persons to be members of such committees, local boards or agencies and may appoint any manager or agents (and in particular, but without limitation, may appoint any company, firm or person to be the Company's investment manager) and may in each case fix their remuneration and may delegate to any committee, local board or agency any of the powers, authorities and discretions vested in the Directors (other than their powers to make calls and forfeit shares) with power to sub-delegate and may authorise the members of any local committee, board or agency or any of them to fill any vacancies therein and to act notwithstanding vacancies and any such appointment or delegation may be upon such terms and subject to such conditions as the Directors may think fit and the Directors may remove any person so appointed and may annul or vary any such delegation but no person dealing in good faith and without notice of any such annulment or variation shall be affected thereby.
- 118. The Directors may from time to time appoint one or more of their body to the office of Managing Director, Joint Managing Director, Deputy Managing Director or other Executive Director, General Manager, Joint General Manager and/or such other office in the management or business of the Company on such terms and for such period as they may determine and, without prejudice to the terms of any contract entered into in any particular case, may at any time revoke any such appointment or remove or dismiss them from office and appoint others in their place. Any such revocation, removal or dismissal shall not entitle such officer to receive any compensation from the Company but they shall (save and except that they be dismissed for gross misconduct) be entitled to receive their salary and emoluments up to the time of their removal or dismissal. A Director appointed to an office under this Article shall be subject to the same provisions as to removal as the other Directors of the Company and he shall (subject to the provisions of any contract between him and the Company) ipso facto and immediately cease to hold such office as if he shall cease to hold the office of Director for any cause.
- 119. The Managing Director or Deputy Managing Director shall, whilst holding such Duties of office, devote his time and attention exclusively to the service and affairs of the Company but he shall be at liberty to become a Director of any other Company whose business or objects are substantially dissimilar to the business or objects of the

Power to appoint attorneys

Power to establish committees, local boards or agencies

Appointment of Managing Director and Deputy Managing Director

Company. Unless otherwise agreed by the Board, the Managing Director or Deputy Managing Director shall not resign from his office without giving to the Board at least six months previous notice in writing of his intention so to do.

- 120. The Directors may from time to time entrust to and confer upon a Managing Director, Powers of Joint Managing Director, Deputy Managing Director, Executive Director, General Manager or Joint General Manager or a Director appointed to any other office in the management or business of the Company any of the powers exercisable by them as Directors upon such terms and conditions and with such restrictions as they think fit and either collaterally with or to the exclusion of their own powers and may from time to time revoke, withdraw, alter or vary all or any of such Powers but no person dealing in good faith and without notice of such revocation, withdrawal alteration or variation shall be affected thereby.
- 121. Notwithstanding Articles 104, 105, 106 and 107 the remuneration of a Managing Remuneration of Director, Joint Managing Director, Deputy Managing Director, Executive Director, General Manager or Joint General Manager or a Director appointed to any other office in the management of the business of the Company shall from time to time be fixed by the Directors and may be by way of salary, commission participation in profits or otherwise or by all or any of those modes and with such other benefits (including pension and/or gratuity and/or other benefits on retirement) and allowances as the Directors may from time to time decide. Such remuneration shall be in addition to his remuneration as a Director.
- 122. The Directors shall cause minutes to be duly entered in books provided for the Records purpose:
  - of all appointments of officers made by the Directors; (i)
  - (ii) of the names of the Directors present at each meeting of the Directors and of any committee of Directors:
  - (iii) of all declarations made or notices given by any Director (either generally or specially) of his interest in any contract or proposed contract or of his holding of any office or property whereby any conflict of duty or interest may arise; and
  - (iv) of all resolutions and proceedings of general meetings of the Company and of meetings of the Directors and any committee of Directors; and any such minutes of any general meeting of the Company or any meeting of the Directors or of any committee of Directors shall be signed by the chairman of such meeting or by the chairman of the next succeeding meeting and if so signed shall be receivable as conclusive evidence of the matters stated therein.

Managing Director

Managing Director

### PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES AND ADOPTION OF THE NEW ARTICLES

### **DIRECTORS' INTERESTS**

- 123. (A) Subject to Article 119, a Director of the Company may be or become a director or other officer of, or otherwise interested in, any company promoted by the Company or in which the Company may be interested as vendor, purchaser, shareholder or otherwise and, subject to the provision of the Ordinance, no such Director shall be accountable to the Company for any remuneration or benefits received by him as a director or officer of, or from his interest in, such other company unless the Company otherwise directs. The Directors may exercise the voting powers conferred by the shares in any other company held or owned by the Company or exercisable by them as directors of such other company in such manner and in all respects as they think fit (including the exercise thereof in favour of any resolution appointing themselves or any of them as directors or other officers of such company) and any Director may vote in favour of the exercise of such voting rights in the manner aforesaid notwithstanding that he may be, or be about to be, appointed a director or other officer of such a company and that as such he is or may become interested in the exercise of such voting rights in manner aforesaid.
  - (B) A Director may hold any other office or place of profit under the Company (other than the office of auditor) in conjunction with his office of Director for such period and on such terms as to remuneration (whether by way of salary, commission, participation in profits or otherwise) as the Directors may determine and no Director or intending Director shall be disqualified by his office from contracting with the Company either with regard to his tenure of any such office or place of profit or as vendor, purchaser or otherwise nor shall any such contract or any contract or arrangement entered into by or on behalf of the Company in which any Director is in any way interested (whether or not such contract or arrangement is with any person, company or partnership of or in which any Director shall be a member) be liable to be avoided on that account nor shall any Director so contracting or being so interested be liable to account to the Company for any profit realised by any such contract or arrangement by reason of such Director holding that office or of the fiduciary relationship thereby established provided that such Director shall forthwith disclose the nature of his interest in any contract or arrangement in which he is interested as required by and subject to the provisions of the Ordinance and the Articles. A Director may vote in respect of any resolution concerning his own appointment as the holder of any office or place of profit with the Company (including the arrangement or variation of the terms thereof or the termination thereof).
  - (C) Subject to the Listing Rules and save as otherwise provided by these Articles, a Director shall not be entitled to vote (nor be counted in the quorum) on any resolution of the Board approving any transaction, contract or arrangement in which he or any of his Close Associates (and if required by the Listing Rules, his other Associates) is materially interested, save and except in relation to the

Directors may contract with Company

Power to hold other office or employment

Power to vote for interested parties transactions

following matters and provided such Director or any of his Associates discloses the nature and extent of his interest as aforesaid (or the connected entity's or Associate's interest, as the case may be):

- (i) the giving of any security or indemnity either:
  - (a) to the Director or his Close Associate(s) (and if required by the Listing Rules, his other Associate(s)) in respect of money lent or obligations incurred or undertaken by him or any of them at the request of or for the benefit of the Company or any of its subsidiaries;
  - (b) to a third party in respect of a debt or obligation of the Company or any of its subsidiaries for which the Director or his Close Associate(s) (and if required by the Listing Rules, his other Associate(s)) has assumed responsibility in whole or in part and whether alone or jointly under a guarantee or indemnity or by the giving of security;
- (ii) any proposal concerning an offer of shares or debentures or other securities of or by the Company or any other company which the Company may promote or be interested in for subscription or purchase where the Director or his associate(s) (and if required by the Listing Rules, his other Associate(s)) is/are or is/are to be interested as a participant in the underwriting or sub-underwriting of the offer;
- (iii) any proposal concerning any other company in which the director or his Associate(s) (and if required by the Listing Rules, his other Associate(s)) is/are interested only, whether directly or indirectly, as an officer, executive or shareholder or in which the director or his Close Associate(s) (and other Associate(s), as the case may be) is/are beneficially interested in shares of that company, provided that the Director, and any of his Close Associates (and other Associates, as the case may be) are, not in aggregate beneficially interested in five percent or more of the issued shares of any class of such company (or any third company through which his interest or that of his Associates is derived) or of the voting rights;
- (iv) any proposal or arrangement concerning the benefit of employees of the Company or its subsidiaries including:
  - (a) the adoption, modification or operation of any employees' share scheme or any share incentive or share option scheme under which the director or his Close Associate(s) (and if required by the Listing Rules, his other Associate(s)) may benefit; or
  - (b) the adoption, modification or operation of a pension fund or retirement, death or disability benefits scheme which relates both to directors, his Associates and employees of the Company or any of its subsidiaries and does not provide in respect of any director, or his Close Associate(s)

(and if required by the Listing Rules, his other Associate(s)), as such any privilege or advantage not generally accorded to the class of persons to which such scheme or fund relates; and

(v) any contract or arrangement in which the director or his associate(s) is/are interested in the same manner as other holders of shares or debentures or other securities of the Company by virtue only of his/their interest in shares or debentures or other securities of the Company.

For the purpose of this Article 123(C), "subsidiary" shall have the meaning as defined in Rule 1.01 of the Listing Rules.

- (D) A Director or any of his connected entities or Associates is in any way, whether Declaration directly or indirectly, interested in a transaction, contract or arrangement (or a proposed transaction, contract or arrangement) with the Company that is significant in relation to the Company's business shall declare the nature and extent of his interest (or the connected entity's or associate's interest, as the case may be) at the meeting of the Board at which the question of entering into the transaction, contract or arrangement is first taken into consideration, or in any other case by notice in writing and sent to other Directors, or by general notice sent to the Board or the Company, in each case in accordance with the Ordinance. A general notice to the Directors by a Director that he is to be regarded as interested in any contract or arrangement which may be made with any specified person, firm or corporation after the date of such notice shall be a sufficient declaration of interest in relation to any contract or arrangement so made, provided that:
  - such notice must state the nature and extent of the interest of the Director (or (i) his connected entity or Associate) in the specified body corporate or firm; or the nature of the Director's (or his connected entity's or Associate's) connection with the specified person; and
  - (ii) no such notice shall be of effect unless either it is given at a meeting of the Directors or the Director takes reasonable steps to ensure that it is brought up and read at the next meeting of the Directors after it is given in which case it shall take effect on the date of the meeting of the Board or the next Board meeting (as the case may be); or in writing and sent to the Company in which case it shall take effect on the twenty first day after the day on which it is sent, and the Company must send such general notice to the other Directors within fifteen days after the day it receives that notice.

A Director is not required to make a declaration of interest required by this Article 123 if he is not aware of the interest in the transaction, contract or arrangement in question or otherwise in accordance with the Ordinance. For this purpose, a Director is treated as being aware of matters of which he ought reasonably to be aware.

of interest

- (E) Any Director may act by himself or his firm in a professional capacity for the Company and he or his firm shall be entitled to remuneration for professional services as if he were not a Director; provided that a Director or his firm shall not act as auditors to the Company. Notwithstanding the provisions in this Article, the Company shall not, without the approval of members in accordance with the provisions of the Ordinance, enter into a service contract with a Director under which the guaranteed term of the employment of such Director exceeds or may exceed three years.
- (F) The Company may by ordinary resolution ratify any transaction, contract or arrangement not duly authorised by reason of a contravention of this Article provided that no member who (i) is a Director in respect of whose conduct the ratification is sought; (ii) is an entity connected with that Director or a Close Associate (and if required by the Listing Rules, his other Associates) of that Director; or (iii) holds any shares in the Company in trust for that Director or entity or close associate (or other Associates, as the case may be) shall vote upon such ordinary resolution.

### **PROCEEDINGS OF DIRECTORS**

124. The Directors may meet together for the dispatch of business, adjourn and otherwise Meetings of regulate their meetings and proceedings as they think fit. Questions arising at any meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes and in the case of an equality of votes the chairman shall have a second or casting vote. A Director may, and the Company Secretary on the requisition of a Director shall, at any time summon a meeting of the Directors. Notice thereof shall be given to each Director either orally or by telephone or (if the recipient consents to it being given to him in electronic form) by electronic means or in writing at the address from time to time notified to the Company by such Director or (if the recipient consents to it being made available on a website) by making it available on a website or in such other manner as the Directors may from time to time determine provided that notice need not be given to any Director for the time being absent from Hong Kong. A Director may waive notice of any meeting either prospectively or retrospectively. The Directors or any committee of the Directors may participate in a meeting of the Directors or such committee by means of a conference telephone or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting are capable of hearing and speaking to each other throughout the meeting and shall be counted towards a quorum. A person participating in this way is deemed to be present in person at the meeting and is counted in a quorum and entitled to vote. All business transacted at a meeting of the Board or a committee of the Board is for the purposes of these Articles deemed to be validly and effectively transacted at a meeting of the Board or a committee of the Board although fewer than two Directors or alternate Directors are physically present at the same place. The meeting is deemed to take place where the largest group of those participating is assembled or, if there is no such group, where the Chairman of the meeting then is.

Directors and notice thereof

- 125. (A) A resolution in writing signed by all the Directors except such as are temporarily unable to act through ill-health or disability and who are entitled to receive notice of a meeting of the Directors shall (so long as they constitute a quorum as provided in Article 127 for the time being) be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Directors duly convened and held. Any such resolution may consist of several documents in like form each signed by one or more of the Directors.
  - (B) Without prejudice to the provision of Article 125(A), a Director (or his alternate Director) may sign or otherwise signify agreement to resolution in writing of Directors. A Director (or his alternate Director) signifies agreement to a written resolution of Directors when the Company receives from that Director (or from his alternate Director) a document or notification in hard copy form or in electronic form as authenticated by that Director or by his alternate Director in a manner previously agreed between that Director and the Company:
    - (a) identifying the resolution to which it relates; and
    - (b) indicating that Director's agreement to the resolution.

Notwithstanding any contrary provisions contained in these Articles and subject to any applicable laws, rules and regulations:

- (i) any signature of the Director or alternate Director to any such resolution in writing may be made electronically, and any such resolution bearing the electronic signature of any Director or alternate Director shall be as valid and effectual as if it were bearing the handwritten signature of the relevant Director or alternate Director. Any such resolution in writing may consist of several documents in like form each signed (whether in handwritten form or in electronic form as aforesaid) by one or more of the Directors or alternate Directors; and
- (ii) any signification of agreement to resolution in writing of Directors authenticated as aforesaid shall be as valid and effectual as if the resolution had been signed by such Director or alternate Director, and a certificate by a Director or the Company Secretary of such signification and authentication shall be sufficient evidence without further proof thereof.
- 126. A meeting of the Directors for the time being at which a quorum is present shall be E competent to exercise all or any of the authorities, powers and discretions by or under  $B_{B}^{p}$  the Articles for the time being vested in or exercisable by the Directors generally.

Exercise of powers at Board Meeting

127. Unless otherwise determined by the Directors, two Directors shall be a quorum. Any Quorum Director who ceases to be a Director at a Directors' meeting may continue to be present and to act as a Director and be counted in the quorum until the termination of the Directors' meeting if no other Director objects and if otherwise a quorum of Directors would not be present.

- 128. The continuing Directors may act notwithstanding any vacancy in their body but, if contained and so long as their number is reduced below the number fixed by or pursuant to the definition of Directors, the continuing Directors may act for the definition of Directors to that number or of summoning a general meeting of the Company but for no other purpose.
- 129. The Directors may from time to time elect or otherwise appoint a Director to be A Chairman or Deputy Chairman and determine the period for which each of them is to hold office. The Chairman or, in his absence, the Deputy Chairman shall preside at meetings of the Directors; but if no such Chairman or Deputy Chairman is elected or appointed or if at any meeting the Chairman or Deputy Chairman is not present within 5 minutes after the time appointed for holding the same, the Directors present shall choose one of their number to be chairman of the meeting.
- 130. The Directors may delegate, and impose regulations in respect of such delegation of, any of their powers, authorities and discretions to committees consisting of such member or members of their body and such other persons as they think fit provided that the majority of the members of any such committee are Directors of the Company and that no meeting of any such committee shall be quorate for the purpose of exercising any of such powers, authorities or discretions unless a majority of those present are Directors of the Company. The Directors may from time to time revoke such delegation or revoke the appointment of and discharge any such committees either wholly or in part and either as to persons or purposes, and every committee so formed shall in the exercise of the powers so delegated conform to any regulations that may from time to time be imposed on it by the Directors.
- 131. All acts done by any such committee in conformity with such regulations and in fulfilment of the purposes for which it is appointed, but not otherwise, shall have the like force and effect as if done by the Directors and the Directors shall have power, with the consent of the Company in general meeting, to remunerate the members of any special committee and charge such remuneration to the current expenses of the Company.
- 132. The meetings and proceedings of any such committee consisting of two or more Meetings shall be governed by the provisions herein contained for regulating the proceedings and proceedings of the Directors including Article 125 so far as the same are applicable thereto and are not replaced by any regulations imposed by the Directors pursuant to Article 130.
- 133. All acts bona fide done by any meeting of the Directors or of a committee of Directors or by any person acting as a Director shall, notwithstanding that it be afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the appointment of any such Director or person acting as aforesaid or that they or any of them were or was disqualified, be as valid as if every such person had been duly appointed and was qualified to be a Director or member of such committee.

Continuing Directors may act not withstanding vacancy

Appointment of Chairman or Deputy Chairman

Power of delegation to committees

Force and effect of acts of committees

Meetings and proceedings of committees

Bona fide acts of Directors valid notwithstanding defect in appointment

# **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES AND ADOPTION OF THE NEW ARTICLES**

### MANAGERS

- 134. The Directors may from time to time appoint a manager or managers of the business of the Company and may fix his or their remuneration either by way of salary or commission or by conferring the right to participation in the profits of the Company or by a combination of two or more of these modes and pay the working expenses of any of the staff of the manager or managers who may be employed by him or them in the business of the Company.
- 135. The appointment of such manager or managers may be for such period as the Directors may decide and the Directors may confer upon him or them all or any of the powers of the Directors and such title or titles as they may think fit. Unless the contract of employment states otherwise, no manager appointed shall be entitled to resign from his office without giving to the Directors three months' previous notice in writing of his intention so to do.
- 136. The Directors may enter into such agreement or agreements with any such manager or managers upon such terms and conditions in all respects as the Directors may in their absolute discretion think fit, including a power for such manager or managers to appoint an assistant manager or managers or other employees whatsoever under them for the purpose of carrying on the business of the Company.

## **COMPANY SECRETARY**

- 137. The Company Secretary shall be appointed by the Directors for such term, at such Appointment remuneration and upon such conditions as they may think fit; and any Company Secretary so appointed may be removed by them. Anything by the Ordinance or the Articles required or authorised to be done by or to the Company Secretary, if the office is vacant or there is for any other reason no Company Secretary capable of acting, may be done by or to any assistant or deputy secretary or if there is no assistant or deputy secretary capable of acting, by or to any officer of the Company authorised generally or specially in that behalf by the Directors. Subject to the provision of the Ordinance and the Listing Rules, in the event that the Company Secretary appointed is a corporation, it may act and sign by the hand of any one or more of its Directors or officers duly authorised.
- 138. Subject to the provision of the Ordinance and the Listing Rules, the Company Secretary shall, if an individual, ordinarily reside in Hong Kong and, if a body corporate, have its registered office or a place of business in Hong Kong.
- 139. A provision of the Ordinance or the Articles requiring or authorising a thing to be done by or to a Director and the Company Secretary shall not be satisfied by its being done by or to the same person acting both as Director and as, or in place of, the Company Secretary.

Appointment and remuneration of managers

Duration of appointment and powers of managers

Agreements with managers

and removal

Residence in Hong Kong

One person acting as both Director and secretary

# **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES AND ADOPTION OF THE NEW ARTICLES**

# **BORROWING POWERS**

- 140. The Directors may exercise all the powers of the Company to borrow money, give guarantees and mortgage or charge the undertaking, property and uncalled capital, or any part thereof, and to issue debentures and other securities, whether outright or as collateral security for any debt, liability or obligation of the Company or of any third party.
- 141. Where any uncalled capital of the Company is charged, all persons taking any subsequent charge thereon shall take the same subject to such prior charge and shall not be entitled, by notice to the members or otherwise, to obtain priority over such prior charge.
- 142. Debentures, debenture stock, bonds and other securities may be made assignable free Assignment of debentures from any equities between the Company and the person to whom the same may be issued.
- 143. Any debentures, debenture stock, bonds or other securities may be issued with any special privileges as to redemption, surrender, drawings, allotment of shares, attending and voting at general meetings of the Company, appointment of Directors and otherwise.
- 144. The Directors shall cause a proper register to be kept, in accordance with the provisions of the Ordinance, of all mortgages and charges specifically affecting the property of the Company and shall duly comply with the requirements of the Ordinance in regard to the registration of mortgages and charges therein specified and shall from time to time and in accordance with the provisions of the Ordinance notify the Registrar of Companies of any change of the place at which such register is kept.
- 145. The Company must register an allotment of debenture or debenture stock in accordance with the Ordinance. If the Company issues a series of debentures or debenture stock not transferable by delivery, the Directors shall cause a proper register and/or branch register, if necessary, to be kept of the holders of such debentures or debenture stock and shall notify the Registrar of Companies any change of the place at which such register is kept, in accordance with the provisions of the Ordinance.

### **CHEQUES**

146. All cheques, promissory notes, drafts, bills of exchange and other negotiable or transferable instruments and all receipts for moneys paid to the Company shall be signed, drawn, accepted, endorsed or otherwise executed, as the case may be, in such manner as the Directors shall from time to time by resolution determine. The Company's banking accounts shall be kept with such bankers as the Directors shall from time to time determine.

Powers of Company to borrow vested in Directors

Charge over uncalled capital

Debentures may be is sued with special rights

Register of charges

Register of debentures

## **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES AND ADOPTION OF THE NEW ARTICLES**

### THE SEAL

- 147. (A) The Directors shall provide for safe custody of the seal which shall only be used with the authority of the Directors or of a committee authorised by the Directors in that behalf, and every instrument to which the seal shall be affixed shall be signed by one Director and the Company Secretary or some other person appointed by the Directors for the purpose or by two Directors; provided that the Directors may either generally or in any particular case resolve (subject to such restrictions as to the manner in which the seal may be affixed as the Directors may determine) that such signatures or any of them and the seal may be affixed to certificates for shares or debentures or representing any other form of security by some mechanical means or in printed form other than autographic to be specified in such resolution or that such certificates need not be signed by any person or that the seal need not be affixed to such certificates. Every instrument executed in the manner provided by this Article shall be deemed to be sealed and executed with the authority of the Directors previously given.
  - (B) A document signed by any two members of the Board or any of the Directors and the Company Secretary and expressed, in whatever words, to be executed by the Company as a deed, has the same effect as if executed under the seal.
  - (C) The Company may have an official seal for use abroad under the provisions of the Official seal Ordinance where and as the Directors shall determine and the Company may by writing or other instrument executed as a deed appoint any agents or agent or committee abroad to be the duly authorised agent of the Company for the purpose of affixing and using such official seal in Hong Kong or elsewhere and they may impose such restrictions on the use thereof as may be thought fit. Wherever in the Articles reference is made to the seal, the reference shall, when and so far as may be applicable, be deemed to include any such official seal as aforesaid.

# **DIVIDENDS AND RESERVES**

- 148. Subject to the provision of Ordinance and as hereinafter set out, the Company in Declaration general meeting may declare dividends, in any currency, to be paid to the members according to their rights and privileges in the profits available for distribution but no dividend shall exceed the amount recommended by the Directors.
- 149. (A) The Directors may from time to time pay to the members such interim dividends as appear to the Directors to be justified by the position of the Company and, in particular (but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing), if at any time the capital of the Company is divided into different classes, the Directors may pay such interim dividends in respect of those shares in the capital of the Company which confer on the holders thereof deferred or non-preferential rights as well as in respect of those shares which confer on the holders thereof preferential rights with regard to dividends but no interim dividend shall be paid on shares carrying deferred or non-preferential rights if, at the time of payment, any preferential dividend is in arrears; provided that if the Directors act bona fide the Directors

Custody and affixation of seal

for use abroad

of dividend not to exceed amount recommended by Board

Interim dividends

shall not incur any responsibility to the holders of shares conferring any preference for any damage that they may suffer by reason of the lawful payment of an interim dividend on any shares having deferred or non-preferential rights.

- (B) The Directors may also pay half-yearly or at other suitable intervals to be settled by them any dividend which may be payable at a fixed rate if the Directors are of the opinion that the position of the Company justifies the payment.
- 150. Subject to the laws, no dividend shall be paid otherwise than out of profits. No dividend or other moneys payable by the Company on or in respect of any share shall bear interest against the Company.
- 151. Whenever the Directors or the Company in general meeting have resolved that a dividend be paid or declared, the Directors may further resolve that such dividend be satisfied wholly or in part by the distribution of specific assets of any kind and in particular of paid up shares, debentures or warrants to subscribe to securities of the Company or other company or in any one or more of such ways and where any difficulty arises in regard to such distribution, the Directors may settle the same as they think expedient and in particular may issue fractional certificates, disregard fractional entitlements or round the same up or down and may fix the value for distribution of such specific assets or any part thereof and may determine that cash payments shall be made to any members upon the footing of the value so fixed in order to adjust the rights of all parties and may vest any such specific assets in trustees as may seem expedient to the Directors and may appoint any person to sign any requisite instruments of transfer and other documents on behalf of the persons entitled to the dividend and such appointment shall be effective. The Directors may appoint any person to sign such contract on behalf of the persons entitled to the dividend and such appointment shall be effective.
- 152. (A) Whenever the Directors or the Company in general meeting have resolved that a Payment of dividend be paid or declared, the Directors may further resolve:

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- that such dividend be satisfied wholly or in part in the form of an allotment (i) of shares credited as fully paid provided that the members entitled thereto will be entitled to elect to receive such dividend (or part thereof) in cash in lieu of such allotment. In such case, the following provisions shall apply:
  - (a) the basis of any such allotment shall be determined by the Directors;
  - (b) the Directors, after determining the basis of allotment, shall give not less than two weeks' notice in writing to the members of the right of election accorded to them and shall send with such notice forms of election and specify the procedure to be followed and the place at which and the latest date and time by which duly completed forms of election must be lodged in order to be effective;

Dividends only to be paid out of profits

Payment of dividends in specie

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- (c) the right of election may be exercised in respect of the whole or part of that portion of the dividend in respect of which the right of election has been accorded;
- (d) the dividend (or that part of the dividend to be satisfied by the allotment of shares as aforesaid) shall not be payable in cash on shares in respect whereof the cash election has not been duly exercised ("**the non-elected shares**") and in lieu and in satisfaction thereof shares shall be allotted credited as fully paid to the members who have not duly exercised the said cash election on the basis of allotment determined as aforesaid and for such purpose the Directors shall capitalise and apply out of any part of the profits of the Company available for distribution or any part of any of the Company's reserve accounts, including any special account (if there be any such reserve) as the Directors may determine, a sum equal to the aggregate value of the shares to be allotted on such basis and apply the same in paying up in full the appropriate number of shares for allotment and distribution to and amongst the allottees of the non-elected shares on such basis;
- (ii) that the members entitled to such dividend shall be entitled to elect to receive an allotment of shares credited as fully paid in lieu of the whole or such part of the dividend as the Directors may think fit. In such case, the following provisions shall apply:
  - (a) the basis of any such allotment shall be determined by the Directors;
  - (b) the Directors, after determining the basis of allotment, shall give not less than two weeks' notice in writing to the members of the right of election accorded to them and shall send with such notice forms of election and specify the procedure to be followed and the place at which and the latest date and time by which duly completed forms of election must be lodged in order to be effective;
  - (c) the right of election may be exercised in respect of the whole or part of that portion of the dividend in respect of which the right of election has been accorded;
  - (d) the dividend (or that part of the dividend in respect of which a right of election has been accorded) shall not be payable on shares in respect whereof the share election has been duly exercised ("the elected shares") and in lieu and in satisfaction thereof shares shall be allotted credited as fully paid to the members who have duly exercised the said share election on the basis of allotment determined as aforesaid and for such purpose the Directors shall capitalise and apply out of any part of the profits of the Company available for distribution or any part of any of the Company's reserve accounts, including any special account (if there be any such reserve) as the Directors may determine, a sum equal to the

aggregate value of the shares to be allotted on such basis and apply the same in paying up in full the appropriate number of shares for allotment and distribution to and amongst the allottees of the elected shares on such basis.

- (B) The shares allotted pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (A) of this Article Rights of shall rank *pari passu* in all respects with the shares then in issue save only as regards participation:
  - (i) in the relevant dividend (or the right to receive or to elect to receive an allotment of shares in lieu and in satisfaction thereof as aforesaid); or
  - (ii) in any other distributions, bonuses or rights paid, made, declared or announced prior to or contemporaneously with the payment or declaration of the relevant dividend unless, contemporaneously with the announcement by the Directors of their proposal to apply the provisions of sub-paragraph (i) or (ii) of paragraph (A) of this Article in relation to the relevant dividend or contemporaneously with their announcement of the distribution, bonus or rights in question, the Directors shall specify that the shares to be allotted pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (A) of this Article shall rank for participation in such dividend, distribution, bonus or rights.
- (C) The Directors may do all acts and things considered necessary or expedient to give effect to any capitalisation pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (A) of this Article with full power to the Directors to make such provisions as they think fit in the case of shares becoming distributable in fractions (including provisions whereby, in whole or in part, fractional entitlements are aggregated and sold and the net proceeds distributed to those entitled or are disregarded or rounded up or down or whereby the benefit of fractional entitlements accrues to the Company rather than to the members concerned). The Directors may authorise any person to enter into, on behalf of all members interested, an agreement with the Company providing for such capitalisation and matters incidental thereto and any agreement made pursuant to such authority shall be effective and binding on all concerned.
- (D) The Company may, upon the recommendation of the Directors, by ordinary resolution resolve in respect of any one particular dividend of the Company that notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (A) of this Article a dividend may be satisfied wholly in the form of an allotment of shares credited as fully paid without offering any right to shareholders to elect to receive such dividend in cash in lieu of such allotment.
- (E) The Directors may on any occasion determine that rights of election and the search allotment of shares under paragraph (A) of this Article shall not be made realized available or made to any members with registered addresses in any territory where a in the absence of a registration statement or other special formalities the

Powers of Directors to capitalise dividends

Allotment of shares with out offering election to shareholders to receive dividend in cash

Shareholders with registered addresses abroad

circulation of an offer of such rights of election or the allotment of shares would or might be unlawful and in such event the provisions aforesaid shall be read and construed subject to such determination.

153. Subject to the rights of persons, if any, entitled to shares with special rights as to dividends, all dividends shall be declared and paid according to the amounts paid or credited as paid on the shares in respect whereof the dividend is paid but no amount paid or credited as paid on a share in advance of calls shall be treated for the purpose of this Article as paid on the share.

All dividends shall be apportioned and paid proportionately to the amounts paid or credited as paid on the shares during any portion or portions of the period in respect of which the dividend is paid; but if any share is issued on terms providing that it shall rank for dividend as from a particular date such share shall rank for dividend accordingly. The Directors may deduct from any dividend, bonus or distribution payable to any member all sums of money (if any) presently payable by him to the Company on account of calls, instalments or otherwise in relation to the shares of the Company.

- 154. The Directors may retain any dividends or other moneys payable on or in respect of a share upon which the Company has a lien and may apply the same in or towards dividends to satisfy debts satisfaction of the debts, liabilities or engagements in respect of which the lien exists.
- 155. The Directors may, before recommending any dividend, set aside out of the profits of Reserve fund the Company such sums as they think proper as a reserve or reserves which shall, at the discretion of the Directors, be applicable for meeting claims on or liabilities of the Company or contingencies or for paying off any loan capital or for equalising dividends or for any other purpose to which the profits of the Company may be lawfully applied and pending such application may, at the like discretion, either be employed in the business of the Company or be invested in such investments (other than shares or warrants of the Company) as the Directors may from time to time think fit and so that it shall not be necessary to keep any investments constituting the reserve or reserves separate or distinct from any other investments of the Company. The Directors may also without placing the same to reserve carry forward any profits which they may think prudent not to distribute by way of dividend.
- 156. Any general meeting sanctioning a dividend may make a call on the members of such Dividend amount as the meeting fixes but so that the call on each member shall not exceed the dividend payable to him and so that the call shall be made payable at the same time as the dividend and the dividend may, if so arranged between the Company and the member, be set off against the call.
- 157. A transfer of shares shall not pass the right to any dividend or bonus declared thereon Effect of transfer before the registration of the transfer.

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Dividend paid in proportion to amounts paid up on shares

Retention of dividends to

and call together

- 158. Notwithstanding anything herein contained, if two or more persons are registered as Payments to joint holders joint holders of any share, any one of them may give an effectual receipt for any dividends, interim dividends or bonuses or other moneys payable on or in respect of such shares.
- 159. Unless otherwise directed by the Directors, any dividend, interest, bonus or other sum Payments of payable in cash to the members may be paid by direct debit, bank transfer or other automated system of bank transfer, cheque or warrant. In the case of a cheque or warrant, the same may be sent through the post to the registered address of the member or person entitled thereto or to such person at such address as the member or person entitled (as the case may be) may direct. Every such cheque or warrant shall be made payable to the order of the person to whom it is sent or to the order of such other person as the member or person entitled (as the case may be) may direct and shall be sent at his own risk and the payment of any such cheque or warrant shall operate as a good discharge to the Company in respect of the dividend and/or bonus represented thereby, notwithstanding that it may subsequently appear that the same has been stolen or that any endorsement thereon has been forged. The Directors may cease sending such cheque or warrant by post if the cheque or warrant has been left uncashed on two consecutive occasions or, after the first occasion on which such cheque or warrant is returned undelivered.
- 160. All dividends or bonuses unclaimed for one year having been declared may be invested Unclaimed dividend or otherwise made use of by the Directors for the benefit of the Company until claimed and the Company shall not be constituted a trustee in respect thereof or any profit or benefit derived therefrom. All dividends or bonuses unclaimed for six years after having been declared shall be forfeited by the Directors and shall revert to the Company.
- 161. (A) Subject to the provision of the Ordinance, the Directors may, with the sanction of Capitalisation an ordinary resolution of the Company, capitalise any sum standing to the credit of reserves of any of the Company's reserve accounts or any sum standing to the credit of any profit and loss account or otherwise available for distribution (and not required for the payment or provision of the dividend on any shares with a preferential right to dividend) by appropriating such sum to the holders of shares in the proportions in which such sum would have been divisible amongst them had the same been a distribution of profits by way of dividend and applying such sum on their behalf in or towards paying up any amounts for the time being unpaid on any shares held by them respectively or in paying up in full shares (not being redeemable shares), debentures or other obligations of the Company for allotment and distribution credited as fully paid up to and amongst them in the proportion aforesaid, or partly in the one way and partly in the other.
  - (B) Whenever such a resolution as aforesaid shall have been passed the Directors shall make all appropriations and applications of the undivided profits resolved to be capitalised thereby and all allotments and issues of fully paid up shares or debentures, if any, and generally shall do all acts and things considered necessary

dividend

or expedient to give effect to any such capitalisation. In particular where any difficulty arises in regard to any distribution under paragraph (A) of this Article the Directors may settle the same as they think expedient and in particular may issue fractional certificates or authorise any person to sell and transfer any fractions or may resolve that the distribution should be as nearly as may be practicable in the correct proportion but not exactly so or may ignore fractions altogether and may determine that cash payments shall be made to any members in order to adjust the rights of all parties, as may seem expedient to the Directors. The Directors may authorise any person to enter on behalf of all the members entitled thereto into an agreement with the Company providing for any such capitalisation and matters incidental thereto including the allotment to them respectively, credited as fully paid up, of any further shares or debentures to which they may be entitled upon such capitalisation or, as the case may require, the payment up by the Company on their behalf, by the application thereto of their respective proportions of the profits resolved to be capitalised, of the amounts or any part of the amounts remaining unpaid on their existing shares and any agreement made under such authority shall be effective and binding on all concerned.

### **RECORD DATES**

162. Notwithstanding any other provision of these presents the Company or the Directors Fixing of may fix any date as the record date for any dividend, distribution, allotment or issue and such record date may be on or at any time before or after any date on which such dividend, distribution, allotment or issue is declared, paid or made.

## **ANNUAL RETURNS**

163. The Directors shall make the requisite annual returns in accordance with the Annual returns Ordinance.

## **ACCOUNTING RECORDS**

- 164. The Directors shall ensure that accounting records shall be kept as provided for in the Accounting records to be Ordinance. kept
- 165. The accounting records shall be kept at the office or, subject to the provision of the Inspection by Directors Ordinance, at such other place as the Directors think fit and shall always be open to the inspection of the Directors.
- 166. The Directors shall from time to time determine whether and to what extent and at Inspection what times and places and under what conditions or regulations the accounting records of the Company or any of them shall be open to the inspection of members not being Directors and no member (not being a Director) shall have any right of inspecting any accounting records or document of the Company except as conferred by statute.

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record dates

- 167. The Directors shall from time to time, in accordance with the provisions of the Ordinance, cause to be prepared and to be laid before the Company in general meeting such reporting documents.
- 168. Every financial statement of position of the Company shall be signed pursuant to the provisions of the Ordinance and, a copy of reporting documents be laid before the Company in general meeting or summary financial report, shall not less than 21 days before the date of the meeting be sent to every member of, and every holder of debentures of, the Company and every person registered under Article 47 and to all persons other than members or holders of debentures of the Company, being persons entitled to receive notices of general meetings of the Company; provided that this Article shall not require a copy of those documents to be sent to any person of whose address the Company is not aware or to more than one of the joint holders of any shares or debentures. Copies of each of the said documents shall also be forwarded in appropriate number to the relevant stock exchange on which the shares of the Company shall be listed or the relevant committee thereof in accordance with the terms of any listing agreement for the time being binding on the Company or with the continuing obligation binding on the Company by virtue of any listing.
- 169. Where a member or a holder of a debenture of the Company has, in accordance with Publication the Ordinance and the Listing Rules, consented or is deemed or implied to have consented (if and to the extent such deemed consent or implied consent are provided for by the Ordinance and the Listing Rules) to treat the publication of the reporting documents and/or the summary financial report on the Company's website and the website of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited as discharging the Company's obligation under the Ordinance to send a copy of the reporting documents and/or the summary financial report, then subject to compliance with publication and notification requirements of the Ordinance and the Listing Rules, the publication by the Company on the Company's website and the website of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited of the reporting documents and/or the summary financial report at least 21 days before the date of the meeting shall, in relation to each such member or holder of a debenture of the Company, be deemed to discharge the Company's obligations under Article 168.

### **BRANCH REGISTERS**

170. Subject to the provisions of the Ordinance, if the Directors may exercise the power conferred on the Company to keep in a place outside Hong Kong a branch register of its members resident there as the Directors think fit. The Directors may, subject to the provision of the Ordinance, make or vary from time to time such provisions as they think fit in respect of the keeping of any such branch register and the transfer of shares to, on or from any such branch register and may comply with the requirements of any local law.

Branch register with in or outside Hong Kong

Reporting documents required by the Ordinance

Financial statements to be sent to every member

of reporting

documents or summary

financial

report

## APPENDIX III

### **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES AND ADOPTION OF THE NEW ARTICLES**

### AUDIT

- 171. Auditors shall be appointed at each annual general meeting by ordinary resolution to hold office until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company. The duties of the Auditors are regulated in accordance with the Ordinance.
- 172. The members may, at any general meeting convened and held in accordance with the Articles, by ordinary resolution remove the auditors at any time before the expiration of their term of office and shall by ordinary resolution at that meeting appoint another auditor in his stead for the remainder of his term. In the case of casual vacancy, the Directors (or the members if the Directors have not done so within one month) may, in accordance with the Ordinance, appoint a person to fill a casual vacancy in the office of the auditors.
- 173. Subject as otherwise provided by the Ordinance, the remuneration of the auditors Remuneration of auditors shall, by ordinary resolution, be fixed by the Company in general meeting provided App A1 para always that in respect of any particular year the Company in general meeting may delegate the fixing of such remunerations to the Directors.
- 174. Every financial statement audited by the Company's auditors and presented by the Directors at a general meeting shall after approval at such meeting be conclusive as to deemed the contents thereof except as regards any error discovered therein within three months conclusive of the approval thereof. Whenever any such error is discovered within that period, it shall forthwith be corrected and the financial statements amended in respect of the error shall be conclusive as aforesaid.

When financial statements

notices

**NOTICES** 

175. Subject to the Ordinance, the Listing Rules and any applicable laws, rules and Service of regulations, any notice or document (including a share certificate) may be given by the Company to any member either personally or by sending it by post to him at his registered address as appearing in the register or at the address, within or outside Hong Kong, supplied by him to the Company for the sending of notices or documents to him or by delivering or leaving it at such address as aforesaid or by advertisement in an English language daily newspaper and a Chinese language daily newspaper circulating in Hong Kong or by sending or supplying it in electronic form by electronic means to him at such address as he may provide or be regarded as having provided for the purpose; by making it available on the Company's website and the website of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, giving access to such websites to him and (if required by the Ordinance or the Listing Rules) giving to him a notification of the availability of such notice, document or information; or by such other means as may be permitted under the Ordinance, the Listing Rules and any applicable laws, rules and regulations. A member who has no address of either type as aforesaid in Hong Kong shall be deemed to have received any notice which shall have been displayed at the office and shall have remained there for the period of twenty-four hours and such notice shall be deemed to have been received by such member on the day following that on which it shall have been first so displayed.

Appointment and duties of auditors App A1 para

Removal of auditors and casual vacancy App A1 para

For the purposes of Part 18 of the Ordinance: (a) sending by the Company of a document includes supplying, delivering, forwarding or producing a document and in case of a notice, giving a document but excludes serving a document that is issued for the purpose of any legal proceedings; and (b) supplying by the Company of information includes sending, delivering, forwarding or producing the information.

- 176. Subject to the Ordinance:
  - where a notice is sent by post, service of the notice shall be deemed to be effected When notice (i) by properly addressing, prepaying and posting an envelope or a wrapper containing the notice and to have been effected on the day following that on which the envelope or wrapper containing the same is put into a post office situated within Hong Kong or such facilities maintained by the post office for acceptance of mail and in proving such service it shall be sufficient to prove that the envelope or wrapper containing the notice was properly prepaid, addressed and put into such post office or such facilities maintained by the post office for acceptance of mail and a certificate in writing signed by the Company Secretary or other person appointed by the Directors that the envelope or wrapper containing the notice was so addressed and put into such post office or such facilities maintained by the post office for acceptance of mail shall be conclusive evidence thereof;
  - (ii) any notice or other document delivered or left at the registered address or address supplied for the sending of notice or documents to the recipient otherwise than by post shall be deemed to have been served or delivered on the day it was so delivered or left;
  - (iii) if published by way of a newspaper advertisement, shall be deemed to have been served on the date on which it is advertised in one English language newspaper and one Chinese language newspaper in Hong Kong;
  - (iv) if sent by electronic means (other than being made available on the Company's website and the website of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited), shall be deemed to have been served immediately after the time when the notice or document is sent or transmitted from the server of the Company or its agent or at such later time as may be prescribed by the Listing Rules, and it shall not be necessary for the receipt of the electronic transmission to be acknowledged by the recipient; and
  - (v) if placed or published on the Company's website and the website of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, shall be deemed to have been served at the time the notice or document first appears on the Company's website and the website of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited if no notification of such publication is required to be served on the recipient or on the date on which the notification of such publication is served on the recipient if notification of such publication is required, or at such later time as may be prescribed by the Listing Rules.

is deemed to be served

- 177. A notice may be given by the Company to the joint holder of a share by giving the notice to the joint holder named first in the register in respect of the share and notice so Notice to joint holders given shall be sufficient notice to all the joint holders.
- 178. A notice may be given by the Company to the persons entitled to a share in consequence of the death, mental disorder or bankruptcy of a member by sending it persons through the post in a prepaid envelope or wrapper addressed to them by name or by entitled on transmission the title of representatives of the deceased or trustee of the bankrupt or committee, of shares receiver, curator bonis or other person in the nature of a committee, receiver or curator bonis appointed by the court or by any like description at the address, if any, within Hong Kong supplied for the purpose by the persons claiming to be so entitled or, until such an address has been so supplied, by giving the notice in any manner in which the same might have been given if the death, mental disorder or bankruptcy had not occurred.
- 179. Any person who, by operation of law, transfer or other means whatsoever, becomes entitled to any share shall be bound by every notice in respect of such share which, prior to his name and address being entered in the register, shall have been duly given under the Articles to the person from whom he derived his title to such share.
- 180. Notice of every general meeting shall be given in any manner hereinbefore authorised to (a) every member, (b) every person entitled to a share in consequence of the death, mental disorder or bankruptcy of a member who, but for his death, mental disorder or bankruptcy, would be entitled to receive notice of the meeting, and (c) the auditors for the time being of the Company. No other persons shall be entitled to receive notices of general meetings.
- 181. Any notice or document delivered or sent by post or left at the registered address or the address supplied by any member for the sending of notice or documents to him in pursuance of the Articles shall, notwithstanding that such member be then deceased or bankrupt or that any other event has occurred and whether or not the Company has notice of his death, bankruptcy or such other event, be deemed to have been duly served in respect of any registered shares whether held solely or jointly with other persons by such member until some other person be registered in his stead as the holder or joint holder thereof and such service shall for all purposes of the Articles be deemed a sufficient service of such notice or document on all persons interested (whether jointly with or as claiming through or under him) in the share.
- 182. (A) The signature to any notice to be given by the Company may be written or Signing of notices printed.
  - (B) Where a given number of days' notice or notice extending over any other period is Day of service required to be given, the day of service shall, unless it is otherwise provided, be counted counted in such number of days or other period.

Notice to

Transferees, etc. bound by prior notices

Persons entitled to notice of General Meetings

Notice valid through member deceased or bankrupt

## **APPENDIX III**

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES AND ADOPTION OF THE NEW ARTICLES

### **INFORMATION**

183. No member shall be entitled to require discovery of or any information respecting any detail of the Company's trading or any matter which is or may relate to the conduct of the business of the Company and which in the opinion of the Directors it will be inexpedient in the interests of the members of the Company to communicate to the public.

### **DESTRUCTION OF DOCUMENTS**

184. The Company may destroy:

- (i) any share certificate which has been cancelled at any time after the expiry of one year from the date of such cancellation;
- (ii) any dividend mandate or any variation or cancellation thereof or any notification of change of name or address at any time after the expiry of two years from the date such mandate, variation, cancellation or notification was recorded by the Company;
- (iii) any instrument of transfer of shares which has been registered at any time after the expiry of ten years from the date of registration; and
- (iv) any other document on the basis of which any entry in the register is made at any time after the expiry of ten years from the date an entry in the register was first made in respect of it;

and it shall conclusively be presumed in favour of the Company that every share certificate so destroyed was a valid certificate duly and properly cancelled and that every instrument of transfer so destroyed was a valid and effective instrument duly and properly registered and that every other document destroyed hereunder was a valid and effective document in accordance with the recorded particulars thereof in the books or records of the Company. Provided always that:

- (a) the foregoing provisions of this Article shall apply only to the destruction of a document in good faith and without express notice to the Company that the preservation of such document was relevant to a claim;
- (b) nothing contained in this Article shall be construed as imposing upon the Company any liability in respect of the destruction of any such document earlier than as aforesaid or in any case where the conditions of proviso (a) above are not fulfilled; and
- (c) references in this Article to the destruction of any document include references to its disposal in any manner.

Power to destroy documents

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#### WINDING-UP

- 185. If the Company is wound up and the assets available for distribution among the members as such are insufficient to repay the whole of the paid-up capital, such assets shall be distributed so that as nearly as may be the losses shall be borne by the members in proportion to the capital paid up or which ought to have been paid up at the commencement of the winding-up on the shares held by them respectively. If in a winding-up the assets available for distribution among the members are more than sufficient to repay the whole of the capital paid up at the commencement of the winding-up the assets available for distributed amongst the members in proportion to the capital paid up at the commencement of the winding-up the assets shall be distributed amongst the members in proportion to the capital at the commencement of the winding-up paid up by them respectively. This Article shall not add to or detract from the rights of the holders of shares issued upon special terms and conditions.
- 186. No fee or commission shall be paid by the Company to any Director or liquidator upon N any sale or realisation of the Company's undertaking or assets or any part thereof except with the sanction of a general meeting convened by notice specifying the fee or  $G_{G}^{ar}$  commission proposed to be paid.
- 187. If the Company shall be wound up (whether voluntarily as approved by holders of at least seventy-five per cent of the total voting rights of holders of shares of that class or under supervision of or by the court) the liquidator may, with the sanction of a special resolution of the Company and any other sanction required by the law, divide amongst the members in specie or kind the whole or any part of the assets of the Company (whether they shall consist of property of the same kind or not) and may, for such purpose, set such value as he deems fair upon any property to be divided as aforesaid and may determine how such division shall be carried out as between the members or different classes of members. The liquidator may, with the like sanction, vest the whole or any part of such assets in trustees upon such trusts for the benefit of the contributories as the liquidator, with the like sanction, shall think fit and the liquidation of the Company may be closed and the Company dissolved, but so that no member shall be compelled to accept any shares or other securities whereon there is any liability.
- 188. In the event of a winding-up of the Company, every member of the Company who is not for the time being in Hong Kong shall be bound, within fourteen days after the passing of an effective special resolution to wind up the Company voluntarily or the making of an order for the winding-up of the Company, to serve notice in writing on the Company appointing some person resident in Hong Kong and stating that person's full name, address and occupation upon whom all summonses, notices, process, orders and judgments in relation to or under the winding-up of the Company may be served and in default of such nomination the liquidator of the Company shall be at liberty on behalf of such member to appoint some such person and service upon any such appointee, whether appointed by the member or the liquidator, shall be deemed to be good personal service on such member for all purposes and, where the liquidator makes any such appointment, he shall with all convenient speed give notice thereof to

Distribution of assets

No fee or commission except approved by General Meeting

Distribution of assets in specie App A1 para

Appointment of person resident in Hong Kong for service of process

such member by advertisement in such English language daily newspaper circulating in Hong Kong as he shall deem appropriate or by a registered letter sent through the post and addressed to such member at his address as mentioned in the register and such notice shall be deemed to be served on the day following that on which the advertisement appears or the letter is posted.

#### **INDEMNITY**

- 189. (A) Subject to the provisions of and so far as may be permitted by the Ordinance, Indemnity every Director, auditor, Company Secretary or other officer of the Company and every agent or employee of the Company shall be entitled to be indemnified by the Company out of the assets of the Company against all costs, charges, losses, expenses and liabilities (including any such liability as is mentioned in Section 468(4) of the Ordinance) which he may sustain or incur in or about the execution and discharge of his duties or in relation thereto including any liability incurred by him in defending any proceeding, civil or criminal, which related to anything done or omitted or alleged to have been done or omitted by him as officer or employee of the Company and in which judgment is given in his favour (or the proceedings are otherwise disposed of without any finding or admission of any material breach of duty on his part) or in which he is acquitted or in connection with any application under any statute for relief from liability in respect of any such act or omission in which relief is granted to him by the Court.
  - (B) No Director or Company Secretary shall be liable for the acts, receipts, neglects or Individual responsibility defaults of any other person holding any office under the Company or for joining of Directors in any receipt or other act for conformity or for any loss or expenses happening to the Company through the insufficiency or deficiency of title to any property acquired by order of the Directors for or on behalf of the Company or for the insufficiency or deficiency of any security in or upon which any of the moneys of the Company shall be invested, or for any loss or damage arising from the bankruptcy, insolvency or tortious act of any person with whom any moneys, securities or effects shall be deposited, or for any loss occasioned by any error of judgment, omission, default or oversight on his part or for any loss, damage or misfortune whatever which shall happen in the execution of the duties of his office or in relation thereto unless the same happen through his own wilful act or default or dishonesty.
  - (C) Subject to the provisions of and so far as may be permitted by the Ordinance, if Charge over any Director and/or other person shall become personally liable for the payment of any sum primarily due from the Company, the Directors may execute or cause to be executed any mortgage, charge, or security over or affecting the whole or any part of the assets of the Company by way of indemnity to secure the Director and/or person so becoming liable as aforesaid from any loss in respect of such liability.

assets as security

Insurance

(D) Subject to the provisions of and so far as may be permitted by the Ordinance, the Perminder Company may purchase and maintain for any officer of the Company:

Permitted indemnity and disclosure

- (i) insurance against any liability to the Company, a related company or any other party in respect of any negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust (save for fraud) of which he may be guilty in relation to the Company or a related company; and
- (ii) insurance against any liability incurred by him in defending any proceedings, whether civil or criminal, taken against him for any negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust (including fraud) of which he may be guilty in relation to the Company or a related company.

In this Article 189(D), "**related company**" in relation to the Company means any company that is the Company's subsidiary or holding company or a subsidiary of the Company's holding company.

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### AMENDMENT

190. Subject to the Ordinance, the Company may at any time and from time to time alter or amend the provisions of these Articles by special resolution of the Company in general meeting.





(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

(Stock code: 1939)

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the annual general meeting of Tokyo Chuo Auction Holdings Limited ("**Company**") will be held at 3:00 p.m. at 1/F, China Building, 29 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong on Wednesday, 13 August 2025 to consider and, if thought fit, transact the following ordinary businesses:

## **ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS**

- 1. to receive and approve the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries and the reports of the directors of the Company (the "**Director(s)**") and the auditors of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2025;
- 2. (a) to re-elect, each as a separate resolution, the following person as a Director:
  - (i) Mr. Huang Shikun
  - (ii) Mr. Huang Shifeng
  - (iii) Ms. Qian Yuanyuan
  - (iv) Mr. Tong Jun
  - (v) Mr. Li Jiefeng
  - (vi) Mr. Zheng Haoran
  - (vii) Professor He Jia
  - (viii) Professor Hu Zuohao
  - (ix) Mr. Leung Ting Yuk

- (b) to authorise the board of Directors (the "**Board**") to fix the Directors' remuneration;
- 3. to re-appoint HLB Hodgson Impey Cheng Limited as the auditors of the Company and to authorise the Board to fix their remuneration;

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

## 4. **"THAT**:

- (a) subject to paragraph (c) below, pursuant to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("Listing Rules"), the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as defined in paragraph (d) below) of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with additional shares (each, a "Share") in the capital of the Company and to make or grant offers, agreements and options, including warrants to subscribe for Shares, which might require the exercise of such powers be and the same is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the approval in paragraph (a) above 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 number of Shares allotted and issued or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted and issued (whether pursuant to options or otherwise) by the Directors pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above, otherwise than pursuant to (i) a Rights Issue (as defined in paragraph (d) below); or (ii) the exercise of any options granted under all share option schemes of the Company adopted from time to time in accordance with the Listing Rules; or (iii) any scrip dividend or similar arrangements providing for the allotment and issue of Shares in lieu of the whole or part of a dividend on Shares in accordance with the articles of association of the Company in force from time to time; or (iv) any issue of Shares upon the exercise of rights of subscription or conversion under the terms of any warrants of the Company or any securities which are convertible into Shares shall not exceed the aggregate of:
  - (aa) 20 per cent. of the aggregate number of Shares in issue (excluding treasury shares, if any) on the date of the passing of this resolution; and
  - (bb) (if the Directors are so authorised by a separate ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company) the aggregate number of Shares repurchased by the Company subsequent to the passing of this resolution (up to a maximum equivalent to 10 per cent. of the aggregate number of Shares in issue (excluding treasury shares, if any) on the date of the passing of this resolution),

and the authority pursuant to paragraph (a) of this resolution shall be limited accordingly; and

(d) for the purposes of this resolution:

"Relevant Period" means the period from the date of 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 the Companies Ordinance, Chapter 622 of the Laws of Hong Kong or any applicable laws to be held; or
- (iii) the passing of an ordinary resolution by the shareholders of the Company in general meeting revoking or varying the authority given to the Directors by this resolution;

"Rights Issue" means an offer of Shares, or offer or issue of warrants, options or other securities giving rights to subscribe for Shares open for a period fixed by the Directors to holders of Shares on the Company's register of members on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of 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 restrictions or obligations under the laws of, or the requirements of, or the expense or delay which may be involved in determining the existence or extent of any restrictions or obligations under the laws of, or the requirements of, any jurisdiction outside Hong Kong or any recognised regulatory body or any stock exchange outside Hong Kong);

any reference to an allotment, issue, grant, offer or disposal of Shares shall include the sale or transfer of treasury shares in the capital of the Company (including to satisfy any obligation upon the conversion or exercise of any convertible securities, warrants, options or similar rights to subscribe for Shares) to the extent permitted by, and subject to the provisions of, the Listing Rules and applicable laws and regulations."

## 5. **"THAT**:

(a) subject to paragraph (b) below, the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as defined in paragraph (c) below) of all powers of the Company to purchase shares (each, a "Share") in the capital of the Company on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("Stock Exchange"), or any other stock exchange on which the Shares may be listed and recognised by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong and the Stock Exchange for such purpose, and otherwise in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong, the Stock Exchange, the Companies Ordinance, Chapter 622 of the Laws of Hong Kong and all other applicable laws in this regard, be and the same is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;

- (b) the aggregate number of Shares which may be purchased or agreed to be purchased by the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) during the Relevant Period shall not exceed 10 per cent. of the aggregate number of Shares in issue (excluding treasury shares, if any) as at the date of the passing of this resolution and the authority pursuant to paragraph (a) of this resolution shall be limited accordingly; and
- (c) for the purposes of this resolution, "**Relevant Period**" means the period from the date of 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 the Companies Ordinance, Chapter 622 of the Laws of Hong Kong or any applicable laws to be held; or
  - (iii) the passing of an ordinary resolution by the shareholders of the Company in general meeting revoking or varying the authority given to the Directors by this resolution."
- 6. **"THAT** conditional on the passing of resolutions numbered 4 and 5 above, the general mandate granted to the Directors pursuant to paragraph (a) of resolution numbered 4 above be and it is hereby extended by the addition to the aggregate number of the shares (each, a "**Share**") in the capital of the Company which may be allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted by the Directors pursuant to or in accordance with such general mandate of an amount representing the aggregate number of Shares purchased or agreed to be purchased by the Company pursuant to or in accordance with the authority granted under paragraph (a) of resolution numbered 5 above."

## SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

To consider as special business and, if thought fit, pass the following resolutions as special resolutions of the Company:

7. "THAT, subject to and conditional upon the approval of the Companies Registry in Hong Kong, the English name of the Company be changed from "Tokyo Chuo Auction Holdings Limited" to "Shangshan Gold International Holdings Limited", and the Chinese name of the Company be changed from "東京中央拍 賣控股有限公司" to "上善黄金國際控股有限公司", and THAT any Director or the company secretary of the Company be and is hereby authorized to do all such acts and things, arrange for the requisite filings in Hong Kong, and execute and deliver all such documents as he/she considers necessary, desirable or expedient for the purpose of giving effect to the change of Company name (the "**Proposed Change of Company Name**")."

- 8. "THAT, subject to the Proposed Change of Company Name becoming effective:
  - (a) the new Articles (the "New Articles") produced to the meeting and initialled by the chairman of the meeting for the purpose of identification be adopted as the articles of association of the Company in substitution for, and to the exclusion of, the existing articles of association of the Company with effect from the date of the Proposed Change of Company Name becoming effective; and
  - (b) any one Director or the company secretary of the Company be and is hereby authorized to do all things necessary to implement the proposed amendments and the adoption of the New Articles and to make relevant registrations and filings in accordance with the relevant requirements of the applicable laws, rules and regulations in Hong Kong."

By order of the Board Tokyo Chuo Auction Holdings Limited 東京中央拍賣控股有限公司 Huang Shikun Chairman

Hong Kong, 21 July 2025

Registered office: Room 2601, 26/F Wing On Centre 111 Connaught Road Central Hong Kong Head office and principal place of business in Japan: 2/F and 3/F Kyobashi-Square 3-7-5 Kyobashi Chuo-ku Tokyo Japan

## Notes:

- 1. A member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting convened by the above notice is entitled to appoint one or more than one proxy to attend and, subject to the provisions of the articles of association of the Company, vote in his stead. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.
- 2. To be valid, the form of proxy together with a power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which it is signed or a notarially certified copy of such power or authority must be deposited at the offices of the Company's share registrar, Tricor Investor Services Limited at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong not later than 48 hours before the time of the above meeting (i.e. by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, 11 August 2025) or any adjourned meeting (as the case may be).

- 3. For the purpose of determining members who are qualified for attending the annual general meeting, the register of members of the Company will be closed from Thursday, 7 August 2025 to Wednesday, 13 August 2025, both days inclusive, during which no transfer of share will be effected. In order to qualify for attending the annual general meeting, all transfers of Shares, accompanied by the relevant share certificates, must be lodged with the Company's share registrar, Tricor Investor Services Limited at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong not later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, 6 August 2025 for registration. The record date for attendance and voting at the annual general meeting is Wednesday, 13 August 2025.
- 4. In relation to proposed resolutions numbered 4 and 6 above, approval is being sought from the shareholders of the Company for the grant to the Directors a general mandate to authorise the allotment and issue of Shares under the Listing Rules. The Directors wish to state that they will exercise the powers conferred thereby to allot and issue Shares in circumstances which they deem appropriate for the benefit of the Company and its shareholders as a whole.
- 5. In relation to proposed resolution numbered 5 above, the Directors wish to state that they will exercise the powers conferred thereby to repurchase Shares in circumstances which they deem appropriate for the benefit of the Company and its shareholders as a whole. An explanatory statement containing the information necessary to enable the shareholders of the Company to make an informed decision to vote on the proposed resolution as required by the Listing Rules is set out in the Appendix I to the circular of which this notice of the annual general meeting forms part.
- 6. Delivery of an instrument appointing a proxy shall not preclude a member from attending and voting in person at the above meeting or any adjournment thereof and in such event, the instrument appointing a proxy shall be deemed to be revoked.
- 7. In the case of joint holders of a Share, any one of such joint holders may vote, either in person or by proxy, in respect of such Share as if he/she were solely entitled thereto to, but if more than one of such joint holders are present at the above meeting, personally or by proxy, that one of the said persons so present whose name stands first in the register in respect of such Share shall alone be entitled to vote in respect thereof.
- 8. References to time and dates in this notice are to Hong Kong time and dates.
- 9. If tropical cyclone warning signal no. 8 or above is hoisted or "extreme conditions" caused by super typhoons or a black rainstorm warning signal is in force at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, 13 August 2025, the annual general meeting will be postponed and further announcement for details of alternative meeting arrangements will be made. The annual general meeting will be held as scheduled even when tropical cyclone warning signal no. 3 or below is hoisted, or an amber or red rainstorm warning signal is in force. You should make your own decision as to whether you would attend the annual general meeting under bad weather conditions and if you should choose to do so, you are advised to exercise care and caution.