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# CHINA MENGNIU DAIRY COMPANY LIMITED

中國蒙牛乳業有限公司\*

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability) (Stock Code: 2319)

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the annual general meeting (the "**Annual General Meeting**") of the shareholders of China Mengniu Dairy Company Limited (the "**Company**") will be held at Ballroom, 3rd Floor, JW Marriot Hotel, Pacific Place, 88 Queensway, Hong Kong on Friday, 15 June 2012 at 10:00 a.m. for the following purposes:

- 1. To review and consider the audited financial statements and the reports of the directors and the independent auditors for the year ended 31 December 2011.
- 2. To approve the proposed final dividend.
- 3. To re-elect the following directors and authorise the board of directors of the Company to fix their remuneration:
  - (a) Sun Yiping;
  - (b) Ning Gaoning;
  - (c) Yu Xubo;
  - (d) Ma Jianping;
  - (e) Jiao Shuge (alias Jiao Zhen);
  - (f) Julian Juul Wolhardt; and
  - (g) Xie Tao.
- 4. To re-appoint Ernst and Young as the auditors of the Company and authorise the board of directors of the Company to fix their remuneration.
- \* For identification purpose only

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

#### **ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS**

### 5. **"THAT**:

- (a) subject to paragraph (b) below, the exercise by the directors of the Company (the "**Directors**") during the Relevant Period (as defined in paragraph (c) below) of all the powers of the Company to repurchase ordinary shares of HK\$0.10 each in the capital of the Company (the "**Shares**") on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "**Stock Exchange**") or on any other stock exchange on which the securities of the Company may be listed and recognised by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong and the Stock Exchange for this purpose, subject to and in accordance with applicable laws and the requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange or of any other stock exchange as amended from time to time, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the aggregate nominal amount of the Shares which may be repurchased pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above shall not exceed ten per cent (10%) of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue at the date of passing this resolution number 5 set out in this notice of annual general meeting ("**Resolution 5**") and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and
- (c) for the purpose of this Resolution 5:

"Relevant Period" means the period from the passing of this Resolution 5 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 its articles of association or by any applicable law(s) to be held; and
- (iii) the revocation or variation of the authority given to the Directors under this Resolution 5 by the passing of an ordinary resolution by the shareholders in general meeting."

## 6. **"THAT**:

- (a) subject to paragraph (c) below, 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 and to make or grant offers, agreements, options and warrants which might require the exercise of such power be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the approval in paragraph (a) of this resolution set out in this notice of annual general meeting ("**Resolution 6**") shall authorise the Directors during the Relevant Period to make or grant offers, agreements, options and warrants which might require the exercise of such power after the end of the Relevant Period;
- (c) the aggregate nominal amount of share capital allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted and issued (whether pursuant to an option or otherwise) by the Directors pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) of this Resolution 6, otherwise than pursuant to, (i) a Rights Issue (as hereinafter defined), (ii) any option scheme or similar arrangement for the time being adopted for the grant or issue to officers and/or employees of the Company and/or any of its subsidiaries of Shares or rights to acquire Shares, (iii) any scrip dividend or similar arrangement providing for the allotment of Shares in lieu of the whole or part of a dividend on Shares in accordance with the articles of association of the Company 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 of 20 per cent (20%) of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue at the date of passing this Resolution 6, and the said approval shall be limited accordingly;
- (d) for the purpose of this Resolution 6:

"Relevant Period" means the period from the passing of this Resolution 6 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 its articles of association or by any applicable law(s) to be held; and

 (iii) the revocation or variation of the authority given to the Directors under this Resolution 6 by the passing of an ordinary resolution by the shareholders in general meeting.

"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 the holders of the Shares or any class thereof on the register on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of such Shares or class thereof (subject to such exclusion or other arrangements as the Directors may deem necessary or expedient in relation to fractional entitlements or legal or practical problems having regard to any restrictions or obligations under the laws of, or the requirements of any recognised regulatory body or any stock exchange in, any territory outside Hong Kong applicable to the Company)."

> By order of the Board China Mengniu Dairy Company Limited Kwok Wai Cheong, Chris Company Secretary

#### Hong Kong, 30 April 2012

Notes:

- (1) Any member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting convened by the above notice is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend and vote instead of him. A proxy need not be a member of the Company. All proxies, together with powers of attorney or other authorities, if any, under which they are signed or notarially certified copies thereof, must be deposited with the Company's branch share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong, not later than 48 hours before the time of the Annual General Meeting. Completion and delivery of the proxy form will not preclude a member from attending and voting in person at the meeting if he so wishes.
- (2) The register of members of the Company will be closed during the following periods:-
  - (i) from Wednesday, 13 June 2012 to Friday, 15 June 2012, both days inclusive, for the purpose of ascertaining shareholders' eligibility to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting. In order to be eligible to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting, all transfer documents accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged for registration with the Company's branch share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited at Shops 1712–1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong not later than 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 12 June 2012; and
  - (ii) from Thursday, 21 June 2012 to Friday, 22 June 2012, both days inclusive, for the purpose of ascertaining shareholders' entitlement to the proposed final dividend. In order to establish entitlements to the proposed final dividend, all transfer documents accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged for registration with the Company's branch share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited at the address as set out in sub-paragraph (i) above not later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, 20 June 2012.

- (3) Where there are joint registered holders of any Share, any one of such persons may vote at any meeting, either personally or by proxy, in respect of such Share as if he were solely entitled thereto; but if more than one of such joint holders are present at any meeting personally or by proxy, that the more senior shall alone be entitled to vote in respect of such Share and, for this purpose, seniority shall be determined by the order in which the names of the joint holders stand on the register of the relevant joint holding.
- (4) With reference to Resolution 3 above, Mr. Ning Gaoning, Mr. Yu Xubo, Mr. Ma Jianping, Mr. Jiao Shuge and Mr. Julian Juul Wolhardt will retire by rotation and, Ms. Sun Yiping and Mr. Xie Tao will also retire in accordance with the articles of association of the Company and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election at the Annual General Meeting. Details of the above Directors are set out in Appendix II to the circular dated 30 April 2012.
- (5) With reference to Resolutions 5 and 6 above, the Directors wish to state that they have no immediate plans to repurchase any existing Shares or to issue any new Shares or warrants pursuant to the relevant mandate.

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises: Ms. Sun Yiping, Mr. Yang Wenjun, Mr. Bai Ying, Mr. Wu Jingshui and Mr. Ding Sheng as executive Directors, Mr. Ning Gaoning, Mr. Niu Gensheng, Mr. Yu Xubo, Mr. Ma Jianping and Mr. Fang Fenglei as non-executive Directors, Mr. Jiao Shuge (alias Jiao Zhen), Mr. Julian Juul Wolhardt, Mr. Liu Fuchun, Mr. Zhang Xiaoya and Mr. Xie Tao as independent non-executive Directors.