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(Stock Code: 2689)

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

A notice convening the annual general meeting of **Nine Dragons Paper (Holdings) Limited** to be held at Ballroom B, 5/F., Island Shangri-la, Pacific Place, Supreme Court Road, Central, Hong Kong on Thursday, 6 December, 2012 at 2:30 p.m. is set out on pages 12 to 16 of this circular.

A form of proxy for use by the Shareholders at the annual general meeting is enclosed. Whether or not you intend to attend and vote at the annual general meeting, you are requested to complete the accompanying form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return it to the Company's Hong Kong Branch Share Registrar, Tricor Investor Services Limited, 26th Floor, Tesbury Centre, 28 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong as soon as possible and in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding of the meeting 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 should you so wish.

30 October 2012

<sup>\*</sup> For identification purposes only

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# **DEFINITIONS**

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

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

B, 5/F., Island Shangri-la, Pacific Place, Supreme Court Road, Central, Hong Kong on Thursday, 6 December, 2012 at 2:30 p.m.,

notice of which is set out on pages 12 to 16 of this circular

"Best Result" Best Result Holdings Limited, a company incorporated under the

laws of British Virgin Islands whose issued share capital is held (i) as to approximately 37.073% by Ms. Cheung Yan; (ii) as to approximately 37.053% by Goldnew Limited which was held by The Liu Family Trust with BNP Paribas Jersey Trust Corporation Limited as the trustee, (iii) as to approximately 10.000% by Acorn Crest Limited which was held by BNP Paribas Jersey Trust Corporation Limited as the trustee of The Zhang Family Trust, and (iv) as to approximately 15.874% by Winsea Investments Limited which was held by BNP Paribas Jersey Trust Corporation Limited

as the trustee of The Golden Nest Trust.

"Board" the board of Directors

"Bye-laws" the bye-laws of the Company

"Company" Nine Dragons Paper (Holdings) Limited, a company incorporated

in Bermuda with limited liability, the Shares of which are listed on

the Stock Exchange

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

"Group" the Company and its subsidiaries

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

"Hong Kong" the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's

Republic of China

"Issue Mandates" a general and unconditional mandate proposed to be granted to the

Directors to exercise all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with Shares up to 20% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing of the resolution as set out in the Annual General Meeting Notice

"Latest Practicable Date" 22 October 2012, being the latest practicable date for ascertaining

certain information in this circular prior to its publication

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

Exchange

# **DEFINITIONS**

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

Hong Kong)

"Share(s)" ordinary share(s) of HK\$0.10 each in the share capital of the

Company

"Share Repurchase Mandate" a general and unconditional mandate proposed to be granted to the

Directors to exercise all the powers of the Company to repurchase Shares up to 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing of the

resolution as set out in the Annual General Meeting Notice

"Shareholders" holders of Shares

"Stock Exchange" The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

"Takeovers Code" The Hong Kong Code on Takeovers and Mergers

# LETTER FROM THE BOARD



(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 2689)

Executive Directors:

Ms. Cheung Yan (Chairlady)

Mr. Liu Ming Chung

(Deputy Chairman and Chief Executive Officer)

Mr. Zhang Cheng Fei

(Deputy Chief Executive Officer)

Mr. Lau Chun Shun

Mr. Zhang Yuanfu (Chief Financial Officer)

Ms. Gao Jing

*Independent non-executive Directors:* 

Ms. Tam Wai Chu, Maria

Mr. Chung Shui Ming, Timpson

Dr. Cheng Chi Pang

Mr. Wang Hong Bo

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Hong Kong

30 October 2012

To the Shareholders and, for information only, holders of the share options

Dear Sir or Madam,

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

### INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this circular is to (i) provide you with details of the proposed Issue Mandate and the proposed Share Repurchase Mandate; (ii) set out an explanatory statement regarding the Share Repurchase Mandate; (iii) provide you with details of the retiring Directors proposed to be re-elected; and (iv) give you the Annual General Meeting Notice.

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# LETTER FROM THE BOARD

#### GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE SHARES AND TO REPURCHASE SHARES

Ordinary resolutions will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting to grant to the Directors new general mandates:

- (i) to allot, issue and otherwise deal with new Shares up to an aggregate nominal amount not exceeding 20% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing of the proposed resolution at the Annual General Meeting; and
- (ii) to repurchase Shares up to an aggregate nominal amount not exceeding 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing of the proposed resolution at the Annual General Meeting.

In addition, if the Issue Mandate is granted together with the Share Repurchase Mandate, it is further proposed, by way of a separate ordinary resolution, that the Issue Mandate be extended so that the Directors be given a general mandate to issue further Shares up to an aggregate nominal amount equal to the aggregate nominal amount of the Shares which may be repurchased by the Company under the Share Repurchase Mandate.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the total issued share capital of the Company was 4,662,920,811 Shares. Subject to the passing of the ordinary resolution at the Annual General Meeting approving the Issue Mandate, the Company will be allowed to allot, issue and deal with up to a maximum of 932,584,162 Shares under the Issue Mandate, representing 20% of the total issued share capital of the Company, on the basis that no further Shares will be issued or repurchased between the Latest Practicable Date and the Annual General Meeting.

An explanatory statement containing information regarding the Share Repurchase Mandate is set out in Appendix I to this circular.

#### RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS

Pursuant to the Company's Bye-laws, at each annual general meeting, every director will be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years. All retiring Directors are eligible for re-election at the annual general meeting at which he retires. The election of each Director is done through a separate resolution.

At the Annual General Meeting, Mr. Zhang Cheng Fei, Mr. Lau Chun Shun, Mr. Chung Shui Ming, Timpson and Dr. Cheng Chi Pang will retire and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Brief biographical and other details of the retiring Directors, which are required to be disclosed under the Listing Rules, are set out in the Appendix II to this circular.

# LETTER FROM THE BOARD

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A notice convening the Annual General Meeting is set out on pages 12 to 16 of this circular at which resolutions will be proposed, inter alia, to approve the grant of the Issue Mandate and the Share Repurchase Mandate. A form of proxy for use by the shareholders at the Annual General Meeting is enclosed. Whether or not you intend to attend the meeting, you are requested to complete the form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return it to the Company's Hong Kong Branch Share Registrar, Tricor Investor Services Limited, 26th Floor, Tesbury Centre, 28 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong as soon as possible and in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding of the Annual General Meeting 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 should you so wish.

Pursuant to Rule 13.39 of the Listing Rules, any vote of shareholders at a general meeting must be taken by poll except where the chairman, in good faith, decides to allow a resolution which relates purely to a procedural or administrative matter to be voted on by a show of hands. The chairman of the AGM will demand a poll for each and every resolution to be put forward at the AGM pursuant to Bye-law 66 and the Listing Rules. The Company will appoint scrutineer to handle vote-taking procedures at the AGM. The results of the poll will be published on the websites of the Stock Exchange and the Company as soon as possible in accordance with Rule 13.39 of the Listing Rules.

None of the Shareholders is required to abstain from voting at the Annual General Meeting pursuant to the Listing Rules.

#### RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

This circular includes particulars given in compliance with the Listing Rules for the purpose of giving information with regard to the Company. The Directors collectively and individually accept full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in this circular and confirm, having made all reasonable enquires, that to the best of their knowledge and belief there are no other facts the omission of which would make any statement herein misleading.

#### RECOMMENDATION

The Directors consider that the granting of the Issue Mandate, the Share Repurchase Mandate and the re-election of the retiring Directors are in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole and recommend Shareholders to vote in favour of all resolutions to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

Yours faithfully,
For and on behalf of
Nine Dragons Paper (Holdings) Limited
Cheung Yan
Chairlady

# APPENDIX I EXPLANATORY STATEMENT ON SHARE REPURCHASE MANDATE

This is an explanatory statement given to the Shareholders relating to a resolution authorising the Company to repurchase its own Shares proposed to be passed by the Shareholders by means of an ordinary resolution at the Annual General Meeting. This explanatory statement contains a summary of the information required pursuant to Rule 10.06 of the Listing Rules which is set out as follows:

#### SHARE CAPITAL

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the issued share capital of the Company comprised 4,662,920,811 Shares of HK\$0.10 each. Subject to the passing of the ordinary resolution granting the Share Repurchase Mandate and assuming no further Shares are issued or repurchased prior to the Annual General Meeting, the Company would be allowed under the Share Repurchase Mandate to repurchase a maximum of 466,292,081 Shares, representing 10% of the issued share capital of the Company.

#### REASONS FOR REPURCHASES

The Directors believe that it is in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole for the Directors to have a general authority from the Shareholders to enable the Directors to purchase the Shares on the market. Such repurchases may, depending on market conditions and funding arrangements at the time, lead to an enhancement of the net asset value of the Company and/or its earnings per Share and will benefit the Company and the Shareholders.

#### **FUNDING OF REPURCHASES**

The repurchase of Shares shall be made with funds legally available for such purpose in accordance with the Company's memorandum of association and the Bye-laws and the applicable laws of Bermuda. Under Bermuda law, repurchases may only be effected out of the capital paid up on the purchased Shares or out of funds of the Company otherwise available for dividend or distribution or out of the proceeds of a fresh issue of shares made for the purpose. Any premium payable on a purchase over the par value of the Shares to be purchased must be provided for out of funds of the Company otherwise available for dividend or distribution or out of the Company's share premium account before the Shares are repurchased. It is envisaged that the funds required for any repurchase would be derived from such sources.

As compared to the financial position of the Company as at 30 June 2012 (being the date of the Company's latest audited accounts), the Directors consider that the repurchases of Shares will have no material adverse impact on the working capital and the gearing position of the Company in the event that the Share Repurchase Mandate were to be exercised in full at any time during the proposed repurchase period. The Directors do not propose to exercise the Share Repurchase Mandate to such an extent as would, in the circumstances, have a material adverse effect on the working capital requirements of the Company or the gearing levels which in the opinion of the Directors are from time to time appropriate for the Company.

#### DIRECTORS, THEIR ASSOCIATES AND CONNECTED PERSONS

None of the Directors or, to the best of their knowledge having made all reasonable enquiries any of their associates, as defined in the Listing Rules, has any present intention, in the event that the Share Repurchase Mandate is approved by the Shareholders, to sell Shares to the Company.

No connected person, as defined in the Listing Rules, has notified the Company that he has a present intention to sell Shares to the Company, or has undertaken not to do so, in the event that the Share Repurchase Mandate is approved by the Shareholders.

#### UNDERTAKING OF THE DIRECTORS

The Directors have undertaken to the Stock Exchange that, so far as the same may be applicable, they will exercise the Share Repurchase Mandate in accordance with the Listing Rules, the Bye-laws and the applicable laws of Bermuda.

#### SHARE REPURCHASE MADE BY THE COMPANY

The Company has not purchased any Share on the Stock Exchange or otherwise, in the six months immediately preceding the Latest Practicable Date.

#### EFFECT OF THE TAKEOVERS CODE

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

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Best Result held 2,992,120,000 Shares representing approximately 64.17% interest in the issued share capital. On the basis that no further Shares are issued or repurchased and that there is no change in Best Result's shareholding in the Company, in the event that the Share Repurchase Mandate is exercised in full, the shareholding of Best Result would be increased to approximately 71.30% of the issued share capital. Any repurchase of Shares which would result in the amount of Shares held by the public being reduced to less than 25% could only be implemented with the agreement of the Stock Exchange. Except in extraordinary circumstances, such agreement would not normally be given by the Stock Exchange. The Directors have no present intention to exercise the Share Repurchase Mandate to an extent which will result in the amount of Shares held by the public being reduced to less than 25%.

The Directors are not aware of any shareholder or group of shareholders acting in concert, who may become obliged to make a mandatory offer under Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code as consequences of any purchases pursuant to the Share Repurchase Mandate.

# APPENDIX I EXPLANATORY STATEMENT ON SHARE REPURCHASE MANDATE

# PRICES OF THE SHARES

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

	Highest (HK\$)	Lowest (HK\$)
2011		
October	5.94	3.22
November	5.90	4.80
December	6.00	4.75
2012		
January	5.72	4.51
February	7.13	5.20
March	7.79	6.11
April	6.93	6.16
May	6.45	4.17
June	5.14	4.05
July	4.63	3.09
August	4.36	3.45
September	4.33	3.38
October (up to the Latest Practicable Date)	5.30	3.90

# APPENDIX II PARTICULARS OF RETIRING DIRECTORS STANDING FOR RE-ELECTION

The following are the particulars of the Directors proposed to be re-elected at the Annual General Meeting:

(1) Mr. Zhang Cheng Fei, 44, has been the Executive Director and Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the Company since 2006. He is members of the Executive Committee, the Remuneration Committee, the Nomination and Corporate Governance Committee and a director of various subsidiaries of the Company. He is one of the founders and is responsible for the overall management of the operations and business of the Group including marketing, finance, procurement, sales and IT departments. Mr. Zhang has over 18 years of experience in procurement, marketing and distribution and is a member of the Third Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference of Chongqing.

Mr. Zhang did not hold directorship in other listed public companies in the last three years before the date of this report. Mr. Zhang is the younger brother of Ms. Cheung Yan, Mr. Liu Ming Chung's brother-in-law and the uncle of Mr. Lau Chun Shun. Save as disclosed above, Mr. Zhang does not have any relationship with any other Director, senior management, substantial shareholder or controlling shareholder of the Company.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Zhang through its trustee, BNP Paribas Jersey Trust Corporation Limited, had 25.874% interest in Best Result. Best Result directly held 2,992,120,000 Shares, representing approximately 64.17% interest in the Company. In addition, Mr. Zhang had personal interest in 21,814,821 Shares. Save as aforesaid, Mr. Zhang did not have any other interests in the Shares or the underlying Shares pursuant to Part XV of the SFO.

Mr. Zhang has a service contract for a term of three years with the Company which may be terminated, by either side, on six months' notice. He is subject to retirement and will be eligible for reelection at the annual general meeting pursuant to the Bye-Laws of the Company. The director's fee specified in the service agreement is RMB4,140,000 per annum with an allowance of RMB1,610,000. The amount of his director's emolument will be reviewed by the Remuneration Committee of the Company with reference to his position, his level of responsibilities, the remuneration policy of the Company and the prevailing market conditions.

Save as disclosed above, there are no other matters concerning Mr. Zhang that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders nor any information to be disclosed pursuant to the requirements of Rule 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules.

(2) Mr. Lau Chun Shun, 31, joined the Company as a Non-executive Director in 2006 and was redesignated as an Executive Director of the Company in August 2009. He is a director of various subsidiaries of the Company. He is responsible for the management and operation of the Group including marketing and distribution, procurement and sales departments. Mr. Lau holds a bachelor degree in Economics from the University of California, Davis and a master degree in Industrial Engineering from Columbia University.

Mr. Lau did not hold directorship in other listed public companies in the last three years before the date of this report. Mr. Lau is the son of Ms. Cheung Yan and Mr. Liu Ming Chung and the nephew of Mr. Zhang Cheng Fei. Saved as disclosed above, he does not have any relationship with any other Director, senior management, substantial shareholder or controlling shareholder of the Company.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Lau as beneficiary owner of several trusts had 52.927% interest in Best Result. Best Result directly held 2,992,120,000 Shares, representing approximately 64.17% interest in the Company. In addition, Mr. Lau held 450,000 share options under the 2006 Share Option Scheme. Save as aforesaid, Mr. Lau did not have any other interests in the Shares or the underlying Shares pursuant to Part XV of the SFO.

# APPENDIX II PARTICULARS OF RETIRING DIRECTORS STANDING FOR RE-ELECTION

Mr. Lau has a service contract for a term of three years with the Company which may be terminated, by either side, on three months' notice. He is subject to retirement and will be eligible for re-election at the annual general meeting pursuant to the Bye-Laws of the Company. The director's fee specified in the service agreement is HK\$980,000 per annum. The amount of his director's emolument will be reviewed by the Remuneration Committee of the Company with reference to his position, his level of responsibilities, the remuneration policy of the Company and the prevailing market conditions.

Save as disclosed above, there are no other matters concerning Mr. Lau that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders nor any information to be disclosed pursuant to the requirements of Rule 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules.

(3) Mr. Chung Shui Ming, Timpson, GBS, JP, 60, has been an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company since 2006. He is also members of the Audit Committee, the Remuneration Committee, the Nomination and Corporate Governance Committee of the Company. Mr. Chung is an independent non-executive director of China Unicom (Hong Kong) Limited, Glorious Sun Enterprises Limited, Miramar Hotel and Investment Company, Limited, China Overseas Grand Oceans Group Ltd. and China Everbright Limited (all listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange). Mr. Chung is also an independent director of China State Construction Engineering Corporation Limited and China Everbright Bank Corporation Limited (listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange) and an Outside Director of China Mobile Communications Corporation. He holds a bachelor of science degree from the University of Hong Kong and a master's degree of business administration from the Chinese University of Hong Kong. He is a fellow member of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Besides, he is currently a member of the National Committee of the 11th Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference.

From October 2004 to November 2008, Mr. Chung served as an independent non-executive director of China Netcom Group Corporation (Hong Kong) Limited. Formerly, he was a director of Hantec Investment Holdings Limited, the chairman of China Business of Jardine Fleming Holdings Limited, the deputy chief executive officer of BOC International Limited, the independent non-executive director of Tai Shing International (Holdings) Limited, and the chairman of the Council of the City University of Hong Kong. He was also the chairman of the Hong Kong Housing Society, a member of the Executive Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, the vice chairman of the Land Fund Advisory Committee of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government, a member of the Managing Board of the Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation, a member of the Hong Kong Housing Authority, a member of the Disaster Relief Fund Advisory Committee and a vice-chairman, director & deputy general manager of Nanyang Commercial Bank Limited and the chief executive officer of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government Land Fund Trust.

Mr. Chung does not have any relationship with any other Director, senior management, substantial shareholder or controlling shareholder of the Company.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Chung had personal interest in 1,017,496 Shares as beneficial owner in the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Mr. Chung has an appointment letter for a term of one year with the Company. He is subject to retirement and will be eligible for re-election at the annual general meeting pursuant to the Bye-Laws of the Company. The director's fee specified in the appointment letter is HK\$528,000 per annum. The amount of his director's emolument will be reviewed by the Remuneration Committee of the Company with reference to his position, his level of responsibilities, the remuneration policy of the Company and the prevailing market conditions.

# APPENDIX II PARTICULARS OF RETIRING DIRECTORS STANDING FOR RE-ELECTION

Save as disclosed above, there are no other matters concerning Mr. Chung that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders nor any information to be disclosed pursuant to the requirements of Rule 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules.

(4) **Dr. Cheng Chi Pang**, 55, has been an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company since 2006. He is also the chairman of the Audit Committee, members of the Remuneration Committee and the Nomination and Corporate Governance Committee of the Company. He holds a bachelor degree in Business, a master degree in Business Administration and a master degree of Laws as well as and a doctorate degree of philosophy in Business Management. Dr. Cheng is an associate member of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, the Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants, the Taxation Institute of Hong Kong and a fellow member of the Hong Kong Institute of Directors. He is a Certified Public Accountant practicing in Hong Kong and has approximately 31 years of experience in auditing, business advisory and financial management.

Dr. Cheng joined the New World Group in 1992 and was chief executive and group financial controller of NWS Holdings Limited, the shares of which are listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange. Prior to joining the New World Group, he was a senior manager of Price Waterhouse, now PricewaterhouseCoopers. Dr. Cheng is currently the senior partner of Leslie Cheng & Co. Certified Public Accountants, the chairman of L & E Consultants Limited, a non-executive director of Wai Kee Holdings Limited and Build King Holdings Limited and an independent non-executive director and chairman of the audit committee of China Ting Group (Holdings) Limited, Tianjin Port Development Holdings Limited and Fortune Sun (China) Holdings Limited.

Dr. Cheng does not have any relationship with any other Director, senior management, substantial shareholder or controlling shareholder of the Company.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Dr. Cheng had personal interest in 700,002 Shares as beneficial owner in the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Dr. Cheng has an appointment letter for a term of one year with the Company. He is subject to retirement and will be eligible for re-election at the annual general meeting pursuant to the Bye-Laws of the Company. The director's fee specified in the appointment letter is HK\$528,000 per annum. The amount of his director's emolument will be reviewed by the Remuneration Committee of the Company with reference to his position, his level of responsibilities, the remuneration policy of the Company and the prevailing market conditions.

Save as disclosed above, there are no other matters concerning Dr. Cheng that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders nor any information to be disclosed pursuant to the requirements of Rule 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules.



(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 2689)

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of the Company will be held at Ballroom B, 5/F., Island Shangri-la, Pacific Place, Supreme Court Road, Central, Hong Kong on Thursday, 6 December 2012 at 2:30 p.m. for the following purposes:

- 1. To receive and consider the audited financial statements, the reports of the directors and independent auditor for the year ended 30 June, 2012.
- 2. To declare the final dividend for the year ended 30 June, 2012.
- 3. (a) (i) To re-elect Mr. Zhang Cheng Fei as a Director;
  - (ii) To re-elect Mr. Lau Chun Shun as a Director;
  - (iii) To re-elect Mr. Chung Shui Ming as a Director; and
  - (iv) To re-elect Dr. Cheng Chi Pang as a Director.
  - (b) To fix the Directors' remuneration.
- 4. To re-appoint auditor and to authorise the board of directors to fix the auditor's remuneration.
- 5. As special business, to consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolutions as ordinary resolution of the Company:

# (A) "**THAT**:

(i) subject to sub-paragraph (iii) of this resolution, the exercise by the directors of the Company during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with additional shares in the capital of the Company and to make or grant offers, agreements and options (including warrants, bonds and debentures convertible into shares of the Company) which would or might require the exercise of such powers, subject to and in accordance with all applicable laws and the bye-laws of the Company, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;

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- (ii) the approval in sub-paragraph (i) of this resolution shall authorise the directors of the Company during the Relevant Period to make or grant offers, agreements and options (including warrants, bonds and debentures convertible into shares of the Company) which would or might require the exercise of such powers after the end of the Relevant Period;
- (iii) the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted (whether pursuant to an option or otherwise) and issued by the directors of the Company pursuant to the approvals in sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii) of this resolution, otherwise than pursuant to a Rights Issue (as hereinafter defined) or upon the exercise of rights of subscription or conversion under the outstanding warrants to subscribe for shares of the Company or any securities which are convertible into shares of the Company or the share option scheme of the Company or any scrip dividend in lieu of the whole or part of a dividend on shares of the Company, shall not exceed 20 per cent. of the aggregate nominal amount of the ordinary share capital of the Company in issue on the date of this resolution and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and
- (iv) for the purpose of this resolution:

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

- (a) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
- (b) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the bye-laws of the Company or any applicable laws of Bermuda to be held; or
- (c) the revocation or variation of the authority given under this resolution by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting.

"Rights Issue" means an offer of shares open for a period fixed by the directors of the Company to holders of shares on the register on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of such shares (subject to such exclusion or other arrangements as the directors of the Company 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, any recognised regulatory body or any stock exchange in any territory outside Hong Kong)."

#### (B) "THAT:

- (i) subject to sub-paragraph (iii) of this resolution, the exercise by the directors of the Company during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to repurchase issued shares in the capital of the Company on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") or on any other stock exchange on which the shares of the Company may be listed and recognised by the Securities and Futures Commission and the Stock Exchange for this purpose, subject to and in accordance with all applicable laws and the requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange or any other stock exchange as amended from time to time, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (ii) the approval in paragraph (i) of this resolution shall be in addition to any other authorization given to the directors of the Company and shall authorize the directors of the Company on behalf of the Company during the Relevant Period to procure the Company to purchase its shares at a price determined by the directors of the Company;
- (iii) the aggregate nominal amount of the ordinary share capital of the Company which the directors of the Company are authorised to repurchase pursuant to the approvals in sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii) of this resolution shall not exceed 10 per cent. of the aggregate nominal amount of the ordinary share capital of the Company in issue on the date of this resolution and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and
- (iv) for the purpose of this resolution:

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

- (a) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
- (b) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the bye-laws of the Company or any applicable laws of Bermuda to be held; or
- (c) the revocation or variation of the authority given under this resolution by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting."

(C) "THAT conditional upon the resolutions numbered 5(A) and 5(B) as set out in the notice convening this meeting (the "Notice") being passed, the general mandate granted to the directors of the Company to allot, issue and deal with additional shares in the ordinary share capital of the Company pursuant to the resolution numbered 5(A) as set out in the Notice be and is hereby extended by the addition thereto of an amount representing the aggregate nominal amount of shares in the share capital of the Company repurchased by the Company under the authority granted pursuant to the resolution numbered 5(B) as set out in the Notice."

By Order of the Board Cheng Wai Chu, Judy Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 30 October, 2012

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#### Notes:

- 1. Any member of the Company entitled to attend and vote at a meeting of the Company shall be entitled to appoint another person as his proxy to attend and vote instead of him. A member who is the holder of two or more shares may appoint more than one proxy to attend on the same occasion. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.
- 2. A form of proxy for the meeting is enclosed. The instrument appointing a proxy and the power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which it is signed, or a certified copy of such power or authority shall be deposited at the Company's Hong Kong Branch Share Registrar, Tricor Investor Services Limited, 26th Floor, Tesbury Centre, 28 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong as soon as possible and in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting or any adjourned meeting at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote.
- 3. To ascertain shareholder's eligibility to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting, the register of members of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, 4 December, 2012 to Thursday, 6 December, 2012, both dates inclusive, during which period no transfers of shares shall be effected. In order to qualify for attending and voting at the Annual General Meeting, all transfers of shares accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's Hong Kong Branch Share Registrar, Tricor Investor Services Limited, at 26th Floor, Tesbury Centre, 28 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong for registration before 4:30 p.m. on Monday, 3 December, 2012.
- 4. To ascertain shareholder's entitlement to the proposed final dividend upon the passing of the resolution no. 2 set out in the notice, the register of members of the Company will be closed from Friday, 14 December, 2012 to Tuesday, 18 December, 2012, both dates inclusive, during which period no transfers of shares shall be effected. In order to qualify for the proposed final dividend, all transfers of shares accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's Hong Kong Branch Share Registrar, Tricor Investor Services Limited, at 26th Floor, Tesbury Centre, 28 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong for registration before 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, 13 December, 2012.
- 5. Each of the resolutions set out in the notice will be voted by way at a poll.

As at the date of this notice, Ms. Cheung Yan, Mr. Liu Ming Chung, Mr. Zhang Cheng Fei, Mr. Lau Chun Shun, Mr. Zhang Yuanfu and Ms. Gao Jing are executive Directors, and Ms. Tam Wai Chu, Maria, Mr. Chung Shui Ming, Timpson, Dr. Cheng Chi Pang and Mr. Wang Hong Bo are independent non-executive Directors.

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