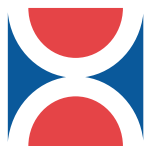


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XINAO GAS HOLDINGS LIMITED

新奧燃氣控股有限公司*

(incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

NOTICE OF BOARD MEETING

The board of directors (the "Board") of Xinao Gas Holdings Limited (the "Company") hereby announces that a meeting of the Board will be held at Huaxiang Road, Langfang Economic and Technical Development Zone, Langfang City, Hebei Province, The People's Republic of China on 9 May 2002 at 10:00 a.m. for the following purposes:

- (1) To consider and approve the first quarter unaudited results of the Company and its subsidiaries for the three months ended 31 March 2002 and approve the draft announcement of the first quarter unaudited results to be published on the GEM website;
- (2) To consider the payment of interim dividend, if any;
- (3) To consider the closure of the register of members, if necessary; and
- (4) To transact any other business.

By order of the Board
XINAO GAS HOLDINGS LIMITED
CHENG Chak Ngok
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 26 April 2002

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