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## VODATEL NETWORKS HOLDINGS LIMITED

# 愛達利網絡控股有限公司\*

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

# GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE AND REPURCHASE SHARES

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#### **DEFINITION**

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

"AGM" The Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held at the

Alexandra Room, 2/F, Mandarin Oriental Hong Kong on 24th

November 2003 at 3:00 p.m.

"Code" Hong Kong Code on Takeovers and Mergers

"Company" Vodatel Networks Holdings Limited

"Directors" Directors of the Company from time to time

"GEM" The Growth Enterprise Market of the Stock Exchange

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

"Issue Mandate"

A general mandate proposed to be granted to the Directors to

exercise the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with additional Shares up to a maximum amount of 20% of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue at the date of passing of Resolution 6(A)

"Latest Practicable Date" 26th September 2003, being the latest practicable date prior to

the printing of this circular

"Notice" Notice of the AGM which is set out in the 2003 Annual Report

"Repurchase Mandate"

A general mandate proposed to be granted to the Directors to

exercise the powers of the Company to repurchase its Shares up to a maximum amount of 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue at the

date of passing of Resolution 6(B)

"Shareholders" Shareholders of the Company from time to time

"Shares" Ordinary shares of HK0.10 each in the share capital of the

Company

"Stock Exchange" The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

#### LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN



## **VODATEL NETWORKS HOLDINGS LIMITED**

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29th September 2003

To the Shareholders

Dear Sir or Madam,

# GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE AND REPURCHASE SHARES

#### INTRODUCTION

On 5th November 2002, resolutions were passed giving general mandates to the Directors to issue and allot Shares and to exercise the powers of the Company to repurchase its own Shares and to add the number of Shares repurchased (if any) pursuant to the aforesaid general mandate to repurchase Shares to the number of Shares that may be allotted pursuant to the aforesaid general mandate to allot, issue or otherwise deal with the Shares in accordance with the GEM Listing Rules. These general mandates will lapse at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting to be held on 24th November 2003 for the financial year ended 30th June 2003. It is therefore proposed to renew the general mandates to issue and allot Shares and to repurchase Shares.

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#### LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The Directors consider that it is in the best interest of the Company and its Shareholders that the Directors should be granted general mandates: (i) to allot, issue or otherwise deal with Shares or securities convertible into Shares or options, warrants or similar rights to subscribe for Shares, or to make or grant offers, agreements, options and other rights, or issue warrants and other securities including bonds, debentures and notes convertible into Shares, which would or might require the exercise of such powers; (ii) to repurchase Shares; and (iii) to extend the general mandate to issue Shares by adding to it the aggregate amount of the share capital of the Company repurchased under the Repurchase Mandate.

Under the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda (as amended) and the GEM 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 resolutions to be proposed at the AGM to renew the general mandates to issue and allot Shares and to repurchase Shares. This circular is prepared for such purpose. The explanatory statement required by the GEM Listing Rules to be included in this circular is set out in the Appendix.

#### GENERAL MANDATE TO ISSUE SHARES

An ordinary resolution as set out in Resolution 6(A) of the Notice will be proposed at the AGM to grant a general mandate to the Directors to, during the Relevant Period as defined in Resolution 6(A)(d) of the Notice, exercise the powers of the Company to allot, issue and otherwise deal with additional Shares up to a maximum of 20% of the aggregate nominal share capital of the Company in issue at the date of passing of such resolution. In addition, an ordinary resolution will also be proposed to authorise an extension of the Issue Mandate by adding to the Issue Mandate the number of Shares repurchased (if any) under the Repurchase Mandate, if granted at the AGM.

#### GENERAL MANDATE TO REPURCHASE SHARES

An ordinary resolution will be proposed at the AGM to grant a general mandate to the Directors to enable them to, during the Relevant Period as defined in Resolution 6(B)(c) of the Notice, repurchase Shares subject to the criteria set out in this circular. Shareholders should note that the maximum number of Shares that may be repurchased pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate will be such number of Shares representing up to 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue at the date of passing of such resolution.

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Set out on pages 81 to 83 of the Annual Report is the Notice convening the Annual General Meeting to be held at the Alexandra Room, 2/F, Mandarin Oriental Hong Kong, on Monday, 24th November 2003 at 3:00 p.m. at which ordinary resolutions will be proposed to approve the Issue Mandate, the Repurchase Mandate and the extension of the Issue Mandate.

#### LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

A form of proxy for use at the AGM is enclosed with this circular. Whether or not you intend to attend the meeting, please complete and return the form of proxy to the Company's principal place of business in Hong Kong at Room 1401, 14th Floor, China Merchants Tower, Shun Tak Centre, 168-200 Connaught Road Central, Hong Kong as soon as possible and in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the AGM. Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting in person at the AGM should you so desire.

#### RECOMMENDATION

The Directors believe that the Issue Mandate, the Repurchase Mandate and the extension of the Issue Mandate are in the best interests of the Company and its Shareholders. The Repurchase Mandate may, depend on market conditions and funding arrangements at the time, lead to an enhancement of the net value of the Company and its net assets and/or earnings per Share and will only be made when the Directors believe that a repurchase of Shares will benefit the Company and its Shareholders. Accordingly, the Directors recommend that all Shareholders of the Company should vote in favour of all the resolutions as set out in the Notice.

Yours faithfully
For and on behalf of
The board of directors of
VODATEL NETWORKS HOLDINGS LIMITED
José Manuel dos Santos
Chairman

This is an explanatory statement given to all Shareholders relating to a resolution to be proposed at the forthcoming AGM authorising the Repurchase Mandate.

This explanatory statement contains all the information required pursuant to Rule 13.08 of the GEM Listing Rules.

#### 1. EXERCISE OF THE REPURCHASE MANDATE

Exercise in full of the Repurchase Mandate, on the basis of 613,819,000 Shares in issue as at the Latest Practicable Date prior to the printing of this circular, could result in up to 61,381,900 Shares being repurchased by the Company during the period up to (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 Bye-Laws of the Company or any applicable laws of Bermuda to be held; or (iii) the revocation, variation or renewal of the Repurchase Mandate by ordinary resolution of the Shareholders in general meeting, whichever occurs first.

#### 2. REASONS FOR REPURCHASES

Repurchases of Shares will only be made when the Directors believe that such a repurchase will benefit the Company and the Shareholders. 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.

#### 3. FUNDING OF REPURCHASES

In repurchasing Shares, the Company may only apply funds legally available for such purpose in accordance with its Bye-Laws of the Company and the applicable laws of Bermuda. The Company may not purchase its own securities on the GEM for a consideration other than cash or for settlement otherwise than in accordance with the trading rules of the Stock Exchange from time to time.

### 4. GENERAL

As compared with the financial position of the Company as at 30th June 2003 (being the date of its latest audited accounts), there might be a material adverse impact on the working capital or gearing position of the Company in the event that the Repurchase Mandate is exercised in full. However, the Directors do not propose to exercise the 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 on the gearing levels which in the opinion of the Directors are from time to time appropriate for the Company.

#### 5. UNDERTAKING

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

The GEM Listing Rules prohibit a company from knowingly purchasing securities on the Stock Exchange from a connected person (as defined in the GEM Listing Rules). No connected person has notified the Company that it has a present intention to sell Shares to the Company, or has undertaken not to do so, in the event that the Repurchase Mandate is approved by the Shareholders.

To the best of the knowledge of the Directors, having made all reasonable enquiries, none of the Directors or their respective associates (as defined in the GEM Listing Rules) has a present intention, in the event that the Repurchase Mandate is approved by the Shareholders, to sell Shares to the Company.

#### 6. THE HONG KONG CODE ON TAKEOVERS AND MERGERS

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

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the following Shareholder had interests representing 10% or more of the issued share capital of the Company:

		Percentage of Issued
Substantial Shareholder	No. of Shares	Share Capital
Eve Resources Limited	293,388,000	47.80%

In the event that the Directors exercise in full the power to repurchase Shares pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate, the total interests of the above substantial Shareholder in the Shares (assuming no further change in the number of Shares after the Latest Practicable Date) would be increased to:

	Percentage of Issued
Substantial Shareholder	Share Capital

Eve Resources Limited 53.11%

and the substantial Shareholder will, in the absence of a waiver or other exemption, be obliged to make a mandatory offer under Rule 26 of the Code in this aspect. The Directors have no present intentions to repurchase Shares to such an extent which will give rise to an obligation on the part of Eve Resources Limited to make a mandatory offer under Rule 26 of the Code.

### 7. SHARE PURCHASE MADE BY THE COMPANY

The Company had not purchased any of the Shares in the 6 months preceding the Latest Practicable Date (whether on the Stock Exchange or otherwise).

### 8. SHARE PRICES

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

	Shares	
	Highest	Lowest
	HK\$	HK\$
September 2002	0.550	0.430
October 2002	0.480	0.385
November 2002	0.465	0.425
December 2002	0.450	0.390
January 2003	0.435	0.380
February 2003	0.425	0.370
March 2003	0.400	0.300
April 2003	0.350	0.290
May 2003	0.360	0.275
June 2003	0.500	0.310
July 2003	0.440	0.350
August 2003	0.425	0.350