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## FREEMAN CORPORATION LIMITED 民豐控股有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability) (Stock Code: 279)

# (1) GRANT OF ISSUE MANDATE; (2) REFRESHMENT OF THE SCHEME MANDATE LIMIT AND (3) NOTICE OF THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

Independent Financial Adviser to the Independent Board Committee and Independent Shareholders of Freeman Corporation Limited

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#### Grand Vinco Capital Limited

(A wholly owned subsidiary of Vinco Financial Group Limited)

A letter from the Board is set out on pages 3 to 8 of this circular and a letter from the Independent Board Committee containing its recommendation to the Independent Shareholders is set out on page 9 of this circular. A letter of advice from Vinco Capital containing its advice to the Independent Board Committee and the Independent Shareholders is set out on pages 10 to 17 of this circular.

A notice convening the EGM of the Company to be held on Thursday, 20 May 2010 at 30th Floor, China United Centre, 28 Marble Road, North Point, Hong Kong at 9:00 a.m. is set out on pages 18 to 20 of this circular. Whether or not you are able to attend the EGM, you are requested to complete and return the enclosed form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon to the Company's branch registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Secretaries Limited at 26th Floor Tesbury Centre, 28 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong as soon as possible but in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the EGM. Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting in person at the EGM should Shareholders so wish.

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## DEFINITIONS

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

"associate(s) "	has the meaning ascribed thereto under the Listing Rules
"Board"	the board of Directors
"Company"	Freeman Corporation Limited (Stock code: 279), a company incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability and the shares of which are listed on main board of the Stock Exchange
"Director(s)"	the director(s) of the Company
"EGM"	the extraordinary general meeting of the Company to be held at 30th Floor, China United Centre, 28 Marble Road, North Point, Hong Kong on Thursday, 20 May 2010 at 9:00 a.m. to consider and approve, inter alia, the Grant of Issue Mandate and the refreshment of the Scheme Mandate Limit
"General Mandate"	the general mandate granted to the Directors at the extraordinary general meeting of the Company held on 26 February 2010 to allot and issue Shares up to 20% of the issued share capital of the Company as at that date;
"Grant of Issue Mandate"	the general mandate proposed to be sought at the EGM to authorise the Directors to allot, issue and deal with new Shares not exceeding 20% of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of the EGM
"Group"	the Company and its subsidiaries
"Hong Kong"	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China
"HK\$"	Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong
"Independent Board Committee"	an independent committee of the Board established by the Board to advise the Independent Shareholders in respect of the Grant of Issue Mandate

## DEFINITIONS

"Independent Shareholder"	any Shareholders other than controlling Shareholders of the Company and their associates or, where there are no controlling Shareholders, executive Directors and the chief executive of the Company and their respective associates
"Latest Practicable Date"	30 April 2010, being the latest practicable date prior to the printing of this circular for ascertaining certain information contained herein
"Listing Rules"	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange
"Overall Limit"	the meaning ascribed thereto in the Section headed "Refreshment of the 10% Scheme Mandate Limit under the Share Option Scheme" in the Letter from the Board in this circular
"Scheme Mandate Limit"	the meaning ascribed thereto in the Section headed "Refreshment of the 10% Scheme Mandate Limit under the Share Option Scheme" in the Letter from the Board in this circular
"SFO"	the 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
"Shareholder(s)"	the holder(s) of the Shares
"Share Option"	options to subscribe for Shares granted under the Share Option Scheme
"Share Option Scheme"	the share option scheme adopted by the Company on 23 August 2002
"Stock Exchange"	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
"Vinco Capital"	Grand Vinco Capital Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Vinco Financial Group Limited (stock code: 8340), a corporation licensed to carry out business in type 1 (dealing in securities) and type 6 (advising on corporate finance) regulated activities under the SFO and the independent financial adviser appointed to advise the Independent Board Committee and the Independent Shareholders in relation to the Grant of Issue Mandate

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## FREEMAN CORPORATION LIMITED 民豐控股有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability) (Stock Code: 279)

Executive Directors: Dr. Yang Fan Shing, Andrew (Chairman) Mr. Lo Kan Sun (Managing Director) Ms. Kwok Wai Ming Ms. Au Shuk Yee, Sue Mr. Scott Allen Phillips

Independent Non-executive Directors: Mr. Chiu Siu Po Ms. Hui Wai Man, Shirley Mr. Gary Drew Douglas Mr. Peter Temple Whitelam Registered office: Cricket Square, Hutchins Drive P.O. Box 2681 Grand Cayman KY1-1111 Cayman Islands

Principal Place of Business in Hong Kong:8th Floor, China United Centre28 Marble RoadNorth PointHong Kong

4 May 2010

To the Shareholders

Dear Sir or Madam,

# (1) GRANT OF ISSUE MANDATE (2) REFRESHMENT OF THE SCHEME MANDATE LIMIT AND (3) NOTICE OF THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

#### INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this circular is to provide you with information relating to: (i) the proposed Grant of Issue Mandate to allot, issue and deal with additional Shares not exceeding 20% of the aggregate nominal value of the share capital of the Company in issue at the date of the EGM and the proposed refreshment of the 10% Scheme Mandate Limit under the Share Option Scheme; (ii) the recommendation from the Independent Board Committee and the recommendation from Vinco Capital to the Independent Board Committee and the Independent Shareholders regarding the Grant of Issue Mandate; and (iii) to give you notice of the EGM.

#### **GRANT OF ISSUE MANDATE**

At the extraordinary general meeting of the Company held on 26 February 2010, the Shareholders approved, among other things, an ordinary resolution to grant the Directors the General Mandate to issue, allot and deal with up to 76,271,239 Shares, which is equivalent to 20% of the then issued share capital of the Company. As announced by the Company on 9 April 2010, the Company entered into a placing agreement pursuant to which 76,270,000 Shares were issued under the General Mandate, representing approximately 100% of the General Mandate.

## HISTORY OF REFRESHMENTS OF MANDATE SINCE THE LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 25 AUGUST 2009

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Date of announcement	Fund raising activities	Net proceeds raised (approximately)	Intended use of proceeds	Actual use of proceeds	Date of subsequent grant of issue mandate
9 April 2010	Placing of 76,270,000 new Shares on a fully underwritten basis	HK\$37.09 million	General working capital	The net proceeds of approximately HK\$37.09 million has not yet been utilized as at the Latest Practicable Date because the fund raising activity is just completed on 21 April 2010, and the whole net proceeds has been maintained into bank.	To be sought on the EGM
22 January 2010	Placing of 46,892,699 new Shares on a fully underwritten basis	HK\$25.04 million	General working capital	Used as intended	26 February 2010
19 October 2009	Placing of 39,000,000 new Shares under general mandate on a fully underwritten basis	HK\$22.5 million	Repayment of the debts of the Group	Used as intended	24 December 2009

Since the last annual general meeting of the Company held on 25 August 2009, the Company had taken into consideration of the then market conditions and conducted three fund-raising activities through placing of new Shares under the general mandate. The net proceeds of such fund-raising activities amounted to approximately HK\$84.63 million, of which (i) approximately HK\$22.5 million had been utilized to repay part of the Group's outstanding debt at that time; (ii) approximately HK\$25.04 million had been used as general working capital to financing the principal activities of the Group in an attempt to generate positive return to the Company and the Shareholders; and (iii) as the placing announced on 9 April 2010 had just completed on 21 April 2010, the whole amount of approximately HK\$37.09 million had not yet been utilized and is intended to be utilized as general working capital to finance the principal activities of the Group.

As the General Mandate is almost fully utilized, in order to provide a flexible means for the Company to raise further funds through the issue of new Shares for its future business development if and when an opportunity arises, the Board proposes the Grant of Issue Mandate to allow the Directors to issue and allot new Shares not exceeding 20% of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of the EGM.

Based on the 495,626,198 Shares in issue as at the Latest Practicable Date and assuming that there are no changes in the issued share capital of the Company from the Latest Practicable Date until the date of the EGM, subject to the passing of the relevant ordinary resolution to approve the Grant of Issue Mandate at the EGM, the Directors will be authorised to allot and issue up to 99,125,239 Shares under the refreshed mandate.

The Board considers that it is important for the Company to be able to raise fund quickly in order to seize the investment opportunities that may arise. To this end, the Directors believe that the Grant of Issue Mandate will give the Company the flexibility to raise funds and to expand and develop the business of the Company and therefore, is in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

## REFRESHMENT OF THE 10% SCHEME MANDATE LIMIT UNDER THE SHARE OPTION SCHEME

The Share Option Scheme was adopted on 23 August 2002. Pursuant to the terms of the Share Option Scheme, among other things:

- (1) the overall limit on number of Shares which may be issued upon exercise of all outstanding Share Options granted and yet to be exercised under the Share Option Scheme and any other share option schemes of the Company must not exceed 30% of the Shares in issue from time to time (the "Overall Limit"); and
- (2) the Shares which may be issued upon exercise of all Share Options to be granted under the Share Option Scheme and any other share option schemes of the Company ("Scheme Mandate Limit") shall not exceed 10% of the Shares in issue on the day of approval by Shareholders.

The Company may renew the Scheme Mandate Limit at any time subject to prior Shareholders' approval in general meeting and the Stock Exchange granting listing of and permission to deal in the Shares to be issued upon exercise of options pursuant to the refreshment of the Scheme Mandate Limit. However, the total number of Shares which may be issued upon exercise of all Share Options granted under the Share Option Scheme and any other share option schemes of the Company under the Scheme Mandate Limit as "refreshed" must not exceed 10% of the Shares in issue as at the date of the Shareholders' approval for refreshment of the Scheme Mandate Limit. In this connection, Share Options previously granted under the Share Option Scheme and any other share option schemes of the Company (including options outstanding, cancelled, lapsed or exercised) will not be counted for purpose of calculating the Scheme Mandate Limit as "refreshed".

Apart from the Share Option Scheme, the Company had no other share option scheme in force as at the Latest Practicable Date.

Under the current limit of the Share Option Scheme, the Directors were authorised to grant options to subscribe for up to 135,619 Shares, representing approximately 0.04% of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of the extraordinary general meeting of the Company held on 26 February 2010 at which the existing scheme mandate limit was refreshed. 38,000,000 Share Options was granted by the Company on 9 April 2010 and have been exercised on the same day. 540,000,000 Share Options was granted by the Company on 20 November 2007 of which none have been exercised and 190,000,000 Share Options have lapsed or cancelled. As a result of the capital organisations and fund raising exercises carried out in 2008 and 2009, the remaining 350,000,000 outstanding Share Options were adjusted to 1,051,838 Shares and had been cancelled on 26 March 2010 subsequently.

If the Scheme Mandate Limit is "refreshed" at the EGM, on the basis of 495,626,198 Shares in issue as at the Latest Practicable Date and that there are no changes in the issued share capital of the Company from the Latest Practicable Date until the date of the EGM, the Scheme Mandate Limit will be "refreshed" to 49,562,619 Shares and the Company will be allowed, to grant further Share Options under the Share Option Scheme carrying the rights to subscribe for a maximum of 49,562,619 Shares (the "Refreshed Limit").

The total number of Shares issued and to be issued upon exercise of the Share Options granted to each of the Share Option Scheme participants (including both exercised and outstanding options) in any 12-month period must not exceed 1% of the issued Shares.

In order to allow the Company to make full use of the Share Option Scheme to grant Share Options to participants, including but not limited to Directors and employees of the Group, to provide incentive or rewards for their contribution to the growth of the Group as a result of the recent increase in issued share capital of the Company, a resolution will be proposed at the EGM to "refresh" the Scheme Mandate Limit.

The refreshment of the Scheme Mandate Limit is subject to the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange granting listing of and permission to deal in the Shares to be issued upon the exercise of Share Options under the "Refreshed Limit" up to 10% of the issued share capital of the Company on the date of the EGM. Application will be made to the Stock Exchange for listing of and permission to deal in the Shares to be issued upon exercise of options pursuant to the refreshment of the Scheme Mandate Limit.

#### EGM

The EGM will be convened and held for the purpose of considering, and, if thought fit, approving, inter alia, the Grant of Issue Mandate and the refreshment of the Scheme Mandate Limit.

The notice of the EGM is set out on page 18 to page 20 of this circular. A form of proxy for use at the EGM is enclosed. Whether or not you are able to attend the EGM, you are requested to complete and return the enclosed form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon to the office of the branch registrar of the Company in Hong Kong, Tricor Secretaries Limited at 26th Floor Tesbury Centre, 28 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong as soon as possible but in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the EGM. Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting in person at the EGM should you so wish.

Pursuant to Rule 13.36(4) of the Listing Rules, the Grant of Issue Mandate will be subject to the Independent Shareholders' approval at the EGM. As at the Latest Practicable Date, Dr. Yang Fan Shing, Andrew being the Executive Director, held 66,000 Shares which represents approximately 0.01% of the issued share capital of the Company, Ms. Kwok Wai Ming being the Executive Director, held 3,640,600 Shares which represents approximately 0.73% of the issued share capital of the Company, Ms. Au Shuk Yee, Sue being the Executive Director, held 1,229,000 Shares which represents approximately 0.25% of the issued share capital of the Company. Since there is no controlling Shareholder of the Company, the executive Directors (including Dr. Yang Fan Shing, Andrew, Ms. Kwok Wai Ming and Ms. Au Shuk Yee, Sue) and the chief executive of the Company and their respective associates (to the extent they hold any Shares at the time of the EGM) are required to abstain from voting at the EGM in respect of the resolution relating to the Grant of Issue Mandate.

No Shareholder will be required to abstain from voting at the EGM in respect of the resolution relating to the refreshment of the Scheme Mandate Limit.

Pursuant to Rule 13.39(4) of the Listing Rules, all resolutions at the EGM will be voted on by way of poll and the Company will announce the results of the poll in the manner prescribed under Rule 13.39(5) of the Listing Rules.

#### RECOMMENDATION

Your attention is drawn to the letter from the Independent Board Committee set out on page 10 of this circular and the letter from Vinco Capital containing its advice and the principal factors which it has considered in arriving at its advice with regard to the Grant of Issue Mandate, as set out on pages 10 to 17 of this circular.

The Board is of the opinion that the (i) the Grant of Issue Mandate; and (ii) the refreshment of the Scheme Mandate Limit are in the best interests of the Company and Shareholders as a whole and recommends Shareholders to vote in favour of the resolutions to be proposed at the EGM.

#### GENERAL

Vinco Capital has given and has not withdrawn its written consent to the issue of this circular with the inclusion of its letter and references to its name in the form and context in which they respectively appear.

By Order of the Board Freeman Corporation Limited Lo Kan Sun Managing Director

#### LETTER FROM THE INDEPENDENT BOARD COMMITTEE



## FREEMAN CORPORATION LIMITED 民豐控股有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability) (Stock Code: 279)

4 May 2010

To the Independent Shareholders

Dear Sir or Madam,

#### PROPOSED GRANT OF ISSUE MANDATE

We refer to the circular from the Company to the Shareholders dated 4 May 2010 (the "Circular") of which this letter forms part. Terms defined in the Circular shall have the same meanings when used herein unless the context otherwise requires.

We have been appointed to advise you in connection with the Grant of Issue Mandate, details of which are set out in the "Letter from Vinco Capital" set out on pages 10 to 17 of the Circular, which contains Vinco Capital's advice regarding the Grant of Issue Mandate.

Having taken into account the advice of Vinco Capital, we consider the Grant of Issue Mandate to be fair and reasonable and is in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole. Accordingly, we recommend the Independent Shareholders to vote in favour of the resolution to be proposed at the EGM to approve the Grant of Issue Mandate.

Yours faithfully, For and on behalf of the Independent Board Committee

Ms. Hui Wai Man, Shirley Independent non-executive Director Mr. Gary Drew Douglas Independent non-executive Director Mr. Peter Temple Whitelam Independent non-executive Director

The following is the text of a letter of advice from Vinco Capital to the Independent Board Committee and the Independent Shareholders in connection with the Grant of Issue Mandate, which has been prepared for the purpose of incorporation in this circular.



Grand Vinco Capital Limited Units 4909-4910, 49/F., The Center 99 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong

4 May 2010

To the Independent Board Committee and the Independent Shareholders of Freeman Corporation Limited

Dear Sirs,

#### **GRANT OF ISSUE MANDATE**

#### INTRODUCTION

We refer to our engagement as the independent financial adviser to advise the Independent Board Committee and the Independent Shareholders in connection with the Grant of Issue Mandate, details of which are set out in the section headed "Letter from the Board" in the circular (the "Circular") issued by the Company to the Shareholders dated 4 May 2010 of which this letter forms part. Capitalized terms used in this letter shall have the same meanings ascribed to them in the Circular unless the context otherwise requires.

As announced by the Company on 9 April 2010, the Company entered into a placing agreement pursuant to which 76,270,000 Shares were issued under the General Mandate (the "Placing"), representing approximately 100% of the General Mandate. Upon completion of the Placing on 21 April 2010, the General Mandate has been substantially utilized. In order to allow the flexibility to raise further capital through the issue of new Shares to finance its future business development if and when an opportunity arises, the Board proposes to refresh the General Mandate to allow the Directors to issue and allot new Shares not exceeding 20% of the issued share capital of the Company at the date of EGM.

In accordance with Rule 13.36(4) of the Listing Rules, the Grant of Issue Mandate require the approval of the Independent Shareholders by way of poll at the EGM, at which the controlling Shareholders and their associates, or where there are no controlling Shareholders, the Directors (excluding independent non-executive Directors) and the chief executive of the Company and their respective associates shall abstain from voting in favour of the resolution approving the Grant of Issue Mandate. As at the Latest Practicable Date, Dr. Yang Fan Shing, Andrew being the Executive Director, held 66,000 Shares which represents approximately 0.01% of the issued share capital of the Company, Ms. Kwok Wai Ming being the Executive Director, held 3,640,600 Shares which represents approximately

0.73% of the issued share capital of the Company, Ms. Au Shuk Yee, Sue being the Executive Director, held 1,229,000 Shares which represents approximately 0.25% of the issued share capital of the Company. Since there is no controlling Shareholder of the Company, the executive Directors (including Dr. Yang Fan Shing, Andrew, Ms. Kwok Wai Ming and Ms. Au Shuk Yee, Sue) and the chief executive of the Company and their respective associates (to the extent they hold any Shares at the time of the EGM) are required to abstain from voting at the EGM in respect of the resolution relating to the Grant of Issue Mandate.

The Independent Board Committee, comprising Ms. Hui Wai Man, Shirley, Mr. Gary Drew Douglas and Mr. Peter Temple Whitelam, all being the independent non-executive Directors, has been formed to advise the Independent Shareholders as to whether the Grant of Issue Mandate is fair and reasonable so far as the Independent Shareholders are concerned and whether the Grant of Issue Mandate is in the interests of the Company and the Independent Shareholders as a whole.

#### BASIS OF OUR OPINION AND RECOMMENDATION

In forming our opinion and recommendation, we have relied on the information, facts and representations contained or referred to in the Circular and the information, facts and representations provided by, and the opinions expressed by the Directors, management of the Company and its subsidiaries. We have assumed that all information, facts, opinions and representations made or referred to in the Circular were true, accurate and complete at the time they were made and continued to be true, accurate and complete as at the date of the Circular and that all expectations and intentions of the Directors, management of the Company and its subsidiaries, will be met or carried out as the case may be. We have no reason to doubt the truth, accuracy and completeness of the information, facts, opinions and representations provided to us by the Directors, management of the Company and its subsidiaries. The Directors have confirmed to us that no material facts have been omitted from the information supplied and opinions expressed. We have no reason to doubt that any relevant material facts have been withheld or omitted from the information provided and referred to in the Circular or the reasonableness of the opinions and representations provided to us by the Directors, management of the Company and its subsidiaries.

The Directors jointly and severally accept full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in the Circular and confirm, having made all reasonable enquiries, that to the best of their knowledge, opinions expressed in the Circular have been arrived at after due and careful consideration and there are no other facts not contained in the Circular, the omission of which would make any statement in the Circular misleading.

We have relied on such information and opinions and have not, however, conducted any independent verification of the information provided, nor have we carried out any independent investigation into the business, financial conditions and affairs of the Group or its future prospect.

Based on the foregoing, we confirm that we have taken all reasonable steps, which are applicable to the Grant of Issue Mandate, as referred to in Rule 13.80 of the Listing Rules (including the notes thereto).

This letter is issued for the information for the Independent Board Committee and the Independent Shareholders solely in connection with their consideration of the Grant of Issue Mandate and, except for its inclusion in the Circular, is not to be quoted or referred to, in whole or in part, nor shall this letter be used for any other purposes, without prior written consent.

#### PRINCIPAL FACTORS AND REASONS CONSIDERED

In arriving at our opinion and recommendation to the Independent Board Committee and the Independent Shareholders regarding the Grant of Issue Mandate, we have taken into consideration the following principal factors and reasons:

#### Background of and reasons for the Grant of Issue Mandate

The Group is principally engaged in the trading of securities, provision of financial services, property holdings, insurance business and investment holding.

At the extraordinary general meeting of the Company held on 26 February 2010, the Shareholders approved, among other things, an ordinary resolution to grant the Directors the General Mandate to issue, allot and deal with up to 76,271,239 Shares, which is equivalent to 20% of the then issued share capital of the Company.

As announced by the Company on 9 April 2010, the Company entered into a placing agreement pursuant to which 76,270,000 Shares were issued under the General Mandate, representing approximately 100% of the General Mandate.

Given that the General Mandate granted to the Directors has been substantially utilized upon completion of the Placing, if the General Mandate is not refreshed, the Directors would not be allowed to allot and issue Shares until the next annual general meeting of the Company. In addition, in order to allow the flexibility to raise further capital through the issue of new Shares to finance its future business development if and when an opportunity arises, the Board proposes to seek approval of Independent Shareholders at the EGM to refresh the General Mandate so that the Directors to issue and allot new Shares not exceeding 20% of the issued share capital of the Company at the date of EGM.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the aggregate number of issued Shares is 495,626,198 Shares. Subject to the passing of the relevant ordinary resolution for the Grant of Issue Mandate and on the assumption that no further Shares will be issued or repurchased by the Company from the Latest Practicable Date and up to the date of the EGM (both dates inclusive), the Directors would be granted the authority to allot and issue up to a maximum of 99,125,239 Shares under the refreshed mandate, being 20% of the aggregate number of issued Shares as at the date of the EGM.

#### Fund raising activities of the Company

The following table summarizes the fund raising activities of the Company during the past 12 months immediately prior to the date of the Circular:

Date of announcement	Fund raising activities	Net proceeds raised (approximately)	Intended use of proceeds	Actual use of proceeds	Date of subsequent grant of issue mandate
9 April 2010	Placing of 76,270,000 new Shares on a fully underwritten basis	HK\$37.09 million	General working capital	The net proceeds of approximately HK\$37.09 million has not yet been utilized as at the Latest Practicable Date because the fund raising activity is just completed on 21 April 2010, and the whole net proceeds has been maintained into bank.	To be sought on the EGM
22 January 2010	Placing of 46,892,699 new Shares on a fully underwritten basis	HK\$25.04 million	General working capital	Used as intended	26 February 2010
19 October 2009	Placing of 39,000,000 new Shares under general mandate on a fully underwritten basis	HK\$22.5 million	Repayment of the debts of the Group	Used as intended	24 December 2009

Save as disclosed above, the Directors confirmed that the Company has not conducted any other fund-raising activities during the past 12 months immediately prior to the date of the Circular. As stated in the letter from the Board, we noted that the net proceeds of such fund-raising activities amounted to approximately HK\$84.63 million, of which (i) approximately HK\$22.5 million had been utilized to repay part of the Group's outstanding debt; (ii) approximately HK\$25.04 million had been used as general working capital to financing the principal activities of the Group in an attempt to generate positive return to the Company and the Shareholders; and (iii) as the placing announced on 9 April 2010 had just completed on 21 April 2010, the whole amount of approximately HK\$37.09 million had not yet been utilized and is intended to be utilized as general working capital to finance the principal activities of the Group. As such, we are of the view that the use of proceeds is large in line with the proposed use as stated in the respective announcements of the abovementioned fund raising activities.

As confirmed by the Directors, the Group has sufficient cash resources for it to conduct its daily operations and the Group has sufficient working capital to meet its present requirements. However, there is no guarantee that such cash resources available to the Group will be sufficient or be available for its investment and/or business development in the future. In the event that the Company identifies a suitable investment opportunity but does not have sufficient financial resources on hand, or is unable to obtain loan financing on acceptable terms, or cannot find other alternatives to finance such investment opportunity in a timely manner, the Company may lose its chances to capture an otherwise favourable investment and/or a favorable opportunity to expand its business portfolio. As set out in the interim report of the Company for the six months ended 31 September 2009, we noted that the Company will continue to seek for opportunities to enhance its operation. Notwithstanding that that there is no immediate funding need for the Group's current operations and that there is currently no concrete proposal for future investment, the Directors believe that the Grant of Issue Mandate would offer the Group the ability to capture investment opportunities which may arise at any time and require prompt investment decision by the Group.

Further to our discussion with the Directors, the Directors confirmed that they have considered the possibility of seeking a specific mandate when specific project is identified. However, the Directors considered that timely decision making is critical to grasp any opportunities arising from the prevailing market condition. As such, the Directors consider the granting of specific mandate which is subject to the approval of the Independent Shareholders may pose as a hindrance to the Group to grasp the opportunities in a timely manner.

Other than enhancing the financial resources for its investment and/or business development in the future, the Group also intends to expand its existing business operation without significantly deteriorating its existing cash position and/or gearing position.

In view of the foregoing and the next annual general meeting will not be convened until around August 2010 (which is about four months away from the Latest Practicable Date), we concur with the Directors' view that the Grant of Issue Mandate is fair and reasonable to the Company and is in the interests of the Company and the Independent Shareholders as a whole.

#### **Financial flexibility**

As confirmed by the Directors, there is no concrete proposal for any investment or any immediate fund needs for the business development of the Group as at the Latest Practicable Date.

Further to our discussion with the Directors, we concur with the Directors that the Grant of Issue Mandate will provide the Group with the necessary financial flexibility as allowed under the Listing Rules to allot and issue new Shares to raise further capital for its business development if and arises. Given the financial flexibility available to the Company, we are of the opinion that the Grant of Issue Mandate is in the interest of the Company and the Independent Shareholders as a whole.

#### Other financing alternatives

As confirmed by the Directors, they would exercise due and careful consideration when choosing the best financing alternative available to the Group. Further to our discussion with the Directors, the Directors advised that the Group would normally consider both debt financing and equity financing for funding its future investments and/or business development. However, having taken into consideration that debt financing (i) may incur interest burden on the Group; and (ii) may subject to, including but not limited to lengthy due diligence and negotiations with the banks with regards to the Group's financial position, capital structure and the then prevailing stock market condition, the Directors consider that debt financing is rather uncertain and time-consuming as compared to equity financing for the Group to raise additional capital for its future investments and/or business development.

With respect to the other forms of pro rata equity financing method such as rights issue and open offer, the Directors consider that such pro rata equity financing would incur substantial costs in form of placing commission or underwriting commission. Although both rights issue and open offer may allow the Shareholders to maintain their respective pro-rata shareholdings in the Company, such fund raising alternatives would be relatively time consuming as compared to the equity financing through issue of new Shares under the general mandate and there would be no certainty that the Company would be able to procure favourable terms in such commercial underwriting.

In light of the above, we consider the Grant of Issue Mandate provides the Company an additional financing alternative for the Company to raise further capital for its business development if and when and opportunity arises and it is reasonable for the Company to maintain its flexibility in deciding the best financing alternative for its future investments and/or business development. Accordingly, we concur with the Directors that the Grant of Issue Mandate is a feasible fund raising alternative currently available to the Company and is in the interests of the Company and the Independent Shareholders as a whole.

#### Potential dilution to shareholdings of the public Shareholders

The table below illustrates the shareholding structure of the Company as at the Latest Practicable Date; and, for illustrative purpose, the potential dilution effect on the shareholdings of Company immediately after full utilisation of the refreshed mandate (assuming there are no changes in the issued share capital of the Company from the Latest Practicable Date until the date of the EGM):

	As at the Latest Practicable Date		Immediately after full utilisation of the refreshed mandate	
		Approximate	Number of	
	Shares	%	Shares	%
Executive Directors				
Dr. Yang Fan Shing,				
Andrew	66,000	0.01	66,000	0.01
Ms. Kwok Wai Ming	3,640,600	0.73	3,640,600	0.61
Ms. Au Shuk Yee, Sue	1,229,000	0.25	1,229,000	0.21
Public Shareholders				
Shares that may be issued under the refreshed				
mandate	_	_	99,125,239	16.67
Other public Shareholders	490,690,598	99.01	490,690,598	82.50
Total	495,626,198	100.00	594,751,437	100.00

As illustrates in the table above, the aggregate shareholdings of the existing public Shareholders would decrease from approximately 99.01% as at the Latest Practicable Date to approximately 82.50% immediately after full utilisation of the refreshed mandate, indicating a potential maximum dilution of approximately 16.51%. Taking into account the potential benefits of the Grant of Issue Mandate as discussed above and the fact that the shareholdings of all Shareholders will be diluted proportionally to their respective shareholdings, we consider such potential dilution of shareholding of the Shareholders to be acceptable.

#### CONCLUSION

Having taken into consideration the principal factors and reasons as set out above, we are of the opinion that the Grant of Issue Mandate is fair and reasonable so far as the Independent Shareholders are concerned and is in the interests of the Company and the Independent Shareholders as a whole. Accordingly, we advise the Independent Board Committee to recommend the Independent Shareholders to vote in favour of the ordinary resolution to be proposed at the EGM to approve the Grant of Issue Mandate.

Yours faithfully, For and on behalf of **Grand Vinco Capital Limited Alister Chung** *Managing Director* 

#### NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING



FREEMAN CORPORATION LIMITED 民豐控股有限公司

> (Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability) (Stock Code: 279)

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that an extraordinary general meeting of Freeman Corporation Limited (the "Company") will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, 20 May 2010 at 30th Floor, China United Centre, 28 Marble Road, North Point, Hong Kong for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions as ordinary resolutions:

#### **ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS**

#### 1. **"THAT**:

- (a) subject to paragraph (c) below, the exercise by the directors of the Company (the "Directors") 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 might require the exercise of such powers be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the Directors be and are authorised during the Relevant Period to make or grant offers, agreements and options (including warrants, bonds and debentures convertible into shares of the Company) which might require the exercise of such powers during or after the end of the Relevant Period;
- (c) the aggregate nominal amount of share capital allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted (whether pursuant to an option or otherwise) by the Directors pursuant to the approval in paragraphs 1(a) and (b), otherwise than pursuant to a Rights Issue (as hereinafter defined) or pursuant to the exercise of any options granted under the share option scheme adopted by the Company or an issue of shares upon the exercise of subscription rights attached to warrants which might be issued by the Company or an issue of shares in lieu of the whole or part of a dividend on shares or any scrip dividend scheme or similar arrangement in accordance with the articles of association of the Share capital of the Company in issue as at the date of passing this resolution and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and

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(d) for the purposes of this resolution:

"Relevant Period" means the period from the time 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 memorandum and articles of association of the Company or any applicable laws of the Cayman Islands to be held; and
- (iii) 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 of members on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of such shares (subject to such exclusions 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 any relevant jurisdiction, or the requirements of any recognised regulatory body or any stock exchange)."

2. "THAT conditional upon the Listing Committee of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited granting listing of and permission to deal in the shares of the Company to be issued upon the exercise of options under the share option scheme adopted by the Company on 23 August 2002 (the "Share Option Scheme"), the existing scheme mandate limit in respect of the granting of options to subscribe for shares of the Company under the Share Option Scheme be refreshed and renewed provided that the total number of Shares which may be allotted and issued pursuant to the grant or exercise of the options under the Share Option Scheme (excluding options previously granted, outstanding, cancelled, lapsed or exercised under the Share Option Scheme) shall not exceed 10% of the shares of the Company in issue as at the date of passing this resolution (the "Refreshed Limit") and that the Directors of the Company be and are hereby authorised, subject to compliance with the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, to grant options under the Share Option Scheme up to the

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Refreshed Limit and to exercise all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with shares of the Company pursuant to the exercise of such options."

By Order of the Board Freeman Corporation Limited Lo Kan Sun Managing Director

Hong Kong, 4 May 2010

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Notes:

- 1. The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing under the hand of the appointor or of his attorney authorised in writing or if the appointor is a corporation, either under seal or under the hand of an officer or attorney duly authorised.
- 2. Any member of the Company entitled to attend and vote at the meeting shall be entitled to appoint another person as his proxy to attend and vote instead of him. On a poll votes may be given either personally or by proxy. A proxy need not be a member of the Company. A member may appoint more than one proxy to attend on the same occasion.
- 3. The instrument appointing a proxy and the power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which it is signed for a notarially certified copy of that power or authority shall be deposited at the Company's share registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Secretaries Limited, at 26th Floor, Tesbury Centre, 28 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time for holding the meeting or the adjourned meeting or poll (as the case may be) at which the person named in such instrument proposes to vote, and in default the instrument of proxy shall not be treated as valid.
- 4. Where there are joint registered holders of any share, any one of such persons may vote at the 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 be present at the meeting personally or by proxy, that one of the said persons so present whose name stands first on the register of members in respect of such share shall alone be entitled to vote in respect thereof.

As at the date of this notice, the Board comprises the following Directors:

Executive Directors:	Independent non-executive Directors:
Dr. Yang Fan Shing, Andrew (Chairman)	Mr. Chiu Siu Po
Mr. Lo Kan Sun (Managing Director)	Ms. Hui Wai Man, Shirley
Ms. Kwok Wai Ming	Mr. Gary Drew Douglas
Ms. Au Shuk Yee, Sue	Mr. Peter Temple Whitelam
Mr. Scott Allen Phillips	