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# CHINA FINANCIAL INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENTS LIMITED

# 中國金融國際投資有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands and continued in Bermuda with limited liability) (Stock Code: 721)

# PROPOSED GRANT OF GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE AND REPURCHASE SHARES; PROPOSED RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BYE-LAWS AND PROPOSED ADOPTION OF NEW BYE-LAWS; AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Capitalised terms used in this cover page shall have the same meanings as those defined in the section headed "Definitions" in this circular.

A notice convening the annual general meeting of the Company to be held at 16/F, Tower 5, The Gateway, Harbour City, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon, Hong Kong on Friday, 2 December 2022 at 11:00 a.m. is set out on pages 91 to 96 of this circular. A form of proxy for use at the AGM is enclosed with this circular. Such form of proxy is also published on the website of the Stock Exchange at www.hkex.com.hk.

Whether or not you are able to attend the AGM, you are requested to complete the accompanying form of proxy, in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and deposit the same at the Hong Kong branch share registrar of the Company, Tricor Tengis Limited at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, 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 or any adjournment thereof. Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting in person at the AGM or any adjournment thereof should you so wish and in such event, the form of proxy shall be deemed to be revoked.

#### PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES FOR THE AGM

In view of the ongoing novel coronavirus outbreak, the Company will take certain precautionary measures at the venue of the AGM to ensure the safety of attendees, including (but not limited to) requiring all attendees to have body temperature check and wear face masks. In addition, no refreshments will be served and no corporate gift will be distributed at the meeting. For the health and safety of Shareholders, the Company would like to encourage them to exercise their right to vote at the AGM by appointing the chairman of the AGM as their proxy instead of attending the AGM in person.

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# DEFINITIONS

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

"AGM"	the annual general meeting of the Company to be convened and held on Friday, 2 December 2022 at 11:00 a.m. to consider and, if thought fit, approve, among other things, the proposed grant of the General Mandate and the Repurchase Mandate; the proposed re- election of Directors; and the proposed amendments to the Bye- Laws and adoption of the New Bye-Laws
"Board"	the board of Directors
"Business Day"	any day on which the Stock Exchange is open for the business of dealing in securities listed thereon
"Bye-law(s)" or "Existing Bye-laws"	the existing bye-laws of the Company adopted by a special general meeting on 3 April 2006 and amended at the annual general meetings held on 16 December 2008 and 22 November 2012, respectively
"close associate(s)"	has the meaning ascribed to this term under the Listing Rules
"Companies Act"	the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda as amended from time to time
"Company"	China Financial International Investments Limited, a company incorporated in the Cayman Islands and continued in Bermuda with limited liability and the issued Shares of which are listed on the main board of the Stock Exchange
"core connected person"	has the meaning ascribed to this term under the Listing Rules
"Director(s)"	the director(s) of the Company
"General Mandate"	the general mandate proposed to be granted to the Directors at the AGM to issue further new Shares not exceeding 20% of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of granting of the General Mandate
"Group"	the Company and all of its subsidiaries
"Hong Kong"	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC
"Inside Information"	has the meaning ascribed to this term under the SFO

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"Latest Practicable Date"	24 October 2022, being the latest practicable date prior to the printing of this circular for the purpose of ascertaining certain information contained in this circular
"Listing Rules"	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange
"New Bye-laws"	the amended and restated bye-laws of the Company incorporating the proposed amendments to the Existing Bye-laws proposed to be adopted by the Company at the AGM
"PRC"	the People's Republic of China (for the purpose of this circular, excluding Hong Kong, the Macau Special Administrative Region and Taiwan)
"Repurchase Mandate"	the repurchase mandate proposed to be granted to the Directors at the AGM to repurchase up to 10% of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of granting of the Repurchase Mandate
"SFO"	the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong)
"Share(s)"	ordinary share(s) of HK $0.01$ each in the share capital of the Company
"Shareholder(s)" or "Member(s)"	holder(s) of the Share(s)
"Share option scheme"	the share option scheme adopted by the Company on 15 December 2017
"Stock Exchange"	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
"Takeovers Code"	the Hong Kong Code on Takeovers and Mergers
"HK\$"	Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong
"%"	per cent.



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(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands and continued in Bermuda with limited liability) (Stock Code: 721)

Executive Director: Mr. Du Lin Dong (Chairman and Chief Executive Officer)

Non-executive Directors: Mr. Zhang Huayu (Vice chairman) Ms. Chen Xi

Independent non-executive Directors: Mr. Zhang Jing Mr. Zeng Xianggao Mr. Wong Lok Man Registered office: Clarendon House 2 Church Street Hamilton HM 11 Bermuda

Head office and principal place of business in Hong Kong: Suite 2001, 20th Floor Tower 1, The Gateway Harbour City Kowloon, Hong Kong

31 October 2022

To the Shareholders

Dear Sir or Madam,

# PROPOSED GRANT OF GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE AND REPURCHASE SHARES; PROPOSED RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BYE-LAWS AND PROPOSED ADOPTION OF NEW BYE-LAWS; AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### **INTRODUCTION**

At the forthcoming AGM, resolutions will be proposed to seek the Shareholders' approval for, among other things, (i) the granting of the General Mandate and the Repurchase Mandate to the Directors; (ii) the re-election of Directors; and (iii) the proposed amendments to the Bye-laws and the proposed adoption of the New Bye-laws.

The purpose of this circular is to provide you with information relating to the resolutions to be proposed at the AGM for the granting of the General Mandate and the Repurchase Mandate, the proposed re-election of Directors, the proposed amendments to the Bye-laws and the proposed adoption of the New Bye-laws, and the notice of the AGM.

### GENERAL MANDATE AND REPURCHASE MANDATE

At the AGM, the Directors propose to seek the approval of the Shareholders to grant to the Directors the General Mandate and the Repurchase Mandate.

#### **General Mandate**

At the AGM, an ordinary resolution will be proposed such that the Directors be given an unconditional general mandate (i.e. the General Mandate) to allot, issue and deal with unissued Shares or underlying shares of the Company (other than by way of rights or pursuant to the existing Share Option Scheme and/or a new Share Option Scheme for employees of the Company or Directors and/or any of its subsidiaries or pursuant to any scrip dividend scheme or similar arrangements providing for the allotment and issue of Shares in lieu of whole or part of the dividend on Shares in accordance with the Bye-laws) or make or grant offers, agreements, options and warrants which might require the exercise of such power, of an aggregate nominal amount of up to 20% of the issued Shares as at the date of granting of the General Mandate.

In addition, a separate ordinary resolution will further be proposed for extending the General Mandate authorising the Directors to allot, issue and deal with Shares to the extent of the Shares repurchased pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate. Details on the Repurchase Mandate are further elaborated below.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the Company has an aggregate of 10,971,634,030 Shares in issue. Subject to the passing of the resolutions for the approval of the General Mandate and on the basis that no further Shares are issued or repurchased between the Latest Practicable Date and the date of the AGM, the Company would be allowed under the General Mandate to allot, issue and deal with a maximum of 2,194,326,806 Shares.

#### **Repurchase Mandate**

At the AGM, an ordinary resolution will also be proposed such that the Directors be given an unconditional general mandate to repurchase Shares (i.e. the Repurchase Mandate) on the Stock Exchange of an aggregate amount of up to 10% of the issued Shares as at the date of granting of the Repurchase Mandate.

Subject to the passing of the resolution for the approval of the Repurchase Mandate and on the basis that no further Shares are issued or repurchased between the Latest Practicable Date and the date of the AGM, the Company would be allowed under the Repurchase Mandate to repurchase a maximum of 1,097,163,403 Shares.

The General Mandate (including the extended General Mandate) and the Repurchase Mandate shall continue to be in force during the period from the date of passing of the resolutions for the approval of the General Mandate (including the extended General Mandate) and the Repurchase Mandate 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, the Companies Act or any applicable laws of Bermuda to be held; or (iii) the revocation or variation of the General Mandate (including the extended General Mandate) or the Repurchase Mandate (as the case may be) by ordinary resolution of the Shareholders in general meeting, whichever occurs first.

An explanatory statement in connection with the Repurchase Mandate is set out in Appendix I to this circular. The explanatory statement contains all the requisite information required under the Listing Rules to be given to the Shareholders to enable them to make an informed decision on whether to vote for or against the resolution approving the Repurchase Mandate.

#### **RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

According to Bye-laws 88(1) and 88(2), at each annual general meeting, one-third of the Directors for the time being, or, if their number is not a multiple of three, then the number nearest to, but not less than one-third, shall retire from office by rotation, provided that every Director shall be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years. A retiring Director shall be eligible for re-election. In accordance with Bye-laws 88(1) and 88(2), Mr. Zhang Huayu, Ms. Chen Xi and Mr. Zhang Jing shall retire from office by rotation at the AGM. Being eligible, each of Mr. Zhang Huayu, Ms. Chen Xi and Mr. Zhang Jing will offer himself/herself for re-election as non-executive/independent non-executive Director (as the case may be).

At the AGM, ordinary resolutions will be proposed to re-elect each of Mr. Zhang Huayu, Ms. Chen Xi and Mr. Zhang Jing as non-executive/independent non-executive Director (as the case may be).

The appointments of retiring Directors had been reviewed and assessed by the nomination committee of the Company (the "Nomination Committee"), the Board is of the view that Ms. Chen Xi and Mr. Zhang Jing are able to continue fulfilling their duties as required and Mr. Zhang Jing meets the independence guidelines set out in Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules. No recommendation has been made by the Nomination Committee and the Board on the re-election of Mr. Zhang Huayu as non-executive Director.

#### Nomination process for the independent non-executive Director subject to re-election at the AGM

The Nomination Committee is also of the view that Mr. Zhang Jing would bring to the Board his own perspective, skills and experience, as further described in his biography in Appendix II to this circular. Based on the board diversity policy adopted by the Company, the Nomination Committee considers that Mr. Zhang Jing can contribute to the diversity of the Board. In particular, the Nomination Committee has considered his extensive experience in corporate management. Based on the annual independence confirmation of Mr. Zhang Jing, the Nomination Committee is of the opinion that he continues to fulfil the independence requirement under Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules.

Therefore, the Board, with the recommendation of the Nomination Committee, has nominated Mr. Zhang Jing for re-election as independent non-executive Director at the AGM.

Details of the retiring Directors who are proposed to be re-elected at the AGM are set out in Appendix II to this circular.

#### PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BYE-LAWS AND ADOPTION OF NEW BYE-LAWS

The Existing Bye-laws have not been amended since 2012. The Stock Exchange has amended the Listing Rules, relating to, among others, the Bye-laws or equivalent constitutional documents of listed issuers under the new Appendix 3 to the Listing Rules with effect from 1 January 2022 for which listed issuers are required to make necessary amendments to the constitutional documents by the second annual general meeting following 1 January 2022 to bring the constitutional documents to conformation. In order to (i) bring the Bye-laws in line with the relevant requirements of the Listing Rules as well as the applicable laws of Bermuda; and (ii) adopt house-keeping improvements and amendments in line with the aforesaid proposed amendments, the Directors propose to seek the approval of the Shareholders by way of special resolution for the amendments to the Existing Bye-laws and the adoption of the New Bye-laws.

The major changes brought about by the proposed amendments to the Existing Bye-laws are summarized as follows. Unless otherwise defined, capitalised terms used in the below summary shall have the same meaning as those defined in the New Bye-laws as set out in Appendix III to this circular:

- 1. to include or refine certain defined terms to align with, among others, the applicable laws of Bermuda and the Listing Rules, including "announcement", "close associate", "electronic communication" and "Listing Rules" (as defined below), and to update relevant provisions in the New Bye-laws in this regard correspondingly;
- 2. to provide that "an extraordinary resolution" is a resolution that has been passed by a majority of not less than two-thirds of votes cast by such Members as, being entitled so to do, vote in person or by proxy at a general meeting;

- 3. to clarify that Member's participation in the business of a general meeting shall include without limitation and as relevant the right to speak or communicate, vote, be represented by a proxy and have access in hard copy or electronic form to all documents which are required by the Statutes or the New Bye-laws to be made available at the meeting, and participate and participating in the business of a general meeting shall be construed accordingly;
- 4. to clarify that where a Member is a corporation, any reference in the New Bye-laws to a Member shall, where the context requires, refer to a duly authorised representative of such Member;
- 5. to clarify that the Company may from time to time by special resolution, subject to any confirmation or consent required by law, reduce its issued share capital or, save for the use of share premium as expressly permitted by the Act, any share premium account or other undistributable reserve;
- 6. to remove the provision which provides that where the Company purchases for redemption a redeemable share, purchases not made through the market or by tender shall be limited to a maximum price as may from time to time be determined by the Company in general meeting, either generally or with regard to specific purchases; and if purchases are by tender, tenders shall be available to all Members alike;
- 7. to clarify that all or any of the special rights for the time being attached to the shares or any class of shares may, unless otherwise provided by the terms of issue of the shares of that class, from time to time (whether or not the Company is being wound up) be varied, modified or abrogated either with the consent in writing of the holders of not less than three-fourths in nominal value of the issued shares of that class or with the sanction of a special resolution passed at a separate general meeting of the holders of that class;
- 8. to clarify that no shares of the Company may be issued at a discount to their nominal value;
- 9. to clarify that the Board may issue warrants or convertible securities or securities of similar nature conferring the right upon the holders thereof to subscribe for any class of shares or securities in the capital of the Company on such terms as it may from time to time determine;
- 10. to clarify that the seal of the Company may only be affixed or imprinted to a share certificate with the authority of the Directors, or be executed under the signature of appropriate officials with statutory authority, unless otherwise determined by the Directors;

- 11. to provide that the Company shall keep in one or more books a register and shall enter therein the particulars, including (a) the name and address of each Member, the number and class of shares held by him and, in respect of any shares that are not fully paid, the amount paid or agreed to be considered as paid on such shares; (b) the date on which each person was entered in the Register; and (c) the date on which any person ceased to be a Member;
- 12. to provide that the Register and branch register of Members, as the case may be, shall be open to inspection between 10 a.m. and 12 noon during business hours by members of the public without charge at the Office or such other place at which the Register is kept in accordance with the Act;
- 13. to remove the requirement that the record date may be on a date not more than 30 days before or after any date on which a dividend, distribution, allotment or issue is declared, paid or made, subject to the Listing Rules;
- 14. to provide that in relation to convening a general meeting:
  - i. an annual general meeting must be held within six (6) months after the end of the Company's financial year (unless a longer period would not infringe the Listing Rules, if any);
  - ii. a meeting of Members or any class thereof may be held by means of such telephone, electronic or other communication facilities as to permit all persons participating in the meeting to communicate with each other simultaneously and instantaneously, and participation in such a meeting shall constitute presence at such meeting;
  - an annual general meeting shall be called by Notice of not less than twenty-one (21) clear days and all other general meetings (including a special general meeting) must be called by Notice of not less than fourteen (14) clear days;
  - iv. a general meeting other than an annual general meeting may be called by shorter notice if so agreed by a majority in number of the Members having the right to attend and vote at the meeting and representing not less than 95% of the total voting rights at the meeting of all the Members;
  - v. the Notice shall specify the time and place of the meeting and particulars of resolutions to be considered at the meeting and, in case of special business, the general nature of the business; and
  - vi. to allow, for quorum purposes only, two persons appointed by the clearing house as authorised representative or proxy to form a quorum for a general meeting of the Company for all purposes;

- 15. to clarify that in relation to the exceptions to business that shall be deemed special include sanctioning dividends, the reading, considering and adopting of the accounts and balance sheet and the reports of the Directors and Auditors and other documents required to be annexed to the balance sheet, the election of Directors and appointment of Auditors and other officers in the place of those retiring, the fixing of the remuneration of the Auditors, and the voting of remuneration or extra remuneration to the Directors;
- 16. to remove the granting of mandate or authority to the Directors to (i) offer, allot, grant options over or otherwise dispose of unissued shares representing not more than 20 per cent of the existing issued share capital; and (ii) repurchase securities of the Company, from exceptions to business that shall be deemed special;
- 17. to provide that at a general meeting:
  - i. if there is more than one chairman of the Company, any one of them as may be agreed amongst themselves or failing such agreement, any one of them elected by all the Directors present shall preside as chairman at a general meeting;
  - ii. if at any meeting no chairman is present within fifteen (15) minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, or is willing to act as chairman, the deputy chairman of the Company or if there is more than one deputy chairman, any one of them as may be agreed amongst themselves or failing such agreement, any one of them elected by all the Directors present shall preside as chairman;
  - iii. if no chairman or deputy chairman is present or is willing to act as chairman of the meeting, the Directors present shall choose one of their number to act, or if one Director only is present he shall preside as chairman if willing to act; and
  - iv. to provide that prior to the holding of a general meeting, the Board may postpone, and at a general meeting, the chairman may (without the consent of the meeting) or shall at the direction of the meeting, adjourn the meeting from time to time (or indefinitely) and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business which might lawfully have been transacted at the meeting had the adjournment or the postponement not taken place. Notice of a postponement must be given to all Members by any means as the Board may determine;
- 18. to clarify that all questions submitted to a meeting shall be decided by a simple majority of votes except where a greater majority is required by the New Bye-laws or by the Act;
- 19. to provide that all Members have the right to (a) speak at a general meeting; and (b) vote at a general meeting except where a Member is required, by the Listing Rules, to abstain from voting to approve the matter under consideration;

- 20. to clarify that where a Member is a clearing house (or its nominee(s) and, in each case, being a corporation), it may authorise such persons as it thinks fit to act as its representatives at any meeting of the Company or at any meeting of any class of Members provided that the authorisation shall specify the number and class of shares in respect of which each such representative is so authorised. Each person so authorised under the provisions of Bye-law 81 of the New Bye-laws shall be deemed to have been duly authorised without further evidence of the facts and be entitled to exercise the same rights and powers on behalf of the clearing house (or its nominee(s)) as if such person was the registered holder of the shares of the Company held by the clearing house (or its nominee(s)) in respect of the number and class of shares specified in the relevant authorisation including the right to speak and to vote and, where a show of hands is allowed, the right to vote individually on a show of hands;
- 21. to clarify that the Directors appointed either to fill a causal vacancy on the Board or as an addition to the existing Board shall hold office until the first annual general meeting of the Company after his appointment and shall then be eligible for re-election;
- 22. to clarify that no Director shall be required to vacate office or be ineligible for re-election or re-appointment as a Director, and no person shall be ineligible for appointment as a Directors, by reason only of his having attained any particular age;
- 23. to set out the scenarios even if a Director or any of his close associates is materially interested, the Director is allowed to vote on any resolution of the Board approving any contract or arrangement or any other proposal;
- 24. to update the reference to the Companies Ordinance (Chapter 622 of the Laws of Hong Kong) in respect of the prohibition on the Company to directly or indirectly make a loan to a Director or a body corporate controlled by such a Director or enter into any guarantee or provide any security in connection with a loan made by any person to a Director or a body corporate controlled by such a Director;
- 25. to provide that the Secretary shall convene a meeting of the Board whenever he shall be required so to do by any Director and that Notice of a meeting of the Board shall be deemed to be duly given to a Director if it is given to such Director in writing or verbally (including in person or by telephone) or via electronic mail or in such other manner as the Board may from time to time determine;
- 26. to provide that the Board may elect one or more chairman and one or more deputy chairman of its meetings and determine the period for which they are respectively to hold such office. If no chairman or deputy chairman is elected, or if at any meeting no chairman or deputy chairman is present within five (5) minutes after the time appointed for holding the same, the Directors present may choose one of their number to be chairman of the meeting;

- 27. to provide that a notification of consent to resolution given by a Director in writing to the Board by any means (including by means of electronic communication) shall be deemed to be his/her signature to such resolution in writing;
- 28. to provide that the Board may resolve to capitalise all or any part of any amount for the time being standing to the credit of any reserve or fund (including the profit and loss account) whether or not the same is available for distribution by applying such sum in paying up unissued shares to be allotted to (i) employees (including directors) of the Company and/ or its affiliates (meaning any individual, corporation, partnership, association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated association or other entity (other than the Company) that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by or is under common control with, the Company) upon exercise or vesting of any options or awards granted under any share incentive scheme or employee benefit scheme or other arrangement which relates to such persons that has been adopted or approved by the members at a general meeting, or (ii) any trustee of any trust to whom shares are to be allotted and issued by the Company in connection with the operation of any share incentive scheme or employee benefit scheme or employee benefit scheme or employee benefit scheme or other arrangement which relates to such persons that ageneral meeting, or (ii) any trustee of any trust to whom shares are to be allotted and issued by the Company in connection with the operation of any share incentive scheme or employee benefit scheme or other arrangement which relates to such persons that has been adopted or approved by the members at a general meeting;
- 29. to clarify that a printed copy of the Directors' report and the Auditors' report shall be sent to each person entitled thereto at least twenty-one (21) days before the date of the annual general meeting and laid before the Company at the annual general meeting in accordance with the requirements of the Act;
- 30. to provide and/or clarify that in relation to the Auditors:
  - i. the Members shall by ordinary resolution appoint an auditor at the annual general meeting or at a subsequent special general meeting in each year, subject to Section 88 of the Act;
  - ii. the Members may, at any general meeting convened and held in accordance with the New Bye-laws, by extraordinary resolution remove the Auditor at any time before the expiration of his term of office;
  - iii. the remuneration of the Auditor shall be fixed by an ordinary resolution passed at a general meeting or in such manner as the Members may by ordinary resolution determine;

- iv. the Directors may fill any casual vacancy in the office of Auditor but while any such vacancy continues the surviving or continuing Auditor or Auditors, if any, may act. The remuneration of any Auditor appointed by the Directors under the New Bye-laws may be fixed by the Board. Subject to bye-law 152(4) of the New Bye-laws, an Auditor appointed under the New Bye-laws shall hold office until the next following annual general meeting of the Company and shall then be subject to appointment by the members under Bye-law 152(1) of the New Bye-laws at such remuneration to be determined by the members under Bye-law 154 of the New Bye-laws;
- 31. to provide that any Notice or other document served by publishing as an advertisement in appointed newspaper (as defined in the Act) or a newspaper or other publication permitted under the New Bye-laws, shall be deemed to have been served on the day on which the advertisement first so appears;
- 32. to provide the signature to any notice or document to be given by the Company may be written, printed or made electronically;
- 33. in respect of winding up:
  - i. to remove the provision stating that if the Company shall be wound up, any excess shall be distributed pari passu amongst such members in proportion to the amount paid up on the shares held by them respectively and any losses shall be borne by the Members in proportion to the capital paid up, or which ought to have been paid up, at the commencement of the winding up on the shares held by them respectively;
  - ii. to remove the provision regarding the relevant procedures for the appointment of an appointee by Member who is not for the time being in Hong Kong within 14 days after passing the voluntary winding up resolution, or by liquidator if in default, to receive service of all summonses, notices, process, orders and judgements in relation to or under the winding-up of the Company;
- 34. to clarify that, in relation to indemnity, such indemnity shall extend to the Directors, Secretary and other officers and every Auditor of the Company at any time, whether at present or in the past, and the liquidator or trustees (if any) acting or who have acted in relation to any of the affairs of the Company and every one of them, and every one of their heirs, executors and administrators;

Other housekeeping amendments to the Bye-laws are also proposed, including making consequential amendments in connection with the above amendments to the Bye-laws and for clarity and consistency with the other provisions of the Bye-laws where it is considered desirable and to better align the wording with those of the Listing Rules and the applicable laws of the Bermuda.

The legal adviser to the Company as to Hong Kong laws has confirmed that the proposed amendments to the Bye-laws comply with the requirements of the Listing Rules. The legal adviser to the Company as to the Bermuda laws has confirmed that the proposed amendments to the Bye-laws do not violate the applicable laws of Bermuda. The Company also confirms that there is nothing unusual about the proposed amendments for a Bermuda company listed on the Stock Exchange.

Details of the proposed amendments to the Bye-laws are set out in Appendix III to this circular and the proposed amendments to the Bye-laws and the proposed adoption of the New Bye-laws are subject to the approval of the Shareholders by way of a special resolution at the AGM. The proposed amendments to the Bye-laws and the adoption of the New Bye-laws will take effect on the date on which the proposed amendments and the adoption of are approved at the AGM.

Shareholders are advised that the Chinese translation of the amendments to the Bye-laws provided in the Chinese version of this circular is for reference only. In case of any discrepancy or inconsistency, the English version shall prevail.

#### **CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS**

The AGM will be held on Friday, 2 December 2022 at 11:00 a.m. For determining the entitlement to attend and vote at the AGM, the register of members of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, 29 November 2022 to Friday, 2 December 2022, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of Shares will be effected. In order to qualify for attending and voting at the AGM, unregistered holders of the Shares should ensure that all share transfer forms accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Tengis Limited at 17/ F, Far East Centre, 16 Harcourt road, Hong Kong for registration no later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, 28 November 2022.

#### AGM

A notice convening the AGM to be held at 16/F, Tower 5, The Gateway, Harbour City, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon, Hong Kong on Friday, 2 December 2022 at 11:00 a.m. is set out on pages 91 to 96 of this circular. Resolutions will be proposed at the AGM to approve, among other things, the granting of the General Mandate (including the extended General Mandate) and the Repurchase Mandate; the re-election of Directors; and the amendments to the Bye-laws and the adoption of the New Bye-laws.

A form of proxy for use at the AGM is enclosed with this circular and such form of proxy is also published at the website of the Stock Exchange at www.hkex.com.hk. Whether or not you are able to attend the AGM, you are requested to complete the accompanying form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and deposit the same at the Hong Kong branch share registrar of the Company, Tricor Tengis Limited at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, 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 or any adjournment thereof. Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting in person at the AGM or any adjournment thereof should you so wish and in such event, the form of proxy shall be deemed to be revoked.

Pursuant to Rule 13.39(4) 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. Accordingly, all the resolutions proposed at the AGM will be taken by way of poll.

After the conclusion of the AGM, the poll vote results will be published on the website of the Stock Exchange at http://www.hkexnews.hk and the website of the Company at http://www.irasia.com/listco/hk/cfii.

### **RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT**

This circular, for which the Directors collectively and individually accept full responsibility, includes particulars given in compliance with the Listing Rules for the purpose of giving information with regard to the Company. The Directors, having made all reasonable enquiries, confirm that to the best of their knowledge and belief the information contained in this circular is accurate and complete in all material respects and not misleading or deceptive, and there are no other matters the omission of which would make any statement herein or this circular misleading.

#### RECOMMENDATION

The Directors consider the proposed grant of the General Mandate (including the extended General Mandate) and the Repurchase Mandate, the proposed re-election of Directors, and the proposed amendments to the Bye-laws and the adoption of the New Bye-laws are in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole. Accordingly, the Directors recommend the Shareholders to vote in favour of the relevant resolutions to be proposed at the AGM.

### GENERAL

To the best of the Directors' knowledge, information and belief, having made all reasonable enquiries, no Shareholder is required to abstain from voting on any resolution to be proposed at the AGM.

The English text of this circular shall prevail over the Chinese text for the purpose of interpretation.

Yours faithfully For and on behalf of the Board of China Financial International Investments Limited Du Lin Dong Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

### **APPENDIX I**

This Appendix serves as an explanatory statement, as required by the Listing Rules, to provide requisite information to you for your consideration of the Repurchase Mandate.

### 1. REPURCHASE OF SECURITIES FROM CONNECTED PARTIES

The Listing Rules prohibit the Company from knowingly purchasing its securities on the Stock Exchange from a "core connected person", that is, a director, chief executive or substantial shareholder of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or their respective close associates and a core connected person is prohibited from knowingly selling to the Company his/her/its securities of the Company.

No core connected person of the Company has notified the Company that he/she/it has a present intention to sell any Shares to the Company nor has any such core connected person undertaken not to sell any of the Shares held by him/her/it to the Company in the event that the Repurchase Mandate is passed.

### 2. SHARE CAPITAL

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the issued share capital of the Company comprised 10,971,634,030 fully paid Shares.

Subject to the passing of the proposed resolution for the approval of the Repurchase Mandate and on the basis that no further Shares are issued or repurchased by the Company prior to/on the AGM date, the Company will be allowed under the Repurchase Mandate to repurchase a maximum of 1,097,163,403 fully paid Shares, representing 10% of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing of the resolution.

#### 3. REASONS FOR THE REPURCHASE

The Directors believe that the Repurchase Mandate is in the best interests of the Company and its Shareholders as a whole. An exercise of the Repurchase Mandate may, depending on market conditions and funding arrangements at the time, lead to an enhancement of the net assets per Share and/or earnings per Share and will only be made when the Directors believe that a repurchase will benefit the Company and its Shareholders as a whole.

#### 4. FUNDING OF REPURCHASES

Repurchases would be funded entirely from the Company's available cash flow or working capital facilities which will be funds legally available under Bermuda laws and the memorandum of association of the Company and the Bye-laws for such purpose.

An exercise of the Repurchase Mandate in full may have a material adverse impact on the working capital and gearing position of the Company compared with those as at 30 June 2022, being the date of its latest published audited consolidated accounts. The Directors do not, however, intend to make any repurchase in circumstances that would have a material adverse impact on the working capital or gearing position of the Company.

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### 5. SHARE PRICES

The highest and lowest prices at which the Shares have traded on the Stock Exchange in each of the previous twelve calendar months immediately prior to the Latest Practicable Date were as follows:

	Highest HK\$	Lowest HK\$
2021		
October	0.135	0.116
November	0.130	0.091
December	0.112	0.081
2022		
January	0.119	0.094
February	0.110	0.097
March	0.108	0.076
April	0.090	0.080
May	0.101	0.062
June	0.084	0.049
July	0.085	0.068
August	0.079	0.050
September	0.067	0.046
October (up to the Latest Practicable Date)	0.056	0.060

### 6. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND MINIMUM PUBLIC HOLDING

None of the Directors or, to the best of their knowledge having made all reasonable enquiries, their close associates, have any present intention to sell to the Company or its subsidiaries any of the Shares in the Company if the Repurchase Mandate is approved at the AGM.

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

If a Shareholder's proportionate interest in the voting rights of the Company increases on the Company exercising its powers to repurchase Shares pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate, such increase will be treated as an acquisition for the purposes of Rule 32 of the Takeovers Code. As a result, a Shareholder or group of Shareholders acting in concert could obtain or consolidate control of the Company and become obliged to make a mandatory general offer in accordance with Rules 26 and 32 of the Takeovers Code.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, to the best knowledge of the Directors, the following Shareholders are interested in more than 5% of the Shares then in issue:

Name	Number of Shares	Percentage Holding
Gan Xiaoqing	1,117,780,000	10.19%
Jumbo View Holdings Limited <sup>(1)</sup>	1,016,860,000	9.27%
Zhang Gui <sup>(1)</sup>	1,016,860,000	9.27%
Zhang Zuhao	1,000,000,000	9.11%
Century Golden Resources Investment Co., Ltd <sup>(2)</sup>	1,000,000,000	9.11%
Huang Shiying <sup>(2)</sup>	1,000,000,000	9.11%
Huang Tao <sup>(2)</sup>	1,000,000,000	9.11%
Du Lin Dong	676,624,830	6.17%

In the event that the Directors exercise in full the power to repurchase Shares in accordance with the Repurchase Mandate, the total interests of the above Shareholders in the Shares would be increased to:

Name	Percentage holding
Gan Xiaoqing	11.32%
Jumbo View Holdings Limited <sup>(1)</sup>	10.30%
Zhang Gui <sup>(1)</sup>	10.30%
Zhang Zuhao	10.13%
Century Golden Resources Investment Co., Ltd <sup>(2)</sup>	10.13%
Huang Shiying <sup>(2)</sup>	10.13%
Huang Tao <sup>(2)</sup>	10.13%
Du Lin Dong	6.85%

Notes:

(1) 70% of the issued share capital of Jumbo View Holdings Limited is owned by Mr. Zhang Gui, and Mr. Zhang Gui is therefore deemed to be interested in the ordinary shares held by Jumbo View Holdings Limited.

(2) 40% and 50% of the issued share capital of Century Golden Resources Investment Co., Limited is owned by Mr. Huang Shiying and Mr. Huang Tao, respectively, and Mr. Huang Shiying and Mr. Huang Tao are therefore deemed to be interested in the ordinary shares held by Century Golden Resources Investment Co., Limited.

On the basis of the current shareholdings of the above Shareholders, an exercise of the Repurchase Mandate in full will not result in any of them becoming obliged to make a mandatory offer under Rules 26 and 32 of the Takeovers Code.

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At as the Latest Practicable Date, the Directors have no intention to exercise the Repurchase Mandate to such an extent that will result in a requirement of the above Shareholders, or any other persons to make a general offer under the Takeovers Code or the number of Shares in the hands of the public falling below the prescribed minimum percentage of 25%.

### 7. SHARES REPURCHASE MADE BY THE COMPANY

The Company had not purchased any of its Shares (whether on the Stock Exchange or otherwise) during the previous six months immediately prior to the Latest Practicable Date.

### **APPENDIX II**

# DETAILS OF DIRECTORS PROPOSED TO BE RE-ELECTED AT THE AGM

Details of the Directors who will retire from office at the AGM and being eligible, will offer themselves for re-election at the AGM, are set out below:

#### (1) MR. ZHANG HUA YU ("MR. ZHANG")

Mr. Zhang, aged 64, is a senior economist as accredited by Bank of Communications. Mr. Zhang served as an Executive Vice President of China Everbright Bank Company Limited (Stock code: 06818) since March 2007 to August 2018. Mr. Zhang joined China Everbright Bank in 2001 and previously served as assistant President and head of the Banking Department of the Head Office. From August 1988 to October 1994, Mr. Zhang served as chief of general office of the Shangqiu sub-branch of the People's Bank of China ("**PBOC**") in Henan Province, chief of Xiayi sub-branch of the PBOC in Shangqiu Prefecture, Henan Province and chief of the Urban Credit Cooperative of Shangqiu Prefecture, Henan Province. From November 1994 to February 2001, Mr. Zhang worked with the Bank of Communications successively as division chief of the Management Division of the Credit Department of Zhengzhou Branch, and executive vice president and then president of the Xi'an Branch of Bank of Communications. Mr. Zhang obtained a Master of Business Administration degree for senior management from the University of International Business and Economics in the PRC in 2008. He joined the Group on 19 November 2018.

As disclosed in the Company's announcements dated 7 January 2022 and 6 July 2022 respectively, according to two articles published on the website of the State Supervision Commission of the Central Commission for Discipline Inspection<sup>#</sup> (中央紀律檢查委員會中華人民共和國國家監察委員會) dated 4 January 2022 and 4 July 2022 respectively, the investigation (the "Investigation") conducted by the Disciplinary Inspection and Supervision Team of the State Supervision Commission of the Central Commission for Discipline Inspection in China Everbright Group<sup>#</sup> (中央紀律檢查委員會中華人民共和國國家監察委員會駐光大集團紀檢監察組) and the Shandong Provincial Commission for Discipline Inspection<sup>#</sup> (山東省紀律檢查委員會山東省監察委員會) against Mr. Zhang has been concluded, and Mr. Zhang was found to have violated the rules and regulations of the Chinese Communist Party (the "CCP") and is suspected to have committed bribery offences. In accordance with the Regulation of the CCP on Disciplinary Actions<sup>#</sup> (中國共產黨紀律處分條例) and the Supervision Law of the PRC<sup>#</sup> (中華人民共和國監察法) Mr. Zhang has been expelled from the CCP and the suspected criminal activities have been transferred to the authorities for examination and prosecution.

Mr. Zhang has entered into a letter of appointment with the Company for a term of two years commencing from 19 November 2020. He is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at general meetings in accordance with the Bye-laws. He is entitled to a fixed annual emolument of HK\$2,000,000 which is determined by the Board with reference to his duties and responsibilities within the Company and the prevailing market conditions and he may be entitled to discretionary bonus depending on the performance of the Group. Save as disclosed herein, Mr. Zhang is not entitled to any other benefits.

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As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Zhang did not, and was not deemed to, have any interests or short positions in the shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company and its associated corporations within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Zhang had not held any other directorship in public companies the securities of which are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas in the last three years. Mr. Zhang does not have any relationship with any directors, management or substantial or controlling Shareholders of the Company nor held any position with the Group.

#### (2) MS. CHEN XI ("MS. CHEN")

Ms. Chen Xi, aged 38, obtained a master degree in economics from University of San Francisco in 2008 and a bachelor degree in business from Nanjing University in 2006. Ms. Chen has been an oversea investment director of Century Golden Resources Group ("Century Golden") since June 2016, where she joined as a senior investment manager in April 2010, and was promoted to the position of vice general manager in the investment department in February 2012. Prior to joining Century Golden, Ms. Chen was a financial trust analyst in a unit trust investment company in the United States from January 2008 to September 2009. She join the Group on 26 July 2019.

Ms. Chen has entered into a letter of appointment with the Company for a term of two years commencing from 2021. She is subject to retirement by rotation and/or re-election at general meetings in accordance with the Bye-laws. She is entitled to a fixed annual emolument of HK\$60,000, which is determined by the Board with reference to her duties and responsibilities within the Company and the prevailing market conditions and she may entitle to discretionary bonus depending on the performance of the Group. Save as disclosed herein, Ms. Chen is not entitled to any other benefits.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Ms. Chen did not, and was not deemed to have, any interests or short positions in the shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company and its associated corporations within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, Ms. Chen had not held any other directorship in public companies the securities of which are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas in the last three years. Ms. Chen does not have any relationship with any directors, senior management or substantial or controlling Shareholders of the Company nor held any position with the Group.

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### (3) MR. ZHANG JING ("MR. ZHANG")

Mr. Zhang, aged 66, is currently a director of private equity investment of Oriental Patron Financial Group Limited in Hong Kong. Mr. Zhang has over 22 years of experiences in corporate management. Mr. Zhang served as the general manager of China Security Limited (中國中安保有限公司). Prior to this, Mr. Zhang was the deputy general manager of Sichuan Jinguang Group (四川金廣集團). He also served as the director and deputy general manager of collective economic management department of China Yituo Group (中國一拖集團) and the chief financial officer of First Tractor Company Limited. Mr. Zhang obtained a bachelor's degree in industrial accounting from Henan Radio & Television University and a master's degree in management engineering from Jiangsu University. Mr. Zhang was appointed as independent non-executive director of New City Development Group Limited (stock code: 0456) since June 2016. Mr. Zhang served as a non-executive director of China Billion Resources Limited (stock code: 0274) from 1 September 2018 to 30 September 2019. He joined the Group on 24 September 2018.

Mr. Zhang has entered into a letter of appointment with the Company for a term of two years commencing from 2022. He is subject to retirement by rotation and/or re-election at general meetings in accordance with the Bye-laws. He is entitled to a fixed annual emolument of HK\$60,000, which is determined by the Board with reference to his duties and responsibilities within the Company and the prevailing market conditions and he may entitle to discretionary bonus depending on the performance of the Group. Save as disclosed herein, Mr. Zhang is not entitled to any other benefits.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Zhang did not, and was not deemed to, have any interests or short positions in the shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company and its associated corporations within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Zhang had not held any other directorship in public companies the securities of which are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas in the last three years. Mr. Zhang does not have any relationship with any directors, management or substantial or controlling Shareholders of the Company nor held any position with the Group.

Save as disclosed, there is no information relating to Mr. Zhang Huayu, Ms. Chen Xi and Mr. Zhang Jing that is required to be disclosed pursuant to Rules 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules, and the Company is not aware of any other matter in relation to the re-election of Mr. Zhang Huayu, Ms. Chen Xi and Mr. Zhang Jing that needs to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders and the Stock Exchange.

" Unofficial translation for identification purpose only and should not be regarded as the official translation

The following are the proposed amendments to the Existing Bye-laws. Unless otherwise specified, clauses, paragraphs and bye-law numbers referred to herein are clauses, paragraphs and bye-law numbers of the New Bye-laws. If the serial numbering of the clauses of the Existing Bye-laws is changed due to the addition, deletion or rearrangement of certain clauses made in these amendments, the serial numbering of the clauses of the Clauses of the Existing Bye-laws, including crossreferences.

*Note:* The New Bye-laws is prepared in English with no official Chinese version. Chinese translation is for reference only. In the event of any inconsistency, the English version shall prevail.

#### **INTERPRETATION**

1 Definitions

1.1 <u>1.</u> In these Bye-<u>laws</u>, unless the context otherwise requires, the words standing in the first column of the following table shall bear the meaning set opposite them respectively in the second column.

WORD	MEANING
"Act"	the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda.
"associate"	has the meaning attributed to it in the Listing Rules
<u>"announcement"</u>	an official publication of a Notice or document of the Company, including a publication, subject to and to such extent permitted by the Listing Rules, by electronic communication or by advertisement published in the newspapers or in such manner or means ascribed and permitted by the Listing Rules and applicable laws.
"Auditor"	the auditor of the Company for the time being and may include any individual or partnership.
<del>"Bye-laws"</del>	these Bye-laws in their present form or as supplemented or amended or substituted from time to time.
"Board" or "Directors"	the board of directors of the Company or the directors present at a meeting of directors of the Company at which a quorum is present.

<del>"Business Day"</del>	any day on which the Designated Stock Exchange is generally open for the business of dealing in securities. For the avoidance of doubt, where the Designated Stock Exchange is closed for the business of dealing in securities in Hong Kong on a business day by reason of a Number 8 or higher typhoon signal, black rainstorm warning or other similar event, such day shall for the purposes of these Bye-laws be counted as a business day
<u>"Bye-laws"</u>	these Bye-laws in their present form or as supplemented or amended or substituted from time to time.
"capital"	the share capital of the Company from time to time of the Company.
"clear days"	in relation to the period of notice that period excluding the day when the notice is given or deemed to be given and the day for which it is given or on which it is to take effect.
"clearing house"	a clearing house recognised by the laws of the jurisdiction in which the shares of the Company are listed or quoted on a stock exchange in such jurisdiction including Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited.
<u>"close associate"</u>	in relation to any Director, shall have the same meaning as defined in the Listing Rules as modified from time to time, except that for purposes of Bye-law 100 where the transaction or arrangement to be approved by the Board is a connected transaction referred to in the Listing Rules, it shall have the same meaning as that ascribed to "associate" in the Listing <u>Rules</u> .
"Companies Ordinance"	the Companies Ordinance (Cap. $3\underline{62}2$ of the Laws of Hong Kong) as in force from time to time.
"Company"	China Financial International Investments Limited CHINA FINANCIAL INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENTS LIMITED 中國金融國際投資有 限公司.
"competent regulatory authority"	a competent regulatory authority in the territory where the shares of the Company are listed or quoted on a stock exchange in such territory.
"Connected Person"	has the meaning given to that expression in the Listing Rules.
"Custodian"	the person (or persons) for the time being appointed and acting as custodian (or joint custodians) pursuant to these Bye- <u>L</u> laws.

"debenture" and "debenture holder"	include debenture stock, mortgages, bonds and any other such securities whether constituting a charge on assets or not and debenture stockholder respectively.
"Designated Stock Exchange"	a stock exchange which is an appointed stock exchange for the purposes of the Act in respect of which the shares of the Company are listed or quoted and where such appointed stock exchange deems such listing or quotation to be the primary listing or quotation of the shares of the Company.
"Directors"	the directors of the Company from time to time.
"dividend"	include bonus, dividends and distributions permitted by the <u>LawAct</u> to be recognised as dividends.
"dollars" and "\$"	dollars, the legal currency of Hong Kong.
<u>"electronic</u> communication"	a communication sent, transmitted, conveyed and received by wire, by radio, by optical means or by other similar means in any form through any medium.
"head office"	such office of the Company as the Directors may from time to time determine to be the principal office of the Company.
"Hong Kong"	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC.
"Hong Kong Business Day"	a day (other than a Saturday) on which banks in Hong Kong are open Business Day" for business.
"HK Codes on Takeovers & Mergers"	the Hong Kong Codes on Takeovers and Mergers issued by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong as amended from time to time.
"International Financial Reporting Standards"	have the meaning given to that expression in the Listing Rules.
"Investment Manager"	the person for the time being appointed and acting as manager of the Company pursuant to any management agreement entered into from time to time by the Company and such person.
"Listing Rules"	the rules and regulations of the Designated Stock Exchange, including the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited as amended from time to time.

"Member" <u>or</u> <u>"shareholder"</u>	a duly registered holder from time to time of the shares in the capital of the Company.
"month"	a calendar month.
"Net Asset Value"	the net asset value of the Company calculated in accordance with the provisions of these Bye-laws.
"Notice"	written notice unless otherwise specifically stated and as further defined in these Bye-laws.
"Office"	the registered office of the Company for the time being.
"paid up"	paid up or credited as paid up.
"PRC"	the People's Republic of China.
"Register"	the principal register and where applicable, any branch register of Members to be kept pursuant to the provisions of the Act.
"Registration Office"	in respect of any class of share capital such place as the Board may from time to time determine to keep a branch register of Members in respect of that class of share capital and where (except in cases where the Board otherwise directs) the transfers or other documents of title for such class of share capital are to be lodged for registration and are to be registered.
"Seal"	common seal or any one or more duplicate seals of the Company (including a securities seal) for use in Bermuda or in any place outside Bermuda.
"Secretary"	any person firm or corporation appointed by the Board to perform any of the duties of secretary of the Company and includes any assistant, deputy, temporary or acting secretary.
"share"	a share in the capital and includes stock except where a distribunction between stock and shares is expressed or implied.
"Statutes"	the Act and every other act of the Legislature of Bermuda for the time being in force applying to or affecting the Company, its memorandum of association and/or these Bye-laws.

"substantial shareholder"	a person who is entitled to exercise, or to control the exercise of, 10%
	or more (or such other percentage as may be prescribed by the rules of
	the Designated Stock ExchangeListing Rules from time to time) of the
	voting power at any general meeting of the Company.
"Valuation Date"	the last dealing day of the Designated Stock Exchange in each calendar month or such other dealing day as considered appropriate by the Board for the purpose of calculating the Net Asset Value.
"year"	a calendar year.

- 2. In these Bye-laws, unless there be something within the subject or context inconsistent with such construction:
  - (a) words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa;
  - (b) words importing a gender include both gender and the neuter;
  - (c) words importing persons include companies, associations and bodies of persons whether corporate or not;
  - (d) the words:
    - (i) "may" shall be construed as permissive;
    - (ii) "shall" or "will" shall be construed as imperative;
  - (e) expressions referring to writing shall, unless the contrary intention appears, be construed as including printing, lithography, photography and other modes of representing words or figures in a visible form, and including where the representation takes the form of electronic display, provided that both the mode of service of the relevant document or notice and the Member's election comply with all applicable Statutes, rules and regulations;
  - (f) references to any act, ordinance, statute or statutory provision shall be interpreted as relating to any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force;
  - (g) save as aforesaid words and expressions defined in the Statutes shall bear the same meanings in these Bye-laws if not inconsistent with the subject in the context;

- (h) a resolution shall be a special resolution when it has been passed by a majority of not less than three-fourths of votes cast by such Members as, being entitled so to do, vote in person or, in the case of such Members as are corporations, by their respective duly authorised representative or, where proxies are allowed, by proxy at a general meeting of which Notice has been duly given in accordance with Bye-law 59;
- (i) a resolution shall be an ordinary resolution when it has been passed by a simple majority of votes cast by such Members as, being entitled so to do, vote in person or, in the case of any Member being a corporation, by its duly authorised representative or, where proxies are allowed, by proxy at a general meeting of which Notice has been duly given in accordance with Bye-law 59;
- (j) a special resolution or an extraordinary resolution shall be effective for any purpose for which an ordinary resolution is expressed to be required under any provision of these Byelaws or the Statutes;
- (k) a resolution shall be an extraordinary resolution when it has been passed by a majority of not less than two-thirds of votes cast by such Members as, being entitled so to do, vote in person or by proxy at a general meeting of which Notice has been duly given in accordance with Bye-law 59;
- (k) (1) references to a document (including, but without limitation, a resolution in writing) being signed or executed include references to it being signed or executed under hand or under seal or by electronic signature or by any other method and references to a notice or document include a notice or document recorded or stored in any digital, electronic, electrical, magnetic or other retrievable form or medium and information in visible form whether having physical substance or not;
- (m) references to a person's participation in the business of a general meeting include without limitation and as relevant the right to speak or communicate, vote, be represented by a proxy and have access in hard copy or electronic form to all documents which are required by the Statutes or these Bye-laws to be made available at the meeting, and participate and participating in the business of a general meeting shall be construed accordingly; and
- (n) where a Member is a corporation, any reference in these Bye-laws to a Member shall, where the context requires, refer to a duly authorised representative of such Member.

### SHARE CAPITAL

- 3.1)(1) The share capital of the Company at the date on which these Bye-laws come into effect shall be divided into shares of \$0.01 each.
- 2)-(2) Subject to the Act, the Company's memorandum of association and, where applicable, the Listing Rules and/or the rules and regulations of any Designated Stock Exchange and/or any competent regulatory authority, any power of the Company to purchase or otherwise acquire its own shares shall be exercisable by the Board upon such terms and subject to such conditions as it thinks fit.
- 3)-(3) Subject to compliance with the Listing Rules and rules and regulations of the Designated Stock Exchange and any other relevant<u>competent</u> regulatory authority, the Company may give financial assistance for the purpose of or in connection with a purchase made or to be made by any person of any shares in the Company.

#### ALTERATION OF CAPITAL

- 4. The Company may from time to time by ordinary resolution in accordance with Section 45 of the Act:
  - a) (a) increase its capital by such sum, to be divided into shares of such amounts, as the resolution shall prescribe;
  - b) (b) consolidate and divide all or any of its capital into shares of larger amount than its existing shares;
  - e)-(c) divide its shares into several classes and without prejudice to any special rights previously conferred on the holders of existing shares attach thereto respectively any preferential, deferred, qualified or special rights, privileges, conditions or such restrictions which in the absence of any such determination by the Company in general meeting, as the Directors may determine provided always that where the Company issues shares which do not carry voting rights, the words "non-voting" shall appear in the designation of such shares and where the equity capital includes shares with different voting rights, the designation of each class of shares, other than those with the most favourable voting rights, must include the words "restricted voting" or "limited voting";
  - d) (d) sub-divide its shares, or any of them, into shares of smaller amount than is fixed by the memorandum of association (subject, nevertheless, to the Act), and may by such resolution determine that, as between the holders of the shares resulting from such sub-division, one or more of the shares may have any such preferred rights or be subject to any such restrictions as compared with the other or others as the Company has power to attach to unissued or new shares;

- e)-(e) change the currency denomination of its share capital;
- f) (f) make provision for the issue and allotment of shares which do not carry any voting rights; and
- g) (g) cancel any shares which, at the date of the passing of the resolution, have not been taken, or agreed to be taken, by any person, and diminish the amount of its capital by the amount of the shares so cancelled.
- 5. The Board may settle as it considers expedient any difficulty which arises in relation to any consolidation and division under the last preceding Bye-law and in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing may issue certificates in respect of fractions of shares or arrange for the sale of the shares representing fractions and the distribution of the net proceeds of sale (after deduction of the expenses of such sale) in due proportion amongst the Members who would have been entitled to the fractions, and for this purpose the Board may authorise some person to transfer the shares representing fractions to their purchaser or resolve that such net proceeds be paid to the Company for the Company's benefit. Such purchaser will not be bound to see to the application of the purchase money nor will his title to the shares be affected by any irregularity or invalidity in the proceedings relating to the sale.
- 6. The Company may from time to time by ordinaryspecial resolution, subject to any confirmation or consent required by law, reduce its issued share capital, or, save for the use of share premium as expressly permitted by the Act, any share premium account or other undistributable reserve in any manner permitted by law.
- 7. Except so far as otherwise provided by the conditions of issue, or by these Bye-laws, any capital raised by the creation of new shares shall be treated as if it formed part of the original capital of the Company, and such shares shall be subject to the provisions contained in these Bye-laws with reference to the payment of calls and instalments, transfer and transmission, forfeiture, lien, cancellation, surrender, voting and otherwise.

### SHARE RIGHTS

8. Subject to any special rights conferred on the holders of any shares or class of shares, any share in the Company (whether forming part of the present capital or not) may be issued with or have attached thereto such rights or restrictions whether in regard to dividend, voting, return of capital or otherwise as the Company may by ordinary resolution determine or, if there has not been any such determination or so far as the same shall not make specific provision, as the Board may determine.

9. Subject to Sections 42 and 43 of the Act, these Bye-laws, and to any special rights conferred on the holders of any shares or attaching to any class of shares, any preference shares may be issued or converted into shares that, at a determinable date or at the option of the Company or the holder if so authorised by its memorandum of association, are liable to be redeemed on such terms and in such manner as the Company before the issue or conversion may by ordinary resolution of the Members determine. Where the Company purchases for redemption a redeemable share, purchases not made through the market or by tender shall be limited to a maximum price as may from time to time be determined by the Company in general meeting, either generally or with regard to specific purchases. If purchases are by tender, tenders shall be available to all Members alike.

### VARIATION OF RIGHTS

- 10. Subject to the Act and without prejudice to Bye-law 8, all or any of the special rights for the time being attached to the shares or any class of shares may, unless otherwise provided by the terms of issue of the shares of that class, from time to time (whether or not the Company is being wound up) be varied, modified or abrogated either with the consent in writing of the holders of not less than three-fourths in nominal value of the issued shares of that class or with the sanction of a special resolution passed at a separate general meeting of the holders of the shares of that class. To every such separate general meeting all the provisions of these Bye-laws relating to general meetings of the Company shall, mutatis mutandis, apply, but so that:
  - (a) the necessary quorum (other than at an adjourned meeting) shall be two persons (or in the case of a Member being a corporation, its duly authorised representative) holding or representing by proxy not less than one-third in nominal value of the issued shares of that class and at any adjourned meeting of such holders, two holders present in person (or in the case of a Member being a corporation, its duly authorised representative) or by proxy (whatever the number of shares held by them) shall be a quorum; and
  - (b) every holder of shares of the class shall be entitled <del>on a poll</del> to one vote for every such share held by him.
- 11. The special rights conferred upon the holders of any shares or class of shares shall not, unless otherwise expressly provided in the rights attaching to or the terms of issue of such shares, be deemed to be varied, modified or abrogated by the creation or issue of further shares ranking pari passu therewith.

### **APPENDIX III**

### **SHARES**

- 12. Subject to the Act, these Bye-laws, any direction that may be given by the Company in (1)general meeting and, where applicable, the rules of any Designated Stock ExchangeListing Rules and without prejudice to any special rights or restrictions for the time being attached to any shares or any class of shares, the unissued shares of the Company (whether forming part of the original or any increased capital) shall be at the disposal of the Board, which may offer, allot, grant options over or otherwise dispose of them to such persons, at such times and for such consideration and upon such terms and conditions as the Board may in its absolute discretion determine but so that no shares shall be issued at a discount to their nominal value. Neither the Company nor the Board shall be obliged, when making or granting any allotment of, offer of, option over or disposal of shares, to make, or make available, any such allotment, offer, option or shares to Members or others with registered addresses in any particular territory or territories being a territory or territories where, in the absence of a registration statement or other special formalities, this would or might, in the opinion of the Board, be unlawful or impracticable. Members affected as a result of the foregoing sentence shall not be, or be deemed to be, a separate class of mMembers for any purpose whatsoever.
  - (2) Subject to the Listing Rules, the <u>The</u> Board may issue warrants <u>or convertible securities or securities of similar nature</u> conferring the right upon the holders thereof to subscribe for any class of shares or securities in the capital of the Company on such terms as it may from time to time determine.
- 13. The Company may in connection with the issue of any shares exercise all powers of paying commission and brokerage conferred or permitted by the Act. Subject to the Act, the commission may be satisfied by the payment of cash or by the allotment of fully or partly paid shares or partly in one and partly in the other,.
- 14. Except as otherwise expressly provided by these Bye-laws or as required by law or as ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction, no person shall be recognised by the Company as holding any share upon any trust and the Company shall not be bound by or required in any way to recognise (even when having notice thereof) any equitable, contingent, future or partial interest in any share or any fractional part of a share or (except only as otherwise provided by these Bye-laws or by law) any other rights in respect of any share except an absolute right to the entirety thereof in the registered holder.
- 15. Subject to the Act and these Bye-laws, the Board may at any time after the allotment of shares but before any person has been entered in the Register as the holder, recognise a renunciation thereof by the allottee in favour of some other person and may accord to any allottee of a share a right to effect such renunciation upon and subject to such terms and conditions as the Board considers fit to impose.

### **APPENDIX III**

# **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BYE-LAWS**

### SHARE CERTIFICATES

- 16 Every share certificate shall be issued under the Seal or a facsimile thereof <u>or with the Seal printed</u> <u>thereon</u> and shall specify the number and class and distinguishing numbers (if any) of the shares to which it relates, and the amount paid up thereon and may otherwise be in such form as the Directors may from time to time determine. <u>The seal of the Company may only be affixed or imprinted</u> to a share certificate with the authority of the Directors, or be executed under the signature of appropriate officials with statutory authority, unless otherwise determined by the Directors. No certificate shall be issued <u>and</u> representing shares of more than one class. The Board may by resolution determine, either generally or in any particular case or cases, that any signatures on any such certificates (or certificates in respect of other securities) need not be autographic but may be affixed to such certificates by some mechanical means or may be printed thereon or that such certificates need not be signed by any person.
- 17. (1) In the case of a share held jointly by several persons, the Company shall not be bound to issue more than one certificate therefor and delivery of a certificate to one of several joint holders shall be sufficient delivery to all such holders.
  - (2) Where a share stands in the names of two or more persons, the person first named in the Register shall as regards service of notices and, subject to the provisions of these Bye-laws, all or any other matters connected with the Company, except the transfer of the shares, be deemed the sole holder thereof.
- 18. Every person whose name is entered, upon an allotment of shares, as a Member in the Register shall be entitled, without payment, to receive one certificate for all such shares of any one class or several certificates each for one or more of such shares of such class upon payment for every certificate after the first of such reasonable out-of-pocket expenses as the Board from time to time determines.
- 19. Share certificates shall be issued within the relevant time limit as prescribed in the Act or as the Designated Stock Exchange may from time to time determine, whichever is the shorter, after allotment or, except in the case of a transfer which the Company is for the time being entitled to refuse to register and does not register, after lodgment of a transfer with the Company.
- 20. (1) Upon every transfer of shares the certificate held by the transferor shall be given up to be cancelled, and shall forthwith be cancelled accordingly, and a new certificate shall be issued to the transferee in respect of the shares transferred to him at such fee as is provided in paragraph (2) of this Bye-law. If any of the shares included in the certificate so given up shall be retained by the transferor a new certificate for the balance shall be issued to him at the aforesaid fee payable by the transferor to the Company in respect thereof.
  - (2) The fee referred to in paragraph (1) above shall be an amount not exceeding the relevant maximum amount as the Designated Stock Exchange may from time to time determine provided that the Board may at any time determine a lower amount for such fee.

21. If a share certificate shall be damaged or defaced or alleged to have been lost, stolen or destroyed a new certificate representing the same shares may be issued to the relevant Member upon request and on payment of such fee as the Designated Stock Exchange may determine to be the maximum fee payable or such lesser sum as the Board may determine and, subject to compliance with such terms (if any) as to evidence and indemnity and to payment of the costs and reasonable out-of-pocket expenses of the Company in investigating such evidence and preparing such indemnity as the Board may think fit and, in case of damage or defacement, on delivery of the old certificate to the Company provided always that where share warrants have been issued, no new share warrant shall be issued to replace one that has been lost unless the Directors are satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that the original has been destroyed.

#### LIEN

- 22. The Company shall have a first and paramount lien on every share (not being a fully paid share) for all moneys (whether presently payable or not) called or payable at a fixed time in respect of that share. The Company shall also have a first and paramount lien on every share (not being a fully paid share) registered in the name of a Member (whether or not jointly with other Members) for all amounts of money presently payable by such Member or his estate to the Company whether the same shall have been incurred before or after notice to the Company of any equitable or other interest of any person other than such member, and whether the period for the payment or discharge of the same shall have actually arrived or not, and notwithstanding that the same are joint debts or liabilities of such Member or his estate and any other person, whether a Member or not. The Company's lien on a share shall extend to all dividends or other moneys payable thereon or in respect thereof. The Board may at any time, generally or in any particular case, waive any lien that has arisen or declare any share exempt in whole or in part, from the provisions of this Bye-law.
- 23. Subject to these Bye-laws, the Company may sell in such manner as the Board determines any share on which the Company has a lien, but no sale shall be made unless some sum in respect of which the lien exists is presently payable, or the liability or engagement in respect of which such lien exists is liable to be presently fulfilled or discharged nor until the expiration of fourteen (14) clear days after a notice in writing, stating and demanding payment of the sum presently payable, or specifying the liability or engagement and demanding fulfilment or discharge thereof and giving notice of the intention to sell in default, has been served on the registered holder for the time being of the share or the person entitled thereto by reason of his death or bankruptcy.

24. The net proceeds of the sale shall be received by the Company and applied in or towards payment or discharge of the debt or liability in respect of which the lien exists, so far as the same is presently payable, and any residue shall (subject to a like lien for debts or liabilities not presently payable as existed upon the share prior to the sale) be paid to the person entitled to the share at the time of the sale. To give effect to any such sale the Board may authorise some person to transfer the shares sold to the purchaser thereof. The purchaser shall be registered as the holder of the shares so transferred and he shall not be bound to see to the application of the purchase money, nor shall his title to the shares be affected by any irregularity or invalidity in the proceedings relating to the sale.

### CALLS ON SHARES

- 25. Subject to these Bye-laws and to the terms of allotment, the Board may from time to time make calls upon the Members in respect of any moneys unpaid on their shares (whether on account of the nominal value of the shares or by way of premium), and each Member shall (subject to being given at least fourteen (14) clear days' Notice specifying the time and place of payment) pay to the Company as required by such notice the amount called on his shares. A call may be extended, postponed or revoked in whole or in part as the Board determines but no member shall be entitled to any such extension, postponement or revocation except as a matter of grace and favour.
- 26. A call shall be deemed to have been made at the time when the resolution of the Board authorising the call was passed and may be made payable either in one lump sum or by instalments.
- 27. A person upon whom a call is made shall remain liable for calls made upon him notwithstanding the subsequent transfer of the shares in respect of which the call was made. The joint holders of a share shall be jointly and severally liable to pay all calls and instalments due in respect thereof or other moneys due in respect thereof.
- 28. If a sum called in respect of a share is not paid before or on the day appointed for payment thereof, the person from whom the sum is due shall pay interest on the amount unpaid from the day appointed for payment thereof to the time of actual payment at such rate (not exceeding twenty per cent. (20%) per annum) as the Board may determine, but the Board may in its absolute discretion waive payment of such interest wholly or in part.
- 29. No Member shall be entitled to receive any dividend or bonus or to be present and vote (save as proxy for another Member) at any general meeting either personally or by proxy, or be reckoned in a quorum, or exercise any other privilege as a Member until all calls or instalments due by him to the Company, whether alone or jointly with any other person, together with interest and expenses (if any) shall have been paid.

- 30. On the trial or hearing of any action or other proceedings for the recovery of any money due for any call, it shall be sufficient to prove that the name of the Member sued is entered in the Register as the holder, or one of the holders, of the shares in respect of which such debt accrued, that the resolution making the call is duly recorded in the minute book, and that notice of such call was duly given to the Member sued, in pursuance of these Bye-laws; and it shall not be necessary to prove the appointment of the Directors who made such call, nor any other matters whatsoever, but the proof of the matters aforesaid shall be conclusive evidence of the debt.
- 31. Any amount payable in respect of a share upon allotment or at any fixed date, whether in respect of nominal value or premium or as an instalment of a call, shall be deemed to be a call duly made and payable on the date fixed for payment and if it is not paid the provisions of these Bye-laws shall apply as if that amount had become due and payable by virtue of a call duly made and notified.
- 32. On the issue of shares the Board may differentiate between the allottees or holders as to the amount of calls to be paid and the times of payment.
- 33. The Board may, if it thinks fit, receive from any Member willing to advance the same, and either in money or money's worth, all or any part of the moneys uncalled and unpaid or instalments payable upon any shares held by him and upon all or any of the moneys so advanced (until the same would, but for such advance, become presently payable) pay interest at such rate (if any) as the Board may decide. The Board may at any time repay the amount so advanced upon giving to such Member not less than one month's Notice of its intention in that behalf, unless before the expiration of such notice the amount so advanced shall have been called up on the shares in respect of which it was advanced. Such payment in advance shall not entitle the holder of such share or shares to participate in respect thereof in a dividend subsequently declared.

#### FORFEITURE OF SHARES

- 34. (1) If a call remains unpaid after it has become due and payable the Board may give to the person from whom it is due not less than fourteen (14) clear days' Notice:
  - (a) requiring payment of the amount unpaid together with any interest which may have accrued and which may still accrue up to the date of actual payment; and
  - (b) stating that if the Notice is not complied with the shares on which the call was made will be liable to be forfeited.

- (2) If the requirements of any such Notice are not complied with, any share in respect of which such Notice has been given may at any time thereafter, before payment of all calls and interest due in respect thereof has been made, be forfeited by a resolution of the Board to that effect, and such forfeiture shall include all dividends and bonuses declared in respect of the forfeited share but not actually paid before the forfeiture.
- 35. When any share has been forfeited, notice of the forfeiture shall be served upon the person who was before forfeiture the holder of the share. No forfeiture shall be invalidated by any omission or neglect to give such Notice.
- 36. The Board may accept the surrender of any share liable to be forfeited hereunder and, in such case, references in these Bye-laws to forfeiture will include surrender.
- 37. Until cancelled in accordance with the requirements of the Act, a forfeited share shall be the property of the Company and may be sold, re-allotted or otherwise disposed of to such person, upon such terms and in such manner as the Board determines, and at any time before a sale, re-allotment or disposition the forfeiture may be annulled by the Board on such terms as the Board determines.
- 38. A person whose shares have been forfeited shall cease to be a Member in respect of the forfeited shares but nevertheless shall remain liable to pay the Company all moneys which at the date of forfeiture were presently payable by him to the Company in respect of the shares, with (if the Directors shall in their discretion so require) interest thereon from the date of forfeiture until payment at such rate (not exceeding twenty per cent. (20%) per annum) as the Board determines. The Board may enforce payment thereof if it thinks fit, and without any deduction or allowance for the value of the forfeited shares, at the date of forfeiture, but his liability shall cease if and when the Company shall have received payment in full of all such moneys in respect of the shares. For the purposes of this Bye-law any sum which, by the terms of issue of a share, is payable thereon at a fixed time which is subsequent to the date of forfeiture, whether on account of the nominal value of the share or by way of premium, shall notwithstanding that time has not yet arrived be deemed to be payable at the date of forfeiture, and the same shall become due and payable immediately upon the forfeiture, but interest thereon shall only be payable in respect of any period between the said fixed time and the date of actual payment.

- 39. A declaration by a Director or the Secretary that a share has been forfeited on a specified date shall be conclusive evidence of the facts therein stated as against all persons claiming to be entitled to the share, and such declaration shall (subject to the execution of an instrument of transfer by the Company if necessary) constitute a good title to the share, and the person to whom the share is disposed of shall be registered as the holder of the share and shall not be bound to see to the application of the consideration (if any), nor shall his title to the share be affected by any irregularity in or invalidity of the proceedings in reference to the forfeiture, sale or disposal of the share. When any share shall have been forfeited, notice of the declaration shall be given to the Member in whose name it stood immediately prior to the forfeiture, and an entry of the forfeiture, with the date thereof, shall forthwith be made in the register, but no forfeiture shall be in any manner invalidated by any omission or neglect to give such notice or make any such entry.
- 40. Notwithstanding any such forfeiture as aforesaid the Board may at any time, before any shares so forfeited shall have been sold, re-allotted or otherwise disposed of, permit the shares forfeited to be bought back upon the terms of payment of all calls and interest due upon and expenses incurred in respect of the share, and upon such further terms (if any) as it thinks fit.
- 41. The forfeiture of a share shall not prejudice the right of the Company to any call already made or instalment payable thereon.
- 42. The provisions of these Bye-laws as to forfeiture shall apply in the case of non-payment of any sum which, by the terms of issue of a share, becomes payable at a fixed time, whether on account of the nominal value of the share or by way of premium, as if the same had been payable by virtue of a call duly made and notified.

#### **REGISTER OF MEMBERS**

- 43. (1) The Company shall keep in one or more books a Register and shall enter therein the following particulars, that is to say:
  - (a) the name and address of each Member, the number and class of shares held by him and, in respect of any shares that are not fully paid, the amount paid or agreed to be considered as paid on such shares;
  - (b) the date on which each person was entered in the Register; and
  - (c) the date on which any person ceased to be a Member.

- (2) Subject to the Act, the Company may keep an overseas or local or other branch register of Members resident in any place, and the Board may make and vary such regulations as it determines in respect of the keeping of any such register and maintaining a Registration Office in connection therewith.
- 44. The Register and branch register of Members, as the case may be, shall be open to inspection between 10 a.m. and 12 noon during business hours by Members and members of the public without charge at the Office or such other place at which the Register is kept in accordance with the Act. The Register including any overseas or local or other branch register of Members may, after notice has been given by advertisement in an appointed newspaper and where applicable, any other newspapers in accordance with the requirements of any Designated Stock Exchange or by any means (electronic or otherwise) in such manner as may be accepted by the Designated Stock Exchange to that effect, be closed for inspection at such times or for such periods not exceeding in the whole thirty (30) days in each year as the Board may determine and either generally or in respect of any class of shares.

### RECORD DATES

- 45. <u>NotwithstandingSubject to the Listing Rules, notwithstanding</u> any other provision of these Bye-laws the Company or the Directors may fix any date as the record date for:
  - (a) determining the Members entitled to receive any dividend, distribution, allotment or issue and such record date may be on, or at any time not more than thirty (30) days before or after, any date on which such dividend, distribution, allotment or issue is declared, paid or made;
     <u>or</u>
  - (b) determining the Members entitled to receive notice of and to vote at any general meeting of the Company.

#### TRANSFER OF SHARES

46. Subject to these Bye-laws, any Member may transfer all or any of his shares in any manner permitted by and in accordance with the rules of the Designated Stock ExchangeListing Rules or by an instrument of transfer in the usual or common form or in a form prescribed by the Designated Stock Exchange or in any other form approved by the Board and may be under hand or, if the transferor or transferee is a clearing house or its nominee(s), by hand or by machine imprinted signature or by such other manner of execution as the Board may approve from time to time.

- 47. The instrument of transfer shall be executed by or on behalf of the transferor and the transferee provided that the Board may dispense with the execution of the instrument of transfer by the transferee in any case which it thinks fit in its discretion to do so. Without prejudice to Bye-law 46, the Board may also resolve, either generally or in any particular case, upon request by either the transferor or transferee, to accept mechanically executed transfers. The transferor shall be deemed to remain the holder of the share until the name of the transferee is entered in the Register in respect thereof. Nothing in these Bye-laws shall preclude the Board from recognising a renunciation of the allotment or provisional allotment of any share by the allottee in favour of some other person.
- 48. (1) The Board may, in its absolute discretion, and without giving any reason therefor, refuse to register a transfer of any share (not being a fully paid up share) to a person of whom it does not approve, or any share issued under any share incentive scheme for employees upon which a restriction on transfer imposed thereby still subsists, and it may also, without prejudice to the foregoing generality, refuse to register a transfer of any share to more than four (4) joint holders or a transfer of any share (not being a fully paid up share) on which the Company has a lien.
  - (2) No transfer shall be made to an infant or to a person of unsound mind or under other legal disability.
  - (3) The Board in so far as permitted by any applicable law may, in its absolute discretion, at any time and from time to time transfer any share upon the Register to any branch register or any share on any branch register to the Register or any other branch register. In the event of any such transfer, the shareholder requesting such transfer shall bear the cost of effecting the transfer unless the Board other-wise determines.
  - (4) Unless the Board otherwise agrees (which agreement may be on such terms and subject to such conditions as the Board in its absolute discretion may from time to time determine, and which agreement the Board shall, without giving any reason therefor, be entitled in its absolute discretion to give or withhold), no shares upon the Register shall be transferred to any branch register nor shall shares on any branch register be transferred to the Register or any other branch register and all transfers and other documents of title shall be lodged for registration, and registered, in the case of any shares on a branch register, at the relevant Registration Office, and, in the case of any shares on the Register, at the Office or such other place in Bermuda at which the Register is kept in accordance with the Act.

- 49. Without limiting the generality of the last preceding Bye-law, the Board may decline to recognise any instrument of transfer unless:-
  - (a) a fee of such maximum sum as the Designated Stock Exchange may determine to be payable or such lesser sum as the Board may from time to time require is paid to the Company in respect thereof;
  - (b) the instrument of transfer is in respect of only one class of share;
  - (c) the instrument of transfer is lodged at the Office or such other place in Bermuda at which the Register is kept in accordance with the Act or the Registration Office (as the case may be) accompanied by the relevant share certificate(s) and such other evidence as the Board may reasonably require to show the right of the transferor to make the transfer (and, if the instrument of transfer is executed by some other person on his behalf, the authority of that person so to do); and
  - (d) if applicable, the instrument of transfer is duly and properly stamped.
- 50. If the Board refuses to register a transfer of any share, it shall, within two (2) months after the date on which the transfer was lodged with the Company, send to each of the transferor and transferee notice of the refusal.
- 51. The registration of transfers of shares or of any class of shares may, after notice has been given by advertisement in any newspapers in accordance with the requirements of any Designated Stock Exchange or by any means <u>(electronic or otherwise)</u> in such manner as may be accepted by the Designated Stock Exchange to that effect be suspended at such times and for such periods (not exceeding in the whole thirty (30) days in any year) as the Board may determine.

#### TRANSMISSION OF SHARES

52. If a Member dies, the survivor or survivors where the deceased was a joint holder, and his legal personal representatives where he was a sole or only surviving holder, will be the only persons recognised by the Company as having any title to his interest in the shares; but nothing in this Bye-law will release the estate of a deceased Member (whether sole or joint) from any liability in respect of any share which had been solely or jointly held by him.

- 53. Subject to Section 52 of the Act, any person becoming entitled to a share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy or winding-up of a Member may, upon such evidence as to his title being produced as may be required by the Board, elect either to become the holder of the share or to have some person nominated by him registered as the transferee thereof. If he elects to become the holder he shall notify the Company in writing either at the Registration Office or Office, as the case may be, to that effect. If he elects to have another person registered he shall execute a transfer of the share in favour of that person. The provisions of these Bye-laws relating to the transfer and registration of transfers of shares shall apply to such notice or transfer as aforesaid as if the death or bankruptcy of the Member had not occurred and the notice or transfer were a transfer signed by such Member.
- 54. A person becoming entitled to a share by reason of the death or bankruptcy or winding-up of a Member shall be entitled to the same dividends and other advantages to which he would be entitled if he were the registered holder of the share. However, the Board may, if it thinks fit, withhold the payment of any dividend payable or other advantages in respect of such share until such person shall become the registered holder of the share or shall have effectually transferred such share, but, subject to the requirements of Bye-law 752(2) being met, such a person may vote at meetings.

### UNTRACEABLE MEMBERS

- 55. (1) Without prejudice to the rights of the Company under paragraph (2) of this Bye-law, the Company may cease sending cheques for dividend entitlements or dividend warrants by post if such cheques or warrants have been left uncashed on two consecutive occasions. However, the Company may exercise the power to cease sending cheques for dividend entitlements or dividend warrants after the first occasion on which such a cheque or warrant is returned undelivered.
  - (2) The Company shall have the power to sell, in such manner as the Board thinks fit, any shares of a Member who is untraceable, but no such sale shall be made unless:
    - (a) all cheques or warrants in respect of dividends of the shares in question, being not less than three in total number, for any sum payable in cash to the holder of such shares in respect of them sent during the relevant period in the manner authorised by the Bye-laws of the Company have remained uncashed;
    - (b) so far as it is aware at the end of the relevant period, the Company has not at any time during the relevant period received any indication of the existence of the Member who is the holder of such shares or of a person entitled to such shares by death, bankruptcy or operation of law; and

(c) the Company, if so required by the rules governing the listing of shares on the Designated Stock ExchangeListing Rules, has given notice to, and caused advertisement in newspapers in accordance with the requirements of, the Designated Stock Exchange to be made of its intention to sell such shares in the manner required by the Designated Stock Exchange, and a period of three (3) months or such shorter period as may be allowed by the Designated Stock Exchange has elapsed since the date of such advertisement.

For the purpose of the foregoing, the "relevant period" means the period commencing twelve (12) years before the date of publication of the advertisement referred to in paragraph (c) of this Bye-law and ending at the expiry of the period referred to in that paragraph.

(3) To give effect to any such sale the Board may authorise some person to transfer the said shares and an instrument of transfer signed or otherwise executed by or on behalf of such person shall be as effective as if it had been executed by the registered holder or the person entitled by transmission to such shares, and the purchaser shall not be bound to see to the application of the purchase money nor shall his title to the shares be affected by any irregularity or invalidity in the proceedings relating to the sale. The net proceeds of the sale will belong to the Company and upon receipt by the Company of such net proceeds it shall become indebted to the former Member for an amount equal to such net proceeds. No trust shall be created in respect of such debt and no interest shall be payable in respect of it and the Company shall not be required to account for any money earned from the net proceeds which may be employed in the business of the Company or as it thinks fit. Any sale under this Bye-law shall be valid and effective notwithstanding that the Member holding the shares sold is dead, bankrupt or otherwise under any legal disability or incapacity.

### GENERAL MEETINGS

- 56. AnSubject to the Act, an annual general meeting of the Company shall be held in each financial year other than the financial year in which its statutory meeting is convened atand such time (within a period of not more than fifteenannual general meeting must be held within six (156) months after the holdingend of the last preceding annual general meeting Company's financial year (unless a longer period would not infringe the rules of the Designated Stock ExchangeListing Rules, if any) at such time and place as may be determined by the Board. A meeting of Members or any class thereof may be held by means of such telephone, electronic or other communication facilities as to permit all persons participating in the meeting to communicate with each other simultaneously and instantaneously, and participation in such a meeting shall constitute presence at such meeting.
- 57. Each general meeting, other than an annual general meeting, shall be called a special general meeting. General meetings may be held in any part of the world as may be determined by the Board.

58. The Board may whenever it thinks fit call special general meetings. Subject to the Listing Rules, and Members holding at the date of deposit of the requisition not less than one-tenth of the paid up capital of the Company carrying the right of voting at general meetings of the Company shall at all times have the right, by written requisition to the Board or the Secretary of the Company, to require a special general meeting to be called by the Board for the transaction of any business or resolution specified in such requisition; and such meeting shall be held within two (2) months after the deposit of such requisition. If within twenty-one (21) days of such deposit the Board fails to proceed to convene such meeting the requisitionists themselves may do so in accordance with the provisions of Section 74(3) of the Act.

### NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETINGS

- 59. (1) An annual general meeting shall be called by Notice of not less than twenty-one (21) clear days and not less than twenty (20) clear Business Days and any special general meeting at which the passing of a special resolution is to be considered shall be called by Notice of not less than twenty-one (21) clear days and not less than ten (10) clear Business Days. All other special general meetings may(including a special general meeting) must be called by Notice of not less than fourteen (14) clear days and not less than ten (10) clear Business Days. Days but if permitted by the rules of the Designated Stock ExchangeListing Rules, a general meeting may be called by shorter notice if it is so agreed:
  - (a) in the case of a meeting called as an annual general meeting, by all the Members entitled to attend and vote thereat; and
  - (b) in the case of any other meeting, by a majority in number of the Members having the right to attend and vote at the meeting, being a majority together holdingrepresenting not less than ninety-five per cent. (95%) in nominal valueof the total voting rights at the meeting of all the issued shares giving that rightMembers.
  - (2) The Notice shall specify the time and place of the meeting and particulars of resolutions to be considered at the meeting and, in case of special business, the general nature of the business. The Notice convening an annual general meeting shall specify the meeting as such. Notice of every general meeting shall be given to all Members other than to such Members as, under the provisions of these Bye-laws or the terms of issue of the shares they hold, are not entitled to receive such notices from the Company, to all persons entitled to a share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy or winding-up of a Member and to each of the Directors and the Auditors.
- 60. The accidental omission to give Notice of a meeting or (in cases where instruments of proxy are sent out with the Notice) to send such instrument of proxy to, or the non-receipt of such Notice or such instrument of proxy by, any person entitled to receive such Notice shall not invalidate any resolution passed or the proceedings at that meeting.

#### PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

- 61. (1) All business shall be deemed special that is transacted at a special general meeting, and also all business that is transacted at an annual general meeting, with the exception of:
  - (a) the declaration and sanctioning of dividends;
  - (b) consideration, the reading, considering and adoptiong of the accounts and balance sheet and the reports of the Directors and Auditors and other documents required to be annexed to the balance sheet;
  - (c) \_\_\_\_\_, the election of Directors whether by rotation or otherwise in the place of those retiring;
  - (d) <u>and</u> appointment of Auditors-(where special notice of the intention for such appointment is not required by the Act) and other officers;
  - (e) <u>in the place of those retiring</u>, the fixing of the remuneration of the Auditors, and the voting of remuneration or extra remuneration to the Directors;
  - (f) the granting of any mandate or authority to the Directors to offer, allot, grant options over or otherwise dispose of the unissued shares in the capital of the Company representing not more than 20 per cent. in nominal value of its existing issued share capital; and
  - (g) the granting of any mandate or authority to the Directors to repurchase securities of the Company.
  - No business other than the appointment of a chairman of a meeting shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum is present at the commencement of the business. Two
     Members entitled to vote and present in person (or in the case of a Member being a corporation by its dulyby proxy or, for quorum purposes only, two persons appointed by the clearing house as authorised representative) or by proxy shall form a quorum for all purposes.
- 62. If within thirty (30) minutes (or such longer time not exceeding one hour as the chairman of the meeting may determine to wait) after the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting, if convened on the requisition of Members, shall be dissolved. In any other case it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and place or to such time and place as the Board may determine. If at such adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for holding the meeting, the meeting shall be dissolved.

- 63. The chairman of the Company, or if onethere is appointed, more than one chairman, any one of them as may be agreed amongst themselves or failing such agreement, any one of them elected by all the Directors present shall preside as chairman at everya general meeting. If at any meeting themo chairman, is not present within fifteen (15) minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, or is willing to act as chairman, the deputy chairman of the Company or if hethere is notmore than one deputy chairman, any one of them as may be agreed amongst themselves or failing such agreement, any one of them elected by all the Directors present shall preside as chairman. If no chairman or deputy chairman is present or is willing to act as chairman if willing to act. If no Director is present, or if each of the Directors present declines to take the chair, or if the chairman chosen shall retire from the chair, the Members present in person (or in the case of a Member being a corporation by its duly authorized representative) or by proxy and entitled to vote shall elect one of their number to be chairman of the meeting.
- 64. ThePrior to the holding of a general meeting, the Board may postpone, and at a general meeting, the chairman may; (without the consent of any meeting at which a quorum is present (and shall if so directed by the meeting) or shall at the direction of the meeting, adjourn the meeting from time to time (or indefinitely) and from place to place as the meeting shall determine, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business which might lawfully have been transacted at the meeting had the adjournment or the postponement not taken place. Notice of a postponement must be given to all Members by any means as the Board may determine. When a meeting is adjourned for fourteen (14) days or more, at least seven (7) clear days' Notice of the adjourned meeting but it shall not be necessary to specify in such notice the nature of the business to be transacted at the adjourned meeting and the general nature of the business to be transacted, it shall be unnecessary to give notice of an adjournment.
- 65. If an amendment is proposed to any resolution under consideration but is in good faith ruled out of order by the chairman of the meeting, the proceedings on the substantive resolution shall not be invalidated by any error in such ruling. In the case of a resolution duly proposed as a special resolution, no amendment thereto (other than a mere clerical amendment to correct a patent error) may in any event be considered or voted upon.

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### VOTING

- 66. Subject to any special rights or restrictions as to voting for the time being attached to any (1)shares by or in accordance with these Bye-laws, at any general meeting on a poll every Member present in person or by proxy or, in the case of a Member being a corporation, by its duly authorised representative shall have one vote for every fully paid share of which he is the holder but so that no amount paid up or credited as paid up on a share in advance of calls or instalments is treated for the foregoing purposes as paid up on the share. A resolution put to the vote of a meeting shall be decided by way of a poll save that the chairman of the meeting may in good faith, allow a resolution which relates purely to a procedural or administrative matter to be voted on by a show of hands in which case every Member present in person (or being a corporation, is present by a duly authorised representative), or by proxy(ies) shall have one vote provided that where more than one proxy is appointed by a Member which is a clearing house (or its nominee(s)), each such proxy shall have one vote on a show of hands. For purposes of this Bye-law, procedural and administrative matters are those that (i) are not on the agenda of the general meeting or in any supplementary circular that may be issued by the Company to its Members; and (ii) relate to the chairman's duties to maintain the orderly conduct of the meeting and/or allow the business of the meeting to be properly and effectively dealt with, whilst allowing all Members a reasonable opportunity to express their views.
  - (2) Where a show of hands is allowed, before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands, a poll may be demanded:
    - (a) by at least three Members present in person or in the case of a Member being a corporation by its duly authorised representative or by proxy for the time being entitled to vote at the meeting; or
    - (b) by a Member or Members present in person or in the case of a Member being a corporation by its duly authorised representative or by proxy and representing not less than one-tenth of the total voting rights of all Members having the right to vote at the meeting; or
    - (c) by a Member or Members present in person-or in the case of a Member being a corporation by its duly authorised representative or by proxy and holding shares in the Company conferring a right to vote at the meeting being shares on which an aggregate sum has been paid up equal to not less than one-tenth of the total sum paid up on all shares conferring that right.

A demand by a person as proxy for a Member or in the case of a Member being a corporation by its duly authorised representative shall be deemed to be the same as a demand by the Member.

#### 67. [Intentionally Deleted]

- 68.67. Where a resolution is voted on by a show of hands, a declaration by the chairman that a resolution has been carried, or carried unanimously, or by a particular majority, or not carried by a particular majority, or lost, and an entry to that effect made in the minute book of the Company, shall be conclusive evidence of the facts without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded for or against the resolution. The result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting. The Company shall only be required to disclose the voting figures on a poll if such disclosure is required by the rules of the Designated Stock ExchangeListing Rules.
- 69. [Intentionally Deleted]

### 70. [Intentionally Deleted]

- 71. <u>68.</u> On a poll votes may be given either personally or by proxy.
- 72. <u>69.</u> A person entitled to more than one vote on a poll need not use all his votes or cast all the votes he uses in the same way.
- 73.70. All questions submitted to a meeting shall be decided by a simple majority of votes except where

   a greater majority is required by these Bye-laws or by the Act. In the case of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the chairman of such meeting shall be entitled to a second or casting vote in addition to any other vote he may have.
- 74.-71. Where there are joint holders of any share any one of such joint holder may vote, either in person 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 any meeting the vote of the senior who tenders a vote, whether in person or by proxy, shall be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint holders, and for this purpose seniority shall be determined by the order in which the names stand in the Register in respect of the joint holding. Several executors or administrators of a deceased Member in whose name any share stands shall for the purposes of this Bye-law be deemed joint holders thereof.

- 75.-72.(1) A Member who is a patient for any purpose relating to mental health or in respect of whom an order has been made by any court having jurisdiction for the protection or management of the affairs of persons incapable of managing their own affairs may vote, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, by his receiver, committee, curator bonis or other person in the nature of a receiver, committee or curator bonis appointed by such court, and such receiver, committee, curator bonis or other person may vote on a poll by proxy, and may otherwise act and be treated as if he were the registered holder of such shares for the purposes of general meetings, provided that such evidence as the Board may require of the authority of the person claiming to vote shall have been deposited at the Office, head office or Registration Office, as appropriate, not less than forty-eight (48) hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting, or adjourned meeting<del>or poll</del>, as the case may be.
  - (2) Any person entitled under Bye-law 53 to be registered as the holder of any shares may vote at any general meeting in respect thereof in the same manner as if he were the registered holder of such shares, provided that forty-eight (48) hours at least before the time of the holding of the meeting or adjourned meeting, as the case may be, at which he proposes to vote, he shall satisfy the Board of his entitlement to such shares, or the Board shall have previously admitted his right to vote at such meeting in respect thereof.
- 76. 73. (1) No Member shall, unless the Board otherwise determines, be entitled to attend and vote and to be reckoned in a quorum at any general meeting unless he is duly registered and all calls or other sums presently payable by him in respect of shares in the Company have been paid.
  - (2) <u>All Members shall have the right to (a) speak at a general meeting; and (b) vote at a general meeting except where a Member is required, by the Listing Rules, to abstain from voting to approve the matter under consideration.</u>
  - (3) Where the Company has knowledge that <u>aany</u> Member is, under the <u>rules of the Designated</u> Stock ExchangeListing Rules, required to abstain from voting on any particular resolution of the Company or restricted to voting only for or only against any particular resolution of the Company, any votes cast by or on behalf of such Member in contravention of such requirement or restriction shall not be counted.
  - 77. (4) Any Custodian, Investment Manager, any of their Connected Persons and every director of the Company and the Investment Manager is not entitled to vote their own shares at, or being part of a quorum for, any general meeting to the extent that they have or any of their associates (as defined by the rulesListing Rules, where applicable, of the Designated Stock Exchange) has, a material interest in the business to be conducted.

<del>78. <u>74.</u> If:</del>

- (a) any objection shall be raised to the qualification of any voter; or
- (b) any votes have been counted which ought not to have been counted or which might have been rejected; or
- (c) any votes are not counted which ought to have been counted;

the objection or error shall not vitiate the decision of the meeting or adjourned meeting on any resolution unless the same is raised or pointed out at the meeting or, as the case may be, the adjourned meeting at which the vote objected to is given or tendered or at which the error occurs. Any objection or error shall be referred to the chairman of the meeting and shall only vitiate the decision of the meeting on any resolution if the chairman decides that the same may have affected the decision of the meeting. The decision of the chairman on such matters shall be final and conclusive.

#### PROXIES

- 79.-75. Any Member 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 represent him and vote on his behalf at a general meeting of the Company or at a class meeting. A proxy need not be a Member. In addition, a proxy or proxies representing either a Member who is an individual or a Member which is a corporation shall be entitled to exercise the same powers on behalf of the Member which he or they represent as such Member could exercise.
- 80.-<u>76.</u> The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing under the hand of the appointor or of his attorney duly authorised in writing or, if the appointor is a corporation, either under its seal or under the hand of an officer, attorney or other person authorised to sign the same. In the case of an instrument of proxy purporting to be signed on behalf of a corporation by an officer thereof it shall be assumed, unless the contrary appears, that such officer was duly authorised to sign such instrument of proxy on behalf of the corporation without further evidence of the fact.

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- 81.-77. The instrument appointing a proxy and (if required by the Board) 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 delivered to such place or one of such places (if any) as may be specified for that purpose in or by way of note to or in any document accompanying the notice convening the meeting (or, if no place is so specified at the Registration Office or the Office, as may be appropriate) not less than forty-\_eight (48) hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote or, in the case of a poll taken subsequently to the date of a meeting or adjourned meeting, not less than twenty-four (24) hours before the time appointed for the taking of the poll and in default the instrument of proxy shall not be treated as valid. No instrument appointing a proxy shall be valid after the expiration of twelve (12) months from the date named in it as the date of its execution, except at an adjourned meeting or a poll demanded at a meeting or an adjourned meeting in cases where the meeting was originally held within twelve (12) months from such date. Delivery of an instrument appointing a proxy shall not preclude a Member from attending and voting in person at the meeting convened and in such event, the instrument appointing a proxy shall be deemed to be revoked.
- 82. 78. Instruments of proxy shall be in any common form or in such other form as the Board may approve (provided that this shall not preclude the use of the two-way form) and the Board may, if it thinks fit, send out with the notice of any meeting forms of instrument of proxy for use at the meeting. The instrument of proxy shall be deemed to confer authority to demand or join in demanding a poll and to-vote on any amendment of a resolution put to the meeting for which it is given as the proxy thinks fit. The instrument of proxy shall, unless the contrary is stated therein, be valid as well for any adjournment of the meeting as for the meeting to which it relates.
- 83.-79. A vote given in accordance with the terms of an instrument of proxy shall be valid notwithstanding the previous death or insanity of the principal, or revocation of the instrument of proxy or of the authority under which it was executed, provided that no intimation in writing of such death, insanity or revocation shall have been received by the Company at the Office or the Registration Office (or such other place as may be specified for the delivery of instruments of proxy in the notice convening the meeting or other document sent therewith) two (2) hours at least before the commencement of the meeting or adjourned meeting, or the taking of the poll, at which the instrument of proxy is used.

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80. Anything which under these Bye-laws a Member may do by proxy he may likewise do by his duly appointed attorney and the provisions of these Bye-laws relating to proxies and instruments appointing proxies shall apply *mutatis mutandis* in relation to any such attorney and the instrument under which such attorney is appointed.

#### CORPORATIONS ACTING BY REPRESENTATIVES

- 85.81. (1) Any corporation which is a Member may by resolution of its directors or other governing body authorise such person as it thinks fit to act as its representative at any meeting of the Company or at any meeting of any class of Members. The person so authorised shall be entitled to exercise the same powers on behalf of such corporation as the corporation could exercise if it were an individual Member and such corporation shall for the purposes of these Bye-laws be deemed to be present in person at any such meeting if a person so authorised is present thereat.
  - (2) Where a Member is a clearing house (or its nominee(s) and, in each case, being a corporation), it may authorise such persons as it thinks fit to act as its representatives at any meeting of the Company or at any meeting of any class of Members provided that the authorisation shall specify the number and class of shares in respect of which each such representative is so authorised. Each person so authorised under the provisions of this Byelaw shall be deemed to have been duly authorised without further evidence of the facts and be entitled to exercise the same rights and powers on behalf of the clearing house (or its nominee(s)) as if such person was the registered holder of the shares of the Company held by the clearing house (or its nominee(s)) in respect of the number and class of shares specified in the relevant authorisation including the right to speak and to vote and, where a show of hands is allowed, the right to vote individually on a show of hands.
  - (3) Any reference in these Bye-laws to a duly authorised representative of a Member being a corporation shall mean a representative authorised under the provisions of this Bye-law.

#### WRITTEN RESOLUTIONS OF MEMBERS

- 86.82. (1) Subject to the Act, a resolution in writing signed (in such manner as to indicate, expressly or impliedly, unconditional approval) by or on behalf of all persons for the time being entitled to receive notice of and to attend and vote at general meetings of the Company shall, for the purposes of these Bye-laws, be treated as a resolution duly passed at a general meeting of the Company and, where relevant, as a special resolution so passed. Any such resolution shall be deemed to have been passed at a meeting held on the date on which it was signed by the last Member to sign, and where the resolution states a date as being the date of his signature thereof by any Member the statement shall be prima facie evidence that it was signed by him on that date. Such a resolution may consist of several documents in the like form, each signed by one or more relevant Members.
  - (2) Notwithstanding any provisions contained in these Bye-laws, a resolution in writing shall not be passed for the purpose of removing a Director before the expiration of his term of office under Bye-law 87<u>3</u>(4) or for the purposes set out in Bye-law 161<u>52</u>(<u>34</u>) relating to the removal and appointment of the Auditor.

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### **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BYE-LAWS**

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 87.83.(1) Unless otherwise determined by the Company in general meeting, the number of Directors shall not be less than two (2). There shall be no maximum number of Directors unless otherwise determined from time to time by the Members in general meeting. The Directors shall be elected or appointed in the first place at the statutory meeting of Members and thereafter at the annual general meeting in accordance with Bye-law 884 or at any special general meeting <u>called for such purpose and who</u> shall hold office <del>untilfor such term as</del> the next appointment of Directors/Members may determine or, in the absence of such determination, in accordance with Bye-law 84 or until their successors are elected or appointed or their office is otherwise vacated. Any general meeting may authorise the Board to fill any vacancy in their number left unfilled at a general meeting.
  - (2) The Directors shall have the power from time to time and at any time to appoint any person as a Director either to fill a casual vacancy on the Board or, subject to authorisation by the Members in general meeting, as an addition to the existing Board but so that the number of Directors so appointed shall not exceed any maximum number determined from time to time by the Members in general meeting. Any Director so appointed by the Board shall hold office only until the next following general meeting of the Company (in the case of the filling of casual vacancy on the Board), or until the next following<u>first</u> annual general meeting of the Company (in the case of an addition to the existing Board),<u>after his appointment</u> and shall then be eligible for re-election at that meeting but shall not be taken into account in determining the Directors or the number of Directors who are to retire by rotation at that meeting.
  - (3) Neither a Director nor an alternate Director shall be required to hold any shares of the Company by way of qualification and a Director or alternate Director (as the case may be) who is not a Member shall be entitled to receive notice of and to attend and speak at any general meeting of the Company and of all classes of shares of the Company.
  - (4) Subject to any provision to the contrary in these Bye-laws the<u>The</u> Members may, at any general meeting convened and held in accordance with these Bye-laws, by ordinary resolution remove a Director (including a managing or other executive Director) at any time before the expiration of his periodterm of office notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these Bye-laws or in any agreement between the Company and such Director (but without prejudice to any claim for damages under any such agreement) provided that the Notice of any such meeting convened for the purpose of removing a Director shall contain a statement of the intention so to do and be served on such Director fourteen (14) days before the meeting and at such meeting such Director shall be entitled to be heard on the motion for his removal.

- (5) A vacancy on the Board created by the removal of a Director under the provisions of subparagraph (4) above may be filled by the election or appointment by the Members at the meeting at which such Director is removed to hold office until the next appointment of Directors or until their successors are elected or appointed or, in the absence of such election or appointment such general meeting may authorise the Board to fill any vacancy in the number left unfilled.
- (6) The Company may from time to time in general meeting by ordinary resolution increase or reduce the number of Directors but so that the number of Directors shall never be less than two (2).

#### **RETIREMENT OF DIRECTORS**

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- 84. (1) Notwithstanding any other provisions in the Bye-laws, at each annual general meeting one-third of the Directors for the time being (or, if their number is not a multiple of three (3), the number nearest to but not less than one-third) shall retire from office by rotation provided that every Director shall be subject to retirement at least once every three years.
  - (2) A retiring Director shall be eligible for re-election and shall continue to act as a Director throughout the meeting at which he retires. The Directors to retire by rotation shall include (so far as necessary to ascertain the number of directors to retire by rotation) any Director who wishes to retire and not to offer himself for re-election. Any further Directors so to retire shall be those of the other Directors subject to retirement by rotation who have been longest in office since their last re-election or appointment and so that as between persons who became or were last re-elected Directors on the same day those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree among themselves) be determined by lot. Any Director appointed pursuant to Bye-law 873(2) shall not be taken into account in determining which particular Directors or the number of Directors who are to retire by rotation.
- 89:85. No person other than a Director retiring at the meeting shall, unless recommended by the Directors for election, be eligible for election as a Director at any general meeting unless a Notice signed by a Member (other than the person to be proposed) duly qualified to attend and vote at the meeting for which such notice is given of his intention to propose such person for election and also a Notice signed by the person to be proposed of his willingness to be elected shall have been lodged at the head office or at the Registration Office provided that the minimum length of the period, during which such Notice(s) are given, shall be at least seven (7) days and that (if the Notices are submitted after the despatch of the notice of the general meeting appointed for such election) the period for lodgement of such Notice(s) shall commence on the day after the despatch of the notice of the general meeting appointed for such election and end no later than seven (7) days prior to the date of such general meeting.

### DISQUALIFICATION OF DIRECTORS

<del>90.</del>86. The office of a Director shall be vacated if the Director:

- (1) resigns his office by notice in writing delivered to the Company at the Office or tendered at a meeting of the Board whereupon the Board resolves to accept such resignation;
- (2) becomes of unsound mind or dies;
- (3) without special leave of absence from the Board, is absent from meetings of the Board for six consecutive months, and his alternate Director, if any, shall not during such period have attended in his stead and the Board resolves that his office be vacated;-or
- (4) becomes bankrupt or has a receiving order made against him or suspends payment or compounds with his creditors;
- (5) is prohibited by law from being a Director; or
- (6) ceases to be a Director by virtue of any provision of the Statutes or is removed from office pursuant to these Bye-laws.

No Director shall be required to vacate office or be ineligible for re-election or re-appointment as a Director, and no person shall be ineligible for appointment as a Director, by reason only of his having attained any particular age.

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

91.-87. The Board may from time to time appoint any one or more of its body to be a managing director, joint managing director or deputy managing director or to hold any other employment or executive office with the Company for such period (subject to their continuance as Directors) and upon such terms as the Board may determine and the Board may revoke or terminate any of such appointments. Any such revocation or termination as aforesaid shall be without prejudice to any claim for damages that such Director may have against the Company or the Company may have against such Director. A Director appointed to an office under this Bye-law shall be subject to the same provisions as to removal as the other Directors of the Company, and he shall (subject to the provisions of any contract between him and the Company) ipso facto and immediately cease to hold such office if he shall cease to hold the office of Director for any cause.

92.-88. Notwithstanding Bye-laws 973, 984, 995 and 10096, an executive director appointed to an office under Bye-law 9187 hereof shall receive such remuneration (whether by way of salary, commission, participation in profits or otherwise or by all or any of those modes) and such other benefits (including pension and/or gratuity and/or other benefits on retirement) and allowances as the Board may from time to time determine, and either in addition to or in lieu of his remuneration as a Director.

#### ALTERNATE DIRECTORS

93.89. Any Director may at any time by Notice delivered to the Office or head office or at a meeting of the Directors appoint any person to be his alternate Director. Any person so appointed shall have all the rights and powers of the Director or Directors for whom such person is appointed in the alternative provided that such person shall not be counted more than once in determining whether or not a quorum is present. An alternate Director may be removed at any time by the person or body which appointed him and, subject thereto, the office of alternate Director shall continue until the happening of any event which, if he were a Director, would cause him to vacate such office or if his appointed reases for any reason to be a Director. Any appointment or removal of an alternate Director shall be effected by Notice signed by the appointor and delivered to the Office or head office or tendered at a meeting of the Board. An alternate Director may also be a Director in his own right and may act as alternate to more than one Director. An alternate Director shall, if his appointor so requests, be entitled to receive notices of meetings of the Board or of committees of the Board to the same extent as, but in lieu of, the Director appointing him and shall be entitled to such extent to attend and vote as a Director at any such meeting at which the Director appointing him is not personally present and generally at such meeting to exercise and discharge all the functions, powers and duties of his appointor as a Director and for the purposes of the proceedings at such meeting the provisions of these Bye-laws shall apply as if he were a Director save that as an alternate for more than one Director his voting rights shall be cumulative.

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<u>90.</u> An alternate Director shall only be a Director for the purposes of the Act and shall only be subject to the provisions of the Act insofar as they relate to the duties and obligations of a Director when performing the functions of the Director for whom he is appointed in the alternative and shall alone be responsible to the Company for his acts and defaults and shall not be deemed to be the agent of or for the Director appointing him. An alternate Director shall be entitled to contract and be interested in and benefit from contracts or arrangements or transactions and to be repaid expenses and to be indemnified by the Company to the same extent *mutatis mutandis* as if he were a Director but he shall not be entitled to receive from the Company any fee in his capacity as an alternate Director except only such part, if any, of the remuneration otherwise payable to his appointor as such appointor may by Notice to the Company from time to time direct.

- <u>95.91.</u> Every person acting as an alternate Director shall have one vote for each Director for whom he acts as alternate (in addition to his own vote if he is also a Director). If his appointor is for the time being absent from Hong Kong or otherwise not available or unable to act, the signature of an alternate Director to any resolution in writing of the Board or a committee of the Board of which his appointor is a member shall, unless the notice of his appointment provides to the contrary, be as effective as the signature of his appointor.
- <u>96.92.</u> An alternate Director shall ipso facto cease to be an alternate Director if his appointor ceases for any reason to be a Director, however, such alternate Director or any other person may be re-appointed by the Directors to serve as an alternate Director PROVIDED always that, if at any meeting any Director retires but is re-elected at the same meeting, any appointment of such alternate Director pursuant to these Bye-laws which was in force immediately before his retirement shall remain in force as though he had not retired.

#### DIRECTORS' FEES AND EXPENSES

- 97.93. The ordinary remuneration of the Directors shall from time to time be determined by the Company in general meeting and shall (unless otherwise directed by the resolution by which it is voted) be divided amongst the Board in such proportions and in such manner as the Board may agree or, failing agreement, equally, except that any Director who shall hold office for part only of the period in respect of which such remuneration is payable shall be entitled only to rank in such division for a proportion of remuneration related to the period during which he has held office. Such remuneration shall be deemed to accrue from day to day.
- 98.94. Each Director shall be entitled to be repaid or prepaid all travelling, hotel and incidental expenses reasonably incurred or expected to be incurred by him in attending meetings of the Board or committees of the Board or general meetings or separate meetings of any class of shares or of debentures of the Company or otherwise in connection with the discharge of his duties as a Director.
- <u>99.95.</u> Any Director who, by request, goes or resides abroad for any purpose of the Company or who performs services which in the opinion of the Board go beyond the ordinary duties of a Director may be paid such extra remuneration (whether by way of salary, commission, participation in profits or otherwise) as the Board may determine and such extra remuneration shall be in addition to or in substitution for any ordinary remuneration provided for by or pursuant to any other Bye-law.
- <u>100. 96.</u> The Board shall obtain the approval of the Company in general meeting before making any payment to any Director or past Director of the Company by way of compensation for loss of office, or as consideration for or in connection with his retirement from office (not being payment to which the Director is contractually entitled).

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### DIRECTORS' INTERESTS

101. 97. A Director may:

- (a) hold any other office or place of profit with the Company (except that of Auditor) in conjunction with his office of Director for such period and, subject to the relevant provisions of the Act, upon such terms as the Board may determine. Any remuneration (whether by way of salary, commission, participation in profits or otherwise) paid to any Director in respect of any such other office or place of profit shall be in addition to any remuneration provided for by or pursuant to any other Bye-law;
- (b) act by himself or his firm in a professional capacity for the Company (otherwise than as Auditor) and he or his firm may be remunerated for professional services as if he were not a Director; and
- continue to be or become a director, managing director, joint managing director, deputy (c) managing director, executive director, manager or other officer or member of any other company promoted by the Company or in which the Company may be interested as a vendor, shareholder or otherwise and (unless otherwise agreed) no such Director shall be accountable for any remuneration, profits or other benefits received by him as a director, managing director, joint managing director, deputy managing director, executive director, manager or other officer or member of or from his interests in any such other company. Subject as otherwise provided by these Bye-laws the Directors may exercise or cause to be exercised the voting powers conferred by the shares in any other company held or owned by the Company, or exercisable by them as directors of such other company in such manner in all respects as they think fit (including the exercise thereof in favour of any resolution appointing themselves or any of them as directors, managing directors, joint managing directors, deputy managing directors, executive directors, managers or other officers of such company) or voting or providing for the payment of remuneration to the director, managing director, joint managing director, deputy managing director, executive director, manager or other officers of such other company and any Director may vote in favour of the exercise of such voting rights in manner aforesaid notwithstanding that he may be, or about to be, appointed a director, managing director, joint managing director, deputy managing director, executive director, manager or other officer of such a company, and that as such he is or may become interested in the exercise of such voting rights in manner aforesaid.

### PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BYE-LAWS

102. 98.Subject to the Act and to these Bye-laws, no Director or proposed or intending Director shall be disqualified by his office from contracting with the Company, either with regard to his tenure of any office or place of profit or as vendor, purchaser or in any other manner whatsoever, nor shall any such contract or any other contract or arrangement in which any Director is in any way interested be liable to be avoided, nor shall any Director so contracting or being so interested be liable to account to the Company or the Members for any remuneration, profit or other benefits realised by any such contract or arrangement by reason of such Director holding that office or of the fiduciary relationship thereby established provided that such Director shall disclose the nature of his interest in any contract or arrangement in which he is interested in accordance with Bye-law 10399 herein.

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- 103. 99. A Director who to his knowledge is in any way, whether directly or indirectly, interested in a contract or arrangement or proposed contract or arrangement with the Company shall declare the nature of his interest at the meeting of the Board at which the question of entering into the contract or arrangement is first considered, if he knows his interest then exists, or in any other case at the first meeting of the Board after he knows that he is or has become so interested. For the purposes of this Bye-law, a general Notice to the Board by a Director to the effect that:
  - (a) he is a member or officer of a specified company or firm and is to be regarded as interested in any contract or arrangement which may after the date of the Notice be made with that company or firm; or
  - (b) he is to be regarded as interested in any contract or arrangement which may after the date of the Notice be made with a specified person who is connected with him;

shall be deemed to be a sufficient declaration of interest under this Bye-law in relation to any such contract or arrangement, provided that no such Notice shall be effective unless either it is given at a meeting of the Board or the Director takes reasonable steps to secure that it is brought up and read at the next Board meeting after it is given.

- 104.100.(1) A Director shall not vote (nor be counted in the quorum) on any resolution of the Board approving any contract or arrangement or any other proposal in which he or any of his close associates is materially interested, but this prohibition shall not apply to any of the following matters namely:
  - (i) any contract or arrangement for the giving of any security or indemnity either:-
    - (a) to such the Director or his <u>close</u> associate(s) any security or indemnity in respect of money lent by him or any of his associates or obligations incurred or undertaken by him or any of his associates them at the request of or for the benefit of the Company or any of its subsidiaries; or

- (ii) any contract or arrangement for the giving of any security or indemnity-
  - (b) to a third party in respect of a debt or obligation of the Company or any of its subsidiaries for which the Director or his <u>close</u> associate(s) has himself/ themselves assumed responsibility in whole or in part <u>and</u> whether alone or jointly under a guarantee or indemnity or by the giving of security;
- (iii) (ii) any contract or arrangementproposal concerning an offer of shares or debentures or other securities of or by the Company or any other company which the Company may promote or be interested in for subscription or purchase, where the Director or his <u>close</u> associate(s) is/are or is/are to be interested as a participant in the underwriting or sub-underwriting of the offer;
- (iv) any contract or arrangement in which the Director or his associate(s) is/are interested in the same manner as other holders of shares or debentures or other securities of the Company or any of its subsidiaries by virtue only of his/their interest in shares or debentures or other securities of the Company; or
- (v) [Intentionally Deleted]
- (vi) (iii) any proposal or arrangement concerning the benefit of employees of the Company or its subsidiaries including:
  - (a) the adoption, modification or operation of a<u>any employees' share scheme or any</u> share incentive or share option scheme, under which the Director or his close associate(s) may benefit; or
  - (b) the adoption, modification or operation of a pension fund or retirement, death or disability benefits scheme or other arrangement which relates both to directors the Director, his associates close associate(s) and employeesemployee(s) of the Company or of any of its subsidiaries and does not provide in respect of any Director, or his close associate(s), as such any privilege or advantage not accorded generally accorded to the class of persons to which such scheme or fund relates; or
- (iv) any contract or arrangement in which the Director or his close associate(s) is/are interested in the same manner as other holders of shares or debentures or other securities of the Company by virtue only of his/their interest in shares or debentures or other securities of the Company.

- (2) [Intentionally Deleted]
- (3) [Intentionally Deleted]
- (4) (2) If any question shall arise at any meeting of the Board as to the materiality of the interest of a Director (other than the chairman of the meeting) or as to the entitlement of any Director (other than such chairman) to vote and such question is not resolved by his voluntarily agreeing to abstain from voting, such question shall be referred to the chairman of the meeting and his ruling in relation to such other Director shall be final and conclusive except in a case where the nature or extent of the interest of the Director concerned as known to such Director has not been fairly disclosed to the Board. If any question as aforesaid shall arise in respect of the chairman of the meeting such question shall be decided by a resolution of the Board (for which purpose such chairman shall not vote thereon) and such resolution shall be final and conclusive except in a case where the nature or extent of such chairman shall not vote thereon.

### GENERAL POWERS OF THE DIRECTORS

- 105.101.(1) The business of the Company shall be managed and conducted by the Board, which may pay all expenses incurred in forming and registering the Company and may exercise all powers of the Company (whether relating to the management of the business of the Company or otherwise) which are not by the Statutes or by these Bye-laws required to be exercised by the Company in general meeting, subject nevertheless to the provisions of the Statutes and of these Bye-laws and to such regulations being not inconsistent with such provisions, as may be prescribed by the Company in general meeting, but no regulations made by the Company in general meeting shall invalidate any prior act of the Board which would have been valid if such regulations had not been made. The general powers given by this Bye-law shall not be limited or restricted by any special authority or power given to the Board by any other Byelaw.
  - (2) Any person contracting or dealing with the Company in the ordinary course of business shall be entitled to rely on any written or oral contract or agreement or deed, document or instrument entered into or executed as the case may be by any two of the Directors acting jointly on behalf of the Company and the same shall be deemed to be validly entered into or executed by the Company as the case may be and shall, subject to any rule of law, be binding on the Company.
  - (3) Without prejudice to the general powers conferred by these Bye-laws it is hereby expressly declared that the Board shall have the following powers:
    - (a) to give to any person the right or option of requiring at a future date that an allotment shall be made to him of any share at par or at such premium as may be agreed- $\frac{1}{2}$

- (b) to give to any Directors, officers or servants of the Company an interest in any particular business or transaction or participation in the profits thereof or in the general profits of the Company either in addition to or in substitution for a salary or other remuneration-<u>; and</u>
- (c) to resolve that the Company be discontinued in Bermuda and continued in a named country or jurisdiction outside Bermuda subject to the provisions of the Act.
- (4) Except as would, if the Company were a company incorporated in Hong Kong, be permitted by Section 1Sections 57H00 to 503 of the Companies Ordinance (Chapter 32 of the Laws of Hong Kong) as in force at the date of adoption of these Bye-laws, and except as permitted under the Lawapplicable laws, the Company shall not directly or indirectly:
  - (i) make a loan to a Director or a director of any holding company of the Company or to any of their respective associates (as defined by the rules, where applicable, of the Designated Stock Exchange);
  - (ii) body corporate controlled by such a Director; or
  - (ii) \_\_\_\_\_enter into any guarantee or provide any security in connection with a loan made by any person to a Director or <u>a body corporate controlled by</u> such a <del>director; or</del>
  - (iii) if anyone or more of the Directors hold (jointly or severally or directly or indirectly) a controlling interest in another company, make a loan to that other company or enter into any guarantee or provide any security in connection with a loan made by any person to that other company<u>Director</u>.
- 106-102. The Board may establish any regional or local boards or agencies for managing any of the affairs of the Company in any place, and may appoint any persons to be members of such local boards, or any managers or agents, and may fix their remuneration (either by way of salary or by commission or by conferring the right to participation in the profits of the Company or by a combination of two or more of these modes) and pay the working expenses of any staff employed by them upon the business of the Company. The Board may delegate to any regional or local board, manager or agent any of the powers, authorities and discretions vested in or exercisable by the Board (other than its powers to make calls and forfeit shares), with power to sub-delegate, and may authorise the members of any of them to fill any vacancies therein and to act notwithstanding vacancies. Any such appointment or delegation may be made upon such terms and subject to such conditions as the Board may think fit, and the Board may remove any person appointed as aforesaid, and may revoke or vary such delegation, but no person dealing in good faith and without notice of any such revocation or variation shall be affected thereby.

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- 103. The Board may by power of attorney appoint under the Seal any company, firm or person or any fluctuating body of persons, whether nominated directly or indirectly by the Board, to be the attorney or attorneys of the Company for such purposes and with such powers, authorities and discretions (not exceeding those vested in or exercisable by the Board under these Bye-laws) and for such period and subject to such conditions as it may think fit, and any such power of attorney may contain such provisions for the protection and convenience of persons dealing with any such attorney as the Board may think fit, and may also authorise any such attorney to sub-delegate all or any of the powers, authorities and discretions vested in him. Such attorney or attorneys may, if so authorised under the Seal of the Company, execute any deed or instrument under their personal seal with the same effect as the affixation of the Seal.
- 108.-104. The Board may entrust to and confer upon a managing director, joint managing director, deputy managing director, an executive director or any Director any of the powers exercisable by it upon such terms and conditions and with such restrictions as it thinks fit, and either collaterally with, or to the exclusion of, its own powers, and may from time to time revoke or vary all or any of such powers but no person dealing in good faith and without notice of such revocation or variation shall be affected thereby.
- 109.105.All cheques, promissory notes, drafts, bills of exchange and other instruments, whether negotiable or transferable or not, and all receipts for moneys paid to the Company shall be signed, drawn, accepted, endorsed or otherwise executed, as the case may be, in such manner as the Board shall from time to time by resolution determine. The Company's banking accounts shall be kept with such banker or bankers as the Board shall from time to time determine.
- H0.106. (1) The Board may establish or concur or join with other companies (being subsidiary companies of the Company or companies with which it is associated in business) in establishing and making contributions out of the Company's moneys to any schemes or funds for providing pensions, sickness or compassionate allowances, life assurance or other benefits for employees (which expression as used in this and the following paragraph shall include any Director or ex-Director who may hold or have held any executive office or any office of profit under the Company or any of its subsidiary companies) and ex-employees of the Company and their dependants or any class or classes of such person.
  - (2) The Board may pay, enter into agreements to pay or make grants of revocable or irrevocable, and either subject or not subject to any terms or conditions, pensions or other benefits to employees and ex-employees and their dependants, or to any of such persons, including pensions or benefits additional to those, if any, to which such employees or ex-employees or their dependants are or may become entitled under any such scheme or fund as mentioned in the last preceding paragraph. Any such pension or benefit may, as the Board considers desirable, be granted to an employee either before and in anticipation of or upon or at any time after his actual retirement.

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### **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BYE-LAWS**

### BORROWING POWERS

- HH.<u>107.</u>The Board may exercise all the powers of the Company to raise or borrow money and to mortgage or charge all or any part of the undertaking, property and assets (present and future) and uncalled capital of the Company and, subject to the Act, to issue debentures, bonds and other securities, whether outright or as collateral security for any debt, liability or obligation of the Company or of any third party PROVIDED ALWAYS that no borrowing may be made if it would result in the aggregate principal amount for the time being remaining undischarged of all moneys borrowed by the Company exceeding fifty per cent. (50%) of the latest available Net Asset Value at the time the borrowing is made without the approval of an ordinary resolution of the shareholders at a general meeting.
- <u>H2.108.</u>Debentures, bonds and other securities may be made assignable free from any equities between the Company and the person to whom the same may be issued.
- <u>H3.109.</u> Any debentures, bonds or other securities may be issued at a discount (other than shares), premium or otherwise and with any special privileges as to redemption, surrender, drawings, allotment of shares, attending and voting at general meetings of the Company, appointment of Directors and otherwise.
- <u>H4.110.</u>(1) Where any uncalled capital of the Company is charged, all persons taking any subsequent charge thereon shall take the same subject to such prior charge, and shall not be entitled, by notice to the Members or otherwise, to obtain priority over such prior charge.
  - (2) The Board shall cause a proper register to be kept, in accordance with the provisions of the Act, of all charges specifically affecting the property of the Company and of any series of debentures issued by the Company and shall duly comply with the requirements of the Act in regard to the registration of charges and debentures therein specified and otherwise.

#### PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIRECTORS

- H5.111. The Board may meet for the despatch of business, adjourn and otherwise regulate its meetings as it considers appropriate. Questions arising at any meeting shall be determined by a majority of votes. In the case of any equality of votes the chairman of the meeting shall have an additional or casting vote.
- H6-112.A meeting of the Board may be convened by the Secretary on request of a Director or by any Director. The Secretary shall convene a meeting of the Board of which notice maywhenever he shall be required so to do by any Director. Notice of a meeting of the Board shall be deemed to be duly given to a Director if it is given to such Director in writing or verbally (including in person or by telephone) or via electronic mail or in such other manner as the Board may from time to time determine whenever he shall be required so to do by the president or chairman, as the case may be, or any Director.

- 113.417.(1) The quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of the Board may be fixed by the Board and, unless so fixed at any other number, shall be two (2). An alternate Director shall be counted in a quorum in the case of the absence of a Director for whom he is the alternate provided that he shall not be counted more than once for the purpose of determining whether or not a quorum is present.
  - (2) Directors may participate in any meeting of the Board by means of a conference telephone, electronic or other communications equipment through which all persons participating in the meeting can communicate with each other simultaneously and instantaneously and, for the purpose of counting a quorum, such participation shall constitute presence at a meeting as if those participating were present in person.
  - (3) Any Director who ceases to be a Director at a Board meeting may continue to be present and to act as a Director and be counted in the quorum until the termination of such Board meeting if no other Director objects and if otherwise a quorum of Directors would not be present.

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- 114. The continuing Directors or a sole continuing Director may act notwithstanding any vacancy in the Board but, if and so long as the number of Directors is reduced below the minimum number fixed by or in accordance with these Bye-laws, the continuing Directors or Director, notwithstanding that the number of Directors is below the number fixed by or in accordance with these Bye-laws as the quorum or that there is only one continuing Director, may act for the purpose of filling vacancies in the Board or of summoning general meetings of the Company but not for any other purpose.
- H9.115. The Board may elect a<u>one or more</u> chairman and one or more deputy chairman of its meetings and determine the period for which they are respectively to hold such office. If no chairman or deputy chairman is elected, or if at any meeting <u>neither theno</u> chairman <u>nor anyor</u> deputy chairman is present within five (5) minutes after the time appointed for holding the same, the Directors present may choose one of their number to be chairman of the meeting.
- <u>120.116.</u> A meeting of the Board at which a quorum is present shall be competent to exercise all the powers, authorities and discretions for the time being vested in or exercisable by the Board.
- 121.117. (1) The Board may delegate any of its powers, authorities and discretions to committees, consisting of such Director or Directors and other persons as it thinks fit, and they may, from time to time, revoke such delegation or revoke the appointment of and discharge any such committees either wholly or in part, and either as to persons or purposes. Any committee so formed shall, in the exercise of the powers, authorities and discretions so delegated, conform to any regulations which may be imposed on it by the Board.

- (2) All acts done by any such committee in conformity with such regulations, and in fulfilment of the purposes for which it was appointed, but not otherwise, shall have like force and effect as if done by the Board, and the Board shall have power, with the consent of the Company in general meeting, to remunerate the members of any such committee, and charge such remuneration to the current expenses of the Company.
- <u>122. 118.</u> The meetings and proceedings of any committee consisting of two or more members shall be governed by the provisions contained in these Bye-laws for regulating the meetings and proceedings of the Board so far as the same are applicable and are not superseded by any regulations imposed by the Board under the last preceding Bye-law.
- $\frac{123}{123}$ -119. A resolution in writing signed by all the Directors except such as are temporarily unable to act through ill-health or disability, and all the alternate Directors, if appropriate, whose appointors are temporarily unable to act as aforesaid shall be as valid and effectual as if a resolution had been passed at a meeting of the Board duly convened and held provided that such number is sufficient to constitute a quorum and that a copy of such resolution has been given or the contents thereof communicated to all the Directors for the time being entitled to receive notices of Board meetings in the same manner as notices of meetings are required to be given by these Bye-laws and further provided that no Director is aware of or has received any objection to the resolution from any Director. A notification of consent to such resolution given by a Director in writing to the Board by any means (including by means of electronic communication) shall be deemed to be his/her signature to such resolution in writing for the purpose of this Bye-law. Such resolution may be contained in one document or in several documents in like form each signed by one or more of the Directors or alternate Directors and for this purpose a facsimile signature of a Director or an alternate Director shall be treated as valid. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a resolution in writing shall not be passed in lieu of a meeting of the Board for the purposes of considering any matter or business in which a substantial shareholder of the Company or a Director has a conflict of interest and the Board has determined that such conflict of interest to be material.

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120. All acts bona fide done by the Board or by any committee or by any person acting as a Director or members of a committee, shall, notwithstanding that it is afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the appointment of any member of the Board or such committee or person acting as aforesaid or that they or any of them were disqualified or had vacated office, be as valid as if every such person had been duly appointed and was qualified and had continued to be a Director or member of such committee.

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### MANAGERS

- 125-<u>1.</u> The Board may from time to time appoint a general manager, a manager or managers of the Company and may fix his or their remuneration either by way of salary or commission or by conferring the right to participation in the profits of the Company or by a combination of two or more of these modes and pay the working expenses of any of the staff of the general manager, manager or managers who may be employed by him or them upon the business of the Company.
- 126. 122. The appointment of such general manager, manager or managers may be for such period as the Board may decide, and the Board may confer upon him or them all or any of the powers of the Board as it may think fit.
- <u>127.123.</u> The Board may enter into such agreement or agreements with any such general manager, manager or managers upon such terms and conditions in all respects as the Board may in their absolute discretion think fit, including a power for such general manager, manager or managers to appoint an assistant manager or managers or other employees whatsoever under them for the purpose of carrying on the business of the Company.
- 123. The Board may appoint as Investment Manager any person and may entrust to and confer upon the Investment Manager so appointed any of the duties, powers and discretions exercisable by the Board (other than the power to make calls or forfeit shares) upon such terms and conditions and for such period and with such restrictions as the Board thinks fit and whether collaterally with or to the exclusion of the Board<sup>2</sup>'s own powers. In the event of the termination for whatever reason of the appointment of any Investment Manager so appointed, the Board shall as soon as is practicable thereafter take all such steps as are reasonable to secure the appointment of some other person as the Investment Manager. The remuneration of the Investment Manager shall be paid and accrue at such rate, at such time or times and in such manner as the Board may from time to time agree with the Investment Manager.
- 128A<u>3B</u>. Subject to the terms of any agreement between the Company and the Investment Manager and to the provisions of these Bye-laws, the Investment Manager may appoint any persons, firms or corporations approved by the Board to act as investment advisers to the Investment Manager in relation to the monies and assets of the Company, and whose remuneration shall be payable by and borne by the Investment Manager.
- 128<u>B3C</u>. Subject to the terms of any agreement between the Company and the Investment Manager, the Investment Manager shall be entitled to hold and deal for its own account in shares of the Company provided that the expenses (including stamp duty) of any sale or purchase of shares by the Investment Manager shall be payable by and borne by the Investment Manager.

- 129-123D. The Board shall appoint a Custodian who or whose nominee shall hold the assets of the Company and in whose name or in the name of whose nominee the same shall be registered in the case of registered securities and who shall perform such other duties upon such terms as the Board may from time to time (with the agreement of the Custodian) determine. The remuneration of the Custodian shall be paid and accrue at such rate, at such time or times and in such manner as the Board may from time to time agree with the Custodian.
- 129A<u>3E</u>. All moneys, bills and notes belonging to the Company shall be paid to or to the order of or deposited with or to the order of the Custodian or its nominee to an account or accounts to be opened in the name of the Company.
- 129<u>B3F.</u> In the event of the Custodian desiring to retire, the Board shall use its best endeavours to find a corporation having the said qualifications to act as replacement Custodian and upon doing so, the Board shall appoint such corporation to be Custodian in place of the retiring Custodian. The Board shall not remove the Custodian unless and until a successor corporation shall have been appointed in accordance with these Bye-laws to act in the place thereof.
- 129<u>C3G</u>. The powers of the Board under these Bye-laws shall include a power to appoint two or more joint Custodians.

#### **OFFICERS**

- H30:124. (1) The officers of the Company shall consist of the Directors and Secretary and such additional officers (who may or may not be Directors) as the Board may from time to time determine, all of whom shall be deemed to be officers for the purposes of the Act and, subject to Bye-law 13428(4), these Bye-laws.
  - (2) [Intentionally Deleted]
  - (3)-(2)The officers shall receive such remuneration as the Directors may from time to time determine.
  - (4) (3) Where the Company appoints and maintains a resident representative ordinarily resident in Bermuda in accordance with the Act, the resident representative shall comply with the provisions of the Act.
  - (4) The Company shall provide the resident representative with such documents and information as the resident representative may require in order to be able to comply with the provisions of the Act.
  - (5) The resident representative shall be entitled to have notice of, attend and be heard at all meetings of the Directors or of any committee of such Directors or general meetings of the Company.

- 131.125. (1) The Secretary and additional officers, if any, shall be appointed by the Board and shall hold office on such terms and for such period as the Board may determine. If thought fit, two (2) or more persons may be appointed as joint Secretaries. The Board may also appoint from time to time on such terms as it thinks fit one or more assistant or deputy Secretaries.
  - (2) The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Members and shall keep correct minutes of such meetings and enter the same in the proper books provided for the purpose. He shall perform such other duties as are prescribed by the Act or these Bye-laws or as may be prescribed by the Board.
- <u>+32.126.</u> The officers of the Company shall have such powers and perform such duties in the management<del>;</del>, business and affairs of the Company as may be delegated to them by the Directors from time to time.
- <u>133.127.</u> A provision of the Act or of these Bye-laws requiring or authorising a thing to be done by or to a Director and the Secretary shall not be satisfied by its being done by or to the same person acting both as Director and as or in place of the Secretary.

### REGISTER OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

- <u>134. 128.</u>(1) The Board shall cause to be kept in one or more books at the Office a Register of Directors and Officers and shall enter therein the following particulars with respect to each Director and Officer, that is to say:
  - (a) in the case of an individual, his or her present first name, surname and address; and
  - (b) in the case of a company, its name and registered office.
  - (2) The Board shall within a period of fourteen (14) days from the occurrence of:
    - (a) any change among the Directors and Officers; or
    - (b) any change in the particulars contained in the Register of Directors and Officers;

cause to be entered on the Register of Directors and Officers the particulars of such change-and of the date on which it occurred.

- (3) The Register of Directors and Officers shall be open to inspection by members of the public without charge at the Office between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon during business hours.
- (4) In this Bye-law "Officer" has the meaning ascribed to it in Section 92A(7) of the Act.

#### MINUTES

135.129. (1) The Board shall cause Minutes to be duly entered in books provided for the purpose:

- (a) of all elections and appointments of officers;
- (b) of the names of the Directors present at each meeting of the Directors and of any committee of the Directors; and
- (c) of all resolutions and proceedings of each general meeting of the Members and meetings of the Board.
- (2) Minutes prepared in accordance with the Act and these Bye-laws shall be kept by the Secretary at the Office.

### SEAL

- 136-130.(1) The Company shall have one or more Seals, as the Board may determine. For the purpose of sealing documents creating or evidencing securities issued by the Company, the Company may have a securities seal which is a facsimile of the Seal with the addition of the words "Securities Seal" on its face or in such other form as the Board may approve. The Board shall provide for the custody of each Seal and no Seal shall be used without the authority of the Board or of a committee of the Board authorised by the Board in that behalf. Subject as otherwise provided in these Bye-laws, any instrument to which a Seal is affixed shall be signed autographically by one Director and the Secretary or by two Directors or by such other person (including a Director) or persons as the Board may appoint, either generally or in any particular case, save that as regards any certificates for shares or debentures or other securities of the Company the Board may by resolution determine that such signatures or either of them shall be dispensed with or affixed by some method or system of mechanical signature. Every instrument executed in the manner provided by this Bye-law shall be deemed to be sealed and executed with the authority of the Board previously given.
  - (2) Where the Company has a Seal for use abroad, the Board may by writing under the Seal appoint any agent or committee abroad to be the duly authorised agent of the Company for the purpose of affixing and using such Seal and the Board may impose restrictions on the use thereof as may be thought fit. Wherever in these Bye-laws reference is made to the Seal, the reference shall, when and so far as may be applicable, be deemed to include any such other Seal as aforesaid.

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#### AUTHENTICATION OF DOCUMENTS

- 137.-131. Any Director or the Secretary or any person appointed by the Board for the purpose may authenticate any documents affecting the constitution of the Company and any resolution passed by the Company or the Board or any committee, and any books, records, documents and accounts relating to the business of the Company, and to certify copies thereof or extracts therefrom as true copies or extracts, and if any books, records, documents or accounts are elsewhere than at the Office or the head office the local manager or other officer of the Company having the custody thereof shall be deemed to be a person so appointed by the Board. A document purporting to be a copy of a resolution, or an extract from the minutes of a meeting, of the Company or of the Board or any committee which is so certified shall be conclusive evidence in favour of all persons dealing with the Company upon the faith thereof that such resolution has been duly passed or, as the case may be, that such minutes or extract is a true and accurate record of proceedings at a duly constituted meeting.
- H38.131A. The Company shall calculate the Net Asset Value as at the Valuation Date of each calendar month (except when the determination of the Net Asset Value has been suspended under the provisions of Bye-law 14031C), and on such other occasions as the Board may from time to time determine. The Net Asset Value per share as at any particular time shall be determined by dividing the Net Asset Value as at that time by the number of shares in issue at that time. Any certificate as to the Net Asset Value per share therefor given in good faith by or on behalf of the Board shall be binding on all parties.
- 139.131B. The Net Asset Value of the Company will be calculated in accordance with the valuation methods set out below:
  - (1) the valuation will be prepared in Hong Kong dollars and any assets or liabilities denominated in a currency other than Hong Kong dollars will be converted into Hong Kong dollars at such rate of exchange as the Board will in its absolute discretion determine to be ruling at the close of business on the relevant Valuation Date;
  - (2) investments (not including securities in collective investment schemes) quoted, listed, traded or dealt in on any market will be taken at the last transacted price on that market as at the official close of such market on the relevant Valuation Date or the trading day immediately prior to the relevant Valuation Date if such Valuation Date is not a trading day on that market;
  - (3) each unquoted investment will be valued at cost and such other price as may be determined by the Board if it concludes that the Board has available to it sufficient reliable information upon which to base such a valuation;
  - (4) there will be included in the valuation any interest accrued and any dividends declared but not yet received as at the relevant Valuation Date;

- (5) in calculating the Net Asset Value, there will be deducted all liabilities of the Company, such provisions and allowances for contingencies as the Board considers appropriate and such provisions and allowances in respect of costs and expenses payable by the Company as notified by the Board; and
- (6) the Board may permit some other methods of valuation to be used if a particular investment is not or cannot be valued as above or if the Board considers that the use of some other valuation methods better reflect the fair value.
- 140. 131C. The Board may suspend calculation of the Net Asset Value upon the occurrence of any of the following events:
  - (1) when, as a result of political, economic, military or monetary events or any circumstance outside the control, responsibility and power of the Company, disposal of investments is not reasonably practicable without materially and adversely affecting and prejudicing the interests of the Members, or if, in the opinion of the Board, the value of any of the investments or other assets of the Company cannot reasonably or fairly be ascertained; or
  - (2) when a breakdown occurs in any of the means normally employed in ascertaining the value of investments or when for any other reason the value of any of the investments or other assets of the Company cannot reasonably or fairly be ascertained.
- 140A3ID. Any such suspension shall take effect at such time as the Board shall declare but not later than the close of business on the Hong Kong Business Day next following the declaration, and thereafter there shall be no determination of the Net Asset Value until the Board shall declare the suspension at and, except that such suspension shall terminate in any event on the first Hong Kong Business Day on which:
  - (a) the condition giving rise to the suspension shall have ceased to exist; and
  - (b) no other condition under which suspension is authorised under this Bye-law shall exist.
- 140B31E Each declaration by the Board pursuant to Bye-law 14031C shall be consistent with such official rules and regulations (if any) relating to the subject matter thereof as shall have been promulgated by any authority having jurisdiction over the Company and as shall be in effect at the time. To the extent not inconsistent with such official rules and regulations, the determination of the Board shall be conclusive. Whenever the Board shall declare a suspension of the determination of the Net Asset Value, then as soon as may be practicable after any such declaration, the Board shall notify the Designated Stock Exchange and use its best endeavours to cause a notice to the effect that such declaration has been made to be published in the newspapers. At the end of any period of suspension as aforementioned, the Board shall notify the Designated Stock Exchange and cause another notice to the effect that the period of suspension has ended to be published in the newspapers.

140<u>C31F</u>. The Net Asset Value and the Net Asset Value per share shall be published in the newspapers in accordance with the rules of the Designated Stock ExchangeListing Rules.

#### DESTRUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

- <u>141.132.(1)</u> The Company shall be entitled to destroy the following documents at the following times:
  - (a) any share certificate which has been cancelled at any time after the expiry of one (1) year from the date of such cancellation;
  - (b) any dividend mandate or any variation or cancellation thereof or any notification of change of name or address at any time after the expiry of two (2) years from the date such mandate variation cancellation or notification was recorded by the Company;
  - (c) any instrument of transfer of shares which has been registered at any time after the expiry of seven (7) years from the date of registration;
  - (d) any allotment letters after the expiry of seven (7) years from the date of issue thereof; and
  - (e) copies of powers of attorney, grants of probate and letters of administration at any time after the expiry of seven (7) years after the account to which the relevant power of attorney, grant of probate or letters of administration related has been closed;

and it shall conclusively be presumed in favour of the Company that every entry in the Register purporting to be made on the basis of any such documents so destroyed was duly and properly made and every share certificate so destroyed was a valid certificate duly and properly cancelled and that every instrument of transfer so destroyed was a valid and effective instrument duly and properly registered and that every other document destroyed hereunder was a valid and effective document in accordance with the recorded particulars thereof in the books or records of the Company. Provided always that: (1) the foregoing provisions of this Bye-law shall apply only to the destruction of a document in good faith and without express notice to the Company that the preservation of such document was relevant to a claim; (2) nothing contained in this Bye-law shall be construed as imposing upon the Company any liability in respect of the destruction of any such document earlier than as aforesaid or in any case where the conditions of proviso (1) above are not fulfilled; and (3) references in this Bye-law to the destruction of any document include references to its disposal in any manner.

(2) Notwithstanding any provision contained in these Bye-laws, the Directors may, if permitted by applicable law, authorise the destruction of documents set out in sub-paragraphs (a) to (e) of paragraph (1) of this Bye-law and any other documents in relation to share registration which have been microfilmed or electronically stored by the Company or by the share registrar on its behalf provided always that this Bye-law shall apply only to the destruction of a document in good faith and without express notice to the Company and its share registrar that the preservation of such document was relevant to a claim.

#### **DIVIDENDS AND OTHER PAYMENTS**

- <u>142.133.</u>Subject to the Act and these Bye-laws, the Company in general meeting may from time to time declare dividends in any currency to be paid to the Members but no dividend shall be declared in excess of the amount recommended by the Board. The Company in general meeting may also make a distribu-tion to the Members out of any contributed surplus (as ascertained in accordance with the Act).
- 143. 134. No dividend shall be paid or distribution made out of contributed surplus if to do so would render the Company unable to pay its liabilities as they become due or the realisable value of its assets would thereby become less than its liabilities.
- 144.-135.Except in so far as the rights attaching to, or the terms of issue of, any share otherwise provide:
  - (a) (a) all dividends shall be declared and paid according to the amounts paid up on the shares in respect of which the dividend is paid, but no amount paid up on a share in advance of calls shall be treated for the purposes of this Bye-law as paid up on the share; and
  - (b) (b) all dividends shall be apportioned and paid pro rata according to the amounts paid up on the shares during any portion or portions of the period in respect of which the dividend is paid.
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- 136. The Board may from time to time pay to the Members such interim dividends as appear to the Board to be justified by the profits of the Company and in particular (but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) if at any time the share capital of the Company is divided into different classes, the Board may pay such interim dividends in respect of those shares in the capital of the Company which confer on the holders thereof deferred or non-preferential rights as well as in respect of those shares which confer on the holders thereof preferential rights with regard to dividend and provided that the Board acts bona fide the Board shall not incur any responsibility to the holders of shares conferring any preference for any damage that they may suffer by reason of the payment of an interim dividend on any shares having deferred or non-preferential rights and may also pay any fixed dividend which is payable on any shares of the Company half-yearly or on any other dates, whenever such profits, in the opinion of the Board, justifies such payment.

- <u>146. 137.</u> The Board may deduct from any dividend or other moneys payable to a Member by the Company on or in respect of any shares all sums of money (if any) presently payable by him to the Company on account of calls or otherwise.
- <u>147.138.</u>No dividend or other moneys payable by the Company on or in respect of any share shall bear interest against the Company.
- 148.-139. Any dividend, interest or other sum payable in cash to the holder of shares may be paid by cheque or warrant sent through the post addressed to the holder at his registered address or, in the case of joint holders, addressed to the holder whose name stands first in the Register in respect of the shares at his address as appearing in the Register or, addressed to such person and at such address as the holder or joint holders may in writing direct. Every such cheque or warrant shall, unless the holder or joint holders otherwise direct, be made payable to the order of the holder or, in the case of joint holders, to the order of the holder whose name stands first on the Register in respect of such shares, and shall be sent at his or their risk and payment of the cheque or warrant by the bank on which it is drawn shall constitute a good discharge to the Company notwithstanding that it may subsequently appear that the same has been stolen or that any endorsement thereon has been forged. Any one of two or more joint holders may give effectual receipts for any dividends or other moneys payable or property distributable in respect of the shares held by such joint holders.
- 149. 140. All dividends or bonuses unclaimed for one (1) year after having been declared may be invested or otherwise made use of by the Board for the benefit of the Company until claimed. Any dividend or bonuses unclaimed after a period of six (6) years from the date of declaration shall be forfeited and shall revert to the Company. The payment by the Board of any unclaimed dividend or other sums payable on or in respect of a share into a separate account shall not constitute the Company a trustee in respect thereof.

- 150-141. Whenever the Board or the Company in general meeting has resolved that a dividend be paid or declared, the Board may further resolve that such dividend be satisfied wholly or in part by the distribution of specific assets of any kind and in particular of paid up shares, debentures or warrants to subscribe securities of the Company or any other company, or in any one or more of such ways, and where any difficulty arises in regard to the distribution the Board may settle the same as it thinks expedient, and in particular may issue certificates in respect of fractions of shares, disregard fractional entitlements or round the same up or down, and may fix the value for distribution of such specific assets, or any part thereof, and may determine that cash payments shall be made to any Members upon the footing of the value so fixed in order to adjust the rights of all parties, and may vest any such specific assets in trustees as may seem expedient to the Board and may appoint any person to sign any requisite instruments of transfer and other documents on behalf of the persons entitled to the dividend, and such appointment shall be effective and binding on the Members. The Board may resolve that no such assets shall be made available to Members with registered addresses in any particular territory or territories where, in the absence of a registration statement or other special formalities, such distribution of assets would or might, in the opinion of the Board, be unlawful or impracticable and in such event the only entitlement of the Members aforesaid shall be to receive cash payments as aforesaid. Members affected as a result of the foregoing sentence shall not be or be deemed to be a separate class of Members for any purpose whatsoever.
- <u>151. 142.</u>(1) Whenever the Board or the Company in general meeting has resolved that a dividend be paid or declared on any class of the share capital of the Company, the Board may further resolve either:
  - (a) that such dividend be satisfied wholly or in part in the form of an allotment of shares credited as fully paid up, provided that the shareholders entitled thereto will be entitled to elect to receive such dividend (or part thereof if the Board so determines) in cash in lieu of such allotment. In such case, the following provisions shall apply:
    - (i) the basis of any such allotment shall be determined by the Board;
    - (ii) the Board, after determining the basis of allotment, shall give not less than two (2) weeks' Notice to the holders of the relevant shares of the right of election accorded to them and shall send with such notice forms of election and specify the procedure to be followed and the place at which and the latest date and time by which duly completed forms of election must be lodged in order to be effective;
    - (iii) the right of election may be exercised in respect of the whole or part of that portion of the dividend in respect of which the right of election has been accorded; and

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- (iv) the dividend (or that part of the dividend to be satisfied by the allotment of shares as aforesaid) shall not be payable in cash on shares in respect whereof the cash election has not been duly exercised ("the non-elected shares") and in satisfaction thereof shares of the relevant class shall be allotted credited as fully paid up to the holders of the non-elected shares on the basis of allotment determined as aforesaid and for such purpose the Board shall capitalise and apply out of any part of the undivided profits of the Company (including profits carried and standing to the credit of any reserves or other special account other than the Subscription Rights Reserve (as defined below)) as the Board may determine, such sum as may be required to pay up in full the appropriate number of shares of the relevant class for allotment and distribution to and amongst the holders of the non-elected shares on such basis; or
- (b) that the shareholders entitled to such dividend shall be entitled to elect to receive an allotment of shares credited as fully paid up in lieu of the whole or such part of the dividend as the Board may think fit. In such case, the following provisions shall apply:
  - (i) the basis of any such allotment shall be determined by the Board;
  - (ii) the Board, after determining the basis of allotment, shall give not less than two (2) weeks' Notice to the holders of the relevant shares of the right of election accorded to them and shall send with such notice forms of election and specify the procedure to be followed and the place at which and the latest date and time by which duly completed forms of election must be lodged in order to be effective;
  - (iii) the right of election may be exercised in respect of the whole or part of that portion of the dividend in respect of which the right of election has been accorded; and
  - (iv) the dividend (or that part of the dividend in respect of which a right of election has been accorded) shall not be payable in cash on shares in respect whereof the share election has been duly exercised ("the elected shares") and in lieu thereof shares of the relevant class shall be allotted credited as fully paid up to the holders of the elected shares on the basis of allotment determined as aforesaid and for such purpose the Board shall capitalise and apply out of any part of the undivided profits of the Company (including profits carried and standing to the credit of any reserves or other special account other than the Subscription Rights Reserve (as defined below)) as the Board may determine, such sum as may be required to pay up in full the appropriate number of shares of the elected shares on such basis.

- (2) (a) The shares allotted pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (1) of this Bye-law shall rank *pari passu* in all respects with shares of the same class (if any) then in issue save only as regards participation in the relevant dividend or in any other distributions, bonuses or rights paid, made, declared or announced prior to or contemporaneously with the payment or declaration of the relevant dividend unless, contemporaneously with the announcement by the Board of their proposal to apply the provisions of sub-paragraph (a) or (b) of paragraph (21) of this Bye-law in relation to the relevant dividend or contemporaneously with their announcement of the distribution, bonus or rights in question, the Board shall specify that the shares to be allotted pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (1) of this Bye-law shall rank for participation in such distribution, bonus or rights.
  - (b) The Board may do all acts and things considered necessary or expedient to give effect to any capitalisation pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (1) of this Byelaw, with full power to the Board to make such provisions as it thinks fit in the case of shares becoming distributable in fractions (including provisions whereby, in whole or in part, fractional entitlements are aggregated and sold and the net proceeds distributed to those entitled, or are disregarded or rounded up or down or whereby the benefit of fractional entitlements accrues to the Company rather than to the Members concerned). The Board may authorise any person to enter into on behalf of all Members interested, an agreement with the Company providing for such capitalisation and matters incidental thereto and any agreement made pursuant to such authority shall be effective and binding on all concerned.
- (3) The Company may upon the recommendation of the Board by ordinary resolution resolve in respect of any one particular dividend of the Company that notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1) of this Bye-law a dividend may be satisfied wholly in the form of an allotment of shares credited as fully paid up without offering any right to shareholders to elect to receive such dividend in cash in lieu of such allotment.
- (4) The Board may on any occasion determine that rights of election and the allotment of shares under paragraph (1) of this Bye-law shall not be made available or made to any shareholders with registered addresses in any territory where, in the absence of a registration statement or other special formalities, the circulation of an offer of such rights of election or the allotment of shares would or might, in the opinion of the Board, be unlawful or impracticable, and in such event the provisions aforesaid shall be read and construed subject to such determination, Members affected as a result of the foregoing sentence shall not be or be deemed to be a separate class of Members for any purpose whatsoever.

(5) Any resolution declaring a dividend on shares of any class, whether a resolution of the Company in general meeting or a resolution of the Board, may specify that the same shall be payable or distributable to the persons registered as the holders of such shares at the close of business on a particular date, notwithstanding that it may be a date prior to that on which the resolution is passed, and thereupon the dividend shall be payable or distributable to them in accordance with their respective holdings so registered, but without prejudice to the rights inter se in respect of such dividend of transferors and transferees of any such shares. The provisions of this Bye-law shall mutatis mutandis apply to bonuses, capitalisation issues, distributions of realised capital profits or offers or grants made by the Company to the Members.

#### RESERVES

152. 143. Before recommending any dividend, the Board may set aside out of the profits of the Company such sums as it determines as reserves which shall, at the discretion of the Board, be applicable for any purpose to which the profits of the Company may be properly applied and pending such application may, also at such discretion, either be employed in the business of the Company or be invested in such investments as the Board may from time to time think fit and so that it shall not be necessary to keep any investments constituting the reserve or reserves separate or distinct from any other investments of the Company. The Board may also without placing the same to reserve carry forward any profits which it may think prudent not to distribute.

#### CAPITALISATION

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The Company may, upon the recommendation of the Board, at any time and from time to 144. (1) time pass an ordinary resolution to the effect that it is desirable to capitalise all or any part of any amount for the time being standing to the credit of any reserve or fund (including the profit and loss account) whether or not the same is available for distribution and accordingly that such amount be set free for distribution among the Members or any class of Members who would be entitled thereto if it were distributed by way of dividend and in the same proportions, on the footing that the same is not paid in cash but is applied either in or towards paying up the amounts for the time being unpaid on any shares in the Company held by such Members respectively or in paying up in full unissued shares, debentures or other obligations of the Company, to be allotted and distributed credited as fully paid up among such Members, or partly in one way and partly in the other, and the Board shall give effect to such resolution provided that, for the purposes of this Bye-law, a share premium account and any reserve or fund representing unrealised profits, may be applied only in paying up in full unissued shares of the Company to be allotted to such Members credited as fully paid. In carrying sums to reserve and in applying the same the Board shall comply with the provisions of the Act.

- Notwithstanding any provisions in these Bye-laws, the Board may resolve to capitalise (2)all or any part of any amount for the time being standing to the credit of any reserve or fund (including the profit and loss account) whether or not the same is available for distribution by applying such sum in paying up unissued shares to be allotted to (i) employees (including directors) of the Company and/or its affiliates (meaning any individual, corporation, partnership, association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated association or other entity (other than the Company) that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by or is under common control with, the Company) upon exercise or vesting of any options or awards granted under any share incentive scheme or employee benefit scheme or other arrangement which relates to such persons that has been adopted or approved by the Members at a general meeting, or (ii) any trustee of any trust to whom shares are to be allotted and issued by the Company in connection with the operation of any share incentive scheme or employee benefit scheme or other arrangement which relates to such persons that has been adopted or approved by the Members at a general meeting.
- 154. 145. The Board may settle, as it considers appropriate, any difficulty arising in regard to any distribution under the last preceding Bye-law and in particular may issue certificates in respect of fractions of shares or authorise any person to sell and transfer any fractions or may resolve that the distribution should be as nearly as may be practicable in the correct proportion but not exactly so or may ignore fractions altogether, and may determine that cash payments shall be made to any Members in order to adjust the rights of all parties, as may seem expedient to the Board. The Board may appoint any person to sign on behalf of the persons entitled to participate in the distribution any contract necessary or desirable for giving effect thereto and such appointment shall be effective and binding upon the Members.

#### SUBSCRIPTION RIGHTS RESERVE

- <u>155.146.</u>The following provisions shall have effect to the extent that they are not prohibited by and are in compliance with the Act:
  - (1) If, so long as any of the rights attached to any warrants issued by the Company to subscribe for shares of the Company shall remain exercisable, the Company does any act or engages in any transaction which, as a result of any adjustments to the subscription price in accordance with the provisions of the conditions of the warrants, would reduce the subscription price to below the nominal value of a share, then the following provisions shall apply:
    - (a) as from the date of such act or transaction the Company shall establish and thereafter (subject as provided in this Bye-law) maintain in accordance with the provisions of this Bye-law a reserve (the "Subscription Rights Reserve") the amount of which shall at no time be less than the sum which for the time being would be required to be capitalised and applied in paying up in full the nominal amount of the additional shares required to be issued and allotted credited as fully paid pursuant to subparagraph (c) below on the exercise in full of all the subscription rights outstanding and shall apply the Subscription Rights Reserve in paying up such additional shares in full as and when the same are allotted;
    - (b) the Subscription Rights Reserve shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified above unless all other reserves of the Company (other than share premium account) have been extinguished and will then only be used to make good losses of the Company if and so far as is required by law;
    - (c) upon the exercise of all or any of the subscription rights represented by any warrant, the relevant subscription rights shall be exercisable in respect of a nominal amount of shares equal to the amount in cash which the holder of such warrant is required to pay on exercise of the subscription rights represented thereby (or, as the case may be the relevant portion thereof in the event of a partial exercise of the subscription rights) and, in addition, there shall be allotted in respect of such subscription rights to the exercising warrantholder, credited as fully paid, such additional nominal amount of shares as is equal to the difference between:
      - the said amount in cash which the holder of such warrant is required to pay on exercise of the subscription rights represented thereby (or, as the case may be, the relevant portion thereof in the event of a partial exercise of the subscription rights); and

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- (ii) the nominal amount of shares in respect of which such subscription rights would have been exercisable having regard to the provisions of the conditions of the warrants, had it been possible for such subscription rights to represent the right to subscribe for shares at less than par and immediately upon such exercise so much of the sum standing to the credit of the Subscription Rights Reserve as is required to pay up in full such additional nominal amount of shares shall be capitalised and applied in paying up in full such additional nominal amount of shares which shall forthwith be allotted credited as fully paid to the exercising warrantholders; and
- (d) if, upon the exercise of the subscription rights represented by any warrant, the amount standing to the credit of the Subscription Rights Reserve is not sufficient to pay up in full such additional nominal amount of shares equal to such difference as aforesaid to which the exercising warrantholder is entitled, the Board shall apply any profits or reserves then or thereafter becoming available (including, to the extent permitted by law, share premium account) for such purpose until such additional nominal amount of shares is paid up and allotted as aforesaid and until then no dividend or other distribution shall be paid or made on the fully paid shares of the Company then in issue. Pending such payment and allotment, the exercising warrantholder shall be issued by the Company with a certificate evidencing his right to the allotment of such shall be in registered form and shall be transferable in whole or in part in units of one share in the like manner as the shares for the time being are transferable, and the Company shall make such arrangements in relation to the maintenance of a register therefor and other matters in relation thereto as the Board may think fit and adequate particulars thereof shall be made known to each relevant exercising warrantholder upon the issue of such certificate.
- (2) Shares allotted pursuant to the provisions of this Bye-law shall rank *pari passu* in all respects with the other shares allotted on the relevant exercise of the subscription rights represented by the warrant concerned. Notwithstanding anything contained in paragraph (1) of this Bye-law, no fraction of any share shall be allotted on exercise of the subscription rights.
- (3) The provision of this Bye-law as to the establishment and maintenance of the Subscription Rights Reserve shall not be altered or added to in any way which would vary or abrogate, or which would have the effect of varying or abrogating the provisions for the benefit of any warrantholder or class of warrantholders under this Bye-law without the sanction of a special resolution of such warrantholders or class of warrantholders.

(4) A certificate or report by the auditors for the time being of the Company as to whether or not the Subscription Rights Reserve is required to be established and maintained and if so the amount thereof so required to be established and maintained, as to the purposes for which the Subscription Rights Reserve has been used, as to the extent to which it has been used to make good losses of the Company, as to the additional nominal amount of shares required to be allotted to exercising warrantholders credited as fully paid, and as to any other matter concerning the Subscription Rights Reserve shall (in the absence of manifest error) be conclusive and binding upon the Company and all warrantholders and shareholders.

#### ACCOUNTING RECORDS

- 156.147. The Board shall cause true accounts to be kept of the sums of money received and expended by the Company, and the matters in respect of which such receipt and expenditure take place, and of the property, assets, credits and liabilities of the Company and of all other matters required by the Act or necessary to give a true and fair view of the Company's affairs and to explain its transactions.
- 157. 148. The accounting records shall be kept at the Office or, subject to the Act, at such other place or places as the Board decides and shall always be open to inspection by the Directors. No Member (other than a Director) shall have any right of inspecting any accounting record or book or document of the Company except as conferred by law or authorised by the Board or the Company in general meeting.
- 158.149.Subject to Section 88 of the Act and Bye-law 1590, a printed copy of the Directors' report, accompanied by the balance sheet and profit and loss account, including every document required by law to be annexed thereto, made up to the end of the applicable financial year and containing a summary of the assets and liabilities of the Company under convenient heads and a statement of income and expenditure, together with a copy of the Auditors' report, shall be sent to each person entitled thereto at least twenty-one (21) days before the date of the <u>annual general meeting</u> and laid before the Company inat the annual general meeting in accordance with the requirements of the Act provided that this Bye-law shall not require a copy of those documents to be sent to any person whose address the Company is not aware of or to more than one of the joint holders of any shares or debentures.

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159.150. To the extent permitted by and subject to due compliance with all applicable Statutes, rules and regulations, including, without limitation, the rules of the Designated Stock ExchangeListing Rules, and to obtaining all necessary consents, if any, required thereunder, the requirements of Bye-law 15849 shall be deemed satisfied in relation to any person by sending to the person in any manner not prohibited by the Statutes, a summarysummarised financial statements derived from the Company's annual accounts and the directors' report which shall be in the form and containing the information required by applicable laws and regulations, provided that any person who is otherwise entitled to the annual financial statements of the Company, demand that the Company sends to him, in addition to a summarysummarised financial statements, a complete printed copy of the Company's annual financial statement and the directors' report thereon.

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160.151. The requirement to send to a person referred to in Bye-law 15849 the documents referred to in that provision or a summary financial report in accordance with Bye-law 1590 shall be deemed satisfied where, in accordance with all applicable Statutes, rules and regulations, including, without limitation, the rules of the Designated Stock ExchangeListing Rules, the Company publishes copies of the documents referred to in Bye-law 15849 and, if applicable, a summary financial report complying with Bye-law 1590, on the Company's computer network or in any other permitted manner (including by sending any form of electronic communication), and that person has agreed or is deemed to have agreed to treat the publication or receipt of such documents in such manner as discharging the Company's obligation to send to him a copy of such documents.

#### AUDIT

- Holl.152. (1) Subject to Section 88 of the Act, at the annual general meeting or at a subsequent special general meeting in each year, the Members shall by ordinary resolution appoint an auditor to audit the accounts of the Company and such auditor shall hold office until the Members appoint another auditor. Such auditor may be a Member but no Director or officer or employee of the Company shall, during his continuance in office, be eligible to act as an auditor of the Company.
  - (2) The Auditor shall be independent of the Company and the Investment Manager and the Custodian to the extent required of an auditor under the Companies Ordinance and shall ensure that the accounts of the Company are audited to a standard compatible to that required of companies incorporated in Hong Kong.
  - (3) Subject to Section 89 of the Act, a person, other than an incumbent Auditor, shall not be capable of being appointed Auditor at an annual general meeting unless notice in writing of an intention to nominate that person to the office of Auditor has been given not less than twenty-one (21) days before the annual general meeting and furthermore, the Company shall send a copy of any such notice to the incumbent Auditor.

- (4) The Members may, at any general meeting convened and held in accordance with these Byelaws, by special<u>extraordinary</u> resolution remove the Auditor at any time before the expiration of his term of office and shall by ordinary resolution at that meeting appoint another Auditor in his stead for the remainder of his term.
- 162. 153. Subject to Section 88 of the Act the accounts of the Company shall be audited at least once in every year.
- <del>163.</del><u>154.</u>The remuneration of the Auditor shall be fixed by the Company in<u>an ordinary resolution passed at a</u> general meeting or in such manner as the Members may <u>by ordinary resolution determine</u>.
- 164. If the office of auditor becomes vacant by the resignation or death of the Auditor, or by his becoming incapable of acting by reason of illness or other disability at a time when his services are required, the Directors shall as soon as practicable convene a special general meeting to fill the vacancy.
- 155. The Directors may fill any casual vacancy in the office of Auditor but while any such vacancy continues the surviving or continuing Auditor or Auditors, if any, may act. The remuneration of any Auditor appointed by the Directors under this Bye-law may be fixed by the Board. Subject to Bye-law 152(4), an Auditor appointed under this Bye-law shall hold office until the next following annual general meeting of the Company and shall then be subject to appointment by the Members under Bye-law 152(1) at such remuneration to be determined by the Members under Bye-law 154.
- 165. 156. The Auditor shall at all reasonable times have access to all books kept by the Company and to all accounts and vouchers relating thereto; and he may call on the Directors or officers of the Company for any information in their possession relating to the books or affairs of the Company.
- 166.157. The statement of income and expenditure and the balance sheet provided for by these Bye-laws shall be examined by the Auditor and compared by him with the books, accounts and vouchers relating thereto; and he shall make a written report thereon stating whether such statement and balance sheet are drawn up so as to present fairly the financial position of the Company and the results of its operations for the period under review and, in case information shall have been called for from Directors or officers of the Company, whether the same has been furnished and has been satisfactory. The financial statements of the Company shall be audited by the Auditor in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and shall conform to International Financial Reporting Standards. The Auditor shall make a written report thereon in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards referred to herein may be those of a country or jurisdiction other than Bermuda. If the auditing standards of a country or jurisdiction other than Bermuda are used, the financial statements and the report of the Auditor should disclose this fact and name such country or jurisdiction.

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#### NOTICES

167-158. Any Notice or document (including any "corporate communication" within the meaning ascribed thereto under the rules of the Designated Stock ExchangeListing Rules), whether or not, to be given or issued under these Bye-laws fromby the Company to a Member shall be in writing or by cable, telex or facsimile transmission message or other form of electronic transmission or communication and any such Notice and other document may be served or delivered by the Company on or to any Member either personally or by sending it through the post in a prepaid envelope addressed to such Member at his registered address as appearing in the Register or at any other address supplied by him to the Company for the purpose or, as the case may be, by transmitting it to any such address or transmitting it to any telex or facsimile transmission number or electronic number or address or website supplied by him to the Company for the giving of Notice to him or which the person transmitting the notice reasonably and bona fide believes at the relevant time will result in the Notice being duly received by the Member or may also be served by advertisement in appointed newspapers (as defined in the Act) or in newspapers published daily and circulating generally in the territory of and in accordance with the requirements of the Designated Stock Exchange or, to the extent permitted by the applicable laws, by placing it on the Company's website or the website of the Designated Stock Exchange, and giving to the member a notice stating that the notice or other document is available there (a "notice of availability"). The notice of availability may be given to the Member by any of the means set out above other than by posting it on a website. In the case of joint holders of a share all notices shall be given to that one of the joint holders whose name stands first in the Register and notice so given shall be deemed a sufficient service on or delivery to all the joint holders.

168.159. Any Notice or other document:

- (a) if served or delivered by post, shall where appropriate be sent by airmail and shall be deemed to have been served or delivered on the day following that on which the envelope containing the same, properly prepaid and addressed, is put into the post; in proving such service or delivery it shall be sufficient to prove that the envelope or wrapper containing the notice or document was properly addressed and put into the post and a certificate in writing signed by the Secretary or other officer of the Company or other person appointed by the Board that the envelope or wrapper containing the <u>nN</u>otice or other document was so addressed and put into the post shall be conclusive evidence thereof;
- (b) if sent by electronic communication, shall be deemed to be given on the day on which it is transmitted from the server of the Company or its agent. A Notice placed on the Company's website or the website of the Designated Stock Exchange is deemed given by the Company to a Member on the day following that on which a notice of availability is deemed served on the Member;

- (c) if published as an advertisement in appointed newspapers (as defined in the Act) or a newspaper or other publication permitted under these Bye-laws, shall be deemed to have been served on the day on which the advertisement first so appears;
- (c) (d) if served or delivered in any other manner contemplated by these Bye-laws, shall be deemed to have been served or delivered at the time of personal service or delivery or, as the case may be, at the time of the relevant despatch, transmission or publication; and in proving such service or delivery a certificate in writing signed by the Secretary or other officer of the Company or other person appointed by the Board as to the fact and time of such service, delivery, despatch, transmission or publication shall be conclusive evidence thereof; and
- (d) (e) may be given to a Member either in the English language or the Chinese language, subject to due compliance with all applicable Statutes, rules and regulations.
- 169.160.(1) Any Notice or other document delivered or sent by post to or left at the registered address of any Member in pursuance of these Bye-laws shall, notwithstanding that such Member is then dead or bankrupt or that any other event has occurred, and whether or not the Company has notice of the death or bankruptcy or other event, be deemed to have been duly served or delivered in respect of any share registered in the name of such Member as sole or joint holder unless his name shall, at the time of the service or delivery of the nNotice or document, have been removed from the Register as the holder of the share, and such service or delivery shall for all purposes be deemed a sufficient service or delivery of such Notice or document on all persons interested (whether jointly with or as claiming through or under him) in the share.
  - (2) A <u>mNotice</u> may be given by the Company to the person entitled to a share in consequence of the death, mental disorder or bankruptcy of a Member by sending it through the post in a prepaid letter, envelope or wrapper addressed to him by name, or by the title of representative of the deceased, or trustee of the bankrupt, or by any like description, at the address, if any, supplied for the purpose by the person claiming to be so entitled, or (until such an address has been so supplied) by giving the <u>mNotice</u> in any manner in which the same might have been given if the death, mental disorder or bankruptcy had not occurred.
  - (3) Any person who by operation of law, transfer or other means whatsoever shall become entitled to any share shall be bound by every <u>nNotice</u> in respect of such share which prior to his name and address being entered on the Register shall have been duly given to the person from whom he derives his title to such share.

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#### SIGNATURES

170.<u>161.</u>For the purposes of these Bye-laws, a cable or telex or facsimile or electronic transmission message purporting to come from a holder of shares or, as the case may be, a Director or alternate Director, or, in the case of a corporation which is a holder of shares from a director or the secretary thereof or a duly appointed attorney or duly authorised representative thereof for it and on its behalf, shall in the absence of express evidence to the contrary available to the person relying thereon at the relevant time be deemed to be a document or instrument in writing signed by such holder or Director or alternate Director in the terms in which it is received. The signature to any notice or document to be given by the Company may be written, printed or made electronically.

#### WINDING UP

- 171.162. (1) The<u>Subject to Bye-law 162(2)</u>, the Board shall have power in the name and on behalf of the Company to present a petition to the court for the Company to be wound up.
  - (2) A resolution that the Company be wound up by the court or be wound up voluntarily shall be a special resolution.
- 172. (1) Subject to any special rights, privileges or restrictions as to the distribution of available surplus assets on liquidation for the time being attached to any class or classes of shares (i) if the Company shall be wound up and the assets available for distribution amongst the Members of the Company shall be more than sufficient to repay the whole of the capital paid up at the commencement of the winding up, the excess shall be distributed pari passu amongst such members in proportion to the amount paid up on the shares held by them respectively and (ii) if the Company shall be distributed so that, as nearly as may be, the losses shall be borne by the Members in proportion to the capital paid up, or which ought to have been paid up, at the commencement of the winding up on the shares held by them respectively.
- (2)-<u>163.</u> If the Company shall be wound up (whether the liquidation is voluntary or by the court) the liquidator may, with the authority of a special resolution and any other sanction required by the Act, divide among the Members in specie or kind the whole or any part of the assets of the Company and whether or not the assets shall consist of properties of one kind or shall consist of properties to be divided as aforesaid of different kinds, and may for such purpose set such value as he deems fair upon any one or more class or classes of property and may determine how such division shall be carried out as between the Members or different classes of Members. The liquidator may, with the like authority, vest any part of the assets in trustees upon such trusts for the benefit of the Members as the liquidator with the like authority shall think fit, and the liquidation of the Company may be closed and the Company dissolved, but so that no contributory shall be compelled to accept any shares or other property in respect of which there is a liability.

### PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BYE-LAWS

(3) In the event of winding-up of the Company in Hong Kong, every Member of the Company who is not for the time being in Hong Kong shall be bound, within 14 days after the passing of an effective resolution to wind up the Company voluntarily, or the making of an order for the winding-up of the Company, to serve notice in writing on the Company appointing some person resident in Hong Kong and stating that person's full name, address and occupation upon whom all summonses, notices, process, orders and judgements in relation to or under the winding-up of the Company may be served, and in default of such nomination the liquidator of the Company shall be at liberty on behalf of such Member to appoint some such person, and service upon any such appointee, whether appointed by the Member or the liquidator, shall be deemed to be good personal service on such Member for all purposes, and, where the liquidator makes any such appointment, he shall with all convenient speed give notice thereof to such Member by advertisement as he shall deem appropriate or by a registered letter sent through the post and addressed to such Member at his address as appearing in the register, and such notice shall be deemed to be service on the day following that on which the advertisement first appears or the letter is posted.

#### INDEMNITY

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- The Directors, Secretary and other officers and every Auditor for the time being of the 164. (1) Company at any time, whether at present or in the past, and the liquidator or trustees (if any) for the time being acting or who have acted in relation to any of the affairs of the Company and everyoneevery one of them, and everyoneevery one of their heirs, executors and administrators, shall be indemnified and secured harmless out of the assets and profits of the Company from and against all actions, costs, charges, losses, damages and expenses which they or any of them, their or any of their heirs, executors or administrators, shall or may incur or sustain by or by reason of any act done, concurred in or omitted in or about the execution of their duty, or supposed duty, in their respective offices or trusts; and none of them shall be answerable for the acts, receipts, neglects or defaults of the other or others of them or for joining in any receipts for the sake of conformity, or for any bankers or other persons with whom any moneys or effects belonging to the Company shall or may be lodged or deposited for safe custody, or for insufficiency or deficiency of any security upon which any moneys of or belonging to the Company shall be placed out on or invested, or for any other loss, misfortune or damage which may happen in the execution of their respective offices or trusts, or in relation thereto; PROVIDED THAT this indemnity shall not extend to any matter in respect of any fraud or dishonesty which may attach to any of said persons.
  - (2) Each Member agrees to waive any claim or right of action he might have, whether individually or by or in the right of the Company, against any Director on account of any action taken by such Director, or the failure of such Director to take any action in the performance of his duties with or for the Company; PROVIDED THAT such waiver shall not extend to any matter in respect of any fraud or dishonesty which may attach to such Director.

- 174<u>65</u>. (1) The<u>Subject to the Act, the</u> Board may pay, out of the capital, share premium or any other moneys of the Company:
  - (a) the costs (including, without limitation, legal, printing and advertising fees and expenses) incurred (whether directly by the Company or not) in or in connection with the formation of the Company, the appointment of the first or any subsequent Investment Manager, administrator and Custodian and any other person involved in the operations of the Company, the initial or any subsequent issue of its shares and the publication of any prosperous in connection with any such issue;
  - (b) the costs (whether incurred directly by the Company or not) of obtaining a listing for the shares on any stock exchange; and
  - (c) the costs (whether incurred directly by the Company or not) of registering the Company or any document issued by it with any governmental regulatory body in any part of the world.

(2) The costs and expenses referred to in Bye-law  $174\underline{65}(1)$  shall (subject to the terms of any agreement to the contrary between the Board and the Investment Manager) be paid by the Company and may be amortised over such period or periods as the Board may determine and the amount so paid shall, in the accounts of the Company, be charged against income, share premium and/or capital as determined by the Board.

#### **INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS**

- 175:166. (1) The Board shall ensure, and shall procure that any person to whom any powers of investing the Company's assets shall ensure, that the Company shall not either on its own or through its wholly-owned subsidiaries, or in conjunction with any Connected Person, take legal or effective management control of underlying investments and will not either itself or through its wholly-owned subsidiaries invest or own or control more than thirty per cent. (30%) (or such other percentage as may from time to time be specified in the HK Codes on Takeovers and Mergers or other laws, regulations, rules, codes, order or policies of other relevant jurisdiction as being the level for triggering a mandatory general offer or other similar action or consequence) of the voting rights in any one company or body, except in relation to wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Company.
  - (2) The Company shall maintain a reasonable spread of investments and the value of its holding of investments issued by any one company or body other than wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Company shall not exceed twenty per cent. (20%) of the Net Asset Value as at the date of such investment is made.

#### ALTERATION OF BYE-LAWS AND AMENDMENT TO MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION AND NAME OF COMPANY

176.167.No Bye-law shall be rescinded, altered or amended and no new Bye-law shall be made until the same has been approved by a resolution of the Directors and confirmed by a special resolution of the Members. A special resolution shall be required to alter the provisions of the memorandum of association or to change the name of the Company.

#### **INFORMATION**

<u>177.168.</u>No Member shall be entitled to require discovery of or any information in respect of any detail of the Company's trading or any matter which is or may be in the nature of a trade secret or secret process which may relate to the conduct of the business of the Company and which in the opinion of the Directors it will be inexpedient in the interests of the <u>members of the CompanyMembers</u> to communicate to the public.



### CHINA FINANCIAL INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENTS LIMITED 中國金融國際投資有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands and continued in Bermuda with limited liability) (Stock Code: 721)

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that an annual general meeting (the "AGM") of China Financial International Investments Limited (the "**Company**") will be held at 16/F, Tower 5, The Gateway, Harbour City, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon, Hong Kong on Friday, 2 December 2022 at 11:00 a.m. for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing (with or without amendments) the following resolutions:

#### AS ORDINARY BUSINESSES:

- 1. To receive and approve the audited consolidated financial statements and the reports of the directors (the "**Directors**") and auditor of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2022;
- 2. (a) To re-elect Mr. Zhang Huayu as non-executive Director;
  - (b) To re-elect Ms. Chen Xi as non-executive Director;
  - (c) To re-elect Mr. Zhang Jing as independent non-executive Director;
  - (d) To authorise the board of Directors to fix the Directors' remuneration;
- 3. To re-appoint Moore Stephens CPA Limited as the auditor of the Company and to authorise the board of Directors to fix its remuneration;

#### AS ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS:

4. To, as special business, consider and, if thought fit, pass (with or without amendments) the following resolution as an ordinary resolution:

#### "THAT:

- (a) subject to paragraph (c) below, pursuant to the Rules (the "Listing Rules") Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange"), the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as defined in resolution 4(d) set out in this notice) of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with unissued shares of the Company (the "Shares") and to make or grant offers, agreements and options, including warrants to subscribe for Shares, which might require the exercise of such powers be and the same is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the approval in paragraph (a) of this resolution shall authorise the Directors during the Relevant Period to make or grant offers, agreements and options which might require the exercise of such powers after the end of the Relevant Period;
- (c) the total number of Shares allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted (whether pursuant to options or otherwise) and issued by the Directors pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) of this solution, otherwise than pursuant to (i) a Rights Issue (as defined below); or (ii) the grant or exercise of any options granted under the existing share option scheme of the Company; or (iii) any scrip dividend or similar arrangements providing for the allotment and issue of Shares in lieu of the whole or part of a dividend on Shares in accordance with the bye-laws of the Company in force from time to time; or (iv) any issue of Shares upon the exercise of rights of subscription or conversion under the terms of any warrants of the Company or any securities which are convertible into Shares, shall not exceed the aggregate of 20 per cent. of the total number of Shares in issue on the date of passing of this solution, and the authority pursuant to paragraph (a) of this resolution shall be limited accordingly; and

(d) for the purposes of this resolution:

"**Relevant Period**" means the period from the date 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 bye-laws of the Company, the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda (as amended) (the "Companies Act") or any applicable laws of Bermuda to be held; or
- (iii) the passing of an ordinary resolution by the shareholders of the Company in general meeting revoking or varying the authority given to the Directors by this resolution;

"**Rights Issue**" means an offer of Shares, or offer or issue of warrants, options or other securities giving rights to subscribe for Shares open for a period fixed by the Directors to holders of Shares on the register on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of Shares (subject to such exclusion or other arrangements as the Directors 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, or the expense or delay which may be involved in determining the existence or extent of any restrictions or obligations under the laws of, or the requirements of, any jurisdiction outside Hong Kong or any recognised regulatory body or any stock exchange outside Hong Kong)."

5. To, as special business, consider and, if thought fit, pass (with or without amendments) the following resolution as an ordinary resolution:

#### "THAT:

(a) the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as defined in resolution 4(d) set out in this notice) of all powers of the Company to repurchase the Shares on the Stock Exchange or any other stock exchange on which the Shares may be listed and recognised by the Securities and Futures Commission and the Stock Exchange for such purpose, and otherwise in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Securities and Futures Commission, the Stock Exchange, the Companies Act and all other applicable laws in this regard, be and the same is hereby generally and unconditionally approved; and

- (b) the total number of Shares which may be repurchased by the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) of this resolution during the Relevant Period shall not exceed 10 per cent. of the total number of Share in issue as at the date of the passing of this resolution and the authority pursuant to paragraph (a) of this resolution shall be limited accordingly.
- 6. To, as special business, consider and, if thought fit, pass (with or without amendments) the following resolution as an ordinary resolution:

**"THAT** conditional upon the passing of the resolutions numbered 4 and 5 above, the general mandate granted to the Directors and for the time being in force to exercise the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with the Shares pursuant to the resolution numbered 4 above be and is hereby extended by the addition thereto the number of Shares repurchased by the Company under the authority granted pursuant to the resolution numbered 5 above."

#### AS SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

7. To, as special business, consider and, if thought fit, pass (with or without amendments) the following resolution as a special resolution:

"THAT the proposed amendments to the bye-laws of the Company (the "Existing Byelaws"), the details of which are set out in Appendix III to the circular of the Company dated 31 October 2022 (the "Circular"), be approved, and the amended and restated byelaws of the Company (the "New Bye-laws"), a copy of which has been tabled before the meeting and initialed by the chairman of the meeting for the purpose of identification, which contains all the proposed amendments mentioned in the Circular, be approved and adopted in substitution for and to the exclusion of the Existing Bye-laws with immediate effect and that the Directors, secretary and registered office provider of the Company be and are hereby authorised to do all things necessary to give effect and implement the adoption of the New Bye-laws and the reprint of the New Bye-laws adopting all of the amendments, including without limitation, attending to the necessary filings with the Registrar of Companies in Bermuda and Hong Kong."

> Yours faithfully For and on behalf of the board of directors of China Financial International Investments Limited Du Lin Dong Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Hong Kong, 31 October 2022

Registered office: Clarendon House 2 Church Street Hamilton HM 11 Bermuda Head office and principal place of business in Hong Kong: Suite 2001, 20th Floor Tower 1, The Gateway Harbour City Kowloon, Hong Kong

#### Notes:

- 1. A member entitled to attend and vote at the annual general meeting convened by the above notice is entitled to appoint one or, if he is a holder of more than one Share, more proxies to attend and, subject to the provisions of the bye-laws of the Company, to vote on his behalf. A proxy need not be a member of the Company but must be present in person at the annual general meeting to represent the member. If more than one proxy is so appointed, the appointment shall specify the number and class of Shares in respect of which each such proxy is so appointed.
- 2. In order to be valid, the form of proxy must be deposited together with a power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which it is signed or a certified copy of that power or authority, at the Hong Kong branch share registrar of the Company, Tricor Tengis Limited at 17/F, Far East Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time for holding the annual general meeting or any adjournment thereof. Completion and return of a form of proxy will not preclude a shareholder of the Company from attending in person and voting at the annual general meeting or any adjournment thereof, should he/she/it so wish and in such event, the form of proxy shall be deemed to be revoked.
- 3. For determining the entitlement to attend and vote at the annual general meeting, the register of members of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, 29 November 2022 to Friday, 2 December 2022 (both days inclusive), during which period no share transfers will be registered. In order to be eligible to attend and vote at the above annual general meeting, all transfer forms accompanied by relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Tengis Limited at 17/F, Far East Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong for registration no later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, 28 November 2022.
- 4. In the case of joint holders of a Share, any one of such joint holders may vote, either in person or by proxy, in respect of such Share as if he/she was solely entitled thereto; but if more than one of such joint holders are present at the above meeting, the vote of the senior who tenders a vote, whether in person or by proxy, shall be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint holders, and for this purpose seniority shall be determined by the order in which the names stand in the register of members of the Company in respect of the joint holding.
- 5. In relation to the proposed resolution numbered 2(a) to 2(c) above, details of the retiring Directors standing for re-election are set out in Appendix II to the circular of which this notice of the AGM forms part.
- 6. In relation to proposed resolutions nos. 4 and 6 above, approval is being sought from the shareholders for the grant to the Directors of a general mandate to authorise the allotment and issue of shares of the Company under the Listing Rules. The Directors have no immediate plans to issue any new shares of the Company other than Shares which may fall to be issued under the share option scheme of the Company or any scrip dividend scheme which may be approved by shareholders.

- 7. In relation to proposed resolution no. 5 above, the Directors wish to state that they will exercise the powers conferred thereby to repurchase Shares in circumstances which they deem appropriate for the benefit of the shareholders of the Company. An explanatory statement containing the information necessary to enable the shareholders to make an informed decision to vote on the proposed resolution as required by the Listing Rules is set out in Appendix I to the circular of which this notice of the AGM forms parts.
- 8. The above resolutions will be put to vote at the meeting by way of poll.
- 9. If a typhoon signal no. 8 or above is hoisted or a black rainstorm warning signal is in force at or at any time after 9:00 a.m. on the date of the meeting, the meeting will be adjourned. The Company will post an announcement on the HKEXnews website (www.hkexnews.hk) and the website of the Company (www.irasia.com/listco/hk/cfii) and to notify shareholders of the date, time and place of the adjourned meeting. The meeting will be held as scheduled when an amber or a red rainstorm warning signal is in force. Shareholders should decide on their own whether they would attend the meeting under bad weather conditions bearing in mind their own situations.
- 10. In case of inconsistency between the Chinese and the English text thereof, the English text shall prevail.