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# HUA LIEN INTERNATIONAL (HOLDING) COMPANY LIMITED 華聯國際(控股)有限公司\* (Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 969)

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

Resolutions will be proposed at the annual general meeting (the "AGM") of Hua Lien International (Holding) Company Limited to be held at Pacific Room, 2/F., Island Pacific Hotel, 152 Connaught Road West, Hong Kong, on Friday, 28 June 2019 at 11:00 a.m. to approve the matters referred to in this circular. A notice convening the AGM is set out on pages 16 to 19 of this circular. Whether or not you are able to attend the AGM in person, you are requested to complete the form of proxy enclosed with this circular in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return it to the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar, Union Registrars Limited, at Suites 3301-04, 33/F, Two Chinachem Exchange Square, 338 King's Road, North Point, Hong Kong as soon as possible and in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the AGM or any adjournment thereof. Completion and delivery of the form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting at the AGM or any adjournment thereof should you so wish.

# DEFINITIONS

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

"AGM"	the annual general meeting of the Company to be held at Pacific Room, 2/F., Island Pacific Hotel, 152 Connaught Road West, Hong Kong, on Friday, 28 June 2019 at 11:00 a.m. to consider and, if appropriate, to approve the resolutions as set out in the notice of the meeting which is set out on pages 16 to 19 of this circular or any adjournment thereof;
"Articles of Association"	the articles of association of the Company as amended from time to time;
"Board"	the board of Directors;
"Company"	Hua Lien International (Holding) Company Limited, a company incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability and the shares of which are listed on the Stock Exchange;
"Director(s)"	director(s) of the Company;
"Group"	the Company and its subsidiaries;
"HK\$"	Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong;
"Hong Kong"	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC;
"Issue Mandate"	the proposed issue mandate to be granted to the Directors to allot, issue and deal with Shares not exceeding 20% of the total number of Shares in issue as at the date of resolution approving this issue mandate;
"Latest Practicable Date"	23 May 2019, being the latest practicable date prior to the printing of this circular;
"Listing Rules"	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange;
"PRC"	the People's Republic of China;
"Repurchase Mandate"	the proposed mandate to be granted to the Directors at the AGM to exercise the power of the Company to repurchase Shares up to a maximum of 10% of the total number of the Shares in issue as at the date of the resolution approving this repurchase mandate;

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"SFO"	the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong);
"Share(s)"	ordinary share(s) of HK\$0.10 each in the share capital of the Company;
"Shareholder(s)"	holder(s) of Share(s);
"Stock Exchange"	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited;
"Takeovers Code"	the Codes on Takeovers and Mergers and Share Buy-backs of Hong Kong approved by the Securities and Futures Commission as amended from time to time; and
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# LETTER FROM THE BOARD

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# HUA LIEN INTERNATIONAL (HOLDING) COMPANY LIMITED

華聯國際(控股)有限公司\*

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability) (Stock Code: 969)

*Executive Directors:* Mr. LIU Xueyi Mr. HAN Hong Mr. WANG Zhaohui

Non-executive Directors: Ms. LIU Yan (Chairman) Mr. ZHANG Jian

Independent Non-executive Directors: Mr. CHENG Tai Kwan Sunny Mr. SHI Zhu Dr. LU Heng Henry Registered Office: P.O. Box 309 Ugland House South Church Street George Town Grand Cayman Cayman Islands British West Indies

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28 May 2019

To the Shareholders

Dear Sir or Madam,

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

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this circular is to provide the Shareholders with information in respect of the resolutions to be proposed at the AGM for (i) the granting of the Issue Mandate and the Repurchase Mandate to the Directors; (ii) the extension of the Issue Mandate by adding to it the total number of the Shares in issue repurchased by the Company under the Repurchase Mandate; and (iii) the reelection of retiring Directors.

\* For identification purpose only

#### PROPOSED GRANTING OF THE ISSUE AND THE REPURCHASE MANDATES

Ordinary resolutions will be proposed at the AGM to approve:

- (a) the granting to the Directors the Issue Mandate to allot, issue and otherwise deal with Shares not exceeding 438,236,000 Shares, being 20% of the total number of the Shares in issue as at the Latest Practicable Date, assuming no further Share will be issued or repurchased after the Latest Practicable Date and up to the date of passing such resolution;
- (b) the granting to the Directors the Repurchase Mandate to repurchase not exceeding 10% of the total number of Shares in issue as at the date of passing of such resolution; and
- (c) the granting to the Directors a general mandate to extend the Issue Mandate representing the total number of Shares repurchased by the Company pursuant to and in accordance with the Repurchase Mandate (if granted to the Directors at the AGM) during the period from the date of the AGM up to the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company.

These general mandates will remain in effect 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 to be held by the Articles of Association or any applicable laws of the Cayman Islands; and (iii) the date upon which such authority is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders in a general meeting of the Company. The Directors wish to state that they have no present intention to repurchase any Shares or issue any new Shares in the event that these general mandates are approved.

An explanatory statement contains all the information as required pursuant to the Rule 10.06(1) (b) of the Listing Rules, giving certain information regarding the Repurchase Mandate, is set out in Appendix I to this circular.

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

In relation to the ordinary resolution numbered 2 in the notice of AGM regarding the re-election of retiring Directors, Mr. Zhang Jian, Mr. Cheng Tai Kwan Sunny and Mr. Shi Zhu, shall retire as Directors by rotation at the AGM pursuant to Article 116 of the Articles of Association and, being eligible, will offer themselves for re-election. Biographical details of the retiring Directors are set out in Appendix II to this circular.

The nomination committee has reviewed the structure and composition of the Board, the confirmations and disclosures given by the Directors, the qualifications, skills and experience, time commitment and contribution of the Directors with reference to the nomination principles and criteria set out in the Company's board diversity policy and director nomination policy, as well as the Company's corporate strategy, and the independence of all independent non-executive Directors. The nomination committee has recommended to the Board on re-election of all the above-mentioned Directors including the aforesaid independent non-executive Directors who are due to retire at the AGM.

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Mr. Cheng Tai Kwan Sunny ("**Mr. Cheng**") and Mr. Shi Zhu ("**Mr. Shi**"), the independent nonexecutive Directors who will offer themselves for re-election at the AGM, have demonstrated their ability to provide an independent view to the Company's matters during their years of appointment. The Board is of the view that each of them meets the independence guidelines set out in Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules based on reviewing their annual written confirmation of independence to the Company and is independent in accordance with the terms of the guidelines. In addition, the Board is of the view that they have provided valuable contributions to the Company and have demonstrated their abilities to provide independent balanced and objective view to the Company's affairs.

In proposing each of Mr. Cheng and Mr. Shi to be re-elected as an independent non-executive Director at the AGM, the Board has considered, among others, the valuable business experience, knowledge and professionalism of Mr. Cheng and Mr. Shi, as further described in the details of the respective Directors in Appendix II to this circular.

With their unique background, the Board considers that each of Mr. Cheng and Mr. Shi is a highly valued and respected member of the Board, and can contribute to the diversity of the Board, in particular, with their strong and diversified educational background and professional experience in their expertise, including their in-depth knowledge in commercial and general management, professional accounting and auditing, international political experience and perspective, fund and investment management as well as connections in various industries.

Therefore, the Board is of the view that the re-election of each of Mr. Cheng and Mr. Shi as an independent non-executive Director is in the interest of the Company and Shareholders as a whole and recommends their re-election at the AGM.

Biographical information of the Directors proposed for re-election at the AGM are set out in Appendix II to this circular.

## DEMAND FOR POLL AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Pursuant to Article 80 of the Articles of Association, at any general meeting, a resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided on a show of hands unless voting by way of a poll is required by the Listing Rules or a poll (before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands or on the withdrawal of any other demand for a poll) is duly demanded:

- (a) by the chairman of the meeting; or
- (b) by at least five Shareholders present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote; or
- (c) by any Shareholder or Shareholders present in person or by proxy and representing in the aggregate not less than one-tenth of the total voting rights of all Shareholders having the right to attend and vote at the meeting; or

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- (d) by any Shareholder or Shareholders present in person or by proxy and holding Shares conferring a right to attend and vote at the meeting on which there have been paid up sums in the aggregate equal to not less than one-tenth of the total sum paid up on all Shares conferring that right; or
- (e) if required by the Listing Rules, by the chairman of such meeting and/or any Director or Directors who, individually or collectively, hold proxies in respect of Shares representing 5% or more of the total voting rights of all Shareholders having right to vote at such meeting.

Unless a poll is so required or demanded and, in the latter case, not withdrawn, the chairman of the meeting should indicate to the meeting of the Company the level of proxies lodged on each resolution and the balance for and against the resolution, after it has been dealt with on a show of hands.

Pursuant to Rule 13.39(4) of the Listing Rules, any resolution put to the vote 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. Therefore, the chairman of the AGM will exercise his right pursuant to Article 80 of the Articles of Association to demand poll voting on all the resolutions as set out in the notice of the AGM. An announcement on the poll vote results will be made by the Company after the AGM in the manner prescribed under Rule 13.39(5) of the Listing Rules.

#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The notice of AGM is set out on pages 16 to 19 of this circular.

There is enclosed a form of proxy for use at the AGM and such form of proxy is also published on the websites of the Stock Exchange and the Company. At the AGM, resolutions will be proposed to approve, inter alia, the granting of the Issue Mandate and Repurchase Mandate, the extension of the Issue Mandate by the addition thereto of the number of Shares repurchased pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate and the re-election of retiring Directors.

Whether or not you are able to attend the AGM in person, you are requested to complete the form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return it to the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar, Union Registrars Limited, at Suites 3301-04, 33/F, Two Chinachem Exchange Square, 338 King's Road, North Point, Hong Kong as soon as possible and in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the AGM or any adjournment thereof. Completion and delivery of the form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting at the AGM or any adjournment thereof should you so wish.

In order to qualify for attending and voting at the AGM, all transfers accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar, Union Registrars Limited at Suites 3301-04, 33/F., Two Chinachem Exchange Square, 338 King's Road, North Point, Hong Kong, for registration not later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, 21 June 2019.

#### **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 that the Issue Mandate, the Repurchase Mandate, the extension of the Issue Mandate and the re-election of the retiring Directors are in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole. The Directors therefore recommend you to vote in favour of the resolutions at the AGM.

Yours faithfully, For and on behalf of the Board of **Hua Lien International (Holding) Company Limited** Liu Yan Chairman The following explanatory statement contains all the information required pursuant to Rule 10.06(1) (b) of the Listing Rules to be given to all Shareholders relating to the resolution to be proposed at the AGM authorising the Repurchase Mandate.

#### 1. EXERCISE OF THE REPURCHASE MANDATE

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the issued ordinary share capital of the Company comprised 2,191,180,000 Shares. Subject to the passing of the ordinary resolution approving the Repurchase Mandate and on the basis that no further Shares will be issued or repurchased after the Latest Practicable Date and up to the date of passing of such resolution, the Directors would be authorised to repurchase up to 219,118,000 Shares (being 10% of the total number of the Shares in issue) during the period from the date of the passing such resolution up to the conclusion of the next annual general meeting in 2020 or the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by law to be held or the revocation or variation of the Repurchase Mandate by an ordinary resolution of the Shares in a general meeting of the Company, whichever occurs first.

#### 2. REASON FOR REPURCHASES

The Directors have no present intention to repurchase any Shares but consider that the mandate will provide the Company the flexibility to make such repurchases when appropriate and beneficial to the Company and the Shareholders as a whole. Such repurchases may, depending on market conditions and funding arrangements at the time, lead to an enhancement of the value of the net assets and/or earnings per Share and will be made only when the Directors believe that such repurchases will benefit the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

## **3. IMPACT OF REPURCHASES**

As compared with the financial position of the Company as disclosed in its most recent published audited consolidated accounts as at 31 December 2018, the Directors consider that there might be a material adverse impact on the working capital and gearing position of the Company in the event that the Repurchase Mandate was to be exercised in full at any time during the proposed purchase period. The Directors do not propose to exercise the Repurchase Mandate to such an extent as would, in the circumstances, have a material adverse effect on the working capital or gearing position of the Company.

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#### 4. FUNDING OF REPURCHASES

The Directors recognized that the repurchase of Shares must be made out of the funds legally available for such purpose in accordance with the memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company, the applicable laws of the Cayman Islands and Hong Kong and the Listing Rules. The Companies Laws (2004 Revision) of the Cayman Islands (the "Laws") provide that a share repurchase by the Company may only be made out of profits of the Company or out of the proceeds of a fresh issue of shares made for the purpose or, if so authorised by the Articles of Association and subject to the provisions of the Laws, out of capital of the Company. Any premium payable on a repurchase over the par value of the Shares repurchased or conditionally or unconditionally to be purchased must be provided for out of profits of the Company or out of the Company's share premium account or, if so authorised by the Articles of Association and subject to the provisions of the Laws, out of profits of the Company or out of the Company's share premium account or, if so authorised by the Articles of Association and subject to the provisions of the Laws, out of profits of the Company or out of the Company's share premium account or, if so authorised by the Articles of Association and subject to the provisions of the Laws, out of capital.

#### 5. DIRECTORS, THEIR CLOSE ASSOCIATES AND CORE CONNECTED PERSONS

None of the Directors nor, to the best of their knowledge having made all reasonable enquiries, any of their respective close associates (as defined in the Listing Rules), has any present intention, in the event that the proposed Repurchase Mandate is approved by the Shareholders, to sell Shares to the Company or its subsidiaries.

No core connected person (as defined in the Listing Rules) of the Company has notified the Company of a present intention to sell Shares to the Company or its subsidiaries, or has undertaken not to do so in the event that the proposed Repurchase Mandate is approved by the Shareholders.

The Directors have undertaken to the Stock Exchange that they will exercise the power of the Company to make repurchases of its Shares pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate and in accordance with the Listing Rules and all applicable laws of the Cayman Islands, and in accordance with the regulations set out in the memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company.

#### 6. EFFECT OF TAKEOVERS CODE

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

As at the Latest Practicable Date, so far as the Directors are aware, the shareholding of the substantial Shareholders would be as follows:

Name	Number of Shares	Approximate percentage of the total number of the Shares in issue as at the Latest Practicable Date	Approximate percentage of the total number of the Shares in issue upon full exercise of Repurchase Mandate
COMPLANT International Sugar Industry Co., Ltd. (" <b>Complant Sugar</b> ") <i>(Note 1)</i>	300,000,000	13.69%	15.21%
China National Complete Plant Import & Export Group Corporation Limited ("China Complant") (Note 1)	1,100,000,000	50.20%	55.78%
State Development & Investment Corp. Ltd. ("SDIC") (Note 1)	1,100,000,000	50.20%	55.78%
State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the State Council (Note 1)	1,100,000,000	50.20%	55.78%
Xinjiang Botai Energy Company Limited (" <b>Xinjiang Botai</b> ") (Note 2)	300,000,000	13.69%	15.21%
Zeng Wei (Note 2)	300,000,000	13.69%	15.21%
Hollyview International Limited (" <b>Hollyview</b> ") (Note 3)	212,495,083	9.70%	10.78%
Hu Yebi (Note 3)	215,943,083	9.86%	10.95%
Li Ling Xiu (Note 3)	215,943,083	9.86%	10.95%

The above are calculated based on the total number of Shares in issue of 2,191,180,000 Shares as at the Latest Practicable Date.

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# EXPLANATORY STATEMENT OF THE REPURCHASE MANDATE

Notes:

- State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the State Council holds 100% of the SDIC which holds 100% of China Complant which in turn holds 30% in Complant Sugar. China Complant is deemed to be interested in the 1,100,000,000 Shares by virtue of the SFO. Of these 1,100,000,000 Shares, 300,000,000 Shares are beneficially owned by Complant Sugar. Besides these 300,000,000 Shares, Complant Sugar also holds convertible notes of principal amount of HK\$533,700,000 convertible into 889,500,000 Shares during its conversion period (the "Outstanding Convertible Note"). Complant Sugar charged the Outstanding Convertible Note to China Complant.
- 2. Mr. Zeng Wei holds 70% in Xinjiang Botai which holds 40% in Complant Sugar. Mr. Zeng Wei and Xinjiang Botai are deemed to be interested in the 300,000,000 Shares and the Outstanding Convertible Note by virtue of the SFO. Xinjiang Botai charged its 40% interest in Complant Sugar to China Complant.
- 3. Mr. Hu Yebi and Ms. Li Ling Xiu are deemed to be interested in 212,495,083 Shares. Hollyview is beneficially and wholly owned by Mr. Hu Yebi and so Mr. Hu Yebi is deemed to be interested in the 212,495,083 Shares held by Hollyview by virtue of the SFO. Mr. Hu Yebi is also deemed to be interested in the Shares held by Ms. Li Ling Xiu, his spouse by virtue of the SFO. Of these 215,943,083 Shares, 3,448,000 Shares are beneficially owned by Ms. Li Ling Xiu.

On the basis of the shareholding held by the Shareholders named above and assuming no conversion of the convertible notes, an exercise of the Repurchase Mandate in full would not result in any Shareholder, or group of Shareholders acting in concert, becoming obliged to make a mandatory offer under Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code. Moreover, in any event, the Directors do not intend to exercise the Repurchase Mandate to an extent which will trigger off the mandatory offer requirement pursuant to the rules of the Takeovers Code or which will reduce the total number of the Shares in issue in public hands to below 25%.

#### 7. SHARE REPURCHASE MADE BY THE COMPANY

The Company has not repurchased any of its Shares during the six months period preceding the Latest Practicable Date.

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# EXPLANATORY STATEMENT OF THE REPURCHASE MANDATE

#### 8. SHARE PRICES

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

	Price per Share	
Months	Highest	Lowest
	HK\$	HK\$
2018		
May	0.129	0.112
June	0.126	0.111
July	0.135	0.081
August	0.113	0.090
September	0.100	0.066
October	0.073	0.055
November	0.078	0.058
December	0.087	0.061
2019		
January	0.109	0.065
February	0.110	0.082
March	0.119	0.081
April	0.092	0.072
May*	0.094	0.081

\* Up to and including the Latest Practicable Date

The following are the particulars of the Directors who will retire from their office at the AGM pursuant to the Articles of Association and, being eligible, have offered themselves for re-elections.

**Mr. Zhang Jian** ("**Mr. Zhang**"), aged 39, was appointed as non-executive Director and member of remuneration committee and nomination committee of the Company in December 2017. Mr. Zhang studied at the University of Hunan in the PRC where he obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Finance in June 2002. He then completed further post-graduate studies at the University of Stirling in the United Kingdom where he obtained his Master's Degree in Investment Analysis in November 2006. Mr. Zhang has over 11 years' experience in investment management in the PRC. Mr. Zhang joined China-Africa Development Fund and was a manager of the investment department from September 2007 to October 2011, a senior manager assistant in investment department III from October 2011 to February 2012, a senior manager assistant in investment department IV from February 2012 to September 2015. His current position at China-Africa Development Fund is vice general manager of investment department III since September 2015.

There is no service contract entered into between Mr. Zhang and the Company. Mr. Zhang is not appointed for a specific term but is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association. Mr. Zhang is not entitled to emolument in his capacity as non-executive Director.

# **APPENDIX II**

# BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE RETIRING DIRECTOR

Mr. Cheng Tai Kwan Sunny, aged 46, was appointed as independent non-executive Director, chairman of audit committee, members of remuneration committee and nomination committee of the Company in December 2017. Mr. Cheng obtained a degree of Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting from The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology in November 1996 and a degree of Master of Science from The Chinese University of Hong Kong in December 2006. He completed the Kellogg-HKUST Executive MBA Program and was awarded a degree of Master of Business Administration from Northwestern University and The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology in December 2009. Mr. Cheng obtained a degree of Juris Doctor from The Chinese University of Hong Kong in November 2017. Mr. Cheng was admitted as an associate and a fellow of The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants in July 1999 and July 2004, respectively. He was also admitted as a member of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (previously known as Hong Kong Society of Accountants) in September 2001. Mr. Cheng has been a member of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference of Enping City, Guangdong Province from November 2011 to November 2016. Mr. Cheng has years of experience in management, financial reporting and management accounting. Mr. Cheng is currently an independent non-executive director at China Sinostar Group Company Limited (formerly known as Shihua Development Company Limited and Starlight International Holdings Limited) (Stock Code: 485, a company listed on the Stock Exchange) since July 2014 and an independent non-executive director at Bojun Education Company Limited (Stock Code: 1758, a company listed on the Stock Exchange) since July 2018. He was also an independent non-executive director at Champion Alliance International Holdings Limited (formerly known as Mengke Holdings Limited) (Stock Code: 1629, a company listed on the Stock Exchange) from November 2016 to December 2018. He worked for subsidiaries of a private corporation from January 2005 to June 2012, which has become subsidiary of Li & Fung Limited (stock code: 0494) since 2010, a company listed on the Stock Exchange.

Mr. Cheng has executed a service contract as an independent non-executive Director with the Company for an initial fixed term of three years commencing from December 2017 and the service contract shall continue unless and until terminated by not less than three months' notice in writing served by either party to another. Mr. Cheng is also subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years at the annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the Listing Rules and the Articles of Association. Pursuant to his service contract with the Company, Mr. Cheng is entitled to receive an annual directors' fee of HK\$80,000. The emoluments of Mr. Cheng are determined by the Board with reference to his duties and responsibilities with the Company and are subject to review by the Remuneration Committee from time to time with reference to the Company's performance and profitability, as well as remuneration benchmark in the industry and the prevailing market condition.

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# BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE RETIRING DIRECTOR

Mr. SHI Zhu, aged 51, was appointed as independent non-executive Director, chairman of remuneration committee, members of audit committee and nomination committee of the Company in December 2017. Mr. Shi obtained his first degree in Bachelor of Arts, majoring in English, from the Anhui Fuyang Teacher's University in the PRC in July 1989 and his second degree in Bachelor of law, majoring in Journalism, from the Communication University of China in July 1993. Mr. Shi worked at the Ministry of Commerce of the PRC for over 14 years. From November 1993 to May 2000, Mr. Shi served various positions including front-page editor as well as deputy chief editor and chief editor of the English version of International Business Monthly under International Business Daily, a publishing entity under the Ministry of Commerce of the PRC. Mr. Shi was appointed by the Ministry of Commerce of the PRC to work at the Embassy of the PRC in New Zealand where he acted as the Commercial Consul and was in charge of economic and commercial affairs from June 2000 to December 2000 and Mr. Shi subsequently returned to International Business Daily and served various positions including chief editor of Important News, director of general office, chief editor of China-ASEAN Business Week, chief editor of Features from January 2001 to February 2008. After that, Mr. Shi migrated to Hong Kong under the Quality Migrant Admission Scheme in February 2008. Mr. Shi is currently the director of BOCHK Wealth Achieve Fund Series SPC, a serial investment fund company wholly owned by BOCHK Asset Management Limited since May 2017. Mr. Shi is concurrently the director and general manager of Shenzhen Sanhong Asset Management Limited, a private equity company incorporated in the PRC which principally engaged in equity investment and supply chain finance in the PRC and South East Asia, since September 2015. Mr. Shi is also a director of Joyful Capital Limited, a company incorporated in Hong Kong which principally engaged in investment and investment consultancy in Hong Kong and the PRC, since May 2008.

Mr. Shi has executed a service contract as an independent non-executive Director with the Company for an initial fixed term of three years commencing from December 2017 and the service contract shall continue unless and until terminated by not less than three months' notice in writing served by either party to another. Mr. Shi is also subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years at the annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the Listing Rules and the Articles of Association. Pursuant to his service contract with the Company, Mr. Shi is entitled to receive an annual directors' fee of HK\$80,000. The emoluments of Mr. Shi are determined by the Board with reference to his duties and responsibilities with the Company and are subject to review by the Remuneration Committee from time to time with reference to the Company's performance and profitability, as well as remuneration benchmark in the industry and the prevailing market condition.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Zhang, Mr. Cheng and Mr. Shi did not hold any directorships in other public companies the securities of which are listed on any security market in Hong Kong or overseas in the last three years and have not held any other position in the Group nor do they have any relationship with any Directors, senior management or substantial or controlling Shareholders. Mr. Zhang, Mr. Cheng and Mr. Shi do not have any interests in the Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, there is no information to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules or any other matter concerning Mr. Zhang, Mr. Cheng and Mr. Shi that needs to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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# HUA LIEN INTERNATIONAL (HOLDING) COMPANY LIMITED

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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the annual general meeting (the "**AGM**") of Hua Lien International (Holding) Company Limited (the "**Company**") will be held at Pacific Room, 2/F., Island Pacific Hotel, 152 Connaught Road West, Hong Kong, on Friday, 28 June 2019 at 11:00 a.m. for the following purposes:

- 1. To receive and consider the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries and the reports of the directors and the auditor of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2018.
- 2 (a) To re-elect Mr. Zhang Jian as a non-executive director of the Company.
  - (b) To re-elect Mr. Cheng Tai Kwan Sunny as an independent non-executive director of the Company.
  - (c) To re-elect Mr. Shi Zhu as an independent non-executive director of the Company.
  - (d) To authorise the board of directors of the Company to fix the remuneration of the directors of the Company.
- 3. To re-appoint BDO Limited as the auditor of the Company to hold office until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Company, and to authorise the directors of the Company to fix its remuneration.

As special business, to consider, and if thought fit, pass the following resolutions as ordinary resolutions:

#### **ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS**

#### 4. **"THAT**

(a) subject to paragraph (c) below, the exercise by the directors of the Company during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with additional shares in the capital of the Company and to make or grant offers, agreements and options which might require the exercise of such power be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;

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- (b) the approval in paragraph (a) above shall authorize the directors of the Company during the Relevant Period to make or grant offers, agreements and options which might require the exercise of such power after the end of the Relevant Period;
- (c) the total number of shares of the Company allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted (whether pursuant to an option or otherwise) by the directors of the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above, otherwise than pursuant to (i) a Rights Issue (as hereinafter defined) or (ii) the exercise of the subscription or conversion rights attaching to any warrants, convertible notes or other securities issued by the Company which are convertible into shares of the Company or (iii) any share option scheme or similar arrangement for the time being adopted for grant or issue to the eligible participants of the shares or rights to acquire shares in the capital of the Company or (iv) an issue of shares as scrip dividends pursuant to the memorandum and articles of association of the Company from time to time, shall not exceed 20% of the total number of the shares of the Company in issue as at the date of this resolution and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and
- (d) for the purposes of this resolution:—

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

- (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
- (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the memorandum and articles of association of the Company or any applicable law of the Cayman Islands to be held; and
- (iii) the revocation or variation of this resolution by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting.

"Rights Issue" means an offer of shares open for a period fixed by the directors of the Company to holders of shares on the register on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of such shares (subject to such exclusion or other arrangements as the directors of the Company may deem necessary or expedient in relation to fractional entitlements or having regard to any restrictions or obligations under the law of, or the requirements of any recognized regulatory body or any stock exchange in any territory applicable to the Company)."

## 5. **"THAT**

- (a) the exercise by the directors of the Company during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all powers of the Company to purchase its own shares, subject to and in accordance with all applicable laws, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the total number of shares of the Company purchased by the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above during the Relevant Period shall not exceed 10% of the total number of shares of the Company in issue as at the date of this resolution and the said approval be limited accordingly; and
- (c) for the purposes of this resolution:—

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

- (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
- (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the memorandum and articles of association of the Company or any applicable law of the Cayman Islands to be held; and
- (iii) the revocation or variation of this resolution by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting."

#### 6. **"THAT**

conditional upon resolution nos. 4 and 5 above being passed, the total number of shares of the Company which are repurchased by the Company under the authority granted to the Directors as mentioned in resolution no. 5 above shall be added to the total number of shares that may be allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted by the directors of the Company pursuant to resolution no. 4 above."

For and on behalf of the Board of Hua Lien International (Holding) Company Limited Liu Yan Chairman

Hong Kong, 28 May 2019

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Principal Place of Business in Hong Kong: Room 1701, World-wide House, 19 Des Voeux Road Central, Central, Hong Kong Registered Office: P.O. Box 309 Ugland House South Church Street George Town Grand Cayman Cayman Islands British West Indies

#### Notes:-

(1) A member entitled to attend and vote at the AGM convened by the above notice is entitled to appoint proxies to attend and, in the event of a poll, vote in his stead. A proxy need not be a member of the Company. In order to be valid, the form of proxy must be deposited at the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar, Union Registrars Limited, at Suites 3301-04, 33/F, Two Chinachem Exchange Square, 338 King's Road, North Point, Hong Kong together with a power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which it is signed or a notarially certified copy of that power or authority, not less than 48 hours before the time for holding the AGM or any adjournment thereof. Completion and delivery of the form of proxy will not preclude a shareholder of the Company from attending and voting in person if he is subsequently able to present and, in such event, the instrument appointing a proxy shall be deemed to be revoked.

In order to qualify for attending and voting at the AGM, all transfers accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar, Union Registrars Limited at Suites 3301-04, 33/F., Two Chinachem Exchange Square, 338 King's Road, North Point, Hong Kong, for registration not later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, 21 June 2019.

- (2) 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 were 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. 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.
- (3) As at the date of this notice, the board of directors comprises eight directors, of which three are executive directors, namely Mr. Liu Xueyi, Mr. Han Hong, and Mr. Wang Zhaohui, two are non-executive directors, namely Ms. Liu Yan and Mr. Zhang Jian, and three are independent non-executive directors, namely Mr. Cheng Tai Kwan Sunny, Mr. Shi Zhu and Dr. Lu Heng Henry.
- (4) If Typhoon Signal No. 8 or above, or a "black" rainstorm warning is in effect any time after 7:00 a.m. on the date of the AGM, the AGM will be postponed. The Company will post an announcement on the websites of the Company at http://www.irasia.com/listco/hk/hualien/index.htm and the Stock Exchange at http://www.hkexnews.hk to notify members of the date, time and place of the rescheduled meeting.