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## ORIENTAL EXPLORER HOLDINGS LIMITED

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 430)

#### GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE AND REPURCHASE SHARES,

#### RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

#### **AND**

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A notice convening the AGM to be held at 8/F., Multifield House, 54 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Hong Kong on Monday, 28 May 2012 at 3:30 p.m. is set out on pages 10 to 13 of this circular.

Whether or not you are able to attend the AGM, you are requested to complete and return the enclosed form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon as soon as possible to the branch share registrar of the Company in Hong Kong, Tricor Tengis Limited at 26/F., Tesbury Centre, 28 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong and in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the AGM or any adjournment thereof. Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting at the AGM or any adjournment thereof should you so desire.

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#### **DEFINITIONS**

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

"AGM" the annual general meeting of the Company to be convened and

held at 8/F., Multifield House, 54 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Hong Kong on Monday, 28 May 2012 at 3:30 p.m. and any adjournment

thereof

"associate(s)" has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Listing Rules

"Board" the board of the Directors

"Buyback Mandate" a mandate enabling the Company to repurchase the Shares

"Bye-law(s)" the bye-laws of the Company

"Company" Oriental Explorer Holdings Limited, an exempted company

incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability, the Shares are

listed on the main board of the Stock Exchange

"connected person(s)" has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Listing Rules

"controlling shareholder(s)" has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Listing Rules

"Director(s)" the directors of the Company

"General Mandate" a mandate enabling the Directors to issue and allot new

Shares

"HK\$" Hong Kong dollar(s), the lawful currency of Hong Kong

"Hong Kong" Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's

Republic of China

"Latest Practicable Date" 10 April 2012, being the latest practicable date prior to the

printing of this circular for ascertaining certain information

contained herein

"Listing Rules" the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock

Exchange

"SFO" the Securities and Future Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws

of Hong Kong)

"Shareholder(s)" the holder(s) of the Share(s)

## **DEFINITIONS**

"Share(s)" the ordinary share(s) of HK\$0.01 each in the share capital of

the Company

"Stock Exchange" The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

"subsidiary(ies)" has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Listing Rules

"substantial shareholder(s)" has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Listing Rules

"Takeovers Code" the Hong Kong Code on Takeovers and Mergers

"%" per cent.

#### LETTER FROM THE BOARD



# ORIENTAL EXPLORER HOLDINGS LIMITED

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Executive Directors:
Lau Chi Yung (Chairman)
Lau Michael Kei Chi
(Vice-Chairman and Managing Director)

Independent Non-executive Directors:
Lo Yick Wing
Wong Yim Sum
Lee Siu Man, Ervin
Tsui Ka Wah

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Head Office and Principal Place of Business in Hong Kong: 8/F., Multifield House 54 Wong Chuk Hang Road Hong Kong

13 April 2012

To the Shareholders

Dear Sir or Madam,

# GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE AND REPURCHASE SHARES, RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

#### GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE AND REPURCHASE SHARES

On 23 March 2012, the Board announced the final results of the Company and its subsidiaries for the year ended 31 December 2011 and gave the Shareholders the notice of the AGM to be held on Monday, 28 May 2012. Resolutions will be proposed at the AGM to seek, inter alia, Shareholders' approval for (i) the renewal of the General Mandate enabling the Directors to issue and allot new Shares up to 20% of the issued share capital of the Company, amounting to 360,000,000 Shares, as at the date of passing such resolution, on the basis that no further Shares are issued or repurchased after the Latest Practicable Date and up to the date of passing of such resolution at the AGM; (ii) the Buyback Mandate enabling the Company to repurchase its own shares and up to 10% of the issued share capital of the Company as at date of passing of such resolution; and (iii) the grant of the General Mandate enabling the Directors to issue and allot Shares repurchased by the Company under the Buyback Mandate up to a maximum of 10% of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing of such resolution. This letter contains the explanatory statement in compliance with the Listing Rules and to give all the information reasonably necessary to enable Shareholders to make an informed decision on whether to vote for or against the resolutions to approve the purchase by the Company of its own shares.

#### LETTER FROM THE BOARD

One of the purposes of this circular is to give you the explanatory statement which is set out in the appendix I to this circular containing the requisite information as required by the relevant provisions in the Listing Rules, which regulates the repurchase by companies with a primary listing on the Stock Exchange of their own shares on the Stock Exchange.

#### RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

In accordance with the Bye-laws, the Directors namely, Mr. Wong Yim Sum and Mr. Lee Siu Man, Ervin will retire by rotation and, being eligible, will offer themselves for re-election at the forthcoming AGM.

In order to enable Shareholders to make an informed decision on whether to vote for or against the resolution to approve the re-election of Directors, details of Mr. Wong Yim Sum and Mr. Lee Siu Man, Ervin are set out in the appendix II to this circular.

#### **VOTING BY POLL**

As required under rule 13.39(4) of the Listing Rules, any vote of shareholders at a general meeting must be taken by poll. Therefore, all the resolutions put to the vote at the AGM will be taken by way of poll.

#### RECOMMENDATION

The Directors consider that the proposals in respect of the general mandates to issue and repurchase Shares, and extension of general mandate to issue and allot Shares repurchased and the re-election of the Directors are in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders. We therefore recommend that the Shareholders should vote in favour of the relevant resolutions to be proposed at the AGM.

#### RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

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

By Order of the Board
Oriental Explorer Holdings Limited
Lau Chi Yung
Chairman

#### 1. REASONS FOR REPURCHASES

The Directors have no present intention to repurchase any Share but believe that it is in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders to have a general authority from the Shareholders to enable the Directors to repurchase Shares in the market. Such repurchases may, depending on market conditions and funding arrangements at the time, lead to an enhancement of the net asset value of the Company and/or its assets or its earnings per Share and will only be made when the Directors believe that such repurchases will benefit the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

## 2. SHARE CAPITAL

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the issued share capital of the Company comprised 1,800,000,000 Shares.

Subject to the passing of the resolution no. 5 of notice of the AGM, the Company would be allowed under the Buyback Mandate to repurchase a maximum of 180,000,000 Shares (10% of the issued share capital as at the date of passing of such resolution) on the basis that no further Shares will be issued or repurchased prior to the date of the forthcoming AGM.

#### 3. FUNDING OF REPURCHASES

Repurchases must be funded entirely from the Company's available cash flow or working capital facilities, which will be legally available for the purpose in accordance with the Bye-laws and the laws of Bermuda. The Company is empowered by its memorandum of association and bye-laws to purchase the Shares. The laws of Bermuda provides that the amount of capital repaid in connection with a share repurchase may only be paid out of either the capital paid up on the relevant shares, or the profits that would otherwise be available for distribution by way of dividend or the proceeds of a new issue of shares made for such purpose. The amount of premium payable on repurchase may only be paid out of either the profits that would otherwise be available for distribution by way of dividend or out of the share premium or contributed surplus accounts of the Company. Under the laws of Bermuda, the shares so repurchased will be treated as cancelled but the aggregate amount of authorised share capital will not be reduced so that the shares may be subsequently re-issued.

If the Buyback Mandate were exercised in full, there might be a material adverse effect on the working capital or gearing position of the Company (as compared with the position disclosed in the audited financial statements contained in the annual report of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2011). However, the Directors do not propose to exercise the Buyback Mandate to such an extent as would, in the circumstances, have a material adverse effect on the working capital requirements or the gearing levels of the Company which in the opinion of the Directors are from time to time appropriate for the Company.

#### 4. DIRECTORS' DEALINGS AND CONNECTED PERSONS

None of the Directors nor, to the best of their knowledge and belief, having made all reasonable enquiries, any of their associates have notified the Company that they currently intend to sell shares to the Company or its subsidiaries in the event that the proposal is approved by the Shareholders.

No connected person has notified the Company that he/she currently intends to sell shares to the Company nor has he/she undertaken not to sell any of such shares held by him/her to the Company in the event that the Company is authorised to make repurchases of its own shares.

#### 5. SHARE PRICES

The highest and lowest prices at which the Shares were traded on the Stock Exchange during each of the previous twelve months were as follows:

	Per S	Per Share	
	Highest	Lowest	
	HK\$	HK\$	
2011			
April	0.150	0.125	
May	0.149	0.123	
June	0.134	0.108	
July	0.118	0.104	
August	0.118	0.090	
September	0.110	0.080	
October	0.102	0.100	
November	0.098	0.075	
December	0.084	0.070	
2012			
January	0.083	0.077	
February	0.085	0.071	
March	0.090	0.080	
April (up to the Latest Practicable Date)	0.076	0.068	

#### 6. SHARE REPURCHASES MADE BY THE COMPANY

During the six months preceding the Latest Practicable Date, no Shares have been repurchased by the Company.

## 7. DIRECTORS' UNDERTAKING

The Directors have undertaken to the Stock Exchange that they will exercise the Buyback Mandate in accordance with the Listing Rules and the laws of Bermuda so far as the same may be applicable and in accordance with the regulations set out in the Bye-laws.

## 8. TAKEOVERS CODE CONSEQUENCES

If, as a result of a repurchase of securities, a substantial shareholder's proportionate interest in the voting rights of the Company increases, such increase will be treated as an acquisition for the purpose of the Takeovers Code. Accordingly, a shareholder or group of shareholders acting in concert, could obtain or consolidate control of the Company or become obliged to make a mandatory offer in accordance with Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code.

In the event that the Directors exercise in full the power to repurchase the shares, the percentage shareholding of Multifield International Holdings Limited, the substantial Shareholder, would be increased from 61.21% to 68.01%. The Directors are not aware of any consequences which may rise under the Takeovers Code as a result of any purchase to be made under the Buyback Mandate and have no intention to exercise the Buyback Mandate to such extent as to result in the number of shares which are in the hands of the public falling below 25% of the issued share capital of the Company.

#### APPENDIX II

## BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE DIRECTORS PROPOSED TO BE RE-ELECTED

Mr. WONG Yim Sum, aged 46, is currently the Director of Conpak CPA Limited, a firm of Certified Public Accountants in Hong Kong. Mr. Wong has extensive experience in the finance and auditing fields and is currently practicing as a Certified Public Accountant. He is a fellow member of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (HKICPA) and the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA).

Mr. Wong currently holds the position as an independent non-executive director of Multifield International Holdings Limited (Stock Code: 898), the holding company of the Company and a company whose shares are listed on the main board of the Stock Exchange.

There is no service contract entered into between the Company and Mr. Wong. Mr. Wong's appointment is subject to retirement by rotation and/or re-election at annual general meeting in accordance with the Bye-laws. His remuneration is determined by the Board with reference to his duties and responsibilities within the Company and the prevailing market conditions.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Wong does not at present, and in the past three years did not, hold any directorship in any listed public company, does not have any interest in the Shares which is required to be disclosed under Part XV of the SFO or any relationship with any other directors, senior management, substantial shareholders or controlling shareholders of the Company and there is no information which is discloseable nor is/was Mr. Wong involved in any of the matters required to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements of the provisions under paragraphs 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules, and the Board is not aware of any other matters which need to be brought to the attention of equity holders of the Company.

Mr. LEE Siu Man, Ervin, aged 56, is a Registered Architect and Authorized Person in Hong Kong. He is a member of the Hong Kong Institute of Architects and the Royal Australian Institute of Architects, and the founder and currently the Managing Director of Fotton-ELA Architects Ltd. and Fotton-ELA Consultants Ltd. which provide comprehensive services including architecture, civil, structural and geotechnical engineering, town planning and estate surveying in the building and development field. In early 1999, Mr. Lee has also been elected as the Director of the Board of Directors of the Pok Oi Hospital and the President of North Kowloon Lions Club, both for the year 1999/2000.

Mr. Lee currently holds the position as an independent non-executive director of Multifield International Holdings Limited (Stock Code: 898), the holding company of the Company and a company whose shares are listed on the main board of the Stock Exchange.

#### APPENDIX II

## BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE DIRECTORS PROPOSED TO BE RE-ELECTED

There is no service contract entered into between the Company and Mr. Lee. Mr. Lee's appointment is subject to retirement by rotation and/or re-election at annual general meeting in accordance with the Bye-laws. His remuneration is determined by the Board with reference to his duties and responsibilities within the Company and the prevailing market conditions.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Lee does not at present, and in the past three years did not, hold any directorship in any listed public company, does not have any interest in the Shares which is required to be disclosed under Part XV of the SFO or any relationship with any other directors, senior management, substantial shareholders or controlling shareholders of the Company and there is no information which is discloseable nor is/was Mr. Lee involved in any of the matters required to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements of the provisions under paragraphs 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules, and the Board is not aware of any other matters which need to be brought to the attention of equity holders of the Company.



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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the annual general meeting of Oriental Explorer Holdings Limited (the "Company") will be held at 8/F., Multifield House, 54 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Hong Kong on Monday, 28 May 2012 at 3:30 p.m. for the following purposes:

- 1. To receive and consider the audited consolidated financial statements and the reports of the directors and the auditors for the year ended 31 December 2011.
- 2. To re-elect directors and authorise the board of directors to fix the remuneration of the directors.
- 3. To appoint auditors and authorise the board of directors to fix their remuneration.
- 4. To consider as special business, and if thought fit, pass with or without amendments, the following resolution as an ordinary resolution:

#### "THAT:

- (A) subject to paragraph (C) of this resolution, the exercise by the directors of the Company (the "Director(s)") during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the power of the Company to allot, issue and deal with shares in the share 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;
- (B) the approval in paragraph (A) of this resolution shall authorise the Directors during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) to make or grant offers, agreements and options which might require the exercise of such power after the end of the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined);
- (C) the aggregate nominal amount of share capital allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted (whether pursuant to an option or otherwise) by the Directors pursuant to the approval in paragraph (A) of this resolution, otherwise than pursuant to (i) a Rights issue (as hereinafter defined), (ii) the exercise of the subscription rights attaching to any warrants of the Company, (iii) any option scheme or similar arrangement for the time being adopted for the grant or issue to

officers or employees of the Company and/or any of its subsidiaries or other eligible persons of shares or rights to acquire shares in the share capital of the Company, or (iv) any scrip dividend or similar arrangement providing for the allotment of shares in lieu of the whole or part of the dividend on shares of the Company in accordance with the bye-laws of the Company, or (v) any offer, agreement or option made or granted prior to the date of passing this resolution, shall not exceed 20% of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue as at the date of the passing of this resolution and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and

(D) for the purpose 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 bye-laws of the Company or any applicable laws to be held; and
- (iii) the date on which the authority given under this resolution is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders in general meeting;and

"Rights issue" means an offer of shares open for a period fixed by the Directors to the holders of shares on the register of members of the Company on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of such shares, subject to such exclusions 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, any recognised body or any stock exchange."

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

#### "THAT:

(A) subject to paragraph (B) of this resolution, the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the power of the Company to repurchase shares in the share capital of the Company and warrants, if any, issued by the Company be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;

- (B) the amount of the securities of the Company which the Company is authorised to repurchase pursuant to the approval in paragraph (A) of this resolution shall:
  - (i) in the case of shares, not exceed 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital in issue as at the date of the passing of this resolution; and
  - (ii) in the case of warrants, if any, not exceed 10% of warrants outstanding as at the date of the passing of this resolution

and the authority pursuant to paragraph (A) of this resolution shall be limited accordingly; and

(C) for the purpose 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 bye-laws of the Company or any applicable laws to be held; and
- (iii) the date on which the authority given under this resolution is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders in general meeting."
- 6. To consider as special business, and if thought fit, pass with or without amendments, the following resolution as an ordinary resolution:

"THAT conditional upon resolutions nos. 4 and 5 set out in the notice convening this meeting being duly passed, the general mandate granted to the Directors to exercise the power of the Company to allot and issue shares pursuant to resolution no. 4 set out in the notice convening this meeting be and is hereby extended by the addition to the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital which may be allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted and issued by the Directors pursuant to such general mandate of an amount representing the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company repurchased by the Company under the authority granted pursuant to resolution no. 5 set out in the notice convening this meeting, provided that such an amount shall not exceed 10% of the nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of the passing of this resolution."

By Order of the Board

Oriental Explorer Holdings Limited

Lau Chi Yung

Chairman

#### Notes:

- (i) The register of members of the Company will be closed from 24 May 2012 to 28 May 2012, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be registered. In order to be eligible to attend and vote at the forthcoming annual general meeting and all transfers accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Tengis Limited at 26/F., Tesbury Centre, 28 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong not later than 4:30 p.m. on 23 May 2012.
- (ii) A member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and, on a poll, vote on his behalf. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.
- (iii) In order to be valid, a form of proxy together with the power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which it is signed or a notarially certified copy of the power of attorney or authority, must be lodged at the branch share registrar of the Company in Hong Kong, Tricor Tengis Limited at 26/F., Tesbury Centre, 28 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the meeting (or the adjourned meeting as the case may be).