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# ORIENTAL EXPLORER HOLDINGS LIMITED 東方興業控股有限公司

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

- (1) GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE AND REPURCHASE SHARES;
  - (2) RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS;
  - (3) PROPOSED ADOPTION OF NEW SHARE OPTION SCHEME;
    - (4) PROPOSED ADOPTION OF NEW BYE-LAWS; AND
      - (5) NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A notice convening the AGM to be held at Units 22-28, 25/F., Tower A, Southmark, 11 Yip Hing Street, Wong Chuk Hang, Hong Kong on Thursday, 25 May 2023 at 3:30 p.m. is set out on pages 99 to 104 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 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, 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 wish.

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## **DEFINITIONS**

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

"2013 Share Option Scheme" the share option scheme adopted by the Company pursuant to the resolution

passed by the Shareholders at the annual general meeting held on 30 May 2013

"Adoption Date" the date on which the New Share Option Scheme is adopted by ordinary

resolutions to be passed by the Shareholders at the AGM

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

22-28, 25/F., Tower A, Southmark, 11 Yip Hing Street, Wong Chuk Hang, Hong Kong on Thursday, 25 May 2023 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 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 director(s) of the Company

"Eligible Participant(s)" any person belonging to the following classes of participants:

(a) any Employee Participant;

(b) any Related Entity Participant; and

(c) any Service Provider

"Employee Participant(s)" any director (including independent non-executive director) and employee

(whether full time or part time) of the Company or the Group who in the sole

discretion of the Board has contributed or will contribute to the Group

"Existing Bye-laws" the existing bye-laws of the Company

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

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"Grantee" any Eligible Participant who accepts an Offer in accordance with the terms of the New Share Option Scheme or (where the context so permits) a person

entitled to exercise any Share Option in consequence of the death of the

original Grantee

"Group" the Company and its subsidiaries

"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" 20 April 2023, 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

"Model Code" the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers as

set out in Appendix 10 of the Listing Rules

"New Bye-laws" the amended and restated bye-laws of the Company set out in Appendix IV to

this circular (with proposed amendments marked up against the conformed version of the Existing Bye-laws) proposed to be adopted by the Shareholders

with effect from the passing of the relevant special resolution at the AGM

"Offer" an offer of the grant of a Share Option made in accordance with the terms of

the New Share Option Scheme

"Offer Date" the date on which the Board resolves to make an Offer to an Eligible

Participant, which must be a business day

"Related Entity" the holding companies, fellow subsidiaries or associated companies of the

Company

"Service Provider(s)"

"Related Entity Participant(s)" any director and employee of the Related Entity

"Scheme Mandate Limit" has the same meaning as defined in paragraph 5 of Appendix III of this circular

any person providing services to the Group on a continuing and recurring basis in the Group's ordinary and usual course of business, the grant of Share Options to whom is in the interests of the long-term growth of the Group as

determined by the Board, namely:

(i) any person providing advisory services and/or consultancy services to the Group after stepping down from an employment or director position

with the Group; and

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(ii) any person providing, among others, advisory services, consultancy services, sales and marketing services, technology services and/or administrative services to the Group as consultants, independent contractors or agents where the continuity and frequency of their services are akin to those of employees;

but, for the avoidance of doubt, excluding (i) placing agents or financial advisers providing advisory services for fundraising, mergers or acquisitions of the Company or its subsidiaries, and (ii) professional service providers such as the auditors or valuers who provide assurance or are required to perform their services with impartiality and objectivity

"Service Provider Sublimit"

has the same meaning as defined in paragraph 5 of Appendix III of this circular

"SFO"

the Securities and Future Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong)

"Share(s)"

the ordinary share(s) of par value of HK\$0.1 each in the capital of the Company (or, if there has been a consolidation, reduction, re-classification, subdivision or reconstruction of the share capital of the Company, shares forming part of the equity share capital of the Company of such revised amount as shall result from such subdivision, consolidation, reduction, re-classification or reconstruction of such ordinary shares from time to time)

"Share Option(s)"

a right to subscribe for Shares pursuant to the New Share Option Scheme

"Share Option Period"

a period to be determined and notified by the Board to the Grantee during which the Share Option may be exercised and in any event shall not be more than 10 years commencing on the Offer Date and expiring on the last day of such ten-year period subject to the provisions for early termination in accordance with the terms of the New Share Option Scheme

"Shareholder(s)

the holder(s) of the Share(s)

"Stock Exchange"

The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

"subsidiary(ies)"

a subsidiary(ies) for the time being of the Company within the meaning of the Companies Ordinance, Chapter 622 of the laws of Hong Kong, whether incorporated in Hong Kong or elsewhere

"substantial shareholder(s)"

has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Listing Rules

"Takeovers Code"

the Hong Kong Code on Takeovers and Mergers

"%"

per cent



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Hong Kong

27 April 2023

To the Shareholders

Dear Sir or Madam,

- (1) GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE AND REPURCHASE SHARES;
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**AND** 

(5) NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

## INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this circular is to give you notice of the AGM, and to provide you with details of, among other things, (i) the general mandates to issue and repurchase Shares; (ii) the re-election of retiring Directors; (iii) the proposed adoption of the New Share Option Scheme; and (iv) the proposed adoption of the New Bye-laws.

## GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE AND REPURCHASE SHARES

Resolutions will be proposed at the AGM to seek Shareholders' approval for, among other things, (i) the renewal of the General Mandate enabling the Directors to issue and allot new Shares up to 20% of the total number of issued Shares, amounting to 77,636,720 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 grant of the Buyback Mandate enabling the Company to repurchase Shares and up to 10% of the total number of issued Shares as at the date of passing of such resolution; and (iii) conditional upon the passing of the ordinary resolutions to approve the renewal of the General Mandate and the grant of the Buyback Mandate at the AGM, the extension of the General Mandate by an amount representing the total number of Shares repurchased by the Company under the Buyback Mandate, up to a maximum of 10% of the total number of issued Shares as at the date of passing of such resolution.

An explanatory statement 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, is set out in Appendix I to this circular.

#### RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS

In accordance with the Bye-laws, Mr. Tsui Ka Wah ("Mr. Tsui") and Mr. Lo Mun Lam, Raymond ("Mr. Lo"), independent non-executive Directors, will retire by rotation and, being eligible, will offer themselves for re-election at the AGM. On the recommendation of the nomination committee of the Company (the "Nomination Committee"), the Board proposes to the Shareholders for re-election of Mr. Tsui and Mr. Lo.

The proposed re-election of Mr. Tsui and Mr. Lo as independent non-executive Directors has been considered by the Nomination Committee taking into account the diversity aspects (including without limitation, gender, age, cultural and educational background, ethnicity, professional experience, skills, knowledge and length of service) as set out under the Board Diversity Policy of the Company and the skill mix of the Board. The Nomination Committee believes that with the respective knowledge and experience of Mr. Tsui and Mr. Lo in areas including corporate finance, financing, auditing, internal audit, and risk management, they will continue to make valuable contributions to the Group's business development.

The Nomination Committee has received the respective written confirmation of independence from Mr. Tsui and Mr. Lo, and has assessed and reviewed their independence based on the independence criteria as set out in Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules. The Nomination Committee is of the view that both Mr. Tsui and Mr. Lo are independent to the Company.

Mr. Tsui has been serving as an independent non-executive Director since 2010. The Nomination Committee has evaluated the performance of Mr. Tsui and found he has not engaged in any executive management of the Group, but has consistently contributed independent judgement and critical mindset to the Board over the past years, in particular in areas including banking, financing, and financial management. Both the Board and the Nomination Committee is of the view that the independence of Mr. Tsui has not been affected despite he has served as an independent non-executive Director for more than 12 years.

Biographical details of Mr. Tsui and Mr. Lo are set out in Appendix II to this circular.

## PROPOSED ADOPTION OF THE NEW SHARE OPTION SCHEME

## The 2013 Share Option Scheme

The Company adopted the 2013 Share Option Scheme pursuant to the resolution passed by the Shareholders at the annual general meeting held on 30 May 2013. Under the terms of the 2013 Share Option Scheme, unless otherwise cancelled or amended, the 2013 Share Option Scheme would remain in force for a period of 10 years from the date of its adoption and will expire on 29 May 2023. No further options can be offered or granted upon the expiration of the 2013 Share Option Scheme. As at the Latest Practicable Date, no share options under the 2013 Share Option Scheme have been granted, exercised, lapsed or cancelled since the establishment of the 2013 Share Option Scheme.

## The New Share Option Scheme

In view of the upcoming expiration of the 2013 Share Option Scheme, the Board proposes to adopt the New Share Option Scheme in accordance with Chapter 17 of the Listing Rules.

The purpose of the New Share Option Scheme is to enable the Board to grant Share Options to the Eligible Participants as incentives or rewards for their contribution or potential contribution to the Group and to attract, retain and motivate high-calibre Eligible Participants in line with the performance goals of the Group and the Related Entities. A summary of the principal rules of the New Share Option Scheme is set out in the Appendix III to this circular.

The Directors believe that the provisions as well as such other terms as may be determined by the Board, will serve to protect the value of the Company as well as to achieve the purpose of the New Share Option Scheme.

## Eligible Participants under the New Share Option Scheme

The rules of the New Share Option Scheme enable the Company to grant Share Option(s) to Eligible Participants including Employee Participants, Service Providers and Related Entity Participants.

The Directors are of the view that the adoption of the New Share Option Scheme aligns with the market practice of providing incentives to Employee Participants to work towards enhancing the enterprise value and achieving the long-term objectives for the benefit of the Group as a whole.

Considering the Company's organisational structures and that Service Providers and Related Entity Participants have contributed to the long-term growth of the Company's businesses, the Board is of the view that it would be in the Company's interest to also have the flexibility to grant Share Options to the Related Entity Participants and Service Providers in recognition of their contribution to the Company. The Directors (including the independent non-executive Directors) also consider that it is beneficial to include the Related Entity Participants and Service Providers since a sustainable and stable relationship with them is essential to the business development of the Group, and that the grant of Share Options to these non-employee participants will align their interests with the Group's, incentivising them to provide better services to, create more opportunities for and/or contribute to the success of the Group in the long run.

The Board may determine the Employee Participants' eligibility in its sole discretion by considering all relevant factors as appropriate (please refer to the factors set out in paragraph 3(a) of the Appendix III to this circular) and take into account criteria based on the nature of the contributions made by Service Providers and Related Entity Participants before granting Share Option(s) to them (please refer to the factors set out in paragraph 3(b) and (c) of the Appendix III to this circular).

## Performance target and clawback mechanism

Under the New Share Option Scheme, the Board may at its discretion specify any condition in the offer letter of the grant of the relevant Option which must be satisfied before an Option may be exercised. Save as determined by the Board and provided in the offer letter of the grant of the relevant Option, the New Share Option Scheme does not stipulate any performance target a Grantee is required to achieve before an Option can be exercised under the terms of the New Share Option Scheme nor any clawback mechanism for the Company to recover or withhold any Options granted to any Eligible Participants. The Board believes that this will provide the Board with more flexibility in setting out the terms and conditions of the Options under particular circumstances of each grant and facilitate the Board to offer meaningful incentive to attract and retain quality personnel that are valuable to the development of the Group.

## Basis of determining the exercise price of Share Options

The exercise price in respect of any particular Share Option will be such price as determined by the Board in its discretion at the time of the grant of the relevant Share Option but in any event the exercise price shall be at least the higher of (i) the closing price of the Shares as stated in the daily quotations sheet issued by the Stock Exchange on the Offer Date; or (ii) the average of the closing price of the Shares as stated in the daily quotations sheets issued by the Stock Exchange for the five (5) Business Days immediately preceding the Offer Date; and (iii) the nominal value of the Shares on the Offer Date.

## Scheme Mandate Limit and Service Provider Sublimit

The maximum total number of Shares which may be issued upon exercise of all Share Options to be granted under the New Share Option Scheme must not in aggregate exceed 10% of the total number of Shares in issue as at the Adoption Date. As at the Latest Practicable Date, there were an aggregate of 388,183,600 Shares in issue. Assuming there is no issue or repurchase of Shares from the Latest Practicable Date to the date of the AGM on which the New Share Option Scheme is expected to be conditionally approved and adopted by the Shareholders, the maximum number of Shares that can be issued upon exercise of the Share Options is 38,818,360, representing 10% of the Shares in issue.

The Board has also set the Service Provider Sublimit in respect of the total number of Shares which may be allotted and issued in respect of all Share Options to be granted to Service Providers under the New Share Option Scheme, being 1% of the total number of Shares in issue on the Adoption Date.

The basis for determining the Service Provider Sublimit (namely, 1% of the total number of issued Shares as at the Adoption Date or the relevant date of approval of the refreshment of the Service Provider Sublimit) includes (i) the potential dilution effect arising from grants to the Service Providers, (ii) the importance of striking a balance between achieving the purpose of the New Share Option Scheme and protecting the Shareholders from the dilution effect from granting a substantial amount of Share Options to the Service Providers, (iii) the extent of use of Service Provider in the Group's businesses, the current payment and/or settlement arrangement with the Service Providers, (iv) the expected contribution to the development and growth of the Company attributable to the Service Providers and (v) the fact that the Company expects that a majority of Share Options will be granted to the Employee Participants and as such there is a need to reserve a larger portion of the Scheme Mandate Limit for grants to the Employee Participants. Given the above, the Board considers that a Service Provider Sublimit of 1% would not lead to an excessive dilution of shareholding of the existing Shareholders.

Considering that there are no other share schemes over new Shares other than the New Share Option Scheme after the expiring of the 2013 Share Option Scheme, the Group's hiring practice and organisational structures and that the Service Providers have contributed to the long-term growth of the Company's businesses, the Board is of the view that, despite the Company did not grant any share options or award shares to its Service Providers in the past, the Service Provider Sublimit is appropriate and reasonable given the nature of the Group's industry and business needs, and such limit provides the Group with flexibility to provide equity incentives to reward and collaborate with persons who are not employees or officers of the Group, but who may have exceptional expertise in their field or who may be able to provide valuable expertise and services to the Group, which is in line with the purpose of the New Share Option Scheme.

## **Vesting Period**

Save for the circumstances set out in the paragraph 7 of Appendix III to this circular, the vesting period of Share Options granted under the New Share Option Scheme shall be determined by the Board subject to a minimum period of no less than 12 months.

To ensure the practicability in fully attaining the purpose of the New Share Option Scheme, the Board and the remuneration committee of the Company are of the view that (a) there are certain instances where a strict twelve (12)-month vesting requirement would not work or would not be fair to the holders of the Share Options, such as those set out in the paragraph 7 of Appendix III to this circular; (b) there is a need for the Company to retain flexibility in certain cases to provide a competitive remuneration package to attract and retain individuals to provide services to the Group, to provide for succession planning and the effective transition of employee responsibilities and to reward exceptional performers with accelerated vesting or in exceptional circumstances where justified; and (c) the Company should be allowed discretions to formulate its own talent recruitment and retention strategies in response to changing market conditions and industry competition, and thus should have flexibility to impose vesting conditions such as performance-based vesting conditions instead of time-based vesting criteria depending on individual circumstances.

As such, the Board and the remuneration committee of the Company are of the view that the shorter vesting period prescribed in the paragraph 7 of Appendix III to this circular is in line with the market practice and is appropriate and aligns with the purpose of the New Share Option Scheme.

No trustee has been appointed under the New Share Option Scheme. None of the Directors is and will be a trustee of the New Share Option Scheme nor has a direct or indirect interest in the trustees of the New Share Option Scheme (if any).

The Board has no present intention to grant Share Options to any of the Eligible Participants under the New Share Option Scheme after its adoption.

The New Share Option Scheme will constitute a share option scheme under Chapter 17 of the Listing Rules.

The terms of the New Share Option Scheme are in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 17 of the Listing Rules.

## **Conditions of the New Share Option Scheme**

The New Share Option Scheme or the grant of any Share Option thereunder is conditional on:

- (i) the passing of an ordinary resolution by the Shareholders at the AGM to approve the adoption of the New Share Option Scheme and to authorise the Board to grant Share Options under the New Share Option Scheme and to allot and issue Shares pursuant to the exercise of any Share Option; and
- (ii) the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange granting the approval for the listing of, and permission to deal in, the Shares to be allotted and issued pursuant to the exercise of any Share Option which may be granted under the New Share Option Scheme.

Application will be made to the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange for the approval of the listing of, and permission to deal in, the Shares, representing a maximum of 10% of the Company's issued share capital as at the Adoption Date, which may fall to be issued pursuant to the exercise of the Share Options to be granted under the New Share Option Scheme.

## Valuation of the Share Options

The Directors consider that it is inappropriate and impractical to state the value of the Share Options that may be granted pursuant to the New Share Option Scheme as if they had been granted on the Latest Practicable Date, given that a number of variables which are necessary for the calculation of the value of the Share Options cannot be ascertained at this stage. Such variables include the exercise price, exercise period, interest rate, any performance targets set and other relevant variables. The Directors believe that any calculation of the value of the Share Options as of the Latest Practicable Date based on a number of speculative assumptions would not be meaningful to the Shareholders.

## **Document on display**

A copy of the rules of the New Share Option Scheme will be published on the websites of Stock Exchange (www.hkexnews.hk) and the Company (www.irasia.com/listco/hk/orientalexplorer) for display for a period of not less than 14 days before the date of the AGM and will be made available for inspection at the AGM.

## PROPOSED ADOPTION OF THE NEW BYE-LAWS

As disclosed in the announcement of the Company dated 27 March 2023, the Board proposed to amend the Existing Bye-laws in order to (i) conform to the current requirements of the Listing Rules, including the Core Shareholder Protection Standards as set out in Appendix 3 to the Listing Rules, and the applicable laws of Bermuda; (ii) provide flexibility to the Company in relation to the conduct of general meetings as physical meetings, hybrid meetings and electronic meetings; and (iii) incorporate certain housekeeping amendments (collectively the "**Proposed Amendments**").

A summary of the Proposed Amendments is set out below:

- 1. to clarify that any person appointed by the Directors to fill a casual vacancy or as an addition to the Board shall hold office only until the first annual general meeting of the Company after his appointment (instead of the next following annual general meeting), and shall then be eligible for re-election;
- 2. to provide that the Company shall hold a general meeting for each financial year (instead of calendar year) as its annual general meeting and the annual general meeting shall be held within six months after the end of the Company's financial year;
- 3. to provide that the Shareholders shall have the right to (i) speak at a general meeting; and (ii) vote at a general meeting except where a Shareholder is required, by the Listing Rules, to abstain from voting to approve the matter under consideration;
- 4. to provide that for quorum purposes only, two persons appointed by the clearing house as authorised representative or proxy shall form a quorum for all purposes;
- 5. to allow the removal of auditor to be approved by extraordinary resolution (being a resolution passed by a majority of not less than two-thirds of votes cast by Shareholders at a general meeting) at any time before the expiration of the term of office and shall by ordinary resolution at that meeting appoint new auditor in its place for the reminder of the term;
- 6. allow general meetings to be held as a physical meeting in any part of the world and at one or more locations or as a hybrid meeting or as an electronic meeting, as may be determined by the Board in its absolute discretion and to include provisions regulating such meetings; and
- 7. to make other amendments to update or clarify provisions where the Board considers appropriate in accordance with or to better align with the wording in the applicable laws of Bermuda and the Listing Rules.

The full text of the New Bye-laws (which has incorporated the Proposed Amendments and marked-up against the Existing Bye-laws) is set out in Appendix IV to this circular. The Chinese translation of the proposed New Bye-laws is for reference only. In case of any discrepancy or inconsistency between the English version and its Chinese translation, the English version shall prevail. Prior to the passing of the special resolution at the AGM, the Existing Bye-laws shall remain valid.

The legal advisers to the Company as to Hong Kong laws and Bermuda laws have respectively confirmed that the New Bye-laws conform with the applicable requirements under the Listing Rules and are not inconsistent with the laws of Bermuda. The Company confirms that there is nothing unusual about the New Bye-laws for a Bermuda company listed on the Stock Exchange.

## **AGM**

A notice convening the AGM to be held at Units 22-28, 25/F, Tower A, Southmark, 11 Yip Hing Street, Wong Chuk Hang, Hong Kong on Thursday, 25 May 2023 at 3:30 p.m. is set out on pages 99 to 104 of this circular. A form of proxy for use at the AGM is enclosed with 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 to the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Tengis Limited at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong as soon as possible but in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the AGM or any adjourned meeting. 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. The resolution proposed to be approved at the AGM will be taken by poll and an announcement will be made by the Company after the AGM on the results of the AGM.

## **CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS**

The register of members of the Company will be closed from Monday, 22 May 2023 to Thursday, 25 May 2023, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of Shares will be effected. In order to determine the entitlement to attend and vote at the AGM, all Share transfers accompanied by the relevant share certificates, must be lodged with the Company's branch share registrar, Tricor Tengis Limited at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong for registration not later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, 19 May 2023.

## **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.

To the best of the Directors' knowledge, information and belief, and having made all reasonable enquiries, no Shareholder has an interest in any of the resolutions to be proposed at the AGM which is materially different from the other Shareholders. Therefore, no Shareholder is required to abstain from voting on the resolutions to be proposed at the AGM.

## RECOMMENDATION

The Directors consider that (i) the proposals in respect of the General Mandates to issue and allot new Shares, the Buyback Mandate to repurchase Shares, and extension of General Mandate to issue and allot Shares repurchased; (ii) the re-election of retiring Directors, (iii) the proposed adoption of the New Share Option Scheme; and (iv) the proposed adoption of the New Bye-laws are in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders. The Directors therefore recommend that the Shareholders should vote in favour of the relevant resolutions to be proposed at the AGM.

#### 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 aspects and not misleading or deceptive, and there are no other matters the omission of which would make any statement herein or this circular misleading.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

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

By Order of the Board

Oriental Explorer Holdings Limited

Lau Chi Yung, Kenneth

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 total number of issued Shares comprised 388,183,600 Shares.

Subject to the passing of the resolution no. 6 of notice of the AGM, the Company would be allowed under the Buyback Mandate to repurchase a maximum of 38,818,360 Shares, representing 10% of the total number of issued Shares 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 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 provide 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 was 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 2022). However, the Directors do not propose to exercise the Buyback Mandate to an extent which 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/it currently intends to sell Shares to the Company nor has any such connected person undertaken not to sell any of such Shares held by them to the Company in the event that the Company is authorised to make repurchases of the Shares under the Buyback Mandate.

## 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 immediately prior to the Latest Practicable Date were as follows:

	Price per Share		
	Highest	Lowest	
	HK\$	HK\$	
2022			
April	0.450	0.390	
May	0.410	0.380	
June	0.385	0.345	
July	0.385	0.360	
August	0.385	0.360	
September	0.390	0.360	
October	0.375	0.305	
November	0.375	0.295	
December	0.420	0.370	
2023			
January	0.395	0.365	
February	0.400	0.370	
March	0.400	0.365	
April (up to the Latest Practicable Date)	0.370	0.340	

## 6. SHARE REPURCHASES MADE BY THE COMPANY

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

## APPENDIX I EXPLANATORY STATEMENT ON THE BUYBACK MANDATE

## 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 Rules 26 and 32 of the Takeovers Code.

In the event that the Directors exercise in full the power to repurchase the Shares, the percentage shareholding in the Company held by Multifield International Holdings Limited, the substantial shareholder, would be increased from 75.00% to approximately 83.33%. 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 will not 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 total number of issued Shares.

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

Mr. Tsui Ka Wah, aged 70, joined the Group as an independent non-executive Director in 2010. He has 28 years of banking experience with the United States and local banks, and has held various management positions in corporate, retail and private banking. Until 2009, he was the President of Great China Region for a U.S. bank, overseeing operations in Taiwan, the People's Republic of China and Hong Kong. Since August 2013, he has held the position of Chief Executive Officer of SME Credit Company Limited. Mr. Tsui holds a Bachelor Degree and a Master Degree of Business Administration from the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

Mr. Tsui is also an independent non-executive director of Multifield International Holdings Limited (Stock Code: 898), an intermediate holding company of the Company, Southeast Asia Properties & Finance Limited (Stock Code: 252), and Grand Ming Group Holdings Limited (Stock Code: 1271) respectively. The shares of these companies are listed on the main board of the Stock Exchange.

There is no service contract entered into between the Company and Mr. Tsui. Mr. Tsui's appointment is subject to retirement by rotation and/or re-election at annual general meeting in accordance with the Bye-laws. Mr. Tsui will be entitled to an emolument of HK\$7,000 per month, which is determined by the remuneration committee of the Company and the Board with reference to his duties and responsibilities within the Company and the prevailing market conditions and will be subject to annual review.

Mr. Tsui has confirmed that he has satisfied all factors set out in Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules in assessing his independence. Save as disclosed above, as at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Tsui (i) has not held any other directorships in public companies the securities of which are listed in Hong Kong or overseas at present and in the last three years; (ii) has not held any other positions in the Company or any of its subsidiaries; (iii) does not have any interest in any shares of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO; and (iv) does not have any relationship with any other Directors, senior management, substantial shareholders or controlling shareholders of the Company.

Save as disclosed above, as at the Latest Practicable Date, there are no other matters that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders in respect of the proposed re-election of Mr. Tsui nor is there any information relating to him which is required to be disclosed pursuant to Rules 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules.

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

Mr. Lo Mun Lam, Raymond, aged 70, joined the Group as an independent non-executive Director in 2021. He is a Chartered Accountant and Corporate Finance designate of the ICAEW (FCA/CF), a Chartered Surveyor (FRICS) and a Chartered Arbitrator (FCIArb.). He is also a Trust & Estate Practitioner (TEP). Mr. Raymond Lo held both directorate and executive positions with multinational corporations, advisory and financial institutions in the past 30 years.

Mr. Raymond Lo is currently an executive director of Amasse Capital Holding Limited, a company listed on the Growth Enterprise Market of the Stock Exchange (Stock Code: 8168), and is also a responsible officer of Amasse Capital Limited for Type 1 (dealing in securities) and Type 6 (advising on corporate finance) regulated activities under the Securities and Futures Ordinance.

Mr. Raymond Lo has been an independent non-executive director of China Datang Corporation Renewal Power Company Limited, a state-owned enterprise listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange (Stock Code: 1798), since August 2013. He is also currently an independent non-executive director of Multifield International Holding Limited, an intermediate holding company of the Company listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange (Stock Code: 898).

The Company has entered into a letter of appointment with Mr. Lo, pursuant to which the term of his appointment is three years commencing from the conclusion of the annual general meeting of the Company held on 27 May 2021, unless terminated by either party with not less than three months' written notice, and he will also be subject to retirement by rotation and/or re-election in accordance with the Bye-laws. Mr. Lo will be entitled to an emolument of HK\$7,000 per month, which is determined by the remuneration committee of the Company and the Board with reference to his duties and responsibilities within the Company and the prevailing market conditions and will be subject to annual review.

Mr. Lo has confirmed that he has satisfied all factors set out in Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules in assessing his independence. Save as disclosed above, as at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Lo (i) has not held any other directorships in public companies the securities of which are listed in Hong Kong or overseas at present and in the last three years; (ii) has not held any other positions in the Company or any of its subsidiaries; (iii) does not have any interest in any shares of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO; and (iv) does not have any relationship with any other Directors, senior management, substantial shareholders or controlling shareholders of the Company.

Save as disclosed above, as at the Latest Practicable Date, there are no other matters that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders in respect of the proposed re-election of Mr. Lo nor is there any information relating to him which is required to be disclosed pursuant to Rules 13.51(2) (h) to (v) of the Listing Rules.

The following is a summary of the principal rules of the New Share Option Scheme but does not form part of, nor was it intended to be, part of the New Share Option Scheme nor should it be taken as effecting the interpretation of the New Share Option Scheme. The Directors reserve the right at any time prior to the AGM to make such amendments to the New Share Option Scheme as they may consider necessary or appropriate provided that such amendments do not conflict in any material aspects with the summary in this Appendix.

## 1. PURPOSE OF THE NEW SHARE OPTION SCHEME

The purpose of the New Share Option Scheme is to enable the Board to grant Share Options to the Eligible Participants as incentives or rewards for their contribution or potential contribution to the Group and to attract, retain and motivate high-calibre Eligible Participants in line with the performance goals of the Group and the Related Entities. The New Share Option Scheme shall strengthen the long-term relationships that the Eligible Participants may have with the Group.

## 2. ADMINISTRATION OF THE NEW SHARE OPTION SCHEME

The New Share Option Scheme shall be subject to the administration of the Board (or if the Board so resolves by a committee of the Board) whose decision (save as otherwise provided in the New Share Option Scheme) shall be final and binding on all parties subject to the prior receipt of a statement in writing from the Auditors or the independent financial adviser of the Company if and as required by the New Share Option Scheme.

## 3. WHO MAY JOIN

Subject to the provisions in the New Share Option Scheme, the Board shall be entitled at any time within the period of ten (10) years after the Adoption Date to make an Offer to any Eligible Participant as the Board may in its absolute discretion select to subscribe for such number of Shares as the Board may determine at the exercise price. In particular, the eligibility of each of the Eligible Participants shall be determined by the Board or a committee of the Board from time to time and on a case-by-case basis. Generally:

- (a) with respect to Employee Participants, the Board will consider, among others, their general working performance, time commitment (full-time or part-time), length of their service within the Group, working experience, responsibilities and/or employment conditions with reference to the prevailing market practice and industry standard;
- (b) with respect to Related Entity Participants, the Board will consider, among others, their participation and contribution to the development of the Group and/or the extent of benefits and synergies brought to the Group; and

(c) with respect to Service Providers, the Board will consider, among others, their experience and expertise, continuity and frequency of their services to the Group, their involvement in promoting the business of the Group, or where appropriate, contribution or potential contribution to the long-term growth of the Group. In assessing whether the Service Provider provides services to the Group on a continuing and recurring basis, the Board shall take into consideration the length and type of services provided and the recurrences and regularity of such services, and will benchmark such metrics against the performance of the employees, officers and directors of the Group to whom the Group provides equity incentives, while taking into account the purpose of the New Share Option Scheme and the objectives in engaging the Service Provider. In assessing whether the Service Provider provides services to the Group in the Group's ordinary and usual course of business, the Board or the committee of the Board shall take into consideration the nature of the services provided to the Group by the Service Provider, and whether such services form part of or are directly ancillary to the businesses conducted by the Group, as disclosed in the Company's financial reports.

## 4. EXERCISE PRICE OF SHARE OPTIONS

The exercise price of any particular Share Option granted under the New Share Option Scheme shall be a price determined by the Board and notified to an Eligible Participant, and shall be at least the higher of (i) the closing price of the Shares as stated in the Stock Exchange's daily quotations sheet on the Offer Date, which must be a Business Day; (ii) the average closing price of the Shares as stated in the Stock Exchange's daily quotation sheets for the five Business Days immediately preceding the Offer Date; and (iii) the nominal value of the Shares on the Offer Date. Where a Share Option is to be granted, the date of the Board meeting at which the grant was proposed shall be taken to be the Offer Date for such Share Option.

## 5. MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SHARES

The total number of Shares which may be issued in respect of all options and awards to be granted under the New Share Option Scheme and any other schemes of the Company (the "Scheme Mandate Limit") must not in aggregate exceed 10% (or such other percentage which may be specified by the Stock Exchange from time to time) of the total number of Shares in issue as at the Adoption Date or the relevant date of approval of the refreshment of the Scheme Mandate Limit. Within the Scheme Mandate Limit, the number of Shares which may be issued in respect of all options and awards to be granted to the Service Providers under the New Share Option Scheme and any other schemes of the Company (the "Service Provider Sublimit") must not in aggregate exceed 1% of the total number of Shares in issue as at the Adoption Date or the relevant date of approval of the refreshment of the Service Provider Sublimit, which shall not be valid unless:

- (a) the Service Provider Sublimit is separately approved by the Shareholders in general meeting; and
- (b) a circular regarding the Service Provider Sublimit has been despatched to the Shareholders in a manner complying with, and containing the matters specified in, the relevant provisions of Chapter 17 of the Listing Rules (including, amongst others, the basis for determining the Service Provider Sublimit and an explanation as to why the Service Provider Sublimit is appropriate and reasonable).

For the purposes of calculating the Scheme Mandate Limit and the Service Provider Sublimit, Shares which are the subject matter of any options or awards that have already lapsed in accordance with the terms of the relevant share scheme(s) of the Company will not be regarded as utilised. The Scheme Mandate Limit and the Service Provider Sublimit may be refreshed by ordinary resolution of the Shareholders in general meeting every three years from the date of the Shareholders' approval for the last refreshment (or the Adoption Date), provided that:

- (a) the Scheme Mandate Limit so refreshed shall not exceed 10% (or such other percentage which may be specified by the Stock Exchange from time to time) and the Service Provider Sublimit so refreshed shall not exceed 1%, respectively, of the total number of issued Shares as at the date of such Shareholders' approval of the refreshment of the Scheme Mandate Limit and the Service Provider Sublimit;
- (b) for the purpose of calculating the Scheme Mandate Limit and the Service Provider Sublimit, options or awards lapsed will not be regarded as utilised and options or awards cancelled will be regarded as utilised; and

(c) a circular regarding the proposed refreshment of the Scheme Mandate Limit and the Service Provider Sublimit has been dispatched to the Shareholders in a manner complying with, and containing the matters specified in, Chapter 17 of the Listing Rules.

Further to the requirements set out above, any refreshment of the Scheme Mandate Limit and/or the Service Provider Sublimit within three years from the date of the Shareholders' approval for the last refreshment (or the Adoption Date) must be approved by the Shareholders in general meeting subject to the following provisions:

- (a) any controlling shareholder and their associates (or if there is no controlling shareholder, Directors (excluding independent non-executive Directors) and chief executive(s) of the Company and their respective associates) must abstain from voting in favour of the relevant resolution at the general meeting;
- (b) the Company must comply with the requirements under Rules 13.39(6) and (7), 13.40, 13.41 and 13.42 of the Listing Rules; and
- (c) the requirements under sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) above do not apply if the refreshment is made immediately after an issue of Shares by the Company to its Shareholders on a pro rata basis as set out in Rule 13.36(2)(a) of the Listing Rules such that the unused part of the Scheme Mandate Limit and the Service Provider Sublimit (as a percentage of the Shares in issue) upon refreshment is the same as the unused part of the Scheme Mandate Limit and the Service Provider Sublimit immediately before the issue of the Shares, rounded to the nearest whole Share.

The Company may seek separate approval from the Shareholders in general meeting for granting options or awards which will result in the Scheme Mandate Limit or the Service Provider Sublimit being exceeded, provided that:

- (a) the grant is only to Eligible Participants specifically identified by the Company before the approval is sought; and
- (b) a circular regarding the grant has been dispatched to the Shareholders in a manner complying with, and containing the matters specified in, the relevant provisions of Chapter 17 of the Listing Rules and any other applicable laws and rules.

If the Company conducts any share consolidation or subdivision after the Scheme Mandate Limit or the Service Provider Sublimit has been approved in the general meeting, the maximum number of Shares that may be issued by the Company pursuant to the New Share Option Scheme and all other share schemes of the Company under the unutilised Scheme Mandate Limit or the Service Provider Sublimit as a percentage of the total number of issued Shares at the date immediately before and after such consolidation or subdivision shall be the same, rounded to the nearest whole Share.

## 6. GRANT OF SHARE OPTIONS

- (a) An Offer shall be made to an Eligible Participant in writing in such form as the Board may from time to time determine requiring the Eligible Participant to undertake to hold the Share Option on the terms on which it is to be granted and to be bound by the provisions of the New Share Option Scheme and shall remain open for acceptance by the Eligible Participant to whom an Offer is made for a period as specified in the letter of Offer, by which the Eligible Participant must accept the Offer or be deemed to have declined it, provided that no such Offer shall be opened for acceptance after the Share Option Period or after the New Share Option Scheme has been terminated in accordance with the provisions of the New Share Option Scheme or after the Eligible Participant to whom the Offer is made has ceased to be an Eligible Participant.
- (b) The Board may in its absolute discretion specify such conditions as it thinks fit when making an Offer to an Eligible Participant (including, without limitation, as to any performance criteria which must be satisfied by the Eligible Participant and/or the Company and/or its subsidiaries before a Share Option may be exercised), provided that such conditions shall not be inconsistent with any other terms and conditions of the New Share Option Scheme or the relevant requirements under applicable laws or the Listing Rules.
- (c) The Board shall not grant any Share Option under the New Share Option Scheme after inside information has come to the Company's knowledge until (and including) the trading day on which it has announced the information. In particular, no Offer shall be made to any Eligible Participant (a) during the period commencing one month immediately preceding the earlier of (1) the date of the Board meeting (as such date is first notified to the Stock Exchange in accordance with the Listing Rules) for the approval of the Company's results for any year, half-year, quarterly or any other interim period (whether or not required under the Listing Rules); and (2) the deadline for the Company to publish an announcement of its results for any year or half-year under the Listing Rules), and ending on the date of the results announcement, no Share Option shall be granted; or (b) who is subject to the Model Code during the periods or times in which such Eligible Participant is prohibited from dealing in the Shares pursuant to the Model Code.

(d) An Offer shall be deemed to have been accepted and the Share Option to which the Offer relates shall be deemed to have been granted and to have taken effect when the Company receives the duplicate of the offer letter comprising acceptance of the Offer duly signed by the Grantee with the number of Shares in respect of which the Offer is accepted clearly stated therein and no option price will be payable upon the acceptance of the Offer. Any Offer may be accepted in respect of all or less than the number of Shares in respect of which it is offered provided that it is accepted in respect of a board lot for dealing in Shares on the Stock Exchange or an integral multiple thereof. To the extent that an Offer is not accepted within the time stated in the Offer for that purpose, it will be deemed to have been irrevocably declined and upon which, the subject Share Options with respect to the declined Offer will be lapsed and will not be utilised for the purpose of calculating the Scheme Mandate Limit and the Service Provider Sublimit.

## 7. VESTING OF SHARE OPTIONS

The Share Options to be granted under the New Share Option Scheme shall be subject to a minimum vesting period of 12 months during which unvested Share Options shall not become vested and exercisable. Any shorter vesting period in respect of Share Options granted to Employee Participants must be approved by the Board and/or the remuneration committee of the Company (for Share Options granted to the Directors or senior managers) at the Directors' discretion, provided that such Grantee(s) has been specifically identified by the Board before granting such approval. The specific circumstances giving rise to a shorter vesting period are as follows:

- (a) grants of "make whole" Share Options to new Employee Participants to replace share options such Employee Participants forfeited when leaving their previous employers;
- (b) grants to an Employee Participant whose employment is terminated due to death or disability or event of force majeure;
- (c) grants of Share Options which are subject to the fulfilment of performance targets;

- (d) grants of Share Options that are made in batches during a year due to administrative or compliance requirements which may be subject to any changes made to the applicable laws, regulations and rules in the jurisdictions which the Employee Participants and the Group are subject to and not connected with the performance of the relevant Employee Participant, which include Share Options that should have been granted earlier if not for such administrative or compliance requirements but had to wait for subsequent batch, in which case the vesting date may be adjusted to take account of the time from which the Share Options would have been granted if not for such administrative or compliance requirements, which allows flexibility for the Company to reward Employee Participants in case of delays due to administrative or compliance requirements. In the event of any administrative or compliance requirements which give rise to a shorter vesting period of the Share Options granted to any Employee Participant, the Company will make further announcement as and when appropriate;
- (e) grants of Share Options with a mixed vesting schedule such that the Share Options vest evenly over a period of 12 months; or
- (f) grants of Share Options with a total vesting and holding period of more than 12 months.

## 8. PERFORMANCE TARGETS

The Offer shall specify the performance target(s), if any, that must be duly fulfilled by the Grantee(s) before any of the Share Options may be vested in such Grantee(s) under such Offer. The Board or a committee of the Board may in respect of each Offer and subject to all applicable laws, rules and regulations determine such performance targets for vesting of Share Options in its sole and absolute discretion, such performance targets shall include, among others, financial targets and management targets which shall be determined based on the (i) individual performance, (ii) performance of the Group and/or (iii) performance of business groups, business units, business lines, functional department, projects and/or geographical area managed by the Grantees. For the avoidance of doubt, a Share Option shall not be subject to any performance targets, criteria or conditions if none is set out in the relevant Offer.

## 9. MAXIMUM ENTITLEMENTS TO EACH ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANT AND SHARE OPTIONS GRANTED TO CERTAIN CONNECTED PERSONS

- (a) Sub-paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) under this paragraph 9 are subject to any waiver or ruling granted by the Stock Exchange, and may be amended by the Board to reflect any amendments made by the Stock Exchange after the Adoption Date to the relevant provisions of the Listing Rules, which paragraphs have been drafted to reflect as at the Adoption Date. Share Options that have already lapsed in accordance with the New Share Option Scheme shall not be counted. For the purpose of sub-paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) under this paragraph 9, "Relevant Shares" means Shares issued and to be issued in respect of all options and award shares granted (excluding any options or award shares lapsed) under all share schemes of the Company to the relevant Grantee in the 12-month period (or such other time period as may be specified by the Stock Exchange from time to time) up to and including the Offer Date of the relevant Share Option referred hereto.
- (b) No Share Option shall be granted to any Eligible Participant ("Relevant Eligible Participant"), if it would result in the number of Relevant Shares exceeding 1% (or such other percentage which may be specified by the Stock Exchange from time to time) of the total number of Shares in issue at the relevant time of grant, unless (1) such grant has been duly approved, in the manner prescribed by the relevant provisions of Chapter 17 of the Listing Rules, by resolution of the Shareholders in general meeting, at which the Relevant Eligible Participant and his/her close associates (or his/her associates if the Relevant Eligible Participant is a connected person) shall abstain from voting; (2) a circular regarding the grant has been despatched to the Shareholders in a manner complying with, and containing the information specified in, the relevant provisions of Chapter 17 of the Listing Rules; and (3) the number and terms of such Share Option are fixed before the general meeting of the Company at which the same are approved.

- The grant of Share Options to a Director, chief executive or substantial shareholder of the (c) Company (or any of their respective associates) requires the approval of the independent non- executive Directors (excluding any independent non-executive Director who is a prospective Grantee of the Share Option). Where a Share Option is to be granted to a substantial shareholder or an independent non-executive Director (or any of their respective associates), and the grant will result in the number of the Relevant Shares exceeding 0.1% (or such other percentage which may be specified by the Stock Exchange from time to time) of the total number of Shares in issue at the relevant time of grant and such grant shall not be valid unless (1) a circular containing the details of the grant has been despatched to the Shareholders in a manner complying with, and containing the information as required under the Listing Rules (including in particular a recommendation from the independent non-executive Directors (excluding the independent non-executive Director who is the prospective Grantee of the Share Option) to the independent Shareholders as to voting); and (2) the grant has been approved by the Shareholders in general meeting (taken on a poll) in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Listing Rules, in particular, the relevant Grantee, his/her associates and all core connected persons shall abstain from voting (except that a connected person may vote against the resolution if his/her intention to do so has been stated in the circular required to be issued pursuant to the Listing Rules). The Company must comply with the requirements under Rules 13.40, 13.41 and 13.42 of the Listing Rules.
- (d) Independent Shareholders' approval and the circular described in paragraph 9(c) above are also required for any change in the terms of Share Options granted to a Grantee who is a Director, chief executive or substantial shareholder of the Company or any of their respective associates.

## 10. EXERCISE OF SHARE OPTION

A Share Option may be exercised in whole or in part by the Grantee (or his/her personal representatives) before the expiry of the Share Option Period by delivering to the Company a notice in writing in a form approved by the Board stating that the Share Option is to be exercised and the number of Shares in respect of which it is exercised.

## 11. RIGHTS ARE PERSONAL TO GRANTEE

A Share Option shall be personal to the Grantee. Unless a waiver is granted by the Stock Exchange or otherwise permitted or required under the applicable laws and regulations, a Share Option shall not be assignable nor transferable, and no Grantee shall in any way sell, transfer, charge, mortgage, encumber or create any interest (whether legal or beneficial) in favor of any third party over or in relation to any Share Option.

## 12. RIGHTS ON CESSATION OF EMPLOYMENT BY DEATH

Where the Grantee of an outstanding Share Option dies before exercising the Share Option in full or at all, the Share Option may be exercised up to the entitlement of such Grantee or, if appropriate, an election made pursuant to a general offer, scheme of arrangement, scheme for the reconstruction or amalgamation or voluntary winding up of the Company by his/her personal representatives within 12 months of the date of death.

## 13. RIGHTS ON CESSATION OF EMPLOYMENT OR RETIREMENT

Where the holder of an outstanding Share Option ceases to be an Eligible Participant for any reason other than (i) death, (ii) re-employed after retirement or has changed in position but still be an Eligible Participant before exercising the Share Option in full or at all or (iii) by reason of summary dismissal or being dismissed for misconduct or other breach of the terms of his/her employment contract or other contract constituting him an Eligible Participant, the Share Option shall lapse on the date of cessation of such employment and not be exercisable unless the Board otherwise determines in which event the Share Option shall be exercisable to the extent and within such period as the Board may determine. The date of such cessation shall be (i) if he is an employee of the Company, any subsidiary or any Related Entity, his/her last actual working day at his/her work place with the Company, any subsidiary or any Related Entity whether salary is paid in lieu of notice or not; or (ii) if he is not an employee of the Company, any subsidiary or any Related Entity the date on which the relationship with the Group which has constituted him an Eligible Participant ceases.

Where the Grantee of an outstanding Share Option is re-employed after retirement or has changed in position(s) but still be an Eligible Participant before exercising the Share Option in full or at all, the Share Option may continue to be exercised by the Grantee.

Where the Grantee of an outstanding Share Option ceases to be an Eligible Participant by reason of summary dismissal or being dismissed for misconduct or other breach of the terms of his/her employment contract or other contract constituting him an Eligible Participant (including, among others, causing material misstatement of the financial statements of the Company), or the date on which he begins to appear to be unable to pay or has no reasonable prospect of being able to pay his/her debts or has become insolvent or has made any arrangements or composition with his/her creditors generally or on which he has been convicted of any criminal offence involving his/her integrity or honesty, the Share Option shall lapse on the date of his/her dismissal.

## 14. CANCELLATION OF SHARE OPTIONS

The Board at its sole discretion may cancel a Share Option granted but not exercised with the approval of the grantee of such Share Option in certain circumstances, including where it is necessary to comply with the laws in the jurisdictions in which the Eligible Participants and the Company are subject to, or in order to comply with the requirements of any securities exchange. Share Options may be granted to an Eligible Participant in place of his/her cancelled Share Options provided that there are available Scheme Mandate Limit and the Service Provider Sublimit approved by the Shareholders as referred to in Rule 17.03B or Rule 17.03C of the Listing Rules. The Share Options cancelled will be regarded as utilised for the purpose of calculating the Scheme Mandate Limit and the Service Provider Sublimit.

## 15. ALTERATION OF CAPITAL STRUCTURE

In the event of any alteration in the capital structure of the Company by way of capitalisation issue, rights issue, subdivision or consolidation of the Shares or reduction of the share capital of the Company (other than an issue of the Shares as consideration in respect of a transaction while any Share Option remains exercisable), such corresponding alterations (if any) will be made in (i) the numbers of the Shares subject to any outstanding Share Options and/or (ii) the exercise price per Share as the independent financial adviser of the Company for the time being or the Auditors shall at the request of the Company or any Grantee certify in writing to be in their opinion fair and reasonable, provided that any such alterations shall be made on the basis that the Grantee shall have the same proportion of the total number of Shares in issue, rounded to the nearest whole Share, to which he was entitled before such alteration and the aggregate exercise price payable by the relevant holder of the Share Options on the full exercise of any Share Options shall remain as nearly as possible the same as (but not greater than) it was before such event. Save in the case of a capitalisation issue, an independent financial adviser of the Company for the time being or the Auditors must confirm to the Directors in writing that such adjustment(s) satisfy the aforesaid requirements and/or such other requirement prescribed under the Listing Rules from time to time.

## 16. RIGHTS ON A GENERAL OFFER

If a general offer by way of take-over is made to all the Shareholders (or all such holders other than the offeror and/or any person controlled by the offeror and/or any person acting in association or concert with the offeror) and such offer becomes or is declared unconditional, the Company shall give notice thereof to the Grantee and the Grantee (or his/her personal representatives) may, exercise the Share Option to its full extent or to the extent specified in such notice.

## 17. RIGHTS ON SCHEME OF ARRANGEMENT

If a general offer, by way of a scheme of arrangement, is made to all the Shareholders and the New Share Option Scheme has been approved by the necessary number of Shareholders at the requisite meetings, the Company shall give notice thereof to the Grantee and the Grantee (or his/her personal representatives) may, by delivering a notice in writing to the Company within seven days of such shareholders' approval, exercise the Share Option to its full extent or to the extent specified in such notice.

## 18. RIGHTS ON VOLUNTARY WINDING UP

In the event a notice is given by the Company to its members to convene a general meeting for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, approving a resolution to voluntarily wind up the Company, the Company shall on the same date as or soon after it despatches such notice to each member of the Company give notice thereof to all Grantees (together with a notice of the existence of the provisions) and thereupon, each Grantee (or his/her legal personal representatives) shall be entitled to exercise all or any of his/her Share Options at any time not later than seven days prior to the proposed general meeting of the Company by giving notice in writing to the Company, accompanied by a remittance for the full amount of the aggregate exercise price for the Shares in respect of which the notice is given whereupon the Company shall as soon as possible and, in any event, no later than the Business Day immediately prior to the date of the proposed general meeting referred to above, issue and allot the relevant Shares to the Grantee credited as fully paid.

## 19. RIGHTS ON RECONSTRUCTION OR AMALGAMATION

In the event of a compromise or arrangement, other than a scheme of arrangement contemplated in paragraph 17 above between the Company and its members or creditors being proposed in connection with a scheme for the reconstruction or amalgamation of the Company, the Company shall give notice thereof to all Grantees on the same day as it gives notice of the meeting to its members or creditors to consider such a scheme or arrangement and the Grantee (or his/her personal representatives) may at any time thereafter, but before such time as shall be notified by the Company, exercise all or any of his/her Share Options, and the Company shall as soon as possible and in any event no later than the Business Day immediately prior to the date of the proposed meeting, allot, issue and register in the name of the Grantee such number of fully paid Shares which fall to be issued on exercise of such Share Options. In the event that the Grantees do not exercise all or any of his/her Share Options before the specified timing, and provided that the then market price of the Share Option is higher than the exercise price of the Share Option, the Board may in its sole discretion, sell the Share Option on behalf of the Grantee, whereby the Grantee will be entitled to receive the cash equivalent from such sale (less any costs incurred by the Company (if any)). In the event that the market price of the Share Option is lower than the exercise price of the Share Option or the Board in its sole discretion decides not to sell the Share Option on the market, the Share Option will automatically lapse.

## 20. PERIOD OF THE NEW SHARE OPTION SCHEME

Subject to earlier termination by the Company in general meeting or by the Board, the New Share Option Scheme shall be valid and effective for a period to be determined and notified by the Board to the Grantee during which the Share Option may be exercised and in any event shall not be more than 10 years commencing on the date on which the Offer in relation to such Share Option is deemed to have been accepted in accordance with the terms of the New Share Option Scheme and expiring on the last day of the ten-year-period.

## 21. TERMINATION OF THE NEW SHARE OPTION SCHEME

The New Share Option Scheme shall be terminated on the earlier of:

- (a) the tenth (10) anniversary date of the Adoption Date; and
- (b) such date of early termination as determined by the Board by a resolution of the Board,

provided that such termination shall not affect any subsisting rights of any Grantee hereunder, following which no further grant of Share Options shall be offered but in all other respects the New Share Option Scheme shall continue in full force and effect to the extent necessary to give effect to the exercise of any Share Option granted prior to the termination or otherwise as may be required in accordance with the provisions of the New Share Option Scheme. Any Share Options granted prior to such termination, including Share Options exercised or outstanding under the New Share Option Scheme, shall continue to be valid and exercisable in accordance with the New Share Option Scheme.

## 22. RANKING OF SHARES

The Shares to be issued and allotted upon the exercise of a Share Option shall be subject to the Company's constitutional documents for the time being in force and shall rank pari passu in all respects with the Shares in issue as at the date of allotment and will entitle the holders to participate in all dividends or other distributions declared or recommended or resolved to be paid or made in respect of a record date falling on or after the date of allotment. A Share allotted and issued upon the exercise of a Share Option shall not carry voting rights until the name of the Grantee has been duly entered on the register of members of the Company as a holder thereof.

## 23. ALTERATIONS TO THE NEW SHARE OPTION SCHEME

The Directors may from time to time in their absolute discretion alter the definition of "Eligible Participants", "Grantee" and "Share Option Period" and the provisions in paragraphs 1, 3, 4, 5, 6(d), 7 to 23 of this appendix which are of a material nature or provisions relating to the matters set out in Rule 17.03 of the Listing Rules to the advantage of Grantees or prospective Grantees provided that approval from the Shareholders in general meeting (with Grantees and their associates abstaining from voting) has been obtained. Save for the above, the Board or a committee of the Board may alter the terms of the New Share Option Scheme without the approval of the Shareholders in a general meeting. No such alteration shall operate to affect adversely the terms of issue of any Share Option granted or agreed to be granted prior to such alteration except with the consent or sanction in writing of such majority of the Grantees as would be required of the Shareholders under the constitutional documents for the time being of the Company for a variation of the rights attached to the Shares.

Any change to the authority of the Board to alter the terms of the New Share Option Scheme shall not be valid unless approved by the Shareholders in general meeting.

Any change to the terms of Share Options granted to a Grantee must be approved by the Board, the remuneration committee of the Company, the independent non-executive Directors and/or the Shareholders in general meeting (as the case may be) if the initial grant of the Share Options requires such approval (except where the alterations take effect automatically under the existing provisions of the New Share Option Scheme).

The amended terms of the New Share Option Scheme or the Share Options must comply with Chapter 17 of the Listing Rules.

## 24. CONDITIONS OF THE NEW SHARE OPTION SCHEME

The New Share Option Scheme is conditional upon the passing of ordinary resolution(s) by the Shareholders at a general meeting of the Company to (1) approve and adopt the New Share Option Scheme; (2) authorise the Board to grant Share Options under the New Share Option Scheme; (3) authorise the Board to allot and issue Shares in respect of any Share Options to be granted pursuant to the New Share Option Scheme; and (4) the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange granting the approval for the listing of, and permission to deal in, any Shares on the Stock Exchange which may be issued by the Company in respect of all Share Options to be granted in accordance with the terms and conditions of the New Share Option Scheme.

Application will be made to the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange for the listing of, and permission to deal in the Shares which may fall to be allotted and issued in respect of the Share Options to be granted under the New Share Option Scheme.

## **Amended and restated**

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## **Oriental Explorer Holdings Limited**

(As adopted by a Special Resolution passed on 25 May 2023)

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### INTERPRETATION

1. In these Bye-laws, 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	<b>MEA</b>	NIN	١G

"Act" The Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda, as amended from time to

time.

"address" shall have the ordinary meaning given to it and shall include any

facsimile number, electronic number or address or website used for the purposes of any communication pursuant to these

Bye-laws.

"associateannouncement" attributed to it in the rules of the Designated Stock Exchange.an

official publication of a Notice or document of the Company, including a publication, subject to and to such extent permitted by the rules of the Designated Stock Exchange, by electronic communication or by advertisement published in the Newspapers or in such manner or means ascribed and permitted by the rules of

the Designated Stock Exchange and applicable laws.

"appointed newspaper" has the meaning ascribed to it in the Act.

"Auditor" the auditor of the Company for the time being and may include

any individual or partnership.

"Bye-laws" these Bye-laws in their present form or as supplemented or

amended from time to time.

"Board" or "Directors" the Board of Directors of the Company or the Directors present at

a meeting of Directors at which a quorum is present.

"business day" shall mean a day on which the Designated Stock Exchange

generally is open for the business of dealing in securities in Hong Kong. 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.

"capital" the share capital from time to time of the Company.

"Chairman" the chairman of the Board, as elected pursuant to Bye-law 118.

"clear days" in relation to the period of a 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 recognized by the laws of the jurisdiction in

which the shares of the Company are listed or quoted on a stock

exchange in such jurisdiction.

"close associate" in relation to any Director, shall have the same meaning as

> defined in the rules of the Designated Stock Exchange as modified from time to time, except that for purposes of Bye-law 103 where the transaction or arrangement to be approved by the Board is a connected transaction referred to in the rules of the Designated Stock Exchange, it shall have the same meaning as that ascribed to "associate" in the rules of the Designated Stock

Exchange.

"Company" Oriental Explorer Holdings Limited.

"competent regulatory a competent regulatory authority in the territory where the shares authority"

of the Company are listed or quoted on a stock exchange in such

territory.

"debenture" and include debenture stock and debenture stockholder respectively.

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"debenture holder"

"Deputy Chairman"

"Designated a stock exchange which is an appointed stock exchange for the Stock Exchange" 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

> the deputy chairman of the Board, as elected pursuant to Bye-law

or quotation of the shares of the Company.

"dollars" and "\$" dollars, the legal currency of Hong Kong.

"electronic" shall mean relating to technology having electrical, digital,

> magnetic, wireless, optical electromagnetic or similar capabilities and such other meanings as given to it in the Electronic Transactions Act 1999 of Bermuda as may be amended from time

to time.

"electronic a communication sent, transmitted, conveyed and received by

communication" wire, by radio, by optical means or by other electron magnetic

means in any form through any medium.

"electronic means" shall include sending or otherwise making available to the

intended recipients of the communication an electronic

communication.

"electronic meeting" a general meeting held and conducted wholly and exclusively by

virtual attendance and participation by Members and/or proxies

by means of electronic facilities.

"head office" such office of the Company as the Directors may from time to

time determine to be the principal office of the Company.

"HK Companies the Companies Ordinance, Cap. 622 of the Laws of Hong Kong as

Ordinance" may be amended from time to time.

"hybrid meeting" a general meeting convened for the (i) physical attendance by

Members and/or proxies at the Principal Meeting Place and where applicable, one or more Meeting Locations and (ii) virtual attendance and participation by Members and/or proxies by means

of electronic facilities.

"Member" a duly registered holder from time to time of the shares in the

capital of the Company.

"Meeting Location" has the meaning given to it in Bye-law 64A.

"month" a calendar month.

"Newspaper(s)" in relation to any newspaper circulating in the territory where the

shares of the Company are listed or quoted on a stock exchange in such territory, shall mean a newspaper published daily and circulating generally in such territory and specified for this

purpose by the stock exchange in such territory.

"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.

"physical meeting" a general meeting held and conducted by physical attendance and

participation by Members and/or proxies at the Principal Meeting

Place and/or where applicable, one or more Meeting Locations.

"Principal Meeting Place" shall have the meaning given to it in Bye-law 59(2).

"Register" the principal register and where applicable, any branch register of

Members of the Company 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.

"Statutes" the Act the Act, the Electronic Transactions Act 1999 of Bermuda,

> 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.

"summarised financial

statements"

shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the section 87A(3) of

the Act as may be amended from time to time.

"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 every gender;
  - (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; or reproducing words or figures in a legible and non-transitory form or, to the extent permitted by and in accordance with the Statutes and all other applicable laws, rules and regulations and other applicable laws, rules and regulations, any visible form, substitute for writing (including an electronic communication), or modes of representing or reproducing words partly in one visible form and partly in another visible form;
  - (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, by proxy or, in the case of such Members as are being corporations, by their respective duly authorised representative or, where proxies are allowed, by proxy representatives at a general meeting of which not less than twenty one (21) clear days' notice, Notice specifying (without prejudice to the power contained in these Bye-laws to amend the same) the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution, has been duly given. Provided that, except in the case of an annual general meeting, if it is so agreed by a majority in number of the Members having the right to attend and vote at any such meeting, being a majority together holding not less than ninety five (95) per cent. in nominal value of the shares giving that right, a resolution may be proposed and passed as a special resolution at a meeting of which less than twenty one (21) clear days' Notice has been given;

- (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, by proxy or, in the case of any Membersuch Members being a corporation corporations, by itstheir respective duly authorised representative or, where proxies are allowed, by proxy representatives at a general meeting of which not less than fourteen (14) days' Notice has been duly given;
- (j) a resolution shall be an extraordinary resolution when it has been passed by a majority of not less than two-third of the votes cast by such Members as, being entitled so to do, vote in person or, by proxy or, in the case of such Members which are corporations, by their respective duly authorised corporate representatives at a general meeting held in accordance with these Bye-laws and of which a notice has been duly given;
- (j)(k) a special resolution and an extraordinary resolution shall be effective for any purpose for which an ordinary resolution is expressed to be required under any provision of these Bye-laws or the Statutes;
- (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 electronic communication 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 meeting is to a meeting convened and held in any manner permitted by these Bye-laws and any member or Director participating in a meeting by means of electronic facilities shall be deemed to be present at that meeting for all purposes of the Act and these Bye-laws, and the terms "attend", "participate", "attending", "participating", "attendance" and "participation" shall be construed accordingly;
- (n) references to a person's participation in the business of a general meeting include without limitation and as relevant the right (including, in the case of a corporation, through a duly authorised representative) to raise questions, make statements, 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 and all other applicable laws, rules and regulations 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;
- (o) references to electronic facilities includes, without limitation, a website address, a webinar, a webcast, video or any other form of conference call system (being a telephone, video, web or other system); and
- (p) 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) The share capital of the Company shall be divided into shares of a par value of  $\underline{HK}$ \$0.10 each.
  - (2) Subject to the Act, the Company's memorandum of association and, where applicable, the rules 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. Such shares shall be cancelled upon being purchased or acquired.
  - (3) Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries shall directly or indirectly give financial assistance to a person who is acquiring or proposing to acquire shares in the Company for the purpose of that acquisition whether before or at the same time as the acquisition takes place or afterwards PROVIDED that nothing in this Bye-law shall prohibit transactions permitted by the Act.

# ALTERATION OF CAPITAL

- 4. The Company may from time to time by ordinary resolution in accordance with Section 45 of the Act:
  - (a) increase its capital by such sum, to be divided into shares of such amounts, as the resolution shall prescribe;
  - (b) consolidate and divide all or any of its capital into shares of larger amount than its existing shares;
  - (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) 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) change the currency denomination of its share capital; and
- (f) 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 special resolution, subject to any confirmation or consent required by law, reduce its authorised or issued share capital or 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, 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.

### VARIATION OF RIGHTS

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- 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 Members together holding not less than three-fourths of the voting rights 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, mutates mutandis, apply, but so that:
  - (a) the necessary quorum (other than at an adjourned <u>or a postponed</u> meeting) shall be two persons holding or representing by proxy not less than one-third <u>in nominal value of the voting rights</u> of the issued shares of that class and at any adjourned <u>or a postponed meeting</u> of such holders, two holders present in person or by proxy (whatever the number of shares held by them) shall be a quorum;
  - (b) every holder of shares of the class shall be entitled on a poll to one vote for every such share held by him; and
  - (c) any holder of shares of the class present in person or by proxy may demand a poll.
- 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.

#### **SHARES**

12. (1) Subject to the Act and these Bye-laws 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. 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 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) 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.
- 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 required by law, 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.

### SHARE CERTIFICATES

- 16. Every share certificate shall be issued under the Seal or a facsimile thereof 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. No certificate shall be issued 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 in the case of an issue of shares within twenty-one (21) days (or such longer period as the terms of the issue provide) after allotment or in the case of a transfer of fully or partly paid shares within twenty-one (21) days after lodgment of a transfer with the Company, not being a transfer which the Company is for the time being entitled to refuse to register and does not register.
- 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 \$2.5 or such higher 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 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 of the Company 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 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 mMember 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. The Directors may make arrangements on the issue of shares for a difference between the shareholders in the amount of calls to be paid and in the times of payment.
- 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, speak 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 in writing 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. Where any interest is paid, the holder of the share or shares shall not be entitled 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 of its Members 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 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.

LR App.3 Para 20 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 on every business day by Members without charge or by any other person, upon a maximum payment of five Bermuda dollars, at the Office or such other place in Bermuda at which Except when the Register is keptclosed in accordance with the Act—or, if appropriate, upon a maximum payment of ten dollars at the Registration Office. The Register including, any Member may inspect during business hours any overseas or local or other branch register of Members may, after notice has been given by advertisement Register maintained in Hong Kong without charge and require the provision to him of copies or extracts thereof in an appointed newspaper and where applicable, any other newspapers in accordance withall respects as if the Company were incorporated under and were subject to the HK Companies Ordinance. Subject to the requirements provisions of any Designated Stock Exchange to that effect, the Act, the Register may be closed 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. Notwithstanding 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 30 days before or after, any date on which such dividend, distribution, allotment or issue is declared, paid or made;
  - (b) determining the Members entitled to receive notice of and to <u>attend, speak and vote at any general meeting of the Company.</u>

### TRANSFER OF SHARES

- 46. Subject to these Bye-laws, any Member may transfer all or any of his shares <u>in any manner</u> permitted by and in accordance with the rules of the Designated Stock Exchange or by an instrument of transfer in the usual or common form or in any other form approved by the Board and may be under hand only.
- 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. 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 <a href="mailto:shareholder\_Members">shareholder\_Members</a> requesting such transfer shall bear the cost of effecting the transfer unless the Board otherwise 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 it 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 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 announcements or by electronic communication or by advertisement in an appointed newspaper and, where applicable, any other newspapers in accordance with the requirements of any Designated Stock Exchange to that effect be suspended at such times and for such periods (not exceeding 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 75(2) being met, such a person may attend, speak and 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
    - the Company, if so required by the rules governing the listing of shares onof the Designated Stock Exchange, has given notice to, and caused advertisement in nNewspapers 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 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**

- LR App.3 Para 14(1)
- 56. An annual general meeting of the Company shall be held in each year other than the year of incorporation at such time (financial year and (where applicable) place as may be determined by the Board; and such annual general meeting must be held within a period of not more than fifteen (15six (6) 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 Exchange, if any) at such time and place as may be determined by the Board.
- 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.
- 57A. All general meetings (including an annual general meeting, a special general meeting, or any adjournment or postponement thereof) may be held as a physical meeting in any part of the world and at one or more locations as provided in Bye-law 64A, as a hybrid meeting or as an electronic meeting, as may be determined by the Board in its absolute discretion.
- 57B. All Members have the right to:
  - (a) speak at a general meeting; and
  - (b) vote at a general meeting,
- LR App.3
  Para 14(3)

  except where a Member is required, by the rules of the Designated Stock Exchange, to abstain from voting to approve the matter under consideration.

58. The Board may whenever it thinks fit call special general meetings, and <u>subject as otherwise provided by the Act, one or more Members holding at the date of deposit of the requisition in aggregate shares that represent not less than one-tenth of the <u>paid up capital voting rights at general meetings</u> of the Company-carrying the right of voting at general meetings, on a one vote <u>per share basis</u>, in the <u>share capital</u> 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 <u>or resolution</u> 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 <u>do soconvene</u> a physical meeting at only one <u>location which will be the Principal Meeting Place</u> in accordance with the provisions of Section 74(3) of the Act.</u>

LR App.3 Para 14(5)

# NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETINGS

LR App.3 Para 14(2) 59.

- (1) An annual general meeting and any speciala general meeting at which for the passing of a special resolution is to be considered an Extraordinary Resolution shall be called by Notice of not less than twenty-one (21) clear days' Notice. All. A general meeting of the Company (including without limitation a special general meeting), other specialthan an annual general meetings may meeting or a general meeting for the passing of an Extraordinary Resolution, shall be called by Notice of not less than fourteen (14) clear days' Notice but. If permitted by the rules of the Designated Stock Exchange, 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, speak 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, speak and vote at the meeting, being a majority together holding not less than ninety-five per cent. (95%)—in nominal value of the issued shares giving that rightvoting rights at the meeting of all the Members.
  - (2) The period of notice shall be exclusive of the day on which it is served or deemed to be served and exclusive of the day on which the meeting is to be held, and the notice shall specify—the time and place of the meeting and, in case of special business, the general nature of the business.(a) the time and date of the meeting, (b) save for an electronic meeting, the place of the meeting and if there is more than one Meeting Locations as determined by the Board pursuant to Bye-law 64A, the principal place of the meeting (the "Principal Meeting Place"), (c) if the general meeting is to be a hybrid meeting or an electronic meeting, the Notice shall include a statement to that effect and with details of the electronic facilities for attendance and participation by electronic means at the meeting or where such details will be made available by the Company prior to the meeting, (d) particulars of resolutions to be considered at the meeting, and, (e) in case of special

<u>business</u>, the general nature of the <u>business</u>. 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 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.
  - (2) 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 (2) Members entitled to vote and present in person or by proxy or (in the case of a member being a corporation) by its duly authorised representative) or by proxy or, for quorum purpose only, two persons appointed by the clearing house as authorised representative(s) or proxy(ies) 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 (where applicable) same place(s) or to such time and (where applicable) such place(s) and in such form and manner as the chairman of the meeting (or in default, the Board) may absolutely 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 President of the Company or the Chairman, if one is appointed, shall preside as chairman at every general meeting. If at any general meeting the President or the Chairman, as the case may be, is not present within fifteen (15) minutes after the time appointed for holding the general meeting, or if neither of themthe Chairman is not willing to act as chairman of the general meeting, or if no Chairman is appointed, the Deputy Chairman, if one is appointed, shall preside as chairman of such general meeting. If at any general meeting both the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman are not present within fifteen (15) minutes after the time appointed for holding the general meeting, or if both the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman are not willing to act as chairman of the general meeting, or if no Chairman nor Deputy Chairman is appointed, the Directors present shall choose one of their number to act, or if one Director only is present he shall preside as chairman of the general meeting if willing to act. If no Director is present, or if each of the Directors present declines to take the chair, or if the Chairmanchairman of the general meeting chosen shall retire from the chair, the Members present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote shall elect one of their number to be chairman of the general meeting.
- 63A. If the chairman of the meeting is participating in the general meeting using an electronic facility or facilities and becomes unable to participate in the general meeting using such electronic facility or facilities, another person (determined in accordance with Bye-law 63 above) shall preside as chairman of the general meeting unless and until the original chairman of the general meeting is able to participate in the general meeting using the electronic facility or facilities.
- 64. Subject to Bye-law 64C, the chairman of the general meeting may, with the consent of any meeting at which a quorum is present (and shall if so directed by the meeting), adjourn the meeting from time to time (or indefinitely) and/or from place to place(s) and/or from one form to another (a physical meeting, a hybrid meeting or an electronic meeting) as the meeting shall determine, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than business which might lawfully have been transacted at the meeting had the adjournment not taken place. When a meeting is adjourned for fourteen (14) days or more, at least seven (7) clear days' notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given specifying the time and place of the adjourned meetingdetails set out in Bye-law 59(2) 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. Save as aforesaid, it shall be unnecessary to give notice of an adjournment. No business shall be transacted at any such adjourned meeting other than the business which might have been transacted at the meeting from which the adjournment took place.

- 64A. (1) The Board may, at its absolute discretion, arrange for persons entitled to attend and speak at a general meeting to do so by simultaneous attendance and participation by means of electronic facilities at such location or locations ("Meeting Location(s)") determined by the Board at its absolute discretion. Any Member or any proxy attending and participating in such way or any Member or any proxy participating in an electronic meeting or a hybrid meeting by means of electronic facilities is deemed to be present at and shall be counted in the quorum of the meeting.
  - (2) All general meetings are subject to the following:
    - (a) where a Member is attending at a Meeting Location and/or in the case of a hybrid meeting, the meeting shall be treated as having commenced as if it has commenced at the Principal Meeting Place;
    - (b) Members present in person (or, in the case of a Member being a corporation or clearing house, by its duly authorised representative) or by proxy at a Meeting Location and/or Members participating in an electronic meeting or a hybrid meeting by means of electronic facilities shall be counted in the quorum for and entitled to speak and vote at the meeting in question, and that meeting shall be duly constituted and its proceedings are valid provided that the chairman of the meeting is satisfied that adequate electronic facilities are available throughout the meeting to ensure that Members at all Meeting Locations and Members participating in an electronic meeting or a hybrid meeting by means of electronic facilities are able to simultaneously participate in the business for which the meeting has been convened and communicate with each other simultaneously and instantaneously;
    - where Members attend a meeting by being present at one of the Meeting Locations and/or where Members participating in an electronic meeting or a hybrid meeting by means of electronic facilities, a failure (for any reason) of the electronic facilities or communication equipment, or any other failure in the arrangements for enabling those in a Meeting Location other than the Principal Meeting Place to participate in the business for which the meeting has been convened or in the case of an electronic meeting or a hybrid meeting, the inability of one or more Members or proxies to access, or continue to access, the electronic facilities despite adequate electronic facilities having been made available throughout the meeting by the Company, shall not affect the validity of the meeting or the resolutions passed, or any business conducted there or any action taken pursuant to such business provided that there is a quorum present throughout the meeting; and
    - (d) if any of the Meeting Locations is outside the jurisdiction of the Principal Meeting
      Place and/or in the case of a hybrid meeting, unless otherwise stated in the Notice,
      the provisions of these Bye-laws concerning the service and giving of Notice for the
      meeting, and the time for lodging proxies, shall apply by reference to the Principal
      Meeting Place; and in the case of an electronic meeting, the time for lodging
      proxies shall be as stated in the Notice for the meeting.

64B. The Board and, at any general meeting, the chairman of the meeting may from time to time make arrangements for managing attendance, speaking and/or participation and/or voting at the Principal Meeting Place, any Meeting Location(s) and/or participation in an electronic meeting or a hybrid meeting by means of electronic facilities (whether involving the issue of tickets or some other means of identification, passcode, seat reservation, electronic voting or otherwise) as it shall in its absolute discretion consider appropriate, and may from time to time change any such arrangements, provided that a Member who, pursuant to such arrangements, is not able to attend, in person or by proxy, at any Meeting Location shall be entitled so to attend at one of the other Meeting Locations; and the entitlement of any Member so to attend the meeting, adjourned meeting or postponed meeting at such Meeting Location or Meeting Locations shall be subject to any such arrangement as may be for the time being in force and by the Notice of meeting or adjourned meeting or postponed meeting stated to apply to the meeting.

# 64C. If it appears to the chairman of the general meeting that:

- (a) the electronic facilities at the Principal Meeting Place or at such other Meeting

  Location(s) at which the meeting may be attended have become inadequate for the
  purposes referred to in Bye-law 64A(1) or are otherwise not sufficient to allow the
  meeting to be conducted substantially in accordance with the provisions set out in the
  Notice of the meeting; or
- (b) in the case of an electronic meeting or a hybrid meeting, electronic facilities being made available by the Company have become inadequate; or
- (c) it is not possible to ascertain the view of those present or to give all persons entitled to do so a reasonable opportunity to communicate and/or vote at the meeting; or
- (d) (d) there is violence or the threat of violence, unruly behaviour or other disruption occurring at the meeting or it is not possible to secure the proper and orderly conduct of the meeting;

then, without prejudice to any other power which the chairman of the meeting may have under these Bye-laws or at common law, the chairman may, at his/her absolute discretion, without the consent of the meeting, and before or after the meeting has started and irrespective of whether a quorum is present, interrupt or adjourn the meeting (including adjournment for indefinite period). All business conducted at the meeting up to the time of such adjournment shall be valid.

- 64D. The Board and, at any general meeting, the chairman of the general meeting may make any arrangement and impose any requirement or restriction as the Board or the chairman of the general meeting, as the case may be, considers appropriate to ensure the security and orderly conduct of a meeting (including, without limitation, requirements for evidence of identity to be produced by those attending the meeting, the searching of their personal property and the restriction of items that may be taken into the meeting place, determining the number and frequency of and the time allowed for questions that may be raised at a meeting). Members shall also comply with all requirements or restrictions imposed by the owner of the premises at which the general meeting is held. Any decision made under this Bye-law shall be final and conclusive and a person who refuses to comply with any such arrangements, requirements or restrictions may be refused entry to the meeting or ejected (physically or electronically) from the general meeting.
- 64E. If, after the sending of Notice of a general meeting but before the general meeting is held, or after the adjournment of a general meeting but before the adjourned general meeting is held (whether or not Notice of the adjourned meeting is required), the Directors, in their absolute discretion, consider that it is inappropriate, impracticable, unreasonable or undesirable for any reason to hold the general meeting on the date or at the time or place or by means of electronic facilities specified in the Notice calling the meeting, they may change or postpone the meeting to another date, time and/or place and/or change the electronic facilities and/or change the form of the meeting (a physical meeting, an electronic meeting or a hybrid meeting) without approval from the Members. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the Directors shall have the power to provide in every Notice calling a general meeting the circumstances in which a postponement of the relevant general meeting may occur automatically without further notice, including without limitation where a number 8 or higher typhoon signal, black rainstorm warning or other similar event is in force at any time, or that there is an outbreak of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic or other form of pandemic that, in the opinion of the Board, cause the Company unable to hold the relevant general meeting, on the day of the meeting (such circumstances, the "Circumstances"). This Bye-law shall be subject to the following:
  - (a) when a meeting is so postponed due to one or more of the Circumstances as set out in the original Notice of a general meeting, the Company shall endeavour to post a notice of such postponement with a new date for the postponed general meeting (if such new date has not yet been provided in the original Notice of the general meeting) on the Company's website as soon as practicable (provided that failure to post such a notice shall not affect the automatic postponement of such meeting), but otherwise the Company shall, in accordance with paragraph (c) below, endeavor to publish a new Notice of a postponed general meeting;
  - (b) when only the form of the meeting or electronic facilities as specified in the Notice are changed, while other details of the Notice remain unchanged, the Board shall notify the Members of details of such change in such manner as the Board may determine;

- subject to paragraphs (a) and (b) above, when a meeting is postponed or changed in accordance with this Bye-law, subject to and without prejudice to Bye-law 64, unless already specified in the original Notice of the meeting, the Board shall fix the date, time, place (if applicable) and electronic facilities (if applicable) for the postponed or changed meeting and shall notify the Members of such details in such manner as the Board may determine and in compliance with the notice requirements under Bye-law 59; further all proxy forms shall be valid (unless revoked or replaced by a new proxy) if they are received as required by these Bye-laws not less than forth-eight (48) hours before the time of the postponed or changed meeting; and
- (d) notice of the business to be transacted at the postponed or changed meeting shall not be required, nor shall any accompanying documents be required to be recirculated, provided that the business to be transacted at the postponed or changed meeting is the same as that set out in the original Notice of general meeting circulated to the Members.
- 64F. All persons seeking to attend and participate in an electronic meeting or a hybrid meeting shall be responsible for maintaining adequate facilities to enable them to do so. Subject to Bye-law 64C, any inability of a person or persons to attend or participate in a general meeting by way of electronic facilities shall not invalidate the proceedings of and/or resolutions passed at that meeting.
- 64G. Without prejudice to other provisions in Bye-law 64, a physical meeting may also be held by means of such telephone, electronic or other communication facilities permitting all persons participating in the meeting to communicate with each other simultaneously and instantaneously, and participation in such a meeting shall constitute presence in person at such meeting.
- 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.
- 65A. For the purposes of section 106 of the Act, a special resolution of the Company, and of any relevant class of Members, shall be required to approve any amalgamation or merger agreement as referred to in that section.

# VOTING

- 66. Subject to any special rights or restrictions as to voting for the time being attached to any shares by or in accordance with these Bye-laws, at any general meeting on a show of hands every Member present in person or by proxy or (being a corporation) is present by a representative duly authorised under Section 78 of the Act shall have one vote and on a poll every Member present in person or if a corporation by duly authorised representative or by proxy 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 on a show of hands unless (before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands or on the withdrawal of any other demand for a poll) a poll is demanded:
  - (a) by the chairman of such meeting; or
  - (b) 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
  - (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 representing not less than one-tenth of the total voting rights of all Members having the right to vote at the meeting; or
  - (d) 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 a Member.

- 67. Unless a poll is duly demanded and the demand is not withdrawn, 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 fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded for or against the resolution.
- 68. If a poll is duly demanded the result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded. There shall be no requirement for the chairman to disclose the voting figures on a poll.

- 69. A poll demanded on the election of a chairman, or on a question of adjournment, shall be taken forthwith. A poll demanded on any other question shall be taken in such manner (including the use of ballot or voting papers or tickets) and either forthwith or at such time (being not later than thirty (30) days after the date of the demand) and place as the Chairman directs. It shall not be necessary (unless the chairman otherwise directs) for notice to be given of a poll not taken immediately.
- 70. The demand for a poll shall not prevent the continuance of a meeting or the transaction of any business other than the question on which the poll has been demanded, and, with the consent of the chairman, it may be withdrawn at any time before the close of the meeting or the taking of the poll, whichever is the earlier.
- 71. On a poll votes may be given either personally or by proxy.
- 72. 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. 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. In the case of joint holders of a share 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. (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 or pollor postponed meeting, 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. (1) No Member shall, unless the Board otherwise determines, be entitled to attend, <u>speak</u> 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.

 $\frac{LR App.3}{Para 14(4)}$ 

- (2) Where the Company has knowledge that any Member is, under the rules of the Designated Stock Exchange, 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. If:
  - (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 or postponed meeting on any resolution unless the same is raised or pointed out at the meeting or, as the case may be, the adjourned meeting or postponed 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**

LR App.3 Para 18 78. Any member entitled to attend, speak and vote at a meeting of the Company shall be entitled to appoint another person as his proxy to attend, speak and vote instead of him. A member who is the holder of two or more shares in the Company 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 of the Company. A proxy shall be entitled to exercise the same power on behalf of a member who is an individual and for whom he acts as proxy as such member could exercise. In addition, a proxy shall be entitled to exercise the same power on behalf of a member which is a corporation and for which he acts a proxy as such member could exercise if it were an individual member.

LR App.3 Para 18

- 79. 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.
- The Company may, at its absolute discretion, provide an electronic address or electronic <del>80.</del>80. (1) means for the receipt of any document or information relating to proxies for a general meeting (including any instrument of proxy or invitation to appoint a proxy, any document necessary to show the validity of, or otherwise relating to, an appointment of proxy (whether or not required under these Bye-laws) and notice of termination of the authority of a proxy). If such an electronic address or electronic means is provided, the Company shall be deemed to have agreed that any such document or information (relating to proxies as aforesaid) may be sent by electronic means to that address or by such electronic means of submission, subject as hereafter provided and subject to any other limitations or conditions specified by the Company when providing the address. The Company may also from time to time determine that any such electronic address may be used generally for such matters or specifically for particular meetings or purposes and, if so, the Company may provide different electronic addresses or electronic means of submission for different purposes. The Company may also impose any conditions on the transmission of and its receipt of such electronic communications including, for the avoidance of doubt, imposing any security or encryption arrangements as may be specified by the Company and decide what method should be used to determine at what time the instruction or notification is treated as being received by the Company. If any document or information required to be sent to the Company under this Bye-law is sent to the Company by electronic means, such document or information is not treated as validly delivered to or deposited with the Company if the same is not received by the Company at its designated electronic address or via electronic means of submission provided in accordance with this Bye-law or if no electronic address or electronic means of submission is so designated by the Company for the receipt of such document or information.

- The instrument appointing a proxy and (if required by the Board) the power of attorney or (2) 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), or if the Company has provided an electronic address or electronic means of submission in accordance with the preceding paragraph, shall be received at the electronic address specified or via electronic means of submission, not less than forty-eight (48) hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting of, adjourned meeting or postponed 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 on a poll demanded at a meeting or an adjourned meeting a postponed 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, speaking and voting in person at the meeting convened and in such event, the instrument appointing a proxy shall be deemed to be revoked.
- 81. 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 or postponement of the meeting as for the meeting to which it relates. The Board may decide, either generally or in any particular case, to treat a proxy appointment as valid notwithstanding that the appointment or any of the information required under these Bye-laws has not been received in accordance with the requirements of these Bye-laws. Subject to aforesaid, if the proxy appointment and any of the information required under these Bye-laws is not received in the manner set out in these Bye-laws, the appointee shall not be entitled to vote in respect of the shares in question.
- 82. 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) at least two (2) hours at least before the commencement of the meeting or, adjourned meeting or postponed meeting, or the taking of the poll, at which the instrument of proxy is used.

83. 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

84. (1) Any corporation which is a Member of the Company may in accordance with its constitutional documents or in the absence of such provision 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 any class of Members of the Company-, or subject to the Statutes, at any meeting of creditors of the Company. 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 of the Company 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. 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.

LR App.3 Para 19 (2) Subject to being permitted by any applicable law, if a clearing house (or its nominee) is a member, it may appoint proxies or authorise such person or persons as it thinks fit to act as its proxy or proxies or representative or representatives, who enjoy rights equivalent to the rights of other Members, at any meeting of the Company or at any meeting of any class of members, or subject to the Statutes, at any meeting of creditors of the Company, provided that, if more than one person is so authorised, the authorisation shall specify the number and class of shares in respect of which each such person is so authorised. A person so authorised under the provisions of this Bye-law shall be entitled to exercise the same power on behalf of the clearing house (or its nominee) which he represents as that clearing house (or its nominee) could exercise if it were an individual member including the right to speak and vote individually on a show of hands or on a poll.

#### WRITTEN RESOLUTIONS OF MEMBERS

85. 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, speak 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.

# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

86. (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. The Directors shall be elected or appointed in the first place at the statutory meeting of Members and thereafter at each annual general meeting of the Company and shall hold office until the next appointment of Directors or until their successors are elected or appointed. Any general meeting may authorise the Board to fill any vacancy in their number left unfilled at a general meeting.

LR App.3 Para 4(2)

- (2) Subject to authorisation by the Members in general meeting, the The Directors shall (until and unless such authorisation is revoked) 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 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 first annual general meeting of the Company after his appointment and shall then be eligible for re-election 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.

LR App.3 Para 4(3)

- (4) Subject to any provision to the contrary in these Bye-laws the Members may, at any general meeting convened and held in accordance with these Bye-laws, by specialordinary resolution remove a Director at any time before the expiration of his period of office notwithstanding anything 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

- 87. (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 greater than one-third) shall retire from office by rotation provided that notwithstanding anything herein, the Chairman of the Board and/or the Managing Director of the Company shall not, whilst holding such office, be subject to retirement by rotation or be taken into account in determining the number of Directors to retire in each year.
  - (2) A retiring Director shall be eligible for re-election. 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 86(2) shall not be taken into account in determining which particular Directors or the number of Directors who are to retire by rotation.
- 88. 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, speak 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 the period for lodgment of such Notice(s) shall commence no earlier than the day after the dispatch 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

- 89. 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.

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS**

- 90. 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.
- 91. Notwithstanding Bye-laws 96, 97, 98 and 99, an executive Director appointed to an office under Bye-law 90 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

- 92. 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 and if such alternate Director is not another Director, such appointment, unless previously approved by the Board, shall have effect only upon and subject to it being so approved. 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 body which appointed him and, subject thereto, the office of alternate Director shall continue until the next annual election of Directors or, if earlier, the date on which the relevant Director ceases 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.
- 93. Every alternate Director when performing the functions of a Director shall (except as regards power to appoint an alternate Director and remuneration) be subject in all respects to the provisions of the Act and these Bye-laws relating to Directors 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 in writing to the Company from time to time direct.
- 94. 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.
- 95. 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

- 96. 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.
- 97. Each Director shall be entitled to be repaid all travelling, hotel and incidental expenses reasonable 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.
- 98. 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.
- 99. 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).

#### **DIRECTORS' INTERESTS**

### 100. 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;

- 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 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.
- 101. 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 whatever, 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 102 herein.
- 102. 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.

- 103. (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 <u>close</u> 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 to such Director or his <u>close</u> associate(s) any security or indemnity in respect of money lent by him or any of his <u>close</u> associates or obligations incurred or undertaken by him or any of his <u>close</u> associates at the request of or for the benefit of the Company or any of its subsidiaries:
  - (ii) any contract or arrangement for the giving of any security or indemnity 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 whether alone or jointly under a guarantee or indemnity or by the giving of security;
  - (iii) any contract or arrangement 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 <u>close</u> 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;
  - (v) any contract or arrangement concerning any other company in which the Director or his <u>close</u> associate(s) is/are interested only, whether directly or indirectly, as an officer or executive or a shareholder or in which the Director and any of his <u>close</u> associates are not in aggregate beneficially interested in five (5) per cent or more of the issued shares or of the voting rights of any class of shares of such company (or of any third company through which his interest or that of any of his <u>close</u> associates is derived); or
  - (vi) any proposal or arrangement concerning the adoption, modification or operation of a share option scheme, a pension fund or retirement, death or disability benefits scheme or other arrangement which relates both to directors, his <u>close</u> associates and employees of the Company or of any of its subsidiaries and does not provide in respect of any Director, or his <u>close</u> associate(s), as such any privilege or advantage not accorded generally to the class of persons to which such scheme or fund relates.

- (2) A company shall be deemed to be a company in which a Director and/or his <u>close</u> associate(s) owns five (5) per cent. or more if and so long as (but only if and so long as) he and/or his <u>close</u> associates, (either directly or indirectly) are the holders of or beneficially interested in five (5) per cent. or more of any class of the equity share capital of such company or of the voting rights available to members of such company (or of any third company through which his interest or that of any of his <u>close</u> associates is derived). For the purpose of this paragraph there shall be disregarded any shares held by a Director or his <u>close</u> associate(s) as bare or custodian trustee and in which he or any of them has no beneficial interest, any shares comprised in a trust in which the interest of the Director or his <u>close</u> associate(s) is/are in reversion or remainder if and so long as some other person is entitled to receive the income thereof, and any shares comprised in an authorised unit trust scheme in which the Director or his <u>close</u> associate(s) is/are interested only as a unit holder.
- (3) Where a company in which a Director and/or his <u>close</u> associate(s) holds five (5) per cent. or more is materially interested in a transaction, then that Director and/or his <u>close</u> associate(s) shall also be deemed materially interested in such transaction.
- (4) 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 extend 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 the interest of such chairman as known to such chairman has not been fairly disclosed to the Board.

#### GENERAL POWERS OF THE DIRECTORS

104. (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 Bye-law.

- (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.
  - (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.
  - (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.
- 105. 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.
- 106. 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 Company's Seal.

- 107. 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.
- 108. 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.
- 109. (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.

#### **BORROWING POWERS**

- 110. 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.
- 111. 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.

- 112. 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, speaking and voting at general meetings of the Company, appointment of Directors and otherwise.
- 113. (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

- 114. The Board may meet for the despatch of business, adjourn <u>or postpone</u> 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 <u>of the</u> Board shall have an additional or casting vote.
- 115. 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 whenever he shall be required to do so by any Director. Notice of which noticea meeting of the Board may be given to a Director if it is given to such Director in writing or verbally (including in person or by telephone) or by electronic means to an electronic address from time to time notified to the Company by such Director or (if the recipient consents to it being made available on a website) by making it available on a website or by 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. Any Director may waive notice of any meeting either prospectively or retrospectively.
- 116. (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 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.
- 117. 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.
- 118. The Board may elect a chairman (the "Chairman") and one or more deputy chairman of its meetings(each a "Deputy Chairman") and determine the period for which they are respectively to hold such office. If no-The Chairman, if one is appointed, shall preside as chairman at every meeting of the Board. If at any meeting of the Board, no Chairman or deputy chairman Deputy Chairman is elected, or if at any meeting neither the eChairman nor any deputy chairman 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 of the Board.
- 119. 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.
- 120. (1) The Board may delegate any of its powers, authorities and discretions to committees, consisting of such Director or Directors 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.
- 121. 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.

- 122. 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 subject to Bye-law 93 are temporarily unable to act as aforesaid shall (provided that such number is sufficient to constitute a quorum and further provided 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) be as valid and effectual as if a resolution had been passed at a meeting of the Board duly convened and held. 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.
- 123. 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 or 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.

#### **MANAGERS**

- 124. 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.
- 125. 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 they may think fit.
- 126. 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.

# **OFFICERS**

- 127. (1) The officers of the Company shall consist of a Chairman and Deputy Chairman, the Directors, Secretary and such additional officers as the Board may from time to time determine, all of whom shall be deemed to be officers for the purposes of the Statutes and these Bye-laws.
  - (2) The Directors of the Company shall, as soon as may be after each appointment or election of Directors, elect one of their number to be <u>Chairman and the Deputy Chairman and may</u> appoint another of their number to be Managing Director; and if more than one (1) Director is proposed for either of these offices, the election to such office shall take place in such manner as the Directors may determine.
  - (3) The officers shall receive such remuneration as the Directors may from time to time determine.
  - (4) Where the Company does not have a quorum of Directors ordinarily resident in Bermuda, the Company shall in accordance with the Act appoint and maintain a resident representative (being a person ordinarily resident in Bermuda) and the resident representative shall maintain an office in Bermuda and comply with the provisions of the Act.

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.

The resident representative shall be entitled to have notice of, attend and be heard at any Directors' meetings or general meeting of the Company.

- 128. (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 or 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.
- 129. The President or the Chairman, as the case may be, shall act as chairman at all meetings of the Members and of the Directors at which he is present. In his absence a chairman shall be appointed or elected by those present at the meeting.
- 129. [Intentionally Deleted].

- 130. The officers of the Company shall have such powers and perform such duties in the management, business and affairs of the Company as may be delegated to them by the Directors from time to time.
- 131. 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

- 132. (1) The Board shall cause to be kept in one or more books at its 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) his or her first name and surname; and
  - (b) his or her address.
  - (2) The Board shall within a period of fourteen (14) days from the occurrence of -
    - (a) any change among its 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 on every business day.
  - (4) In this Bye-law "Officer" has the meaning ascribed to it in Section 92A(7) of the Act.

# **MINUTES**

- 133. 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:
  - (c) of all resolutions and proceedings of each general meeting of the Members, meetings of the Board and meetings of committees of the Board.

#### **SEAL**

- 134. (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 of the Company 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 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.

# **AUTHENTICATION OF DOCUMENTS**

135. 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.

#### DESTRUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

- 136. 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.

#### DIVIDENDS AND OTHER PAYMENTS

- 137. Subject to the Act, the Company in General Meeting may from time to time declare dividends in any currency to be paid to the Members according to their rights and interests in the profits available for distribution, but no dividend shall be declared in excess of the amount recommended by the Board. The Company in general meeting may also make a distribution to the Members out of any contributed surplus (as ascertained in accordance with the Act).
- 138. 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 the aggregate of its liabilities and its issued share capital and share premium accounts.
- 139. Except in so far as the rights attaching to, or the terms of issue of, any share otherwise provide:
  - (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) 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.
- 140. 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.
- 141. 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.
- 142. No dividend or other moneys payable by the Company on or in respect of any share shall bear interest against the Company.

- 143. 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.
- 144. 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.
- 145. Whenever the Board or the Company in general meeting have resolved that a dividend be paid or declared, the Board may further resolved 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.

- 146. (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 <u>shareholdersMembers</u> 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 in writing 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 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 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 <u>shareholdersMembers</u> 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 in writing 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 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 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 (2) 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 Bye-law, 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 Members 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 Members 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**

147. 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**

- 148. The Company may, upon the recommendation of the Board, at any time and from time to 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 and subject to Section 40(2A) of the Act, 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.
- 149. 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

- 150. The following provisions shall have effect to the extend 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 par 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 provide 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 sub-paragraph (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:
      - (i) 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
      - (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 additional nominal amount of shares. The rights represented by any such certificate 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 shareholdersMembers.

# ACCOUNTING RECORDS

- 151. 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.
- 152. 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 of the Company. No Member (other than a Director of the Company) 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.
- 153. Subject to Section 88 of the Act, 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 general meeting and laid before the Company in 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 or to more than one of the joint holders of any shares or debentures.

# **AUDIT**

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- 154. Subject to Section 88 of the Act and any applicable laws and regulations in any applicable jurisdictions, at the annual general meeting or at a subsequent special general meeting in each year, the Members may by an ordinary resolution shall appoint an aAuditor to audit the accounts of the Company and such aAuditor shall hold office until the Members appoint another auditor. Auditor is appointed. Such aAuditor 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.
- 155. Subject to Section 88 of the Act the accounts of the Company shall be audited at least once in every year.

LR App.3 Para 17 meeting or which notice specifying the intention to pass such resolution was given, may remove the Auditors at any time before the expiration of their term of office, and shall by Ordinary Resolution appoint replacement Auditors for the remainder of the term provided that at least twenty-one (21) days before the date of the meeting, notice in writing of the proposed resolution is given to the incumbent Auditors and to the Auditors proposed to be appointed.



- 156. The remuneration of the Auditor shall be fixed by the Company in general meeting by ordinary resolution or in such manner as the Members may determine by ordinary resolution.
- 157. 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.
- 157. Subject to the rules of the Designated Stock Exchange, the Board may fill any casual vacancy in the office of Auditor, but while the vacancy continues the surviving or continuing Auditor, if any, may act. The remuneration of any Auditor appointed by the Board under this Bye-law may be fixed by the Board. Any Auditor appointed by the Board shall hold office only until the first annual general meeting of the Company after his appointment and shall then be eligible for re-appointment at that meeting by the Members under this Bye-law at such remuneration to be determined by the Members under Bye-law 156.
- 158. 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.
- 159. 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. The Auditor shall make a written report thereon in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the report of the Auditor shall be submitted to the Members in general meeting. The generally accepted auditing standards referred to herein may be those of Bermuda or of a country or jurisdiction other than Bermuda. If so, the financial statements and the report of the Auditor should disclose this fact and name such country or jurisdiction.

# **NOTICES**

160. Any Notice from the Company to a Member shall be given in writing or by cable, telex or facsimile transmission message and any such Notice and (where appropriate) any 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 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 accordance with the requirements of the Designated Stock Exchange. 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.

# 161. Any Notice or other document:

- (a) if served or delivered by post, shall be sent airmail where appropriate 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 addresses, is put into the post; in proving such service or delivery it shall be sufficient to prove that the envelop 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 notice or other document was so addressed and put into the post shall be conclusive evidence thereof; and
- (b) 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 or transmission; 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 or transmission shall be conclusive evidence thereof.

- 162. (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 notice 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 notice 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 notice 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 notice 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.

#### **SIGNATURES**

163. For the purposes of these Bye-laws, a cable or telex or facsimile 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.

# WINDING UP

164. (1) 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.

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- (2) A resolution that the Company be wound up by the court or be wound up voluntarily shall be a special resolution.
- 165. If the Company shall be wound up (whether the liquidation is voluntary or by the court) voluntarily 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.

#### **INDEMNITY**

166. (1) The Directors, Secretary and other officers and every Auditor for the time being of the Company and the liquidator or trustees (if any) for the time being acting in relation to any of the affairs of the Company and everyone of them, and everyone 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 wilful negligence, wilful default, 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 wilful negligence, wilful default, fraud or dishonesty which may attach to such Director.

# ALTERATION OF BYE-LAWS & AMENDMENT TO MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

LR App.3 Para 16 167. 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**

168. No Member shall be entitled to require discovery of or any information respecting 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 members of the Company to communicate to the public.

#### CHANGES IN APPLICABLE LAW

169. (1) The following provisions, or any of them, shall have effect at any time and from time to time that they are not prohibited by or inconsistent with any provision of the Statutes.



# ORIENTAL EXPLORER HOLDINGS LIMITED 東方興業控股有限公司

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

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the annual general meeting of Oriental Explorer Holdings Limited (the "Company") will be held at Units 22-28, 25/F., Tower A, Southmark, 11 Yip Hing Street, Wong Chuk Hang, Hong Kong on Thursday, 25 May 2023 at 3:30 p.m. for the following purposes:

#### **ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS**

- 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 2022.
- 2. To declare a final dividend.
- 3. (a) To re-elect of Mr. Tsui Ka Wah as an independent non-executive director;
  - (b) To re-elect of Mr. Lo Mun Lam, Raymond as an independent non-executive director; and
  - (c) To authorise the board of directors to fix the remuneration of the directors.
- 4. To re-appoint Elite Partners CPA Limited as auditors of the Company and to authorise the board of directors to fix their remuneration.
- 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 (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 number of Shares 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 number of Shares 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."

6. 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 number of Shares 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."

- 7. 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. 5 and 6 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. 5 set out in the notice convening this meeting be and is hereby extended by the addition to the aggregate number of Shares 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 number of Shares repurchased by the Company under the authority granted pursuant to resolution no. 6 set out in the notice convening this meeting, provided that such an amount shall not exceed 10% of the number of Shares in issue as at the date of the passing of this resolution."
- 8. To consider as special business and, if thought fit, to pass with or without amendments, the following resolution as an ordinary resolution:

# "THAT:

- (a) subject to and conditional upon the Listing Committee of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") granting the approval for the listing of, and the permission to deal in, the ordinary shares of the Company (or such shares as shall result from a capitalisation issue, rights issue, subdivision, consolidation, reclassification, reconstruction or reduction of share capital of the Company from time to time) (the "Share(s)") which may be issued in respect of the share options to be granted under the share option scheme, a copy of which is tabled at the meeting and marked "A" and initialled by the chairman of the meeting (the "New Share Option Scheme") be and is hereby approved and adopted; and any director of the Company and/or his/her delegate(s) be and are hereby authorised to do all such acts and to enter into all such transactions, arrangements and agreements as may be necessary or expedient in order to give full effect to the New Share Option Scheme, including but without limitation:
  - (i) to administer the New Share Option Scheme under which share options will be granted to the participants eligible under the New Share Option Scheme to subscribe for Shares, including but not limited to determining and granting the share options in accordance with the terms of the New Share Option Scheme;
  - (ii) to modify and/or amend the New Share Option Scheme from time to time provided that such modification and/or amendment is effected in accordance with the provisions of the New Share Option Scheme relating to the modification and/or amendment and subject to Chapter 17 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the "Listing Rules");

- (iii) to grant share options under the New Share Option Scheme and to allot and issue from time to time such number of Shares in the capital of the Company as may be required to be allotted and issued in respect of the share options to be granted under the New Share Option Scheme and subject to the Listing Rules and the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda;
- (iv) to make application at appropriate time or times to the Stock Exchange and any other stock exchanges upon which the issued Shares may for the time being be listed, for listing of, and permission to deal in, any Shares which may hereafter from time to time be allotted and issued in respect of the share options to be granted under the New Share Option Scheme and subject to the Listing Rules and the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda; and
- (v) to consent, if it so deems fit and expedient, to such conditions, modifications and/or variations as may be required or imposed by the relevant authorities in relation to the New Share Option Scheme and subject to the Listing Rules and the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda;
- (b) the total number of Shares which may be issued in respect of all options and awards to be granted under the New Share Option Scheme and any other schemes of the Company must not in aggregate exceed 10% (or such other percentage which may be specified by the Stock Exchange from time to time) of the total number of Shares in issue as at the date of passing of this resolution (the "Scheme Mandate Limit") or the relevant date of approval of the refreshment of the Scheme Mandate Limit; and
- (c) within the Scheme Mandate Limit, the number of Shares which may be issued in respect of all options and awards to be granted to the service providers under the New Share Option Scheme and any other schemes of the Company must not in aggregate exceed 1% of the total number of Shares in issue as at the date of passing of this resolution (the "Service Provider Sublimit") or the relevant date of approval of the refreshment of the Service Provider Sublimit."

# SPECIAL RESOLUTION

9. As special business, to consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolution as a special resolution:

# "THAT:

(a) the amended and restated bye-laws of the Company (the "New Bye-laws"), which contains all the proposed amendments to the existing bye-laws (the "Existing Bye-laws"), the details of which are set out in Appendix IV to the circular of the Company dated 27 April 2023, and a copy of which has been produced to this meeting and marked "B" and initialled by the chairman of the meeting, be and is hereby approved and adopted as the bye-laws of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of the Existing Bye-laws with immediate effect upon the close of this meeting; and

(b) any director, company secretary and/or registered office provider of the Company be and is hereby authorised to do all such acts, deeds and things and execute and deliver all such documents and make all such arrangements that he/she shall, in his/ her absolute discretion, deem necessary or expedient to give effect to the proposed amendments the Existing Bye-laws and the Company's adoption of the New Byelaws, including without limitation, attending to the necessary filings with the Registrar of Companies in Bermuda and Hong Kong."

By Order of the Board

Oriental Explorer Holdings Limited

Lau Chi Yung, Kenneth

Chairman

Hong Kong, 27 April 2023

Notes:

- (i) The register of members of the Company will be closed from Monday, 22 May 2023 to Thursday, 25 May 2023, 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, 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 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong not later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, 19 May 2023.
- (ii) If the proposed final dividend was approved, the register of members of the Company will be closed from Monday, 5 June 2023 to Wednesday, 7 June 2023, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be registered. In order to qualify for the proposed final dividend, 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 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong not later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, 2 June 2023.
- (iii) A member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting is entitled to appoint more than one proxy to attend and, on a poll, vote on his behalf (excluding those members holding only one share). A proxy need not be a member of the Company.
- (iv) 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 Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Tengis Limited at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong not later than 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the meeting (or the adjourned meeting as the case may be).