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PROPOSALS FOR RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS,
GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE SECURITIES
AND REPURCHASE SHARES
AND

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A notice convening the annual general meeting ("AGM") of the Company to be held at Plaza 4, Basement 3, Novotel Century Hong Kong, 238 Jaffe Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong on Wednesday, 24th May, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. is set out on pages 17 to 21 of this circular. Whether or not you are able to attend the AGM, you are requested to complete the accompanying form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return the same to the Company's share registrar, Tricor Secretaries Limited, at 17th Floor, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong as soon as possible and in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the AGM or any adjournment thereof, provided that no account is to be taken of any part of a day that is a public holiday. Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude the shareholders of the Company ("Shareholder(s)") from attending and voting in person at the AGM or any adjournment thereof if they so wish.

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#### **DEFINITIONS**

In this circular (other than in the notice of AGM), unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the following meanings:

"AGL" Allied Group Limited, a company incorporated in Hong

Kong with limited liability, the ultimate holding company of the Company, the shares of which are listed on the Main

Board of the Stock Exchange (Stock Code: 373)

"AGM" annual general meeting of the Company to be held at Plaza 4,

Basement 3, Novotel Century Hong Kong, 238 Jaffe Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong on Wednesday, 24th May, 2023 at

10:00 a.m. or any adjournment thereof

"Articles" the articles of association of the Company (as amended

from time to time)

"Board" board of Directors

"Company" Tian An China Investments Company Limited, a company

incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability, the shares of which are listed on the Main Board of the Stock

Exchange

"Director(s)" director(s) of the Company

"Group" the Company and its subsidiaries

"HK\$" Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong

"Hong Kong" the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the

People's Republic of China

"Independent Non-Executive

Director(s)"

independent non-executive Director(s)

"Latest Practicable Date" 18th April, 2023, being the latest practicable date prior to

the printing of this circular for ascertaining certain

information contained herein

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

Exchange

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

of Hong Kong)

"Share(s)" ordinary share(s) of the Company

## **DEFINITIONS**

"Share Buy-backs Code" Hong Kong Code on Share Buy-backs

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

"Stock Exchange" The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

"Takeovers Code" Hong Kong Code on Takeovers and Mergers

"2022 Annual Report" annual report of the Company for the year ended 31st

December, 2022

"%" per cent.



# 天安中國投資有限公司

### TIAN AN CHINA INVESTMENTS COMPANY LIMITED

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability) (Stock Code: 28)

Executive Directors:
Song Zengbin (Deputy Chairman)
Patrick Lee Seng Wei (Managing Director)
Edwin Lo King Yau
Tao Tsan Sang

Non-Executive Directors: Lee Seng Hui (Chairman) Moses Cheng Mo Chi

Independent Non-Executive Directors:
Francis J. Chang Chu Fai
Jiang Guofang
Jin Hui Zhi
Ngai Wah Sang
Lisa Yang Lai Sum

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24th April, 2023

To the Shareholders

Dear Sir or Madam,

# PROPOSALS FOR RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS, GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE SECURITIES AND REPURCHASE SHARES AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this circular is to provide you with information regarding resolutions to be proposed at the AGM relating to, among other things, (i) the re-election of Directors; and (ii) the granting to the Directors of general mandates to issue securities of the Company and repurchase Shares up to 20% and 10% respectively of the total number of Shares in issue as at the date of the passing of such resolutions.

#### RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the Board consisted of eleven (11) Directors, namely Messrs. Lee Seng Hui, Song Zengbin, Patrick Lee Seng Wei, Edwin Lo King Yau, Tao Tsan Sang, Dr. Moses Cheng Mo Chi, Messrs. Francis J. Chang Chu Fai, Jiang Guofang, Jin Hui Zhi, Ngai Wah Sang and Ms. Lisa Yang Lai Sum.

Pursuant to Article 105(A) of the Articles, at each annual general meeting, one-third of the Directors for the time being (or, if their number is not a multiple of three (3), the number nearest to but not less than one-third) shall retire from office such that each Director (including those appointed for a specific term) will be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three (3) years at the annual general meeting, provided always that any Director appointed pursuant to Article 96 of the Articles shall not be taken into account in determining the Directors who are to retire by rotation at such meeting. The Directors to retire in every year shall be those who have been longest in office since their last election but as between persons who became Directors on the same day those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree between themselves) be determined by lot. The retiring Directors shall be eligible for re-election. Pursuant to Article 96 of the Articles, the Board shall have power from time to time and at any time to appoint any person as a Director either to fill a casual vacancy or as an addition to the Board. Any Director so appointed shall hold office only until the next following annual general meeting of the Company and shall then be eligible for re-election.

Pursuant to Article 105(A) of the Articles, Messrs. Lee Seng Hui, Edwin Lo King Yau, Ngai Wah Sang ("Mr. Ngai") and Ms. Lisa Yang Lai Sum ("Ms. Yang") shall retire from office by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election at the AGM. In addition, Mr. Jiang Guofang, being a Director appointed by the Board after the Company's last annual general meeting held on 20th May, 2022, shall hold office until the AGM pursuant to Article 96 of the Articles and, being eligible, offer himself for re-election as a Director.

Further, pursuant to code provision B.2.3 of the Corporate Governance Code under Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules, if an independent non-executive director has served more than nine (9) years, his/her further appointment should be subject to a separate resolution to be approved by shareholders.

Mr. Ngai and Ms. Yang have both served as Independent Non-Executive Directors for more than nine (9) years. The Company has received from each of Mr. Ngai and Ms. Yang an annual confirmation of independence pursuant to Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules and the nomination committee of the Company ("Nomination Committee") has assessed their independence. In the process of assessing the independence of Mr. Ngai and Ms. Yang, the Nomination Committee has considered (i) the factors under Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules; (ii) whether Mr. Ngai and Ms. Yang are capable of bringing fresh perspectives and independent judgement to the Board despite their familiarity with the Company's affairs and management; and (iii) the fact that neither Mr. Ngai nor Ms. Yang had or has any management role in the Group and none of them has any relationship with any Director, senior management, substantial or controlling shareholder of the Company. Based on the above criteria and upon due deliberation, the Nomination Committee considered that Mr. Ngai and Ms. Yang had exercised impartial judgement and given independent guidance to the Company during their tenure of office, and their long service would not affect their ability to bring fresh perspectives and the exercise of independent judgement in their independent scope of work. As

such, the Nomination Committee is satisfied that Mr. Ngai and Ms. Yang are able to continue to independently fulfill their role as Independent Non-Executive Directors and recommends the same to the Board. The Board concurs with the view of the Nomination Committee and therefore recommends the re-election of Mr. Ngai and Ms. Yang as Independent Non-Executive Directors notwithstanding the fact that they have served the Company for more than nine (9) years.

Article 109 of the Articles provides that no person, other than a retiring Director, shall, unless recommended by the Board for election, be eligible for election to the office of Director at any general meeting, unless notice in writing of the intention to propose that person for election as a Director and notice in writing by that person of his willingness to be elected shall have been given to the Company during the period commencing no earlier than the day after the despatch of the notice of the general meeting appointed for such election and ending no later than seven (7) days prior to the date of such general meeting.

Accordingly, if a Shareholder wishes to nominate a person to stand for election as a Director at the AGM, notice in writing of his/her intention to propose such person for election as a Director and the notice in writing executed by the nominee of his/her willingness to be elected must be validly served at the registered office of the Company at 22nd Floor, Allied Kajima Building, 138 Gloucester Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong on or before Tuesday, 16th May, 2023.

Pursuant to Rule 13.74 of the Listing Rules, a listed issuer shall disclose the details required under Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules of any directors proposed to be re-elected or proposed new director in the notice or accompanying circular to its shareholders of the relevant general meeting, if such re-election or appointment is subject to shareholders' approval at that relevant general meeting.

Brief biographical details of the retiring Directors who are proposed to be re-elected at the AGM are set out in Appendix I to this circular. If a valid notice from a Shareholder to propose a person to stand for election as a Director at the AGM is received after the printing of this circular, the Company will issue a supplementary circular to inform the Shareholders of the details of the additional candidate proposed.

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

At the annual general meeting of the Company held on 20th May, 2022, ordinary resolutions were passed for the granting of general mandates to the Directors (i) to allot, issue or otherwise deal with additional securities of the Company not exceeding 20% of the total number of Shares in issue as at that date ("Existing Issue Mandate"), being 293,213,898 Shares; and (ii) to repurchase Shares not exceeding 10% of the total number of Shares in issue as at that date ("Existing Repurchase Mandate"), being 146,606,949 Shares.

The Existing Issue Mandate and the Existing Repurchase Mandate will expire upon the conclusion of the AGM. The Directors consider that the Existing Issue Mandate and the Existing Repurchase Mandate increase the flexibility in dealing of the Company's affairs and are in the interests of both the Company and the Shareholders as a whole, and that the same shall continue to be adopted by the Company.

Following the expiration of the Existing Issue Mandate, new general mandates to allot, issue or otherwise deal with additional securities of the Company up to 20% of the total number of Shares in issue as at the date of passing the resolution as set out in Resolution No. 4(A) of the notice of AGM will be proposed at the AGM. Subject to the passing of the resolution granting the proposed mandate to issue securities of the Company and on the basis that no further securities are issued or repurchased before the AGM, the Company will be allowed under such mandate to issue a maximum of 293,213,898 Shares, representing 20% of the total number of Shares in issue as at the Latest Practicable Date. In addition, a new general mandate to repurchase Shares up to 10% of the total number of Shares in issue as at the date of passing the resolution ("Share Repurchase Mandate") as set out in Resolution No. 4(B) of the notice of AGM will also be proposed at the AGM. A resolution authorising the extension of the general mandate to the Directors to issue securities of the Company to include the total number of such Shares repurchased (if any) under the Share Repurchase Mandate is to be proposed as Resolution No. 4(C) of the notice of AGM at the AGM.

With reference to the proposed new general mandates, the Directors, as at the date hereof, wish to state that they have no immediate plans to issue any new securities of the Company pursuant to the relevant mandates.

An explanatory statement containing the particulars required by the Listing Rules to enable the Shareholders to make an informed view on whether to vote for or against Resolution No. 4(B) to be proposed at the AGM in relation to the proposed Share Repurchase Mandate is set out in Appendix II to this circular.

#### **AGM**

The notice of the AGM to be held at Plaza 4, Basement 3, Novotel Century Hong Kong, 238 Jaffe Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong on Wednesday, 24th May, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. is set out on pages 17 to 21 of this circular. A copy of the 2022 Annual Report is despatched to the Shareholders together with this circular. Ordinary resolutions in respect of, inter alia, the re-election of Directors and the general mandates to issue securities of the Company and repurchase Shares will be proposed at the AGM.

Pursuant to Rule 13.39(4) of the Listing Rules, any vote of shareholders at a general meeting must be taken by poll except where the chairman, in good faith, decides to allow a resolution which relates purely to a procedural or administrative matter to be voted on by a show of hands. The resolutions to be proposed at the AGM do not relate purely to a procedural or administrative matter. Accordingly, all resolutions set out in the notice of AGM will be put to vote by way of poll at the AGM. An announcement on the results of the vote by poll will be made by the Company after the AGM in the manner prescribed under Rule 13.39(5) of the Listing Rules.

A form of proxy for the AGM is enclosed with this circular. Whether or not you are able to attend the AGM, you are requested to complete the accompanying form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return the same to the Company's share registrar, Tricor Secretaries Limited, at 17th Floor, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong as soon as possible and in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the AGM or any adjournment thereof, provided that no account is to be taken of any part of a day that is a public holiday. Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude the Shareholders from attending and voting in person at the AGM or any adjournment thereof if they so wish.

#### RECOMMENDATION

The Directors consider that the proposed ordinary resolutions for approval of the re-election of the retiring Directors, the grant of general mandates to issue securities of the Company and repurchase Shares, and to add the total number of Shares that may be repurchased to the total number of Shares that may be allotted pursuant to the general mandate to issue securities of the Company are each in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole, and accordingly, recommend all Shareholders to vote in favour of the resolutions to be proposed at the AGM.

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

Your attention is drawn to the additional information set out in the Appendices to this circular. The English text of this circular shall prevail over the Chinese text.

Yours faithfully,
For and on behalf of the Board

Tian An China Investments Company Limited
Edwin Lo King Yau

Executive Director

The biographical details of the Directors proposed to be re-elected at the forthcoming AGM are set out as follows:

Mr. Lee Seng Hui, aged 54, was appointed the Chairman and a Non-Executive Director of the Company in April 2007. He is also a director of certain subsidiaries of the Company. Mr. Lee graduated from the Law School of the University of Sydney with Honours. Previously, he worked with Baker & McKenzie and N M Rothschild & Sons (Hong Kong) Limited. Mr. Lee is also the chief executive and an executive director of AGL, the ultimate holding company of the Company. He is a non-executive director of APAC Resources Limited and the non-executive chairman of Mount Gibson Iron Limited ("Mount Gibson"). Mount Gibson is a company listed on the Australian Securities Exchange. Mr. Lee was the chief executive and an executive director of Allied Properties (H.K.) Limited (a company previously listed on the Stock Exchange until 26th November, 2020) between June 2010 and December 2020. He is a cousin of Mr. Patrick Lee Seng Wei (the Managing Director of the Company) and the brother-in-law of Mr. Chew Chee Choong (the Group Chief Operating Officer of the Company). Save as disclosed above, Mr. Lee did not hold any other directorship in listed public companies in Hong Kong or overseas during the past three years.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Lee together with Ms. Lee Su Hwei and Mr. Lee Seng Huang are the trustees of Lee and Lee Trust, being a discretionary trust. The Lee and Lee Trust controlled approximately 74.99% of the total number of issued shares of AGL (inclusive of Mr. Lee's personal interest), which in turn indirectly owned approximately 55.72% of the total number of issued shares of the Company and were therefore deemed to have an interest in the Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

A service contract which forms the basis of emoluments has been entered into between the Company and Mr. Lee, pursuant to which he is entitled to a Director's fee of HK\$10,000 per annum. Mr. Lee is also an employee of AGL which charges management services fee to the Company pursuant to an agreement entered into between AGL and the Company and according to a specified percentage of his remuneration in AGL and such percentage is determined by reference to the percentage of time devoted by him on the affairs of the Company. The remuneration of Mr. Lee was determined with reference to the prevailing market conditions and the terms of the Company's remuneration policy. He will have no designated length of service with the Company but will be subject to retirement and re-election at the annual general meetings of the Company in accordance with the Articles or any other applicable laws from time to time whereby he shall vacate his office.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Lee did not have any relationship with any Director, senior management, substantial or controlling shareholder of the Company nor had he any interests in the Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO as at the Latest Practicable Date. Taking into consideration Mr. Lee's experience and contributions to the Company, the Nomination Committee has recommended and the Board has considered that it is in the interests of the Company to re-appoint Mr. Lee as the Chairman of the Company.

There are no other matters or information in relation to Mr. Lee's re-election that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders or to be disclosed pursuant to paragraphs (h) to (v) of Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules.

Mr. Edwin Lo King Yau, aged 62, was appointed an Executive Director of the Company in August 1999. He is also a director of certain subsidiaries of the Company. Mr. Lo holds a Master's Degree in Applied Finance from Macquarie University, Australia and is a Chartered Secretary and a Chartered Governance Professional. He had served various executive roles in several companies in Hong Kong including as company secretary for public listed companies. Mr. Lo is also an executive director of each of AGL, the ultimate holding company of the Company, and Asiasec Properties Limited ("ASL"), a non wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. Save as disclosed above, Mr. Lo did not hold any other directorship in listed public companies in Hong Kong or overseas during the past three years.

There is no service contract between the Company and Mr. Lo. He is entitled to a Director's fee of HK\$10,000 per annum from each of the Company and ASL. Mr. Lo is also an employee of AGL which charges management services fee to the Company pursuant to an agreement entered into between AGL and the Company and according to a specified percentage of his remuneration in AGL and such percentage is determined by reference to the percentage of time devoted by him on the affairs of the Company. The remuneration of Mr. Lo was determined with reference to the prevailing market conditions and based on the performance and contribution of Mr. Lo in the Company. He will have no designated length of service with the Company but will be subject to retirement and re-election at the annual general meetings of the Company in accordance with the Articles or any other applicable laws from time to time whereby he shall vacate his office.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Lo did not have any relationship with any Director, senior management, substantial or controlling shareholder of the Company nor had he any interests in the Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO as at the Latest Practicable Date.

There are no other matters or information in relation to Mr. Lo's re-election that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders or to be disclosed pursuant to paragraphs (h) to (v) of Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules.

Mr. Jiang Guofang, aged 66, was appointed an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company in June 2022. He holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration from the City University of Macau. He is a senior economist and has extensive experience in banking, corporate finance, investment and management. Mr. Jiang worked for the People's Bank of China, Shanghai Branch and Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Limited, Shanghai Branch. He had served in various executive positions in a number of financial institutions, including the chairman of Shenyin Wanguo (H.K.) Limited and SWS MU Fund Management Co., Ltd., as well as the consultant of Shenwan Hongyuan Securities Co., Ltd. Mr. Jiang did not hold any other directorship in listed public companies in Hong Kong or overseas during the past three years.

In considering Mr. Jiang's re-election, the Board, with the assistance and recommendation from the Nomination Committee, has reviewed the structure, size, composition and diversity of the Board from a number of aspects, including but not limited to age, gender, nationality, length of service, and the professional experience, skills and expertise Mr. Jiang can provide. The Board is of the view that during his tenure as Independent Non-Executive Director, Mr. Jiang has made positive and valuable contributions to the Company's strategy, policies and performance with his independent advice, comments, judgement and objective views from the perspective of his banking and financial background in mainland China coupled with his general understanding of the business of the Group. He also contributes to the diversity of the Board particularly because of his experience in banking and corporate financial sector. Holding not more than seven listed company directorships, he is able to devote sufficient time and attention to perform the duties as Independent Non-Executive Director. In view of the above, Mr. Jiang's re-election is considered to be of benefit to the Company.

A service contract which forms the basis of emoluments has been entered into between the Company and Mr. Jiang, pursuant to which he is entitled to (i) a Director's fee of HK\$10,000 per annum; and (ii) a service fee of HK\$92,000 per annum. The remuneration of Mr. Jiang was determined with reference to the recommendation of the remuneration committee of the Company, the prevailing market conditions and the terms of the Company's remuneration policy. He will have no designated length of service with the Company but will be subject to retirement and re-election at the annual general meetings of the Company in accordance with the Articles or any other applicable laws from time to time whereby he shall vacate his office.

Mr. Jiang did not have any relationship with any Director, senior management, substantial or controlling shareholder of the Company nor had he any interests in the Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO as at the Latest Practicable Date. He has also given an annual confirmation of his independence to the Company pursuant to Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules and is considered by the Board to be independent.

There are no other matters or information in relation to Mr. Jiang's re-election that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders or to be disclosed pursuant to paragraphs (h) to (v) of Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules.

Mr. Ngai Wah Sang, aged 64, was appointed an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company in September 2004. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Science from the University of London in United Kingdom and is a fellow of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand and the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants in Hong Kong respectively. He has broad experience in auditing, accounting, financial management and dealing with business development and investments and previously worked for international accounting firms and listed companies in Hong Kong and overseas. Mr. Ngai is currently an independent non-executive director of Swang Chai Chuan Limited. He served as an independent non-executive director of Real Nutriceutical Group Limited (a company previously listed in Hong Kong). Mr. Ngai resigned as an independent non-executive director of Alpha Professional Holdings Limited in March 2023. Save as disclosed above, Mr. Ngai did not hold any other directorship in listed public companies in Hong Kong or overseas during the past three years.

In considering Mr. Ngai's re-election, the Board, with the assistance and recommendation from the Nomination Committee, has reviewed the structure, size, composition and diversity of the Board from a number of aspects, including but not limited to age, gender, nationality, length of service, and the professional experience, skills and expertise Mr. Ngai can provide. The Board is of the view that during his tenure as Independent Non-Executive Director, Mr. Ngai has made positive and valuable contributions to the Company's strategy, policies and performance with his independent advice, comments, judgement and objective views from the perspective of his accounting background coupled with his general understanding of the business of the Group. He also contributes to the diversity of the Board particularly because of his experience in accounting sector. Holding not more than seven listed company directorships, he is able to devote sufficient time and attention to perform the duties as Independent Non-Executive Director. In view of the above, Mr. Ngai's re-election is considered to be of benefit to the Company.

A service contract which forms the basis of emoluments has been entered into between the Company and Mr. Ngai, pursuant to which he is entitled to (i) a Director's fee of HK\$10,000 per annum; and (ii) a service fee of HK\$118,000 per annum. The remuneration of Mr. Ngai was determined with reference to the recommendation of the remuneration committee of the Company, the prevailing market conditions and the terms of the Company's remuneration policy. He will have no designated length of service with the Company but will be subject to retirement and re-election at the annual general meetings of the Company in accordance with the Articles or any other applicable laws from time to time whereby he shall vacate his office.

Mr. Ngai did not have any relationship with any Director, senior management, substantial or controlling shareholder of the Company nor had he any interests in the Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO as at the Latest Practicable Date. He has also given an annual confirmation of his independence to the Company pursuant to Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules and is considered by the Board to be independent notwithstanding the fact that he has served as a Director for more than nine (9) years after taking into account (i) the factors under Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules; (ii) his ability in bringing fresh perspectives and independent judgement to the Board; (iii) the fact that he does not have any management role in the Company nor any relationship with any Director, senior management, substantial or controlling shareholder of the Company; and (iv) his experience and his past contributions to governance.

There are no other matters or information in relation to Mr. Ngai's re-election that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders or to be disclosed pursuant to paragraphs (h) to (v) of Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules.

Ms. Lisa Yang Lai Sum, aged 56, was appointed an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company in November 1999 and was re-designated as a Non-Executive Director of the Company in September 2004. She was re-designated from a Non-Executive Director to an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company in July 2007. She graduated from the University of Sydney with a Bachelor's Degree in Law and Economics and is also qualified as a solicitor in Australia and England. She is a practising solicitor in Hong Kong and a consultant of ONC Lawyers. Ms. Yang is also an independent non-executive director of each of AGL, the ultimate holding company of the Company, ASL, a non wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, and China Medical & HealthCare Group Limited. Save as disclosed above, Ms. Yang did not hold any other directorship in listed public companies in Hong Kong or overseas during the past three years.

In considering Ms. Yang's re-election, the Board, with the assistance and recommendation from the Nomination Committee, has reviewed the structure, size, composition and diversity of the Board from a number of aspects, including but not limited to age, gender, nationality, length of service, and the professional experience, skills and expertise Ms. Yang can provide. The Board is of the view that during her tenure as Independent Non-Executive Director, Ms. Yang has made positive and valuable contributions to the Company's strategy, policies and performance with her independent advice, comments, judgement and objective views from the perspective of her legal background coupled with her general understanding of the business of the Group. She also contributes to the diversity of the Board particularly because of her gender. Holding not more than seven listed company directorships, she is able to devote sufficient time and attention to perform the duties as Independent Non-Executive Director. In view of the above, Ms. Yang's re-election is considered to be of benefit to the Company.

A service contract which forms the basis of emoluments has been entered into between the Company and Ms. Yang, pursuant to which she is entitled to (i) a Director's fee of HK\$10,000 per annum; and (ii) a service fee of HK\$92,000 per annum. The remuneration of Ms. Yang was determined with reference to the recommendation of the remuneration committee of the Company, the prevailing market conditions and the terms of the Company's remuneration policy. In addition, another service contract which forms the basis of emoluments has also been entered into between ASL and Ms. Yang, pursuant to which she is entitled to (i) a director's fee of HK\$10,000 per annum; and (ii) a service fee of HK\$92,000 per annum. She will have no designated length of service with the Company but will be subject to retirement and re-election at the annual general meetings of the Company in accordance with the Articles or any other applicable laws from time to time whereby she shall vacate her office.

Save as disclosed above, Ms. Yang did not have any relationship with any Director, senior management, substantial or controlling shareholder of the Company nor had she any interests in the Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO as at the Latest Practicable Date. She has also given an annual confirmation of her independence to the Company pursuant to Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules and is considered by the Board to be independent notwithstanding the fact that she has served as a Director for more than nine (9) years after taking into account (i) the factors under Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules; (ii) her ability in bringing fresh perspectives and independent judgement to the Board; (iii) the fact that she does not have any management role in the Company nor any relationship with any Director, senior management, substantial or controlling shareholder of the Company; and (iv) her experience and her past contributions to governance.

There are no other matters or information in relation to Ms. Yang's re-election that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders or to be disclosed pursuant to paragraphs (h) to (v) of Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules.

This Appendix contains the particulars that are required by the Listing Rules to be included in an explanatory statement to enable the Shareholders to make an informed view on whether to vote for or against the resolution to be proposed at the AGM in relation to the proposed Share Repurchase Mandate.

#### TOTAL NUMBER OF SHARES IN ISSUE

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the total number of Shares in issue was 1,466,069,491 Shares.

Subject to the passing of the resolution granting the proposed mandate to repurchase Shares and on the basis that no further Shares are issued or repurchased before the AGM, the Company will be allowed to repurchase a maximum of 146,606,949 Shares during the period ending on the earlier of the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company or the date by which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required to be held by law or the date upon which such authority is revoked or varied by a resolution of the Shareholders in general meeting.

#### REASONS FOR REPURCHASES

The Directors believe that it is in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole for the Directors to have a general authority from the Shareholders to enable the Company to repurchase Shares on the Stock Exchange. Such repurchases may, depending on market conditions and funding arrangements at the time, lead to an enhancement of the net asset value per share and/or earnings per share of the Company and will only be made when the Directors believe that such a repurchase will benefit the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

The Directors would exercise the power to repurchase in circumstances where they consider that the repurchase would be in the best interests of the Company and in circumstances where they consider that the Shares can be repurchased on the terms favourable to the Company. On the basis of the consolidated financial position of the Company as at 31st December, 2022, being the date to which the latest published audited financial statements of the Company were made up, if the general mandate to repurchase Shares was to be exercised in full at the currently prevailing market value, it might cause the working capital and gearing position of the Company to be materially different from such position as contained in the latest published audited financial statements of the Company.

The Directors do not propose to exercise the mandate to repurchase Shares to such an extent as would, in the circumstances, have a material adverse effect on the working capital requirements of the Company as compared with the position disclosed in the latest published audited financial statements of the Company or the gearing level which, in the opinion of the Directors, are from time to time appropriate for the Company.

#### **FUNDING OF REPURCHASES**

Repurchases to be made pursuant to the proposed mandate to repurchase Shares would be financed out of funds legally available for such purpose in accordance with the Articles, the applicable laws of Hong Kong and the Listing Rules. Such funds include, but are not limited to, profits available for distribution.

Approximate %

#### EFFECT OF THE TAKEOVERS CODE AND SHARE BUY-BACKS CODE

Upon the exercise of the power to repurchase Shares pursuant to the Share Repurchase Mandate, a Shareholder's proportionate interests in the voting rights of the Company increases, and such increase will be treated as an acquisition of voting rights for the purposes of Rule 32 of the Takeovers Code and Rule 6 of the Share Buy-backs Code. Accordingly, a Shareholder or group of Shareholders acting in concert could obtain or consolidate control of the Company and, depending on the level of increase of the Shareholders' interests, may become obliged to make a mandatory general offer in accordance with Rules 26 and 32 of the Takeovers Code.

Name of	Number of	Approximate %  of the total  number of		of the total number of Shares in issue should the Share Repurchase Mandate be
- 133	Shares			
Shareholders	interested	Shares in issue	Notes	exercised in full
AGL	816,920,096	55.72%	1	61.91%
Lee and Lee Trust and parties acting in concert with it	816,920,096	55.72%	2 and 3	61.91%

#### Notes:

- The figure represents the interests held by China Elite Holdings Limited ("China Elite"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Fine Class Holdings Limited which in turn was a wholly-owned subsidiary of Allied Properties (H.K.) Limited ("APL"). AGL directly and indirectly (through Capscore Limited, Citiwealth Investment Limited and Sunhill Investments Limited, all being direct wholly-owned subsidiaries of AGL) owned in aggregate 100% of the total number of issued shares of APL. AGL was therefore deemed to have an interest in 816,920,096 Shares in which China Elite was interested.
- 2. The figure refers to the same interests of AGL in 816,920,096 Shares.
- 3. Mr. Lee Seng Hui, a Director, together with Ms. Lee Su Hwei and Mr. Lee Seng Huang are the trustees of Lee and Lee Trust, being a discretionary trust. The Lee and Lee Trust controlled approximately 74.99% of the total number of issued shares of AGL (inclusive of Mr. Lee Seng Hui's personal interests) and was therefore deemed to have an interest in the Shares in which AGL was interested through China Elite.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Lee and Lee Trust and parties acting in concert with it (including AGL) were interested in an aggregate of 816,920,096 Shares, representing approximately 55.72% of the total number of Shares in issue.

Based on such interests in the Shares and in the event that the Directors exercise in full the power to repurchase Shares under the Share Repurchase Mandate and assuming that no further Shares are issued or repurchased prior to the AGM, the interests of Lee and Lee Trust together with parties acting in concert with it (including AGL) will be increased to approximately 61.91% of the total number of Shares in issue. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors, such increase in the interests of Lee and Lee Trust together with parties acting in concert with it (including AGL) will not give rise to an obligation to make a mandatory general offer under Rules 26 and 32 of the Takeovers Code. However, assuming that the Share Repurchase Mandate is fully exercised, according to the register maintained by the Company under Section 336 of the SFO and as at the Latest Practicable Date, the shareholding (excluding all underlying Shares pursuant to derivatives) of PIA Ltd ("PIA", a substantial shareholder of the Company) in the Company, will increase from approximately 18.02% to approximately 20.03%. Accordingly, the total shareholding of the substantial shareholders of the Company, namely PIA and AGL, holding 20.03% and 61.91% of Shares in issue respectively, will become approximately 81.94% in aggregate, and therefore the total number of Shares held by the public will be reduced to less than the prescribed minimum percentage of 25% of the total number of Shares in issue required by the Listing Rules. The Directors have no immediate intention to repurchase Shares to the extent that it will result in the total number of Shares held by the public being reduced to less than 25% of the total number of Shares in issue if the Share Repurchase Mandate is approved at the AGM.

#### PRICE OF THE SHARES

The following table shows the highest and lowest prices at which the Shares have been traded on the Stock Exchange in each of the last twelve months:

	Price per Share	
	Highest	Lowest
	HK\$	HK\$
2022		
April	3.92	3.54
May	3.97	3.68
June	4.07	3.80
July	4.10	3.98
August	4.06	3.90
September	3.95	3.53
October	3.80	3.30
November	3.75	3.49
December	4.01	3.66
2023		
January	4.10	3.93
February	4.10	3.81
March	4.59	3.81
April (up to the Latest Practicable Date)	4.40	4.04

#### REPURCHASE OF SHARES

No repurchase of Shares have been made by the Company on the Stock Exchange or otherwise during the six months immediately preceding the Latest Practicable Date.

#### **GENERAL**

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

No core connected persons of the Company (as defined in the Listing Rules) have notified the Company that they have a present intention to sell any Shares to the Company, or have undertaken not to do so in the event that the Company is authorised to make repurchases of the Shares.

The Directors have undertaken to the Stock Exchange that, so far as the same may be applicable, they will exercise the Share Repurchase Mandate to repurchase any Shares in accordance with the Listing Rules and the applicable laws of Hong Kong.



# 天安中國投資有限公司

#### TIAN AN CHINA INVESTMENTS COMPANY LIMITED

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability) (Stock Code: 28)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting ("Meeting") of Tian An China Investments Company Limited (天安中國投資有限公司) ("Company") will be held at Plaza 4, Basement 3, Novotel Century Hong Kong, 238 Jaffe Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong on Wednesday, 24th May, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. for the following purposes:

- 1. To receive and adopt the Audited Financial Statements and the Reports of the Directors and Auditor for the year ended 31st December, 2022.
- 2. (A) To re-elect Mr. Lee Seng Hui as a Director.
  - (B) To re-elect Mr. Edwin Lo King Yau as a Director.
  - (C) To re-elect Mr. Jiang Guofang as a Director.
  - (D) To re-elect Mr. Ngai Wah Sang, an Independent Non-Executive Director who has already served the Company for more than nine (9) years, as a Director.
  - (E) To re-elect Ms. Lisa Yang Lai Sum, an Independent Non-Executive Director who has already served the Company for more than nine (9) years, as a Director.
- 3. To re-appoint Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu as Auditor and authorise the Board of Directors to fix its remuneration.
- 4. To consider and, if thought fit, pass with or without amendments, the following resolutions as Ordinary Resolutions:

#### ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS

#### (A) "THAT:

(a) subject to paragraph (c) of this Resolution, the exercise by the directors of the Company ("Directors") during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue or otherwise deal with additional shares of the Company ("Shares") or securities convertible into Shares, or options, warrants or similar rights to subscribe for any Shares, and to make or grant offers, agreements and options which might require the exercise of such powers, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;

- (b) the approval given in paragraph (a) of this Resolution shall authorise the Directors during the Relevant Period to make or grant offers, agreements and options which might require the exercise of such powers after the end of the Relevant Period;
- (c) the total number of the Shares allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted (whether pursuant to an option or otherwise) and issued by the Directors pursuant to the approval given in paragraph (a) of this Resolution, otherwise than pursuant to:
  - (i) a Rights Issue (as hereinafter defined);
  - (ii) the exercise of the rights of subscription or conversion attaching to any warrants issued by the Company or any securities which are convertible into Shares:
  - (iii) the exercise of any options granted under any option scheme or similar arrangement for the time being adopted for the grant or issue to employees of the Company and/or any of its subsidiaries of Shares or rights to acquire Shares; or
  - (iv) any scrip dividend or similar arrangement providing for the allotment of Shares in lieu of the whole or part of a dividend on Shares pursuant to the articles of association of the Company from time to time:

shall not exceed 20% of the total number of Shares in issue at the date of passing of this Resolution and the said approval shall be limited accordingly;

- (d) subject to the passing of each of the paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of this Resolution, any prior approvals of the kind referred to in paragraphs (a),
  (b) and (c) of this Resolution which had been granted to the Directors and which are still in effect be and are hereby revoked; and
- (e) for the purpose of this Resolution:

'Relevant Period' means the period from the passing of this Resolution until whichever is the earlier 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 articles of association of the Company or any applicable laws to be held; and

(iii) the revocation or variation of the authority given under this Resolution by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company ("Shareholder(s)") in general meeting; and

'Rights Issue' means the allotment, issue or grant of Shares pursuant to an offer of Shares open for a period fixed by the Directors to holders of Shares whose names appear on the register of members of the Company on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of such Shares at that date (subject to such exclusion or other arrangements as the Directors may deem necessary or expedient in relation to fractional entitlements or having regard to any restrictions or obligations under the laws of, or the requirements of any recognised regulatory body or any stock exchange in, any territory applicable to the Company)."

#### (B) "THAT:

- (a) subject to paragraph (b) of this Resolution, the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to repurchase Shares on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("Stock Exchange") or on any other stock exchange on which the Shares may be listed and recognised for this purpose by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong and the Stock Exchange under the Hong Kong Code on Share Buy-backs, subject to and in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the total number of the Shares which may be repurchased by the Company pursuant to paragraph (a) of this Resolution during the Relevant Period shall not exceed 10% of the total number of Shares in issue at the date of the passing of this Resolution, and the approval granted under paragraph (a) of this Resolution shall be limited accordingly;
- (c) subject to the passing of each of the paragraphs (a) and (b) of this Resolution, any prior approvals of the kind referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this Resolution which had been granted to the Directors and which are still in effect be and are hereby revoked; and
- (d) for the purpose of this Resolution:

'Relevant Period' means the period from the passing of this Resolution until whichever is the earlier 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 articles of association of the Company or any applicable laws to be held; and
- (iii) the revocation or variation of the authority given under this Resolution by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders in general meeting."
- (C) "THAT conditional upon the passing of Resolution Nos. 4(A) and 4(B) as set out in the notice convening the Meeting, the general mandate granted to the Directors to exercise the powers of the Company to allot, issue or otherwise deal with additional securities of the Company pursuant to Resolution No. 4(A) as set out in the notice convening the Meeting be and is hereby extended by the addition thereto a number representing the total number of the Shares repurchased by the Company under the authority granted pursuant to Resolution No. 4(B) as set out in the notice convening the Meeting, provided that such number shall not exceed 10% of the total number of Shares in issue at the date of the passing of this Resolution."

By Order of the Board

Tian An China Investments Company Limited

Cindy Yung Yee Mei

Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 24th April, 2023

Registered Office:
22nd Floor
Allied Kajima Building
138 Gloucester Road
Wanchai
Hong Kong

#### Notes:

- 1. All resolutions set out in this notice of the Meeting will be taken by poll pursuant to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange ("Listing Rules") and the results of the poll will be published on the websites of the Stock Exchange and the Company in accordance with the Listing Rules.
- 2. A member of the Company entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting will be entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend and, on a poll, vote in his or her stead. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.
- 3. A form of proxy in respect of the Meeting is enclosed. Whether or not you intend to attend the Meeting in person, you are urged to complete and return the form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon. Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting in person at the Meeting or any adjourned meeting thereof if you so wish. In the event that you attend the Meeting after having lodged the form of proxy, it will be deemed to have been revoked.
- 4. To be valid, the form of proxy, together with any power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed or a notarially certified copy of such power or authority, must be deposited at the Company's share registrar, Tricor Secretaries Limited, at 17th Floor, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong, not less than 48 hours before the time fixed for holding of the Meeting or any adjournment thereof, provided that no account is to be taken of any part of a day that is a public holiday.
- 5. Where there are joint registered holders of any Share, any one of such joint holders may vote at the Meeting, either personally or by proxy in respect of such Share as if he or she was solely entitled thereto, but if more than one of such joint registered holders be present at the Meeting personally or by proxy, that one of such joint holders so present whose name stands first on the register of members of the Company shall alone be entitled to vote in respect thereof.
- 6. For determining the entitlement to attend and vote at the Meeting, the register of members of the Company will be closed from Friday, 19th May, 2023 to Wednesday, 24th May, 2023 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares will be registered. In order for a Shareholder to be eligible to attend and vote at the Meeting, all transfer forms accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's share registrar, Tricor Secretaries Limited, at 17th Floor, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong for registration not later than 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, 18th May, 2023.
- 7. In respect of Resolution No. 4(A) above, the Directors wish to state that they have no immediate plans to issue any new securities of the Company under this mandate. Approval is being sought from members as a general mandate, in compliance with the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance (Chapter 622 of the Laws of Hong Kong) and the Listing Rules, in order to ensure flexibility and discretion to the Directors in the event that it becomes desirable to issue any securities of the Company up to 20% of the total number of Shares in issue at the date of the passing of the resolution.
- 8. The general purpose of the authority to be conferred on the Directors by Resolution No. 4(B) above is to increase flexibility and to provide discretion to the Directors in the event that it becomes desirable to repurchase Shares representing up to a maximum of 10% of the total number of Shares in issue at the date of the passing of the resolution on the Stock Exchange.