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(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 524)

# GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE SHARES AND TO REPURCHASE SHARES

### AND

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

#### AND

## AMENDMENTS TO BYE-LAWS

A notice convening the annual general meeting of the Company to be held at The China Club, 13/F., The Old Bank of China Building, Bank Street, Central, Hong Kong on Thursday, 20 May 2010 at 11:00 a.m. is set out on pages 15 to 21 of this circular.

If you are not able to attend and/or vote at the meeting in person, you are requested to complete and return the form of proxy enclosed with this circular in accordance with the instructions printed thereon to the Company's Branch Share Registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Secretaries Limited at 26th Floor, Tesbury Centre, 28 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong as soon as possible and in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting or any adjourned meeting (as the case may be). Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting at the meeting should you so wish.

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## **DEFINITIONS**

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

"AGM" the annual general meeting of the Company to be held at The China Club, 13/F., The Old Bank of China Building, Bank Street, Central, Hong Kong

on Thursday, 20 May 2010 at 11:00 a.m., and any

adjournment thereof

"Board" the board of Directors

"Bye-laws" bye-laws of the Company as may be amended from

time to time

"Company" e-Kong Group Limited, a company incorporated in

Bermuda with limited liability and the Shares of

which are listed on the Stock Exchange

"Companies Act" the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda

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

"Group" the Company and its subsidiaries

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

Kong

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

People's Republic of China

"Issue Mandate" the proposed mandate to allot, issue and deal with

additional Shares not exceeding 20% of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing

the resolution approving the said mandate

"Latest Practicable Date" 8 April 2010, being the latest practicable date for

ascertaining certain information in this circular prior

to the printing of this circular

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

Stock Exchange

## **DEFINITIONS**

"Repurchase Mandate" the proposed mandate to exercise the power of the

Company to repurchase Shares up to a maximum of 10% of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of the resolution approving the said mandate

"SFC" the Securities and Futures Commission

"SFO" the Securities and Futures Ordinance, Cap. 571, Laws

of Hong Kong

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

of the Company

"Shareholder(s)" holder(s) for the time being of Shares

"Stock Exchange" The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

"Takeovers Code" the Code on Takeovers and Mergers issued by the SFC

In this circular, unless the context otherwise requires, words importing masculine gender include feminine and neutral genders, and vice versa.



# e-Kong Group Limited

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

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14 April 2010

To the Shareholders

Dear Sir or Madam,

# GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE SHARES AND TO REPURCHASE SHARES

#### AND

# RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS

#### AND

# AMENDMENTS TO BYE-LAWS

## INTRODUCTION

On 19 May 2009, general mandates were granted to the Directors to issue Shares and to exercise all the powers of the Company to repurchase its Shares. These general mandates will lapse at the conclusion of the AGM. It is therefore proposed to refresh the general mandates to issue Shares and to repurchase Shares at the AGM.

The purpose of this circular is to provide you with information in relation to the resolutions to be proposed at the AGM for the approval of (i) granting of general mandates to the Directors to issue and to repurchase Shares, (ii) re-election of retiring Directors and (iii) amendments to the Bye-laws.

## GENERAL MANDATE TO ISSUE SHARES

Separate ordinary resolutions will be proposed at the AGM to approve (i) the granting of the Issue Mandate to the Directors and (ii) the addition to the Issue Mandate of any Shares repurchased by the Company under the authority of the Repurchase Mandate, in order to provide flexibility for issuing new Shares when it is in the interests of the Company to do so, details of which are respectively set out in the proposed Resolutions Nos. 4A and 4C in the notice of the AGM. Assuming no further Shares are issued and no Shares are repurchased after the Latest Practicable Date and up to the date of the AGM, if the Issue Mandate will be granted by the Shareholders at the AGM, the Directors will be given the authority to allot, issue and deal with up to an additional 104,578,840 Shares until 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 applicable laws or the Bye-laws to be held and (iii) the date on which it is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders in general meeting. The Directors have no present intention to issue any new Shares pursuant to the Issue Mandate.

#### GENERAL MANDATE TO REPURCHASE SHARES

An ordinary resolution will be proposed at the AGM to approve the granting of the Repurchase Mandate to the Directors, details of which are set out in the proposed Resolution No. 4B in the notice of the AGM. The Shares which may be repurchased pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate are limited to a maximum of 10% of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing of the resolution approving the Repurchase Mandate.

If the resolution for granting the Repurchase Mandate is passed at the AGM, the Repurchase Mandate will be in force until 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 applicable laws or the Bye-laws to be held and (iii) the date on which it is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders in general meeting.

An explanatory statement as required by the Listing Rules is set out in Appendix I to this circular. The explanatory statement contains all information reasonably necessary to enable the Shareholders to make an informed decision on whether or not to vote for or against the ordinary resolution to grant the Repurchase Mandate to the Directors at the AGM.

#### RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS

In accordance with bye-laws 86 and 87 of the Bye-laws and in compliance with the Listing Rules, Messrs. Shane Frederick Weir, John William Crawford J.P. and Ye Fengping shall retire by rotation at the AGM and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election. Particulars of Mr. Weir, Mr. Crawford and Mr. Ye are set out below.

#### Mr. Shane Frederick Weir

Shane Frederick Weir, 55, Independent Non-executive Director, was appointed in August 2001. Mr. Weir is a qualified solicitor and consultant with Weir & Associates, Solicitors & Notaries. He has practiced in Hong Kong since 1985, including several years as an associate with Phillips & Vineberg. Mr. Weir is qualified as a solicitor, barrister, and notary public in Canada and a solicitor in the United Kingdom and Hong Kong. Mr. Weir is also an independent non-executive director of CIBT Education Group, Inc., a company listed on TSX Venture Exchange and NYSE Amex. Save as disclosed above, Mr. Weir did not hold any other directorships in public companies listed in Hong Kong or any other major exchanges in the last three years preceding the Latest Practicable Date.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Weir had the following interests in the Shares as recorded in the register to be kept under section 352 in Part XV of the SFO:

		Approximate percentage	
Capacity	Number of Shares held	of shareholding	
Personal	10,000	0.0%	

In accordance with the letter of appointment with Mr. Weir, the term of his appointment shall, subject to applicable rules and provisions of the Bye-laws regarding retirement and re-election at the annual general meetings of the Company, expire on 31 December 2011 provided always that either the Company or Mr. Weir may terminate the appointment by giving to the other party not less than one (1) calendar month's notice in writing. Mr. Weir is also a member of each of the audit committee and remuneration committee of the Company. Under the said letter of appointment, Mr. Weir is entitled to an annual director's fee of HK\$150,000, which was determined by the Board with reference to the prevailing market level of remuneration for a similar position. Other than the aforesaid, Mr. Weir is not entitled to any other emoluments for holding office as an Independent Non-executive Director or as a member of any committees established by the Board.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Weir does not hold any positions with the Company or its subsidiaries, and is not connected with any directors, senior management or substantial shareholders of the Company, there are no matters that are required to be disclosed in accordance with Rules 13.51(2)(h) to (v) (both inclusive) of the Listing Rules and there are no other matters that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

## Mr. John William Crawford J.P.

John William Crawford J.P., 67, Independent Non-executive Director, was appointed in September 2004. He was a founding partner of Ernst & Young, Hong Kong and vice chairman of the firm. Since his retirement from accounting practice, Mr. Crawford has been particularly involved in the education sector, including setting up international schools and providing consulting services. He is actively involved in various community service areas such as being a founding member of UNICEF Hong Kong Committee and the Hong Kong Institute of Directors. In 1997, he was appointed a Justice of the Peace. Mr. Crawford is also an independent non-executive director of Titan Petrochemicals Group Limited, a public company listed in Hong Kong, Regal Portfolio Management Limited being the manager of Regal Real Estate Investment Trust, the units of which are listed in Hong Kong, as well as Elixir Gaming Technologies, Inc., a company listed on NYSE Amex. Save as disclosed above, Mr. Crawford did not hold any other directorships in public companies listed in Hong Kong or any other major exchanges in the last three years preceding the Latest Practicable Date.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Crawford did not have any interests in the Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

In accordance with the letter of appointment with Mr. Crawford, the term of his appointment shall, subject to applicable rules and provisions of the Bye-laws regarding retirement and re-election at the annual general meetings of the Company, expire on 31 December 2011 provided always that either the Company or Mr. Crawford may terminate the appointment by giving to the other party not less than one (1) calendar month's notice in writing. Mr. Crawford is also the chairman of the audit committee and a member of the remuneration committee of the Company. Under the said letter of appointment, Mr. Crawford is entitled to an annual director's fee of HK\$150,000 and also an annual service fee of HK\$100,000 in respect of discharging his duties as the chairman of the audit committee, which were determined by the Board with reference to the prevailing market level of remuneration for a similar position. Other than the aforesaid, Mr. Crawford is not entitled to any other emoluments for holding office as an Independent Non-executive Director or as a member of any committees established by the Board.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Crawford does not hold any positions with the Company or its subsidiaries, and is not connected with any directors, senior management or substantial shareholders of the Company, there are no matters that are required to be disclosed in accordance with Rules 13.51(2)(h) to (v) (both inclusive) of the Listing Rules and there are no other matters that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

# Mr. Ye Fengping

Ye Fengping, 46, Non-executive Director, was appointed in May 2009. Mr. Ye has twenty years of experience in the telecom industry in China and extensive experience in marketing planning and management. During the period of September 2007 to March 2009, Mr. Ye served as the Chief Executive Officer, China of the Company, responsible for exploration and development of the Group's business and other opportunities in China. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Ye acted as the Chief Operating Officer of CITIC 21CN Company Limited, a listed company in Hong Kong, from June 2006 to April 2007. Before that, he was an executive director and vice president of China Unicom Limited, a listed company in Hong Kong. Mr. Ye is a senior engineer, graduated from Nanjing Posts and Telecommunications Institution in 1984, with a major in Telecommunications Engineering and obtained a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Minnesota's Carlson School. Save as disclosed above, Mr. Ye did not hold any other directorships in public companies listed in Hong Kong or any other major exchanges in the last three years preceding the Latest Practicable Date.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Ye did not have any interests in the Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

In accordance with the letter of appointment with Mr. Ye, the term of his appointment shall, subject to applicable rules and provisions of the Bye-laws regarding retirement and re-election at the annual general meetings of the Company, expire on 31 December 2011 provided always that either the Company or Mr. Ye may terminate the appointment by giving to the other party not less than one (1) calendar month's notice in writing. Under the said letter of appointment, Mr. Ye is entitled to an annual director's fee of HK\$150,000, which was determined by the Board with reference to the prevailing market level of remuneration for a similar position. Other than the aforesaid, Mr. Ye is not entitled to any other emoluments for holding office as a Non-executive Director or as a member of any committees established by the Board.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Ye does not hold any positions with the Company or its subsidiaries, and is not connected with any directors, senior management or substantial shareholders of the Company, there are no matters that are required to be disclosed in accordance with Rules 13.51(2)(h) to (v) (both inclusive) of the Listing Rules and there are no other matters that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

#### AMENDMENTS TO BYE-LAWS

The Stock Exchange has amended the Listing Rules relating to, among others, the notice period required for holding a general meeting and mandatory voting by poll at general meetings, which came into effect on 1 January 2009. In addition, the Companies Act has been amended to, among others, eliminate the requirement to elect a president and vice president or chairman and deputy chairman of a company. Accordingly, the Directors propose to seek the approval of the Shareholders by way of passing a special resolution to be proposed at the AGM for the amendments to the existing Bye-laws to ensure consistency with the several amended provisions of the Listing Rules and the Companies Act. The full text of the proposed amendments to the Bye-laws is set out in the proposed Resolution No. 5 in the notice of the AGM.

Shareholders should note that the Bye-laws are in the English language only and the Chinese translation of Resolution No. 5 as set out in the notice of the AGM in relation to the wordings and provisions of the Bye-laws is for reference only.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A notice of the AGM is set out in Appendix II to this circular.

A form of proxy for use at the AGM is enclosed with this circular. If you are not able to attend and/or vote at the AGM in person, you are requested to complete and return the form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon to the Company's Branch Share Registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Secretaries Limited at 26th Floor, Tesbury Centre, 28 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong as soon as possible and in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting or any adjourned meeting (as the case may be). Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting at the meeting should you so wish.

### VOTING BY POLL AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Pursuant to Rules 13.39(4) and (5) of the Listing Rules, any vote of shareholders at a general meeting must be taken by poll, and an announcement on the poll results of the general meeting must be made by the company after the general meeting as soon as possible. Accordingly, all resolutions to be proposed at the AGM shall be voted by poll and an announcement on the poll results of the AGM will be made by the Company after conclusion of the AGM as soon as possible.

#### RECOMMENDATION

The Directors consider that the granting of the Issue Mandate and the Repurchase Mandate, the extension of the Issue Mandate to the Shares repurchased pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate, re-election of the retiring Directors and the amendments to the Bye-laws are in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders and, accordingly, recommend you to vote in favour of the resolutions to be proposed at the AGM.

# **MISCELLANEOUS**

As at the Latest Practicable Date, to the extent that the Company was aware of having made all reasonable enquiries, no Shareholder was required to abstain from voting under the Listing Rules on any of the proposed resolutions as set out in the notice of the AGM.

The English text of this circular and the accompanying proxy form shall prevail over the Chinese text in case of inconsistency.

Yours faithfully,
By order of the Board
Richard John Siemens
Chairman

This Appendix serves as an explanatory statement given to the Shareholders, as required under the Listing Rules, in connection with the proposed Repurchase Mandate.

#### 1. LISTING RULES

The Listing Rules permit companies whose primary listings are on the Stock Exchange to repurchase their securities on the Stock Exchange subject to certain restrictions, the most important of which are summarised below:

# (a) Shareholders' approval

All repurchase of securities on the Stock Exchange by a company with its primary listing on the Stock Exchange must be approved in advance by an ordinary resolution, either by way of a general mandate to the directors of the company to undertake such repurchases or by a specific approval in relation to specific transactions.

# (b) Source of funds

Repurchases must be funded out of funds which are legally available for such purpose in accordance with the company's constitutional documents and the laws of the jurisdiction in which the company is incorporated or otherwise established.

# (c) Maximum number of shares to be repurchased and subsequent issue

A maximum of 10% of the issued share capital of the company as at the date of the passing of the relevant resolution for granting the general mandate of share repurchase may be repurchased on the Stock Exchange. A company may not, without the approval of the Stock Exchange, issue new shares or announce a proposed issue of new shares for a period of 30 days immediately following a share repurchase, whether on the Stock Exchange or otherwise, other than an issue of shares pursuant to the exercise of warrants, share options or similar instruments requiring the company to issue securities, which are outstanding prior to the date of the repurchase.

### 2. SHARE CAPITAL

It is proposed that up to 10% of the Shares in issue as at the date of passing the resolution to approve the Repurchase Mandate may be repurchased. As at the Latest Practicable Date, the number of Shares in issue was 522,894,200. On the basis of such figure (assuming no further Shares are issued or repurchased following the Latest Practicable Date and prior to the date of the AGM), the Company would be allowed under the Repurchase Mandate to repurchase Shares up to a limit of 52,289,420 Shares.

#### 3. REASON FOR REPURCHASES

Although the Directors have no present intention of repurchasing any Shares, they believe that the flexibility afforded by the Repurchase Mandate would be beneficial to the Company and the Shareholders. Such repurchases may, depending on market conditions and funding arrangements at the time, lead to an enhancement of the net asset value and/or earnings per Share and will only be made when the Directors believe that such a repurchase will benefit the Company and the Shareholders.

## 4. FUNDING OF REPURCHASES

Funds required for any share repurchase by the Company would be derived from those funds legally permitted to be utilised by the Company in this connection in accordance with the Memorandum of Association of the Company and the Bye-laws and applicable laws of Bermuda. Under Bermuda law, a share purchase may only be effected by the Company out of the capital paid up on the purchased shares or out of the funds of the Company otherwise available for dividend or distribution or out of the proceeds of a fresh issue of shares made for the purpose. Any premium payable on a purchase over the par value of the shares to be purchased must be provided for out of funds of the Company otherwise available for dividend or distribution or out of the Company's share premium account. In addition, no share purchase may take place if, on the date on which the purchase is to be effected, there are reasonable grounds for believing that the Company is, or after the purchase would be, unable to pay its liabilities as they become due.

The Directors consider that there might be a material adverse impact on the working capital or gearing position of the Company (as compared with the position disclosed in the audited consolidated financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2009, being the latest published accounts of the Company) in the event that the Repurchase Mandate is to be carried out in full at any time during the proposed repurchase period. However, the Directors do not propose to exercise the Repurchase Mandate to such extent as would, in the circumstances, have a material adverse effect on the working capital requirements of the Company or the gearing levels which in the opinion of the Directors are from time to time appropriate for the Company.

#### 5. UNDERTAKING OF THE DIRECTORS

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

None of the Directors or, to the best of their knowledge and having made all reasonable enquiries, any of their associates (as defined in the Listing Rules) have any present intention to sell any Shares to the Company or its subsidiaries under the Repurchase Mandate in the event that the Repurchase Mandate is approved by the Shareholders.

No connected persons (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 Repurchase Mandate is approved by the Shareholders.

# 6. EFFECT OF TAKEOVERS CODE

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

As at the Latest Practicable Date, to the best knowledge and belief of the Directors, Mr. Kuldeep Saran, deceased (the "Deceased"), formerly the Deputy Chairman and Managing Director of the Company, together with Future (Holdings) Limited ("FHL"), a company previously controlled by him until his passing away, beneficially held 75,017,661 Shares in the Company (representing approximately 14.35% of the issued share capital of the Company). So far as the Directors are aware, following the completion of the administration of the estate of the Deceased, the ultimate beneficial interest of the Shares described aforesaid has passed to Mrs. Jennifer Saran, the spouse of the Deceased. In addition, Mr. Richard John Siemens and Mr. William Bruce Hicks, Directors, together with companies controlled by them, beneficially held totalling 190,012,542 Shares in the Company (representing approximately 36.34% of the issued share capital of the Company). While Mr. Siemens, Mr. Hicks and Mrs. Saran have acknowledged their intention to continue to co-operate to obtain and consolidate control of the Company, assuming the Repurchase Mandate is exercised in full and the aggregate number of the Shares beneficially owned by Mrs. Saran and those held by Mr. Siemens and Mr. Hicks remain unchanged, the aggregate shareholdings aforesaid will be increased to approximately 56.32% of the issued share capital of the Company. On the basis of the existing shareholdings and that the said parties continue to be recognised as persons acting in concert for the purpose of the Takeovers Code, the Directors are not aware in the event that the Repurchase Mandate is exercised in full, there will be any implication under the Takeovers Code.

The Directors will exercise the powers conferred by the Repurchase Mandate to repurchase Shares in circumstances which they deem appropriate for the benefit of the Shareholders. In addition, the Directors have no present intention to exercise the Repurchase Mandate to the extent that the number of Shares in the hands of the public would fall below the prescribed minimum aggregate percentage (under the Listing Rules) of 25%.

## 7. SHARE REPURCHASE MADE BY THE COMPANY

No repurchase of Shares has been made by the Company during the six months prior to the Latest Practicable Date (whether on the Stock Exchange or otherwise).

# 8. SHARE PRICES

The highest and lowest prices at which the Shares were traded on the Stock Exchange in each of the twelve months preceding the Latest Practicable Date were set out below:

	Price per Share	
	Highest	Lowest
	HK\$	HK\$
2009		
April	0.380	0.300
May	0.425	0.305
June	0.420	0.375
July	0.500	0.380
August	0.490	0.405
September	0.450	0.415
October	0.460	0.390
November	0.570	0.405
December	0.560	0.420
2010		
January	0.510	0.430
February	0.465	0.420
March	0.500	0.420
April (up to the Latest Practicable Date)	0.490	0.470



# e-Kong Group Limited

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** the Annual General Meeting of e-Kong Group Limited (the "Company") will be held at The China Club, 13/F., The Old Bank of China Building, Bank Street, Central, Hong Kong on Thursday, 20 May 2010 at 11:00 a.m. for the following purposes:

# As Ordinary Business

- 1. To receive and consider the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2009 and the reports of directors and of the auditor thereon.
- 2. To re-elect retiring directors and to authorise the board of directors to fix their remuneration.
- 3. To appoint auditor and to authorise the board of directors to fix the auditor's remuneration.

# As Special Business

4. To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolutions, with or without amendments, as ordinary resolutions:

## A. "THAT:

(a) subject to paragraph (c) of this Resolution, the exercise by the directors of the Company during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue or otherwise deal with additional shares of HK\$0.01 each in the capital of the Company, or securities convertible into shares, or options, warrants or similar rights to subscribe for any shares, and to make or grant offers, agreements or options which would or might require the exercise of such powers, subject to and in accordance with all applicable laws, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;

- (b) the approval in paragraph (a) of this Resolution shall authorise the directors of the Company during the Relevant Period to make or grant offers, agreements or options which would or might require the exercise of such powers after the end of the Relevant Period;
- (c) the aggregate nominal amount of share capital allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted (whether pursuant to an option or otherwise) and issued by the directors of the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) of this Resolution, otherwise than pursuant to the issue of shares as a result of:
  - (i) a Rights Issue (as hereinafter defined); or
  - (ii) any scrip dividend or similar arrangement providing for the allotment of shares, in lieu of the whole or part of a dividend on shares of the Company, pursuant to the Bye-laws of the Company from time to time; or
  - (iii) the exercise of any option granted under any share option scheme or similar arrangement for the time being adopted and approved by the shareholders of the Company for the grant or issue to directors or employees or eligible participants of the Company and/or any of its subsidiaries of shares or rights to acquire shares in the Company; or
  - (iv) the exercise of subscription rights or conversion rights attaching to any warrants or any other securities convertible into shares which may be issued by the Company,

shall not exceed 20% of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue as at the date of passing 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 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 law 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 of the Company in general meeting.

"Rights Issue" means an offer of shares open for a period fixed by the directors of the Company to holders of shares of the Company or any class thereof on the register of members of the Company on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of such shares or any class thereof (subject to such exclusions or other arrangements as the directors of the Company may deem necessary or expedient in relation to fractional entitlements or having regard to any restrictions or obligations under the laws, 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 of the Company during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to repurchase shares of HK\$0.01 each in the capital of the Company on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange"), or on any other stock exchange on which the shares of the Company may be listed and which is recognised by the Securities and Futures Commission and the Stock Exchange for this purpose ("Recognised Stock Exchange"), subject to and in accordance with all applicable laws and the requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange and, if applicable, any other Recognised Stock Exchange, as amended from time to time, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;

- (b) the aggregate nominal amount of shares of the Company to be repurchased by the Company pursuant to paragraph (a) of this Resolution during the Relevant Period shall not exceed 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue as at the date of passing this Resolution and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and
- (c) for the purpose of this Resolution:

"Relevant Period" means the period from the passing of this Resolution until 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 law 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 of the Company in general meeting."
- C. "THAT conditional upon Resolutions 4A and 4B above being passed, the general mandate granted to directors of the Company for the time being in force to exercise the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with additional shares of HK\$0.01 each in the capital of the Company pursuant to Resolution 4A be and is hereby extended by the addition to the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company which may be allotted, issued, and dealt with or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted, issued and dealt with by the directors of the Company pursuant to such general mandate of an amount representing the aggregate nominal amount of the shares repurchased by the Company under the authority granted pursuant to Resolution 4B, provided that such extended amount shall not exceed 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue as at the date of passing this Resolution."

- 5. To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution, with or without amendments, as a special resolution:
  - "THAT the existing Bye-laws of the Company be and are hereby amended in the following manner:
  - (a) by inserting the following new definition of "business day" immediately after the definition of "Auditor" in Bye-law 1:
    - "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."
  - (b) by deleting the existing Bye-law 2(h) in its entirety and replacing therewith the following new Bye-law 2(h):
    - "(h) a resolution shall be a special resolution when it has been passed by a majority of not less than three-fourths of votes cast by such Members as, being entitled so to do, vote in person or, in the case of such Members as are corporations, by their respective duly authorised representative or, where proxies are allowed, by proxy at a general meeting of which Notice has been duly given in accordance with Bye-law 59;"

- (c) by deleting the existing Bye-law 2(i) in its entirety and replacing therewith the following new Bye-law 2(i):
  - "(i) a resolution shall be an ordinary resolution when it has been passed by a simple majority of votes cast by such Members as, being entitled so to do, vote in person or, in the case of any Member being a corporation, by its duly authorised representative or, where proxies are allowed, by proxy at a general meeting of which Notice has been duly given in accordance with Bye-law 59;"
- (d) by deleting the existing Bye-law 59(1) in its entirety and replacing therewith the following new Bye-law 59(1):
  - "(1) An annual general meeting shall be called by Notice of not less than twenty-one (21) clear days and not less than twenty (20) clear business days and any special general meeting at which the passing of a special resolution is to be considered shall be called by Notice of not less than twenty-one (21) clear days and not less than ten (10) clear business days. All other special general meetings may be called by Notice of not less than fourteen (14) clear days and not less than ten (10) clear business days 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 vote thereat; and
    - (b) in the case of any other meeting, by a majority in number of the Members having the right to attend and vote at the meeting, being a majority together holding not less than ninety-five per cent. (95%) in nominal value of the issued shares giving that right."
- (e) by deleting the words "a president and vice-president or chairman and deputy chairman," after the words "The officers of the Company shall consist of" in the existing Bye-law 127(1);
- (f) by deleting the existing Bye-law 127(2) in its entirety and re-numbering the existing Bye-laws 127(3) and (4) as Bye-laws 127 (2) and (3) respectively;

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- (g) by deleting the existing Bye-law 157 in its entirety and replacing therewith the following new Bye-law 157:
  - "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 fill the vacancy and fix the remuneration of the Auditor so appointed."

and

**THAT** the directors of the Company be and are hereby authorised to do all such acts, deeds and things as they shall, in their absolute discretion deem fit, in order to effect and complete the foregoing."

By Order of the Board

Lau Wai Ming, Raymond

Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 14 April 2010

#### Notes:

- 1. A member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting convened by the above notice (or at any adjournment thereof) is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote on his/her behalf at the meeting. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.
- 2. 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 certified copy of such power of attorney or authority, must be deposited at the Company's Branch Share Registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Secretaries Limited at 26th Floor, Tesbury Centre, 28 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong, not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting or any adjournment thereof.
- Completion and delivery of the form of proxy shall not preclude any member from attending and voting
  in person at the meeting convened, if the member so desires and in such event, the form of proxy shall
  be deemed to be revoked.
- 4. In case of joint registered holders of any shares, any one of such persons may vote at the meeting, either personally or by proxy, in respect of such shares as if he/she was solely entitled thereto, but if more than one of such joint holders shall be present at the meeting personally or by proxy, that one of such holders so present whose name stands first in the register of members of the Company in respect of such shares shall alone be entitled to vote in respect thereof.
- 5. An explanatory statement containing further details regarding Resolution 4B above is being sent to members and other persons who are entitled thereto together with the Company's 2009 Annual Report.
- 6. As at the date of this notice, the Board of the Company comprises Executive Directors, Richard John Siemens and Lim Shyang Guey; Non-executive Directors, William Bruce Hicks and Ye Fengping and Independent Non-executive Directors, Shane Frederick Weir, John William Crawford J.P. and Gerald Clive Dobby.