(Stock Code: 1123)

## NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that an Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at 8th Floor, Tsuen Wan Industrial Centre, 220-248 Texaco Road, Tsuen Wan, Hong Kong on Thursday, 26 August 2004 at 10:00 a.m. for the following purposes:

- 1. To receive and consider the Audited Financial Statements and the Reports of the Directors and of the Auditors for the year ended 31 March 2004;
- 2. To declare a final special dividend;
- 3. To elect Directors, to authorise the Board to fix Directors' remuneration and to set a maximum number of Directors;
- 4. To appoint Messrs Ernst & Young as Auditors and to authorise the Board to fix their remuneration;
- 5. To consider as special business and, if thought fit, pass with or without amendments, the following resolution as a special resolution:

"THAT the bye-laws (the "Bye-laws") of the Company be and are hereby amended in the following manner:

- (a) Bye-law 1
  - (i) By inserting the definition of "associate(s)" before the definition of "Bermuda" as follows:

"associate(s)"

shall have the meaning attributed to it in the rules of the Designated Stock Exchange.

(ii) By inserting the definition of "Designated Stock Exchange" immediately after the definition of "capital" as follows:

"Designated Stock Exchange"

a stock exchange which is an appointed stock exchange for the purposes of the Act in respect of which the shares of the Company are listed or quoted and where such appointed stock exchange deems such listing or quotation to be the primary listing or quotation of the shares of the Company.

(iii) By deleting the words "a recognised clearing house within the meaning of the Securities (Clearing Houses) Ordinance of Hong Kong or" in the definition of "clearing house";

### (b) Bye-law 3

By deleting the existing Bye-law 3(i) and inserting the following new Bye-law 3(i) as follows:

"3.(i) the Company may purchase its shares upon such terms and subject to such conditions as the Board thinks fit. Where the Company purchases for redemption a redeemable share, purchases not made through the market or by tender shall be limited to a maximum price as may from time to time be determined by the Company in general meeting, either generally or with regard to specific purchases. If purchases are by tender, tenders shall be available to all members alike."

### (c) Bye-law 3A

By inserting the following as the new Bye-law 3A:

"3A. The authorised capital of the Company is HK\$200,000,000 divided into 2,000,000,000 ordinary shares of HK\$0.1 each."

### (d) Bye-law 9

By re-numbering the existing Bye-law 9 as new Bye-law 9(A) and inserting the following immediately after the new Bye-law 9(A):

- "9.(B) Where the capital of the Company includes shares which do not carry voting rights, the words "non-voting" must appear in the designation of such shares. Where the equity capital includes shares with different voting rights, the designation of each class of shares, other than those with the most favourable voting rights, must include the words "restricted voting" or "limited voting"."
- (e) By inserting "required by the listing rules of the Designated Stock Exchange or" after the words "a poll is" in the second line of the existing Bye-law 78 and "a poll is otherwise" before the word "demanded" in the fourth line of the existing Bye-law 78.
- (f) Bye-law 85

By re-numbering the existing Bye-law 85 as Bye-law 85(A) and inserting the following new Bye-law 85(B) immediately after the new Bye-law 85(A):

"85.(B) Where the Company has knowledge that any Member is, under the rules of the Designated Stock Exchange, required to abstain from voting on any particular resolution of the Company or restricted to voting only for or only against any particular resolution of the Company, any votes cast by or on behalf of such Member in contravention of such requirement or restriction shall not be counted."

# (g) Bye-law 93

By inserting the words "but not to preclude the use of the two-way form" immediately after the word "approve" on the second line of the existing Bye-law 93.

### (h) Bye-law 96

By deleting the existing Bye-law 96 in its entirety and substituting therefor a new Bye-law 96 as follows:

- "96. (A) Any corporation which is a Member may by resolution of its directors or other governing body authorise such person(s) as it thinks fit to act as its representative at any meeting of the Company or at any meeting of any class of Members. The person(s) so authorised shall be entitled to exercise the same powers on behalf of such corporation as the corporation could exercise if it/they were an individual Member and such corporation shall for the purposes of these Bye-laws be deemed to be present in person at any such meeting if the person(s) so authorised is/are present thereat.
  - (B) If a clearing house (or its nominee(s)), being a corporation, is a Member, it may authorise such persons as it thinks fit to act as its representatives at any meeting of the Company or at any meeting of any class of Members provided that the authorisation shall specify the number and class of shares in respect of which each such representative is so authorised. Each person so authorised under the provisions of this Bye-law shall be entitled to exercise the same rights and powers on behalf of the clearing house (or its nominee(s)) as if such person was the registered holder of the shares of the Company held by the clearing house (or its nominee(s)) including the right to vote individually on a show of hands notwithstanding the provisions of Bye-law 85(A).
  - (C) Any reference in these Bye-Laws to a duly authorised representative of a Member being a corporation shall mean a representative authorised under the provisions of this Bye-Law."

### (i) Bye-law 97

By re-numbering the existing Bye-laws 97(A) to (E) as Bye-law 97(B) to (F) and inserting the following before the new Bye-law 97(B):

"97 (A) That where power is taken to cease sending dividend warrants by post, if such warrants have been left uncashed, it will not be exercised until such warrants have been so left uncashed on two consecutive occasions. However, such power may be exercised after the first occasion on which such a warrant is returned undelivered."

### (j) Bye-law 105

By re-numbering the existing Bye-law 105 as new Bye-Law 105(A) and inserting the following immediately after the new Bye-law 105(A):

"105. (B) The Board shall obtain the approval of the Company in general meeting before making any payment to any Director or past Director by way of compensation for loss of office, or as consideration for or in connection with his retirement from office (not being payment to which the Director is contractually entitled)."

#### (k) Bye-law 109

(i) By re-numbering the existing Bye-laws 109(B)(i) as Bye-law 109(B) and Bye-laws 109(C) & (D) as Bye-laws 109(D) & (E) and deleting the existing Bye-laws 109(B) (ii) to (v) and substituting therefor a new Bye-law 109(C):

- "109.(C) (i) A Director shall not vote (nor be counted in the quorum) on any resolution of the Board approving any contract or arrangement or any other proposal in which he or any of his associates is materially interested, but this prohibition shall not apply to any of the following matters namely:
  - (1) any contract or arrangement for the giving to such Director or his associate(s) any security or indemnity in respect of money lent by him or any of his associate(s) or obligations incurred or undertaken by him or any of his associate(s) at the request of or for the benefit of the Company or any of its subsidiaries;
  - (2) any contract or arrangement for the giving of any security or indemnity to a third party in respect of a debt or obligation of the Company or any of its subsidiaries for which the Director or his associate(s) has himself/themselves assumed responsibility in whole or in part and whether alone or jointly under a guarantee or indemnity or by the giving of security;
  - (3) any contract or arrangement concerning an offer of shares or debentures or other securities of or by the Company or any other company which the Company may promote or be interested in for subscription or purchase, where the Director or his associate(s) is/ are or is/are to be interested as a participant in the underwriting or sub-underwriting of the offer;
  - (4) any contract or arrangement in which the Director or his associate(s) is/are interested in the same manner as other holders of shares or debentures or other securities of the Company by virtue only of his/their interest in shares or debentures or other securities of the Company;
  - (5) any contract or arrangement concerning any other company in which the Director or his associate(s) is/are interested only, whether directly or indirectly, as an officer or executive or a shareholder or in which the Director or his associate(s) is/are beneficially interested in shares of that company other than a company in which the Director and/or his associate(s) is/are beneficially interested in five (5) per cent. or more of the issued shares or of the voting rights of any class of shares of such company (or of any third company through which his interest or that of any of his associate(s) is derived); or
  - (6) any proposal concerning the adoption, modification, or operation of a share option scheme, a pension fund or retirement, death or disability benefits scheme or other arrangement which relates both to directors, his associates and employees of the Company or of any of its subsidiaries and does not provide in respect of any Director, or his associate(s), as such any privilege or advantage not accorded to the employees to which such scheme or fund relates.

- (ii) A company shall be deemed to be a company in which a Director and/or his associate(s) own(s) five (5) per cent. or more if and so long as (but only if and so long as) he and/or his associate(s) (either directly or indirectly) is/are the holder(s) of or beneficially interested in five (5) per cent. or more of any class of the equity share capital of such company or of the voting rights available to members of such company (or of any third company through which his interest or that of any of his associate(s) is derived). For the purpose of this paragraph there shall be disregarded any shares held by a Director or his associate(s) as bare or custodian trustee and in which he or any of them has no beneficial interest, any shares comprised in a trust in which the interest of the Director and/or his associate(s) is/are in reversion or remainder if and so long as some other person is entitled to receive the income thereof, and any shares comprised in an authorised unit trust scheme in which the Director and/or his associate(s) is/are interested only as a unit holder and any shares which carry no voting right at general meetings and very restrictive dividend and return of capital right.
- (iii) Where a company in which a Director and/or his associate(s) hold(s) five (5) per cent. or more is materially interested in a transaction, then that Director and/or his associate(s) shall also be deemed materially interested in such transaction.
- (iv) If any question shall arise at any meeting of the Board as to the materiality of the interest of a Director (other than the chairman of the meeting) or his associate(s) or as to the entitlement of any Director (other than such chairman) to vote or be counted in the quorum and such question is not resolved by his voluntarily agreeing to abstain from voting or not being counted in the quorum, such question shall be referred to the chairman of the meeting and his ruling in relation to such other Director shall be final and conclusive except in a case where the nature or extent of the interest of the Director and/or his associate(s) concerned as known to such Director has not been fairly disclosed to the Board. If any question as aforesaid shall arise in respect of the chairman of the meeting such question shall be decided by a resolution of the Board (for which purpose such chairman shall not be counted in the quorum and shall not vote thereon) and such resolution shall be final and conclusive except in a case where the nature or extent of the interest of such chairman as known to such chairman has not been fairly disclosed to the Board.";

### (1) Bye-law 115

By deleting the existing Bye-law 115 in its entirety and substituting therefor a new Bye-law 115 as follows:

"115. No person other than a Director retiring at the meeting shall, unless recommended by the Board for election, be eligible for election to the office of Director at any general meeting unless a notice in writing of the intention to propose such person for election as a Director, signed by a Member (other than the person to be proposed for election as a Director) duly qualified to attend and vote at the meeting for which such notice is given, and a notice in writing signed by such person of his willingness to be elected shall have been lodged at the head office or at the Registration Office. The minimum length of the period during which such notices are given shall be at least seven (7) days and the period for lodgement of such

notices shall commence no earlier than the day after the dispatch of the notice of the general meeting appointed for such election and end no later than seven (7) days prior to the date of such general meeting.";

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

### "THAT:

- (a) subject to paragraph (b) below, the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as defined below) of all the powers of the Company to purchase its shares, subject to and in accordance with the applicable laws, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the total nominal amount of shares of the Company to be purchased pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above shall not exceed 10% of the total nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue on the date of passing of 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 whichever is the earliest of:
  - (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
  - (ii) the revocation or variation of the authority given under this resolution by ordinary resolution passed by the Company's shareholders in general meetings; and
  - (iii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the Bye-laws of the Company or any applicable laws to be held.";
- 7. To consider as special business and, if thought fit, pass with or without amendments, the following resolution as an ordinary resolution:

### "THAT:

- (a) subject to paragraph (c) below, the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as defined below) of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with authorised and unissued shares in the capital of the Company 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 in paragraph (a) above shall authorise the Directors to make or grant offers, agreements and options during the Relevant Period 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 by the Directors pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above, otherwise than pursuant to:
  - (i) a Rights Issue (as defined below);
  - (ii) the exercise of options under a share option scheme of the Company; and
  - (iii) any scrip dividend scheme or similar arrangement providing for the allotment of shares in lieu of the whole or part of a dividend on shares of the Company in accordance with the Bye-laws of the Company,

shall not exceed 20% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company on the date of the passing of this resolution and this approval shall be limited accordingly; and

(d) for the purposes of this resolution:

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

- (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
- (ii) the revocation or variation of the authority given under this resolution by ordinary resolution passed by the Company's shareholders in general meetings; and
- (iii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the Bye-laws of the Company or any applicable laws to be held;

"Rights Issue" means an offer of shares open for a period fixed by the Directors to holders of shares of the Company or any class thereof on the register on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of such shares or class thereof (subject to such exclusions or other arrangements as the Directors may deem necessary or expedient in relation to fractional entitlements or having regard to any restrictions or obligations under the laws of any relevant jurisdiction or the requirements of any recognised regulatory body or any stock exchange)."; and

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

"THAT conditional upon the passing of resolutions nos. 6 and 7 set out in the notice convening this meeting, the general mandate referred to in resolution no. 7 above be and is hereby extended by the addition to the aggregate nominal amount of shares which may be allotted and issued or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted and issued by the Directors pursuant to such general mandate of an amount representing the aggregate nominal amount of shares purchased by the Company pursuant to the mandate referred to in resolution no. 6 above, provided that such amount shall not exceed 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue on the date of the passing of this resolution."

By order of the Board
Cheng Man Kwong
Company Secretary

As of the date of this announcement, Dr. Sun Tai Lun, Dennis is the Chairman & Managing Director, Mr. Tang Kwok Tong, Simon and Ms. Ng Yuk Wah, Eileen are the executive directors and Mr. Au Man Chung, Malcolm, Ms. Chiang Yun, Rachel, Mr. Liu Hui, Allan and Dr. Wong Chi Yun, Allan are the independent non-executive directors.

Hong Kong, 30 July 2004

#### Notes:

- (a) The register of members will be closed from 23 August 2004 (Monday) to 26 August 2004 (Thursday), both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be registered. In order to qualify for the proposed dividends, all transfers accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's Share Registrars in Hong Kong, Tengis Limited, at G/F., Bank of East Asia Harbour View Centre, 56 Gloucester Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong not later than 4:30 p.m. on 20 August 2004 (Friday).
- (b) A member entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy or (if holding two or more shares) proxies to attend and, in the event of a poll, vote on his behalf. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.
- (c) The instrument appointing a proxy and the 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 lodged with the Company's Share Registrars in Hong Kong, Tengis Limited, at G/F., Bank of East Asia Harbour View Centre, 56 Gloucester Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time fixed for holding the Meeting.

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