

# Notice of Annual General Meeting



**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held in the Regal Hongkong Hotel, 88 Yee Wo Street, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong on Tuesday, 12th June, 2001 at 11:00 a.m. for the following purposes:

1. To receive and consider the Audited Financial Statements and the Reports of the Directors and the Auditors for the year ended 31st December, 2000.
2. To elect Directors.
3. To appoint Auditors and authorise the Board of Directors to fix their remuneration.
4. To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolutions as Ordinary Resolutions:

(A) **“THAT:**

- (a) subject to paragraphs (b) and (c) below, the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period of all the powers of the Company to purchase shares in the capital of the Company, subject to and in accordance with all applicable laws and the requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the aggregate nominal amount of ordinary shares of HK\$0.10 each in the capital of the Company (“Ordinary Shares”) which may be purchased by the Company pursuant to

paragraph (a) above shall not exceed 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the Ordinary Shares in issue at the date of this Resolution, and the said approval shall be limited accordingly;

- (c) the aggregate nominal amount of  $5\frac{1}{4}$  per cent. Convertible Cumulative Redeemable Preference Shares of US\$10.00 each in the capital of the Company (“Convertible Preference Shares”) which may be purchased by the Company pursuant to paragraph (a) above shall not exceed 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the Convertible Preference Shares in issue at the date of this Resolution, and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and
- (d) for the purpose of this Resolution, “Relevant Period” means the period from the passing of this Resolution until whichever is the 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 is required by the Bye-laws of the Company or The Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda or any other applicable law of Bermuda 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.”

(B) “**THAT** the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as defined in Resolution 4(A) set out in the Notice of this Meeting) of all the powers of the Company to issue, allot and dispose of additional Ordinary Shares of the Company (including making and granting offers, agreements and options which would or might require Ordinary Shares to be issued, allotted or disposed of, whether during or after the end of the Relevant Period) be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved, provided that, otherwise than pursuant to a rights issue where Ordinary Shares are offered to shareholders on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of Ordinary Shares (subject to such exclusions or other arrangements as the Directors may deem necessary or expedient in relation to fractional entitlements or having regard to any restrictions or obligations under the laws of, or the requirements of any recognised regulatory body or any stock exchange in, any territory outside Hong Kong), the additional Ordinary Shares issued, allotted or disposed of (including Ordinary Shares agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be issued, allotted or disposed of,

whether pursuant to an option or otherwise) shall not in aggregate exceed 20% of the aggregate nominal amount of the Ordinary Shares in issue at the date of this Resolution, and the said approval shall be limited accordingly.”

(C) “**THAT** the general mandate granted to the Directors under Resolution 4(B) above be and is hereby extended by the addition of an amount representing the aggregate nominal amount of Ordinary Shares purchased by the Company pursuant to the general mandate approved in Resolution 4(A) above.”

By Order of the Board

**ELIZA LAM SAU FUN**

Secretary

Hong Kong,  
17th April, 2001

**Notes:**

1. A member entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend and vote in his stead. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.
2. The form of proxy must be deposited with the Company's Registrars in Hong Kong, Central Registration Hong Kong Limited of Rooms 1901-5, 19th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the Meeting.
3. An explanatory statement containing further details as regarding Resolution 4(A) above will be sent to shareholders shortly together with the 2000 Annual Report.