

# **ES GROUP (HOLDINGS) LIMITED**

(Company Registration Number: 200410497Z) (Incorporated in the Republic of Singapore)

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** THAT the Annual General Meeting of **ES GROUP (HOLDINGS) LIMITED** (the "Company") will be held by way of electronic means on Friday, 29 April 2022 at 2:00 p.m., for the following purposes:

#### **AS ORDINARY BUSINESS**

1. To receive and adopt the Directors' Statement and the Audited Financial Statements of the Company for the financial year ended 31 December 2021 ("**FY2021**") and the Independent Auditor's Report thereon.

**Resolution 1** 

2. To re-elect Mr. Ong Beng Chye, a Director of the Company retiring pursuant to Article 98 of the Constitution of the Company and who, being eligible, offers himself for re-election, as a Director of the Company.

(See Explanatory Notes)

**Resolution 2** 

 To re-elect Mr. Jens Rasmussen, a Director of the Company retiring pursuant to Article 98 of the Constitution of the Company and who, being eligible, offers himself for re-election, as a Director of the Company. (See Explanatory Notes)

**Resolution 3** 

4. To approve the payment of Directors' fees of up to S\$128,500 for the financial year ending 31 December 2022, payable quarterly in arrears (FY2021: up to S\$128,500).

Resolution 4

 To appoint Messrs Mazars LLP as Auditors of the Company in place of Messrs BDO LLP, the retiring Auditors of the Company, and to authorise the Directors of the Company to fix their remuneration. (See Explanatory Notes)

Resolution 5

6. To transact any other ordinary business which may properly be transacted at an Annual General Meeting.

## **AS SPECIAL BUSINESS**

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolutions as Ordinary Resolutions, with or without modifications:

#### ORDINARY RESOLUTION: PROPOSED RENEWAL OF THE SHARE BUY-BACK MANDATE

- 7. That:
  - (a) for the purposes of the Singapore Companies Act 1967 (the "Act"), the exercise by the Directors of the Company of all the powers of the Company to purchase or otherwise acquire the ordinary shares in the capital of the Company ("Shares") not exceeding in aggregate the Prescribed Limit (as hereafter defined), at such price(s) as may be determined by the Directors of the Company from time to time up to the Maximum Price (as hereafter defined), whether by way of:
    - (i) on-market purchases (each a "Market Purchase"), transacted on the Catalist through the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited's (the "SGX-ST") trading system or, as the case may be, any other stock exchange on which the Shares may for the time being be listed and quoted, through one or more duly licensed stockbrokers appointed by the Company for the purpose; and/or
    - (ii) off-market purchases (each an "Off-Market Purchase") (if effected otherwise than on the Catalist) in accordance with an equal access scheme(s) as defined in Section 76C of the Act as may be determined or formulated by the Directors of the Company as they may consider fit, which scheme(s) shall satisfy all the conditions prescribed by the Act and the SGX-ST Listing Manual Section B: Rules of Catalist (the "Catalist Rules"),

(the "Share Buy-back Mandate"), be and is hereby authorised and approved generally and unconditionally;

- (b) unless varied or revoked by an ordinary resolution of shareholders of the Company in a general meeting, the authority conferred on the Directors of the Company pursuant to the Share Buy-back Mandate may be exercised by the Directors of the Company at any time and from time to time during the period commencing from the passing of this Resolution and expiring on the earliest of:
  - (i) the date on which the next Annual General Meeting of the Company is held or required by law to be held; or
  - (ii) the date on which the purchases or acquisitions of the Shares are carried out to the full extent mandated by the Share Buy-back Mandate; or
  - (iii) the date on which the authority conferred by the Share Buy-back Mandate is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of shareholders of the Company in a general meeting,

(the "Relevant Period");

(c) in this Resolution 6:

"Prescribed Limit" means the number of Shares representing not more than 10% of the total number of issued Shares (excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings) as at the date passing this Resolution, unless the Company has effected a reduction of its share capital in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Act, at any time during the Relevant Period, in which event the total number of issued Shares shall be taken to be the total number of issued Shares as altered (excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings that may be held by the Company from time to time);

"Maximum Price" in relation to a Share to be purchased or acquired, means an amount (excluding brokerage, stamp duties, commission, applicable goods and services tax and other related expenses) not exceeding:

- (i) in the case of a Market Purchase, the price per Share which is not more than 5% above the Average Closing Price of the Shares; and
- (ii) in the case of an Off-Market Purchase pursuant to an equal access scheme, the price per Share which is not more than 20% above the Average Closing Price of the Shares; and

For the purposes above:

"Average Closing Price" means the average of the closing market prices of the Shares for the last 5 Market Days on which transactions in the Shares were recorded, immediately preceding the day of the Market Purchase by the Company, or as the case may be, the Offer Date pursuant to the Off-Market Purchase, and deemed to be adjusted for any corporate action occurring during the relevant 5 Market Days period and the day on which the purchases or acquisitions of Shares are made;

"Market Day" means a day on which the SGX-ST is open for trading in securities; and

"Offer Date" means the day on which the Company announces its intention to make an offer for the purchase or acquisition of Shares from shareholders of the Company, stating therein the purchase price (which shall not be more than the Maximum Price determined on the foregoing basis) for each Share and the relevant terms of the equal access scheme for effecting the Off-Market Purchase.

(d) the Directors of the Company and each of them be and are hereby authorised and empowered to complete and do all such acts and things (including executing such documents as may be required) as they may consider desirable, expedient or necessary in the interest of the Company in connection with or for the purposes of giving full effect to the Share Buy-back Mandate.

(See Explanatory Notes)

**Resolution 6** 

## ORDINARY RESOLUTION: AUTHORITY TO ALLOT AND ISSUE SHARES

- 8. That, pursuant to Section 161 of the Act and Rule 806 of the Catalist Rules, authority be and is hereby given to the Directors of the Company to:
  - (A) (i) allot and issue Shares whether by way of rights, bonus or otherwise; and/or
    - (ii) make or grant offers, agreements or options (collectively, "Instruments") that might or would require Shares to be issued, including but not limited to the creation and issue of (as well as adjustments to) warrants, debentures, convertible securities or other Instruments convertible into Shares; and/or

(iii) notwithstanding that such authority conferred by this Resolution may have ceased to be in force at the time the Instruments are to be issued, issue additional Instruments arising from adjustments made to the number of Instruments previously issued in the event of rights, bonus or other capitalisation issues,

at any time and upon such terms and conditions and for such purposes and to such person as the Directors of the Company may in their absolute discretion deem fit; and

- (B) issue Shares in pursuance of any Instrument made or granted by our Directors pursuant to (A)(ii) and/or (A)(iii) above, notwithstanding that such authority may have ceased to be in force at the time the Shares are to be issued, as per A(iii) provided that:
  - (i) the aggregate number of Shares to be issued pursuant to such authority (including Shares to be issued in pursuance of Instruments made or granted pursuant to such authority), does not exceed 100% of the total number of issued Shares (excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings) (as calculated in accordance with sub-paragraph (ii) below), of which the aggregate number of Shares to be issued other than on a pro-rata basis to shareholders of the Company (including Shares to be issued in pursuance of Instruments made or granted pursuant to such authority) does not exceed 50% of the total number of issued Shares (excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings) (as calculated in accordance with sub-paragraph (ii) below);
  - (ii) the total number of issued Shares (excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings) shall be based on the Company's total number of issued Shares (excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings), after adjusting for:
    - (a) new Shares arising from the conversion or exercise of any convertible securities;
    - (b) (where applicable) new Shares arising from the exercise of share options or vesting of share awards, provided the share options or share awards (as the case may be) were granted in compliance with Part VIII of Chapter 8 of the Catalist Rules; and
    - (c) any subsequent bonus issue, consolidation or subdivision of Shares;

and provided also that adjustments under (a) and (b) are only to be made in respect of new Shares arising from convertible securities, share options or share awards which were issued and are outstanding or subsisting at the time this Resolution is passed;

- (iii) in exercising such authority, the Company shall comply with any or all the provisions of the Catalist Rules for the time being in force (unless such compliance has been waived by the SGX-ST), the Act and the Constitution for the time being of the Company; and
- (iv) unless revoked or varied by the Company in a general meeting by ordinary resolution, such authority shall continue in force until 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 by law to be held, or the expiration of such other period as may be prescribed by the Act, and every other legislation for the time being in force concerning companies and affecting the Company, whichever is the earlier.

(See Explanatory Notes)

**Resolution 7** 

By Order of the Board

Adrian Chan Pengee Company Secretary

Singapore

11 April 2022

#### Notes:

- 1. The Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held on Friday, 29 April 2022 at 2:00 p.m. (the "AGM") is being convened, and will be held, by way of electronic means pursuant to the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Alternative Arrangements for Meetings for Companies, Variable Capital Companies, Business Trusts, Unit Trusts and Debenture Holders) Order 2020. Printed copies of this Notice of AGM and the accompanying proxy form for the AGM will not be sent to members of the Company. Instead, this Notice of AGM and the accompanying proxy form for the AGM will be sent to members of the Company by electronic means via publication on (i) the SGX-ST's website at <a href="https://www.sgx.com/securities/company-announcements">https://www.sgx.com/securities/company-announcements</a>; and (ii) the Company's corporate website at <a href="https://www.esgroup.com.sg/html/ir">https://www.esgroup.com.sg/html/ir</a> overview.php.
- The alternative arrangements for the AGM relating to, among others, attendance at the AGM via electronic means (including arrangements by which the AGM can be electronically accessed via "live" audio-visual webcast ("LIVE WEBCAST") or "live" audio-only stream ("LIVE AUDIO STREAM")), submission of questions in advance of the AGM, addressing of substantial and relevant questions before the AGM and voting by appointing the Chairman of the AGM as proxy at the AGM, are set out in the accompanying Company's announcement dated 11 April 2022 (the "Announcement"), which has been published together with this Notice of AGM on the SGX-ST's website at <a href="https://www.sgx.com/securities/company-announcements">https://www.sgx.com/securities/company-announcements</a> on the same day. The Announcement may also be accessed on the Company's corporate website at <a href="http://www.esgroup.com.sg/html/ir announce.php">https://www.esgroup.com.sg/html/ir announce.php</a>. For the avoidance of doubt, the Announcement is circulated together with and forms part of this Notice of AGM in respect of the AGM.
- 3. As the AGM will be held by electronic means, a member of the Company will not be able to attend the AGM in person. If a member of the Company (whether individual or corporate and including a Relevant Intermediary\*) wishes to exercise his/her/its voting rights at the AGM, he/she/it must appoint the Chairman of the AGM as his/her/its proxy to attend, speak and vote on his/her/its behalf at the AGM.

In appointing the Chairman of the AGM as proxy, a member of the Company (whether individual or corporate and including a Relevant Intermediary\*) must give specific instructions as to voting, or abstentions from voting, in respect of a resolution in the form of proxy, failing which the appointment of the Chairman of the AGM as proxy for that resolution will be treated as invalid.

SRS investors who wish to vote should approach their respective SRS Operators to submit their votes at least seven (7) working days before the AGM (i.e. by 5:00 p.m. on 19 April 2022) in order to allow sufficient time for their respective SRS Operators to in turn submit a proxy form to appoint the Chairman of the AGM to vote on their behalf by the cut-off date and time of 2:00 p.m. on 27 April 2022.

- 4. The Chairman of the AGM, as proxy, need not be a member of the Company.
- 5. The instrument or form appointing the Chairman of the AGM as proxy, together with the power of attorney or other authority under which it is signed (if applicable) or a notarial certified copy thereof, must: (a) if sent personally or by post, be lodged at the office of the Company at 8 Ubi Road 2, #06-26 Zervex, Singapore 408538; or (b) if submitted by email, be received by the Company at <a href="mailto:general@esgroup.com.sg">general@esgroup.com.sg</a>, in either case, by 2:00 p.m. on 27 April 2022 (being not less than forty-eight (48) hours before the time appointed for holding the AGM) (or at any adjournment thereof) and in default the instrument of proxy shall not be treated as valid.

In view of the current COVID-19 situation in Singapore, members of the Company are strongly encouraged to submit completed proxy forms electronically via email to the Company so as to reach the Company not less than forty-eight (48) hours before the time appointed for holding the AGM.

- 6. The instrument appointing the Chairman of the AGM as proxy must be under the hand of the appointor or on his/her attorney duly authorised in writing. Where the instrument appointing the Chairman of the AGM as proxy is executed by a corporation, it must be executed either under its common seal or under the hand of its attorney or duly authorised officer, failing which the instrument of proxy may be treated as invalid. Where an instrument appointing the Chairman of the AGM as proxy is signed on behalf of the appointor by an attorney, the letter or power of attorney or a duly certified copy thereof must (failing previous registration with the Company), if the instrument appointing the Chairman of the AGM as proxy is submitted by post, be lodged with the instrument of proxy or, if the instrument appointing the Chairman of the AGM as proxy is submitted electronically via email, be emailed with the instrument of proxy, failing which the instrument may be treated as invalid.
- 7. A corporation which is a member may authorise by resolution of its director or other governing body such person as it thinks fit to act as its representative at the AGM, in accordance with Section 179 of the Companies Act 1967 of Singapore.

- 8. The Company shall be entitled to reject the instrument appointing the Chairman of the AGM as proxy if it is incomplete, improperly completed or illegible or where the true intentions of the appointor are not ascertainable from the instructions of the appointor specified in the instrument appointing the Chairman of the AGM as proxy.
- 9. In the case of members whose shares are entered against their names in the Depository Register, the Company may reject any instrument appointing the Chairman of the AGM as proxy lodged or submitted if such members are not shown to have shares entered against their names in the Depository Register seventy-two (72) hours before the time appointed for holding the AGM, as certified by The Central Depository (Pte) Limited to the Company.
- 10. This notice has been prepared by the Company and its contents have been reviewed by the Company's sponsor, ZICO Capital Pte. Ltd. ("Sponsor"), in accordance with Rule 226(2)(b) of the Catalist Rules.

This notice has not been examined or approved by the SGX-ST and the SGX-ST assumes no responsibility for the contents of this notice, including the correctness of any of the statements or opinions made, or reports contained in this notice.

The contact person for the Sponsor is Ms. Goh Mei Xian, Director, ZICO Capital Pte. Ltd. at 77 Robinson Road, #06-03 Robinson 77, Singapore 068896, telephone (65) 6636 4201.

### \* A Relevant Intermediary is:

- (a) a banking corporation licensed under the Banking Act 1970 of Singapore or a wholly-owned subsidiary of such a banking corporation, whose business includes the provision of nominee services and who holds shares in that capacity; or
- (b) a person holding a capital markets services licence to provide custodial services for securities under the Securities and Futures Act 2001 of Singapore and who holds shares in that capacity; or
- (c) the Central Provident Fund Board established by the Central Provident Fund Act 1953 of Singapore, in respect of shares purchased under the subsidiary legislation made under that Act providing for the making of investments from the contributions and interest standing to the credit of members of the Central Provident Fund, if the Board holds those shares in the capacity of an intermediary pursuant to or in accordance with that subsidiary legislation.

## **Explanatory Notes:**

#### Resolutions 2 and 3

Mr. Ong Beng Chye, if re-appointed as a Director of the Company, will remain as the Non-Executive Chairman and Independent Director of the Company and will continue to serve as Chairman of the Audit and Risk Committee and the Nominating Committee, as well as a member of the Remuneration and Compensation Committee of the Company. Mr. Ong Beng Chye is considered by the Board to be independent for the purpose of Rule 704(7) of the Catalist Rules. Detailed information (including information as required pursuant to Rule 720(5) of the Catalist Rules) on Mr. Ong Beng Chye can be found under the sections entitled "Board of Directors", "Corporate Governance Report", "Appendix" and "Directors' Statement" of the Company's Annual Report 2021. Save as disclosed therein, there are no material relationships (including immediate family relationship) between Mr. Ong Beng Chye and the other Directors of the Company, the Company or its 10% shareholders.

Mr. Jens Rasmussen, if re-appointed as a Director of the Company, will remain as a Non-independent and Non-Executive Director of the Company and will continue to serve as a member of the Audit and Risk Committee, the Nominating Committee as well as the Remuneration and Compensation Committee of the Company. Mr. Jens Rasmussen is considered by the Board to be non-independent for the purpose of Rule 704(7) of the Catalist Rules. Detailed information (including information as required pursuant to Rule 720(5) of the Catalist Rules) on Mr. Jens Rasmussen can be found under the sections entitled "Board of Directors", "Corporate Governance Report", "Appendix" and "Directors' Statement" of the Company's Annual Report 2021. Save as disclosed therein, there are no material relationships (including immediate family relationship) between Mr. Jens Rasmussen and the other Directors of the Company, the Company or its 10% shareholders.

### **Resolution 5**

The Ordinary Resolution 5 proposed above is to approve the appointment of Messrs Mazars LLP ("Mazars") as the Company's external auditors ("Auditors") in place of the retiring Auditors, Messrs BDO LLP ("BDO"), and to authorise the Directors of the Company to fix their remuneration. In accordance with the requirements of Rule 712(3) of the Catalist Rules:

- (a) BDO has confirmed to Mazars by way of a letter of professional clearance dated 1 April 2022 that it is not aware of any professional reasons why Mazars should not accept appointment as the new Auditors;
- (b) the Company confirms that there are no disagreements with BDO on accounting treatments within the last 12 months up to the date of their retirement at the conclusion of this AGM;
- (c) the Company confirms that it is not aware of any circumstances connected with the proposed change of Auditors that ought to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Company which has not been disclosed in Section 3 of the Addendum to this Notice of AGM dated 11 April 2022 ("Addendum");
- (d) the Company confirms that the specific reasons for the proposed change of Auditors are disclosed in Section 3.2 of the Addendum. The proposed change of Auditors is neither due to the dismissal of BDO nor BDO declining to stand for election; and
- (e) the Company confirms that it complies with Rules 712 and 715 of the Catalist Rules in relation to the proposed appointment of Mazars as its new Auditors.

For more information relating to Ordinary Resolution 5 proposed above, please refer to Section 3 of the Addendum.

# **Resolution 6**

The Ordinary Resolution 6 proposed above, if passed, will empower the Directors of the Company, (i) from the date of the above Annual General Meeting of the Company until the date of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held or is required by law to be held; or (ii) the date on which the purchases or acquisitions of Shares are carried out to the full extent mandated by the Share Buy-back Mandate; or (iii) such authority is revoked or varied by shareholders of the Company in a general meeting, whichever is the earlier, to make purchases or acquisitions (whether by way of Market Purchases or Off-Market Purchases on an equal access scheme) from time to time of up to 10% of the total number of issued Shares (excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings) at prices up to but not exceeding the Maximum Price. The rationale for the Share Buy-back Mandate, the authority and limitation on the purchases or acquisitions of Shares under the Share Buy-back Mandate, the source of funds to be used for the purchases or acquisitions of Shares including the amount of financing, and the financial effects of the purchases or acquisitions of Shares by the Company pursuant to the Share Buy-back Mandate are set out in greater detail in Section 2 of the Addendum.

#### **Resolution 7**

The Ordinary Resolution 7 proposed above, if passed, will empower the Directors of the Company, from the date of the above Annual General Meeting of the Company until 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 by law to be held or such authority is revoked or varied by the Company in a general meeting, whichever is the earlier, to allot and issue Shares and to make or grant Instruments convertible into Shares and to issue Shares pursuant to such Instruments, up to a number not exceeding, in total, 100% of the total number of issued Shares (excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings), of which the number of Shares to be issued other than on a *pro-rata* basis to shareholders of the Company does not exceed 50% of the total number of issued Shares (excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings).

For the purpose of determining the aggregate number of Shares that may be issued, the percentage of issued Shares (excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings) shall be based on the total number of issued Shares (excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings) at the time this Ordinary Resolution is passed, after adjusting for new Shares arising from the conversion or exercise of any convertible securities or the exercise of share options or the vesting of share awards which were issued and are outstanding or subsisting at the time when this Ordinary Resolution is passed and any subsequent bonus issue, consolidation or subdivision of Shares.

### **PERSONAL DATA PRIVACY:**

By (a) submitting an instrument appointing the Chairman of the AGM as proxy to attend, speak and vote at the AGM and/or any adjournment thereof, or (b) submitting details for the pre-registration to observe the proceedings of the AGM via LIVE WEBCAST or LIVE AUDIO STREAM, or (c) submitting any question prior to the AGM in accordance with this Notice of AGM, a member of the Company consents to the collection, use and disclosure of the member's personal data by the Company (or its agents or service providers) for the following purposes:

- (i) processing, administration and analysis by the Company (or its agents or service providers) of the instruments appointing the Chairman of the AGM as proxy for the AGM (including any adjournment thereof) and the preparation and compilation of the attendance lists, proxy lists, minutes and other documents relating to the AGM (including any adjournment thereof);
- (ii) processing of the registration for purpose of granting access to members (or their corporate representatives in the case of members which are legal entities) to the LIVE WEBCAST or LIVE AUDIO STREAM to observe the proceedings of the AGM and providing them with any technical assistance where necessary;
- (iii) addressing substantial and relevant questions from members received before the AGM and if necessary, following up with the relevant members in relation to such questions; and
- (iv) enabling the Company (or its agents or service providers) to comply with any applicable laws, listing rules, regulations and/or guidelines by the relevant authorities.

Photographic, sound and/or video recordings of the AGM may be made by the Company for record keeping and to ensure the accuracy of the minutes prepared of the AGM. Accordingly, the personal data of a member (such as his name, his presence at the AGM and any questions he may raise or motions he propose/second) may be recorded by the Company for such purpose.