



**THE HOUR GLASS**  
**THE HOUR GLASS LIMITED**  
(Incorporated in the Republic of Singapore)  
(Co. Reg. No. 197901972D)

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**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the 44th Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at Hilton Singapore Orchard, Imperial Ballroom, Level 35, 333 Orchard Road, Singapore 238867, on Tuesday, 25 July 2023 at 10.00 a.m. to transact the following business:

**AS ORDINARY BUSINESS:**

1. To receive and adopt the Directors' Statement, Auditor's Report and Audited Financial Statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2023.
2. To approve the payment of a Final Dividend of 6.00 cents per ordinary share (one-tier) for the financial year ended 31 March 2023.
3. (a) To re-elect Ms Christine Bullitt Pillsbury, a Director who retires under Article 100 of the Constitution of the Company.

*(Ms Christine Bullitt Pillsbury, a member of the Company's Audit Committee, is an independent Director.)*

- (b) To re-elect the following Directors who retire by rotation under Article 94 of the Constitution of the Company:
  - (i) Mr Michael Tay Wee Jin
  - (ii) Mr Kuah Boon Wee
  - (iii) Mr Jeffry Lee Yu Chern

*(Mr Kuah Boon Wee, a member of the Company's Audit Committee, is a non-independent non-executive Director.)*

4. To approve the payment of Directors' fees for Non-Executive Directors of up to \$530,000 for the financial year ending 31 March 2024. (2023: \$443,120)
5. To re-appoint Ernst & Young LLP as Auditor and to authorise the Directors to fix its remuneration.

**AS SPECIAL BUSINESS:**

6. Approval of Share Issue Mandate

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolution as an Ordinary Resolution:

"That pursuant to Section 161 of the Companies Act 1967 and the listing rules of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited ("**SGX-ST**"), authority be and is hereby given to the Directors of the Company to:

- (a) (i) issue shares of the Company ("**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 or other instruments convertible into shares,

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

- (b) (notwithstanding the authority conferred by this Resolution may have ceased to be in force) issue shares in pursuance of any Instrument made or granted by the Directors while this Resolution was in force,

provided that:

- (1) the aggregate number of shares to be issued pursuant to this Resolution (including shares to be issued in pursuance of Instruments made or granted pursuant to this Resolution) does not exceed 50% of the total number of issued shares, excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings (as calculated in accordance with sub-paragraph (2) 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 this Resolution) does not exceed 20% of the total number of issued shares, excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings (as calculated in accordance with sub-paragraph (2) below);
- (2) (subject to such manner of calculation as may be prescribed by the SGX-ST) for the purpose of determining the aggregate number of shares that may be issued under sub-paragraph (1) above, the total number 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 that this Resolution is passed, after adjusting for:
  - (i) new shares arising from the conversion or exercise of any convertible securities or share options or vesting of share awards that were issued and are outstanding or subsisting at the time this Resolution is passed; and
  - (ii) any subsequent bonus issue, consolidation or subdivision of shares,

and, in sub-paragraph (1) above and this sub-paragraph (2), “subsidiary holdings” has the meaning given to it in the Listing Manual of the SGX-ST;

- (3) in exercising the authority conferred by this Resolution, the Company shall comply with the provisions of the Listing Manual of the SGX-ST for the time being in force (unless such compliance has been waived by the SGX-ST) and the Constitution for the time being of the Company; and
- (4) (unless revoked or varied by the Company in general meeting), the authority conferred by this Resolution 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, whichever is the earlier.”

#### 7. Renewal of Share Purchase Mandate

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolution as an Ordinary Resolution:

“That:

- (a) for the purposes of Sections 76C and 76E of the Companies Act 1967 (the “**Companies Act**”), the exercise by the Directors of the Company of all the powers of the Company to purchase or otherwise acquire issued ordinary shares of the Company (“**Shares**”) not

exceeding in aggregate the Prescribed Limit (as hereafter defined), at such price or prices as may be determined by the Directors from time to time up to the Maximum Price (as hereafter defined), whether by way of:

- (i) market purchases (each a “**Market Purchase**”) on the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (“**SGX-ST**”); and/or
- (ii) off-market purchases (each an “**Off-Market Purchase**”) effected otherwise than on the SGX-ST in accordance with any equal access scheme(s) as may be determined or formulated by the Directors as they consider fit, which scheme(s) shall satisfy all the conditions prescribed by the Companies Act,

and otherwise in accordance with all other laws, regulations and rules of the SGX-ST as may for the time being be applicable, be and is hereby authorised and approved generally and unconditionally (the “**Share Purchase Mandate**”);

- (b) unless varied or revoked by the Company in general meeting, the authority conferred on the Directors of the Company pursuant to the Share Purchase Mandate may be exercised by the Directors at any time and from time to time during the period commencing from the date of the passing of this Resolution and expiring on the earlier of:

- (i) the date on which the next Annual General Meeting of the Company is held or required by law to be held; and
- (ii) the date on which purchases or acquisitions of Shares pursuant to the Share Purchase Mandate are carried out to the full extent mandated;

- (c) in this Resolution:

“**Prescribed Limit**” means that number of issued Shares representing 10% of the issued Shares as at the date of the passing of this Resolution (excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings (as defined in the Listing Manual of the SGX-ST));

“**Maximum Price**” in relation to a Share to be purchased or acquired, means the purchase price (excluding brokerage, stamp duties, applicable goods and services tax and other related expenses) not exceeding:

- (i) in the case of a Market Purchase, 105% of the Average Closing Price; and
- (ii) in the case of an Off-Market Purchase, 110% of the Average Closing Price,

where:

“**Average Closing Price**” means the average of the closing market prices of a Share over the last 5 Market Days on which Shares were transacted on the SGX-ST immediately preceding the date of the Market Purchase by the Company or, as the case may be, the date of the making of the offer pursuant to the Off-Market Purchase, as deemed to be adjusted for any corporate action that occurs during the relevant 5 Market Day period and the date of the Market Purchase by the Company or, as the case may be, the date of the making of the offer pursuant to the Off-Market Purchase;

“**date of the making of the offer**” means the day on which the Company makes an offer for the purchase or acquisition of Shares from shareholders stating the purchase price (which shall not be more than the Maximum Price calculated on the foregoing basis) for each Share and the relevant terms of the equal access scheme for effecting the Off-Market Purchase; and

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

- (d) the Directors of the Company be and are hereby authorised to complete and do all such acts and things (including executing such documents as may be required) as they may consider expedient or necessary to give effect to the transactions contemplated by this Resolution.”

## BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

**Christine Chan**  
**Company Secretary**

**3 July 2023**  
**Singapore**

### Notes:

1. The Annual General Meeting will be held, in a wholly physical format, at the venue, date and time stated above. Members, including CPF/SRS investors, and (where applicable) duly appointed proxies and representatives will be able to ask questions and vote at the Annual General Meeting in person. There will be no option for members to participate virtually.

Printed copies of the Annual Report 2023, Letter to Shareholders dated 3 July 2023 (in relation to the proposed renewal of the share purchase mandate), this Notice of Annual General Meeting and the Proxy Form will be sent to members by post. These documents will also be made available on the SGX website at the URL <https://www.sgx.com/securities/company-announcements>.

2. (a) A member who is not a relevant intermediary is entitled to appoint not more than two proxies to attend, speak and vote at the Annual General Meeting. Where such member's form of proxy appoints more than one proxy, the proportion of the shareholding concerned to be represented by each proxy shall be specified in the form of proxy.
- (b) A member who is a relevant intermediary is entitled to appoint more than two proxies to attend, speak and vote at the Annual General Meeting, but each proxy must be appointed to exercise the rights attached to a different share or shares held by such member. Where such member's form of proxy appoints more than two proxies, the number and class of shares in relation to which each proxy has been appointed shall be specified in the form of proxy.

“**Relevant intermediary**” has the meaning ascribed to it in Section 181 of the Companies Act 1967.

A member who wishes to appoint a proxy(ies) must complete the instrument appointing a proxy(ies), before submitting it in the manner set out below.

3. A proxy need not be a member of the Company. A member may choose to appoint the Chairman of the Meeting as his/her/its proxy.
4. The instrument appointing a proxy(ies) must be submitted in the following manner:
- (a) if submitted personally or by post, be lodged at the office of the Company's Share Registrar, Boardroom Corporate & Advisory Services Pte. Ltd., at 1 Harbourfront Avenue, #14-07 Keppel Bay Tower, Singapore 098632; or
- (b) if submitted electronically, be submitted via email to the Company's Share Registrar at [hourglass-agm2023@boardroomlimited.com](mailto:hourglass-agm2023@boardroomlimited.com),

and in either case, must be lodged or received (as the case may be) not less than 72 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the Annual General Meeting.

5. CPF/SRS investors:
- (a) may vote at the Annual General Meeting if they are appointed as proxies by their respective CPF Agent Banks/SRS Operators, and should contact their respective CPF Agent Banks/SRS Operators if they have any queries regarding their appointment as proxies; or
- (b) may appoint the Chairman of the Meeting as proxy to vote on their behalf at the Annual General Meeting, in which case they should approach their respective CPF Agent Banks/SRS Operators by 5.00 p.m. on 13 July 2023 to submit their votes.

6. Members, including CPF/SRS investors, may submit substantial and relevant questions related to the resolutions to be tabled for approval at the Annual General Meeting in advance of the Annual General Meeting. Such questions must be received by 5.00 p.m. on 11 July 2023, and be submitted in the following manner:

(a) by post to the Company's Share Registrar, Boardroom Corporate & Advisory Services Pte. Ltd., at 1 Harbourfront Avenue, #14-07 Keppel Bay Tower, Singapore 098632; or

(b) via email to the Company's Share Registrar at [hourglass-agm2023@boardroomlimited.com](mailto:hourglass-agm2023@boardroomlimited.com).

When submitting questions by post or via email, members should also provide their following information for verification purposes: (i) full name, (ii) address, and (iii) manner in which the member holds shares in the Company (e.g., via CDP, CPF, SRS and/or scrip).

7. The Company will address all substantial and relevant questions received from members by the 11 July 2023 deadline at the Annual General Meeting itself. If questions or follow-up questions are submitted after the 11 July 2023 deadline, the Company will endeavour to address these questions at the Annual General Meeting itself. Where substantially similar questions are received, the Company will consolidate such questions and consequently not all questions may be individually addressed.

8. Members, including CPF/SRS investors, and (where applicable) duly appointed proxies and representatives can also ask the Chairman of the Meeting substantial and relevant questions related to the resolutions to be tabled for approval at the Annual General Meeting, at the Annual General Meeting itself.

Personal data privacy:

By submitting an instrument appointing a proxy(ies) and/or representative(s) to attend, speak and vote at the Annual General Meeting and/or any adjournment thereof, a member of the Company (a) consents to the collection, use and disclosure of the member's personal data by the Company (or its agents or service providers) for the purpose of the processing, administration and analysis by the Company (or its agents or service providers) of proxies and representatives appointed for the Annual General Meeting (including any adjournment thereof) and the preparation and compilation of the attendance lists, minutes and other documents relating to the Annual General Meeting (including any adjournment thereof), and in order for the Company (or its agents or service providers) to comply with any applicable laws, listing rules, take-over rules, regulations and/or guidelines (collectively, the "**Purposes**"); (b) warrants that where the member discloses the personal data of the member's proxy(ies) and/or representative(s) to the Company (or its agents or service providers), the member has obtained the prior consent of such proxy(ies) and/or representative(s) for the collection, use and disclosure by the Company (or its agents or service providers) of the personal data of such proxy(ies) and/or representative(s) for the Purposes, and (c) agrees that the member will indemnify the Company in respect of any penalties, liabilities, claims, demands, losses and damages as a result of the member's breach of warranty.

Additional information on items of ordinary and special business

- Item 3 Key information on the Directors to be re-elected can be found in the “Board of Directors” and “Corporate Governance” sections of the Annual Report 2023.
- Item 4 This item is to approve payment of the Directors’ fees for Non-Executive Directors on a current year basis (“FY2024”). The aggregate fees are calculated based on a fee formulation substantially similar to that applied in the prior financial year (please refer to the “Corporate Governance” section of the Annual Report 2023 for more information), taking into account the number of scheduled Board and committee meetings for FY2024, and assuming that all the Non-Executive Directors will hold office for the full period. The amount also includes a buffer to cater for contingencies such as, but are not limited to, *ad hoc* meetings, additional Board committees, etc. In the event the Directors’ fees proposed for FY2024 are insufficient (for example, due to more meetings or enlarged Board size), approval will be sought at next year’s Annual General Meeting for additional fees to meet the shortfall.
- Item 6 This Ordinary Resolution is to empower the Directors, effective until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting, to issue shares of the Company and to make or grant instruments (such as warrants or debentures) convertible into shares, and to issue shares in pursuance of such instruments, for such purposes as they consider would be in the interests of the Company, up to a number not exceeding in aggregate 50% of the issued shares (excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings), of which up to 20% may be issued other than on a *pro rata* basis to shareholders. For the purpose of determining the aggregate number of shares that may be issued, the total number of issued shares, excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings, will be calculated based on the total number of issued shares, excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings, at the time that this Resolution is passed, after adjusting for the conversion or exercise of any convertible securities and share options or vesting of share awards that have been issued or granted (provided the options or awards were granted in compliance with Part VIII of Chapter 8 of the Listing Manual of the SGX-ST) and which are outstanding or subsisting at the time that this Resolution is passed, and any subsequent bonus issue, consolidation or subdivision of shares. As at 7 June 2023, the Company held 46,750,400 treasury shares and there were no subsidiary holdings.
- Item 7 This Ordinary Resolution is to renew, effective until the date of the next Annual General Meeting, the Share Purchase Mandate for the Company to make purchases or acquisitions of its issued ordinary shares. The Company intends to use internal sources of funds, external borrowings, or a combination of internal resources and external borrowings, to finance purchases or acquisitions of its shares. For illustrative purposes only, the financial effects of an assumed purchase or acquisition by the Company, of 10% of its issued ordinary shares as at 7 June 2023, at a purchase price equivalent to the Maximum Price per share, in the case of a Market Purchase and an Off-Market Purchase respectively, based on the audited financial statements of the Group and the Company for the financial year ended 31 March 2023, and certain other assumptions, are set out in the Company’s letter to shareholders dated 3 July 2023 accompanying this Notice of Annual General Meeting.