# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of Vard Holdings Limited (the "Company") will be held at Stamford Raffles Room, Maxwell Chambers, 32 Maxwell Road, Singapore 069115, on Thursday, 20 April 2017 at 10:00 a.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 2016 together with the Auditors' Report thereon. [Resolution 1]
- 2. To re-elect the following directors of the Company retiring pursuant to the Constitution of the Company:

Mr. Vittorio Zane (Regulation 94)(Resolution 2a)Mr. Sung Hyon Sok (Regulation 94)(Resolution 2b)Mr. Giuseppe Coronella (Regulation 100)(Resolution 2c)Mr. Claudio Cisilino (Regulation 100)(Resolution 2d)

Mr. Vittorio Zane will, upon re-election as a Director of the Company, remain as a member of the Nominating Committee, and will be considered non-independent.

Mr. Sung Hyon Sok will, upon re-election as a Director of the Company, remain as the Chairman of the Nominating Committee and the Remuneration Committee, a member of the Audit Committee, and will be considered independent.

Mr. Giuseppe Coronella will, upon re-election as a Director of the Company, remain as the Chairman of the Board of Directors, and will be considered non-independent.

Mr. Claudio Cisilino will, upon re-election as a Director of the Company, remain as a member of the Audit Committee and the Remuneration Committee, and will be considered non-independent.

- 3. To approve the payment of Directors' fees of S\$420,000 for the financial year ending 31 December 2017, to be paid quarterly in arrears. [2016: S\$420,000.] (Resolution 3)
- 4. To re-appoint PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Auditors of the Company and to authorize the Directors of the Company to fix their remuneration. [Resolution 4]
- 5. To transact any other ordinary business which may properly be transacted at an Annual General Meeting.

## AS SPECIAL BUSINESS

## 6. Authority to issue shares

To consider and if thought fit, to pass the following resolution as an Ordinary Resolution, with or without any modifications:

That pursuant to Section 161 of the Companies Act, Cap. 50 and Rule 806 of the Listing Manual of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited, the Directors of the Company be authorized and empowered to:

- (a) (i) issue shares in 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) options, 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 of the Company 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 Instruments made or granted by the Directors of the Company while this Resolution was in force,

# provided that:

- (1) the aggregate number of shares (including shares to be issued in pursuance of the Instruments, made or granted pursuant to this Resolution):
  - (A) by way of renounceable rights issues on a pro rata basis to Shareholders of the Company ("Renounceable Rights Issues"), shall not exceed 100 per centum (100%) of the total number of issued shares excluding treasury shares (as calculated in accordance with paragraph (3) below); and

- (B) otherwise than by way of Renounceable Rights Issues ("Other Share Issues") shall not exceed 50 per centum (50%) of the total number of issued shares excluding treasury shares (as calculated in accordance with paragraph (3) below), of which the aggregate number of shares to be issued other than on a pro rata basis to shareholders of the Company shall not exceed 20 per centum (20%) of the total number of issued shares excluding treasury Shares (as calculated in accordance with paragraph (3) below);
- (2) the Renounceable Rights Issues and Other Share Issues shall not, in aggregate exceed 100 per centum (100%) of the total number of issued shares excluding treasury shares (as calculated in paragraph (3) below);
- (3) (subject to such calculation as may be prescribed by the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (the "SGX-ST")) for the purpose of determining the aggregate number of shares that may be issued under paragraphs (1)(A) and (1)(B) above, the percentage of issued shares shall be based on the total number of issued shares (excluding treasury shares) in the capital of the Company at the time of the passing of this Resolution, after adjusting for:
  - (a) new shares arising from the conversion or exercise of any convertible securities;
  - (b) new shares arising from exercising share options or vesting of share awards which are outstanding or subsisting at the time this Resolution is passed; and
  - (c) any subsequent bonus issue, consolidation or subdivision of shares;
- (4) 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 of the Company; and
- (5) unless revoked or varied by the Company in a 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 earlier.

[See Explanatory Note [i]] (Resolution 5)

## 7. Renewal of Shareholders' Mandate for Interested Person Transactions

To consider and if thought fit, to pass the following resolution as an Ordinary Resolution, with or without any modifications:

That for the purposes of Chapter 9 of the Listing Manual of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited:

- (a) approval be and is hereby given for the Company, its subsidiaries and associated companies or any of them to enter into any of the transactions falling within the categories of Mandated Transactions (as defined in the Appendix to the Annual Report dated 30 March 2017 (the "Appendix")) with any of the Mandated Interested Persons (as defined in the Appendix), provided that such transactions are carried out on normal commercial terms and in accordance with the review procedures of the Company for such Mandated Transactions as set out in the Appendix (the "Shareholders' Mandate");
- (b) the Shareholders' Mandate shall, unless revoked or varied by the Company in a general meeting, 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 earlier; and
- (c) the Directors of the Company and/or any of them be and are hereby authorized to complete and do all such acts and things (including executing all such documents as may be required) as they and/or he may consider necessary, desirable or expedient, incidental or in the interests of the Company to give effect to the Shareholders' Mandate and/or this Resolution as they may deem fit.

[See Explanatory Note [ii]] (Resolution 6)

By Order of the Board

Ms. Elizabeth Krishnan Company Secretary Singapore, 30 March 2017

#### **Explanatory Notes:**

(i) The Ordinary Resolution 5 proposed in item 6 above, if passed, will empower the Directors of the Company from the date of this Meeting until the date 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 varied or revoked by the Company in a general meeting, whichever is earlier, to issue shares, make or grant Instruments convertible into shares and to issue shares pursuant to such Instruments, up to a number not exceeding (i) 100% for Renounceable Rights Issues and (ii) 50% for Other Share Issues, of which up to 20% may be issued other than on a pro rata basis to shareholders, provided that, the total number of shares which may be issued pursuant to (i) and (ii) shall not exceed 100% of the issued shares (excluding treasury shares).

For the purpose of determining the aggregate number of shares that may be issued, the total number of issued shares (excluding treasury shares) will be calculated based on the total number of issued shares (excluding treasury shares) at the time Resolution 5 is passed after adjusting for new shares arising from the conversion or exercise of any convertible securities or share options or the vesting of share awards which are outstanding or subsisting at the time when Resolution 5 is passed, and any subsequent bonus issue, consolidation or subdivision of shares.

The authority for the Renounceable Rights Issues is proposed under the process described in Practice Note 8.3 (Rights Issue Limit) issued by the SGX-ST on 13 March 2017 ("PN 8.3"). Under PN 8.3, the SGX-ST provisionally raised the rights issue limit in Rule 806(2) from 50% to 100% ("Enhanced Rights Issue Limit"), subject to compliance with the conditions set out therein. The Enhanced Rights Issue Limit was introduced by SGX-ST as a measure to widen the available fund-raising avenues of companies listed on the SGX-ST and unless extended further by SGX-ST, the Enhanced Rights Issue Limit will expire on 31 December 2018. The Board considers that the authority sought for the Renounceable Rights Issues is in the interest of the Company and its shareholders. Unless renewed, the mandate sought at this meeting shall expire at the next Annual General Meeting of the Company is required by law to be held, whichever is earlier.

The Ordinary Resolution 6 proposed in item 7 above, if passed, will renew the mandate authorizing the Company, its subsidiaries and associated companies, or any of them, for the purposes of Chapter 9 of the Listing Manual, to enter into certain interested person transactions as described in the Appendix to the Annual Report and will empower the Directors of the Company to do all acts necessary to give effect to the Shareholders' Mandate. This authority will, unless previously revoked or varied by the Company in a general meeting, expire at 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. Please refer to the Appendix for further details.

## Notes:

- 1. A Member of the Company (other than a Relevant Intermediary\*) entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting (the "Meeting") is entitled to appoint not more than two proxies to attend and vote in his/her stead. A proxy need not be a Member of the Company.
- 2. A Relevant Intermediary may appoint more than two proxies, but each proxy must be appointed to exercise the rights attached to a different share or shares held by him (which number and class of shares shall be specified.)
- 3. The instrument appointing a proxy must be deposited at c/o RHT Corporate Advisory Pte. Ltd., 9 Raffles Place #29-01, Republic Plaza Tower 1, Singapore 048619 not less than seventy-two (72) hours before the time appointed for holding the Meeting.

#### \* A Relevant Intermediary is:

- (a) a banking corporation licensed under the Banking Act (Cap. 19) 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 (Cap. 289) and who holds shares in that capacity; or
- (c) the Central Provident Fund Board established by the Central Provident Fund Act (Cap. 36), 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.

#### Personal data privacy:

By submitting an instrument appointing a proxy(ies) and/or representative(s) to attend, speak and vote at the Meeting and/or any adjournment thereof, a member of the Company (i) 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 Meeting (including any adjournment thereof) and the preparation and compilation of the attendance lists, minutes and other documents relating to the 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, regulations and/or guidelines (collectively, the "Purposes"), (ii) 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 (iii) 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.

## Special Note on Dress Code:

Shareholders of Vard Holdings Limited (and their respective proxies) are requested NOT to wear singlets, bermudas, shorts and slippers at Maxwell Chambers, the venue of the Meeting. Your co-operation in complying with Maxwell Chambers' dress code is greatly appreciated or otherwise, you will be denied entry into the building.