Incorporated in the Republic of Singapore)

Company Registration No.198203949N

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND BOOKS CLOSURE

## **NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **33rd Annual General Meeting** of the Company will be held at Orchard Parade Hotel, Antica I & II, Level 2, 1 Tanglin Road, Singapore 247905 on **30 October 2015, Friday** at **10.00 a.m.** to transact the following business:-

## As Ordinary Business:

- 1. To receive and adopt the Audited Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2015 and the reports of the Directors and Independent Auditor thereon.
- 2. To declare a Final tax exempt (one-tier) Dividend of 1.25 cents per share as recommended by the Directors for the year ended 30 June 2015.
- 3. To approve the amount of \$\$255,000 proposed as Directors' fees for the year ended 30 June 2015 (year ended 30 June 2014: \$\$255,000 ).
- 4. To re-elect the following Directors, retiring by rotation under Article 99 of the Company's Articles of Association and who, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election:-
  - (a) Mr Daniel Soh Chung Hian
  - (b) Dr Willie Lee Leng Ghee
  - Note: (a) Mr Daniel Soh Chung Hian, an independent Director, upon re-election, will remain as the Chairman of the Audit and Risk Committee and a member of the Nominating Committee. (b) Dr Willie Lee Leng Ghee, an independent Director, upon re-election, will remain as a member of the Audit and Risk Committee and the Remuneration Committee. (See Explanatory Note 1)

5. To re-appoint PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as independent auditors of the Company and to authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration.

## As Special Business:

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

## 6. Authority to Directors to issue Shares

"That pursuant to Section 161 of the Companies Act, Cap. 50 of Singapore, the Articles of Association of the Company and the listing rules of Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (the "SGX-ST") (including any supplemental measures thereto from time to time), the Directors of the Company be and are hereby authorised to:-

- (a) (i) allot and issue shares in the Company (the "Shares") whether by way of rights, bonus or otherwise; and/or
  - (ii) make or grant offers, agreements or options (collectively the "**Instruments**") that might or would require Shares to be issued, including but not limited to the creation and issue of options, warrants, debentures or other instruments convertible into Shares,

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

(b) notwithstanding that the authority conferred by this Resolution may have ceased to be in force:-

- (i) issue additional Instruments as adjustments in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Instruments made or granted by the Directors while this Resolution was in force; and
- (ii) issue Shares in pursuance of any Instruments made or granted by the Directors while this Resolution was in force or such additional Instruments in b(i) above,

# PROVIDED ALWAYS THAT:-

- (I) 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) at the time of the passing of this Resolution (as calculated in accordance with subparagraph (II) below), of which the aggregate number of Shares issued other than on a *pro rata* basis to existing shareholders (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) (as calculated in accordance with subparagraph (II) below);
- (II) subject to such manner of calculation as may be prescribed by SGX-ST, for the purpose of determining the aggregate number of Shares that may be issued under subparagraph (I) above, the total number of the issued Shares is based on the Company's total number of issued Shares (excluding treasury shares) at the time of the passing of this Resolution after adjusting for:
  - (a) new Shares arising from the conversion or exercise of convertible securities;
  - (b) new Shares arising from the exercise of share options or vesting of share awards outstanding or subsisting at the time of the passing of this Resolution, provided the options or awards were granted in compliance with Part VIII of Chapter 8 of the SGX-ST Listing Manual; and
  - (c) any subsequent bonus issue, consolidation or subdivision of Shares;
- (III) 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 Articles of Association for the time being of the Company; and
- (IV) 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."
  (See Explanatory Note 2)

#### 7. Authority to Directors to issue shares pursuant to the Option Scheme

"That approval be and is hereby given to the Directors of the Company to allot and issue from time to time such number of ordinary shares in the capital of the Company (the "**Shares**") as may be required to be issued pursuant to the exercise of share options granted under the LCH Share Option Scheme 2007 (the "**Option Scheme**") in accordance with the provisions of the Option Scheme, PROVIDED ALWAYS THAT:-

- (a) the aggregate number of Shares over which the committee may offer to grant options on any date, when added to the number of new Shares issued and/or issuable and/or existing Shares transferred and/or transferable in respect of the options granted under the Option Scheme and in respect of all other share-based incentive schemes of the Company (if any), shall not exceed 15% of the total number of issued Shares (excluding treasury shares) from time to time; and
- (b) 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."

8. Approval for renewal of Share Purchase Mandate

- (a) "That for the purposes of Sections 76C and 76E of the Companies Act, Cap. 50 of Singapore (the "Act"), the exercise by the Directors of all the powers of the Company to purchase or otherwise acquire issued ordinary shares of the Company (the "Shares") not exceeding in aggregate the Prescribed Limit (as hereinafter defined), at such price or prices as may be determined by the Directors from time to time up to the Maximum Price (as hereinafter defined), whether by way of:
  - (i) on-market purchases (each an "On-Market Share Purchase") on the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (the "SGX-ST"); and/or
  - (ii) off-market purchases (each an "**Off-Market Share Purchase**") effected in accordance with any equal access scheme(s) as may be determined or formulated by the Directors as they may consider fit, which scheme(s) shall satisfy all the conditions prescribed by the Act,

and otherwise in accordance with all other laws and 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 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 earliest of:
  - (i) the date on which the next Annual General Meeting of the Company is held; or
  - (ii) the date by which the next Annual General Meeting of the Company is required by law to be held; or
  - (iii) the date on which the purchase of Shares by the Company pursuant to the Share Purchase Mandate is carried out to the full extent mandated;
- (c) in this Resolution:

"Prescribed Limit" means 10% of the total number of issued Shares as at the date of the passing of this Resolution (excluding any Shares which are held as treasury shares as at that date); and

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

- (i) in the case of an On-Market Share Purchase, 105% of the Average Closing Price; and
- (ii) in the case of an Off-Market Share Purchase, 120% of the Average Closing Price,

where:

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"Average Closing Price" means the average of the closing market prices of a Share over the last 5 Market Days ("Market Day" being a day on which the SGX-ST is open for securities trading), on which transactions in the Shares were recorded, before the day on which the On-Market Share Purchase was made or before the date of the Company's announcement of an offer for the Off-Market Share Purchase, as the case may be, and deemed to be adjusted for any corporate action that occurs after the relevant 5 Market Days; and

(d) the Directors of the Company and/or each of them be and are/is hereby authorised to complete and do all such acts and things as they and/or he may consider necessary, desirable, expedient, incidental or in the interests of the Company to give effect to the transactions contemplated and/or authorised by this Resolution."

(See Explanatory Note 4)

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

#### NOTICE OF BOOKS CLOSURE

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN THAT subject to shareholders' approval being obtained for the proposed Final tax exempt (one-tier) Dividend of 1.25 cents per share for the financial year ended 30 June 2015 (the "**Dividend**"), the Share Transfer Books and the Register of Members of the Company will be closed on **12 November 2015** for the purpose of determining shareholders' entitlements to the Dividend.

Duly completed transfers received by the Company's Share Registrars, Tricor Barbinder Share Registration Services of **80 Robinson Road #02-00 Singapore 068898**, up to 5.00 p.m. on **11 November 2015** will be registered to determine shareholders' entitlements to the Dividend. Shareholders whose securities accounts with The Central Depository (Pte) Limited are credited with the shares as at 5.00 p.m. on **11 November 2015** will be entitled to the Dividend.

Payment of the Dividend, if approved by shareholders, will be paid on **25 November 2015**.

#### **BY ORDER OF THE BOARD**

**TONY FONG** Company Secretary Singapore 28 September 2015

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- 1) A shareholder entitled to attend and vote at a meeting of the Company is entitled to appoint one or two proxies to attend and vote in his stead save that no such limit shall be imposed on the number of proxies appointed by shareholders which are nominee companies. A proxy need not be a shareholder of the Company.
- 2) Where a shareholder appoints two or more proxies, the appointment shall be invalid unless the shareholder specifies the proportion of his shareholding (expressed as a percentage of the whole) to be represented by each proxy.
- 3) The instrument appointing a proxy or proxies must be deposited at the Company's registered office at 14 Kung Chong Road, #08-01 Lum Chang Building, Singapore 159150 not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the Annual General Meeting.
- 4) The instrument appointing a proxy or proxies must be under the hand of the appointer or his attorney duly authorised in writing. Where the instrument appointing a proxy or proxies is executed by a corporation, it must be executed either under its common seal or under the hand of an officer or attorney duly authorised.

#### **Explanatory Notes to the Resolutions:**

- 1. Detailed information on these Directors can be found under "Board of Directors", "Present and Past Directorships" and "Corporate Governance" sections in the Company's 2015 Annual Report.
- 2. The ordinary resolution proposed in item 6 above, if passed, will empower the Directors of the Company, from the date of the above Annual General Meeting until the next Annual General Meeting of the Company, to issue Shares up to an amount not exceeding (i) 50% of the total number of issued Shares (excluding treasury shares), of which up to 20% may be issued other than on a *pro rata* basis to shareholders. The aggregate number of Shares which may be issued shall be based on the total number of issued Shares at the time that ordinary resolution 6 is passed, after adjusting for new Shares arising from the conversion or exercise of any convertible securities or share options or vesting of share awards which are outstanding or subsisting at the time that ordinary resolution 6 is passed, and any subsequent bonus issue or consolidation or subdivision of Shares. This authority will, unless revoked or varied at a general meeting, expire at 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.
- 3. The ordinary resolution proposed in item 7 above, if passed, will enable the Directors of the Company, unless varied or revoked by the Company in general meeting, from the date of the above Annual General Meeting until 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, to issue Shares pursuant to the exercise of options under the Option Scheme provided that the aggregate number of Shares over which the committee may offer to grant options on any date, when added to the number of new Shares issued and/or issuable and/or existing Shares transferred and/or transferable in respect of the options granted under the Option Scheme and in respect of all other share-based incentive schemes of the Company (if any), shall not exceed 15% of the total number of issued Shares (excluding treasury shares) from time to time.
- 4. The ordinary resolution proposed in item 8 above, if passed, will enable the Directors of the Company, unless varied or revoked by the Company in general meeting, from the date of the above Annual General Meeting until the next Annual General Meeting of the Company pursuant to the Share Purchase Mandate is carried out to the full extent mandated, whichever is the earliest, to purchase Shares by way of On-Market Share Purchases and/or Off-Market Share Purchases of up to 10% of the total number of issued Shares (excluding treasury shares) at the time of the passing of the ordinary resolution and up to the Maximum Price. The Company intends to use internal sources of funds or external borrowings, or a combination of both, to finance its purchase of Shares purchase of Shares cannot be ascertained as at the date of this Notice as these will depend on, *inter alia*, the aggregate number of Shares purchased or acquired, the consideration paid at the relevant time and the amount (if any) borrowed by the Company to fund the purchase. The rational effects of the purchase Mandate on the audited financial statements of the Group or a consistion of both, the financial effects of the purchase of acquisition of Shares by the company pursuant to the Share Purchase Mandate on the audited financial statements of the Group or the financial effects of the purchase of acquisition of Shares by the Company pursuant to the Share Purchase Mandate on the audited financial statements of the Group or the financial year ended 30 June 2015 (for illustrative purposes only) are set out in greater detail in the Appendix to the Notice of Annual General Meeting dated 28 September 2015 in relation to the proposed renewal of the Share Purchase Mandate.