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# PROPOSALS RELATING TO GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE AND REPURCHASE SHARES, RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS, AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATIONS, AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE COMPANY

The notice convening an Annual General Meeting to be held on August 30, 2005, at which, among others, the above proposals will be considered, is set out on pages 10 to 13 of this circular.

Whether or not you propose to attend the Annual General Meeting, you are requested to complete and return the form of proxy enclosed with this circular in accordance with the instructions printed thereon as soon as possible.

\* For identification only

## LETTER FROM THE MANAGEMENT

# UBA INVESTMENTS LIMITED 開明投資有限公司\*

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability) (Stock Code: 768)

*Executive Directors:* Mr. Li Kwok Cheung, George Mr. Cheng Wai Lun, Andrew Dr. Wong Yun Kuen

Independent Non-executive Directors: Mr. Wong Wai Kwong, David Dr. Lewis Hung Fung Mr. Ip Man Tin, David Registered office: Ugland House South Church Street P.O. Box 309 George Town Grand Cayman Cayman Islands British West Indies

Principal place of business: 2nd Floor Wah Kit Commercial Centre 302 Des Voeux Road Central Hong Kong

July 26, 2005

To the shareholders of the Company

Dear Sir or Madam,

# PROPOSALS RELATING TO GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE AND REPURCHASE SHARES, RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS, AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATIONS, AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE COMPANY

#### INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this circular is to seek your approval of proposals to grant general mandates to issue and repurchase shares and amendment to the Articles of Associations of the Company, as well as to provide you with information in connection with such proposals. Your approval will be sought at the annual general meeting of the Company to be held on August 30, 2005 (the "Annual General Meeting").

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#### GENERAL MANDATE FOR REPURCHASE BY THE COMPANY OF ITS OWN SECURITIES

At the annual general meeting held on August 24, 2004, a general mandate was given to the board of directors of the Company (the "Board") to exercise the powers of the Company to repurchase shares of HK\$0.01 each of the Company (the "Shares") up to a maximum of 10 per cent. of the issued share capital of the Company on that date. Such mandate will lapse at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting.

Your attention is drawn to an ordinary resolution set out in the notice convening the Annual General Meeting dated August 30, 2005 contained in pages 10 to 13 of this circular. Such ordinary resolution proposes to give a general mandate to the Board to exercise the powers of the Company to repurchase at any time until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company following the passing of the relevant resolution or such earlier period as stated therein up to a maximum of 10 per cent. of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing that ordinary resolution (the "Repurchase Mandate").

An explanatory statement, as required under the relevant rules set out in the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") (the "Listing Rules") regulating the repurchase by companies with primary listings on the Stock Exchange of their own securities on the Stock Exchange, to provide the requisite information for your consideration of the Repurchase Mandate is set out in the Explanatory Statement hereto.

#### GENERAL MANDATE TO ISSUE NEW SECURITIES OF THE COMPANY

It will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting the ordinary resolutions as set out in the notice convening the Annual General Meeting dated August 30, 2005 for granting to the Board a general mandate to allot, issue and deal with new Shares and/or other securities of the Company not exceeding 20 per cent. of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing that ordinary resolution (the "New Issue Mandate") and extending the New Issue Mandate by adding to it the aggregate nominal amount of the Shares repurchased by the Company under the Repurchase Mandate.

As at July 22, 2005 (the latest practicable date prior to the printing of this circular) (the "Latest Practicable Date"), there were 1,059,778,200 Shares in issue and subject to the passing of the necessary ordinary resolution and on the basis that no further Shares are issued or repurchased prior to the Annual General Meeting, exercise in full of the New Issue Mandate could accordingly result in up to 211,955,640 Shares being issued by the Company during the course of the period prior to the next annual general meeting to be held in 2006.

#### **RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS**

The Board currently consists of six directors, namely Mr. Li Kwok Cheung, George, Mr. Cheng Wai Lun, Andrew, Dr. Wong Yun Kuen, Mr. Wong Wai Kwong, David, Dr. Lewis Hung Fung and Mr. Ip Man Tin, David.

Pursuant to Article 160 of the existing Articles of Association, Dr. Wong Yun Kuen and Mr. Ip Man Tin, David who were appointed during the year shall hold office until the next following annual general meeting of the Company, being eligible, would offer themselves for re-election.

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Pursuant to Article 157 of the existing Articles of Association, Mr. Li Kwok Cheung, George and Dr. Lewis Hung Fung shall retire by rotation at the Annual General Meeting, being eligible, would offer themselves for re-election.

Details of the retiring directors proposed for re-election at the Annual General Meeting are set out in the Appendix II of this circular.

#### AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIAITONS

The Stock Exchange has recently amended the Listing Rules for the purpose of implementing the Code on Corporate Governance Practices (the "Code"). In the Listing Rules, the Code replaces the Code of Best Practice in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules. Pursuant to paragraph A.4.2 of the Code, every director should be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years and any director appointed during the year shall hold office only until the first general meeting of the Company and shall be eligible for re-election, but shall not be taken into account in determining the directors who are to retire by rotation at such meeting. The existing Article 157 and 160 of the Company's Article of Association does not comply with the said paragraph A.4.2 of the Code and the Directors therefore propose the Special Resolution as set out in the notice of Annual General Meeting to amend the existing Article 157 and 160.

#### **PROCEDURES FOR DEMANDING A POLL**

Pursuant to Article 100 and 101, at any general meeting a resolution put to the vote at the meeting shall be determined in the first instance by a show of hands of the members present in person or by proxy or (in the case of a member being a corporation) by its duly authorized representative and entitled to vote unless a poll is required under the Listing Rules or (before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands) is duly demanded by:

- (a) the chairman of the meeting; or
- (b) at least five members present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote; or
- (c) a member or members present in person or by proxy and representing in the aggregate not less than one-tenth of the total voting rights of all members having the right to attend and vote at the meeting; or
- (d) by a member or members present in person or by proxy and holding shares conferring a right to attend and vote at the meeting on which there have been paid up sums in the aggregate equal to not less than one-tenth of the total sum paid up on all shares conferring that right.

Unless a poll is so demanded and the demand is not withdrawn, a declaration by the Chairman that a resolution has on a show of hands been carried unanimously or by a particular majority, or lost shall be conclusive, and an entry to that effect in the Company's book containing the minutes of proceedings of meetings of the Company shall be conclusive evidence of that fact without proof of the member or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against such resolution.

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#### PROXY

A form of proxy for use at the Annual General Meeting is enclosed with this circular. Whether or not they intend to attend the meeting, shareholders are requested to complete and return the form of proxy to the principal place of business of the Company at 2nd Floor, Wah Kit Commercial Centre, 302 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong as soon as possible and in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the Annual General Meeting. Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude shareholders from attending and voting in person at the Annual General Meeting should shareholders so desire.

### RECOMMENDATION

The Board consider that the proposal mentioned above, including the proposals for the grant of the New Issue Mandate, the Repurchase Mandate and the amendment to the Articles of Associations of the Company, are in the best interests of the Company as well as its shareholders. Accordingly, the Board recommend that all shareholders vote in favour of the resolutions to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Your attention is also drawn to the additional information set out in the Appendices to this circular.

#### **RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT**

This circular includes particulars given in compliance with the Listing Rules for the purpose of giving information with regard to the Company. The directors collectively and individually accept full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in this circular and confirm, having made all reasonable enquiries, that to the best of their knowledge and belief, there are no other facts the omission of which would make any statement herein misleading.

Yours faithfully For and on behalf of the Board LI Kwok Cheung, George Executive Director

## **APPENDIX I**

The Appendix serves as an explanatory statement, as required by the Listing Rules, to provide information to you with regard to the Repurchase Mandate.

### 1. THE LISTING RULES

The Listing Rules permit companies whose primary listings are on the Stock Exchange to repurchase their securities on the Stock Exchange or on another stock exchange on which the securities of the companies may be listed and recognised for this purpose by the Securities and Futures Commission and the Stock Exchange subject to certain restrictions, the more important of which are summarised below:

### (a) Source of funds

Repurchases must be funded out of funds legally available for such purpose in accordance with the constitutive documents of the company and the laws of the jurisdiction in which the company is incorporated.

### (b) Maximum number of shares to be repurchased

The shares which are proposed to be repurchased by a company must be fully paid up. A maximum of 10 per cent of the issued share capital as at the date of passing the relevant resolution may be repurchased on the Stock Exchange.

### 2. SHARE CAPITAL

As at the Latest Practicable Date, there were 1,059,778,200 Shares in issue and subject to the passing of the necessary ordinary resolution and on the basis that no further Shares are issued or repurchased prior to the Annual General Meeting, exercise in full of the Repurchase Mandate could accordingly result in up to 105,977,820 Shares being repurchased by the Company during the course of the period prior to the next annual general meeting to be held in 2006.

### 3. REASONS FOR REPURCHASES

The Board believes that it is in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders to have a general authority from shareholders to enable the Board to repurchase the Shares in the market. Such repurchases may, depending on market conditions and funding arrangements at the time, lead to an enhancement of the net asset value of the Company and/or net assets per Share and/or its earnings per Share and will only be made when the Board believe that such repurchases will benefit the Company and its shareholders.

### 4. FUNDING OF REPURCHASES

Repurchases of the Shares will be funded entirely from the Company's available cash flow or working capital facilities, and will, in any event, be made out of funds legally available for the purchase in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Associations of the Company and the applicable laws of the Cayman Islands. There might be a material adverse effect on the working capital requirements or gearing levels of the Company (as compared with the position disclosed in the audited accounts contained in the 2005 Annual Report) in the event that the Repurchase Mandate is exercised in full at any time. However, the Board do not propose to exercise the Repurchase Mandate to such an extent as would, in the circumstances, have a material adverse effect on the working capital requirements or the gearing levels of the Company at the time of the relevant purchases unless the Board determine that such repurchases are, taking account of all relevant factors, in the best interests of the Company.

### 5. GENERAL

The Board have undertaken to the Stock Exchange that they will exercise the powers of the Company to make repurchase pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate and in accordance with the Listing Rules and any applicable laws of the Cayman Islands.

None of the directors nor, to the best of their knowledge having made all reasonable enquiries, their associates, have any present intention to sell any Shares to the Company under the Repurchase Mandate if the same is approved by the shareholders.

No other connected persons (as defined in the Listing Rules) have notified the Company that they have a present intention to sell any Shares to the Company, or have undertaken not to do so, in the event that the Repurchase Mandate is approved by the shareholders.

If a shareholder's proportionate interest in the voting rights of the Company increases as a result of the Board exercising the powers of the Company to repurchase its Shares pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate, such increase will be treated as an acquisition of voting rights for the purpose of Rule 32 of the Hong Kong Code on Takeovers and Mergers (the "Takeovers Code"). Accordingly, a shareholder or group of shareholders acting in concert, could obtain or consolidate control of the Company and become obliged to make a mandatory offer in accordance with Rule 26 and 32 of the Takeovers Code. Pursuant to the transitional provisions that are set out in the new Rule 26.6 of the Takeovers Code, a person, or two or more persons acting in concert, holds 30% or more but less than 35% of the voting rights of the Company prior to October 19, 2001 and stays in that range, the old 35% trigger will apply to him or them. The transitional provisions will remain in force for so long as such shareholding remains in that range and for 10 years from October 19, 2001. As at the latest practicable date prior to the printing of this circular, Fung Fai Growth Limited ("Fung Fai") was interested in 340,000,000 Shares, representing approximately 32.08 per cent. of the issued share capital of the Company. In the event that the Repurchase Mandate is exercised in full, Fung Fai's interest would be increased to approximately 35.65 per cent. of the issued share capital of the Company. If so, this will be deemed as an acquisition of voting rights for the purpose of Rule 32 of the Takeovers Code and takeovers obligations arise for Fung Fai. The Board have no intention to repurchase Shares to such an extent as would result in takeovers obligations. Save as disclosed above, the Board are not aware of any consequences which may arise under the Takeovers Code as a result of any repurchase made under the Repurchase Mandate.

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### 6. THE SHARE PRICES

The highest and lowest prices at which the Shares have traded on the Stock Exchange during each of the previous twelve months were as follows:

	The Shares	
	Highest	Lowest
	HK\$	HK\$
July 2004	0.10	0.10
August 2004	0.10	0.10
September 2004	0.10	0.10
October 2004	0.11	0.10
November 2004	0.11	0.099
December 2004	0.10	0.099
January 2005	0.105	0.105
February 2005	0.105	0.105
March 2005	0.105	0.105
April 2005	0.105	0.104
May 2005	0.105	0.105
June 2005	0.105	0.105
July 2005 (up to the Latest Practicable Date)	0.105	0.105

### 7. REPURCHASES OF SHARES MADE BY THE COMPANY

No repurchases of Shares have been made by the Company (whether on the Stock Exchange or otherwise) in the six months preceding July 22, 2005, the Latest Practicable Date.

## APPENDIX II DETAILS OF DIRECTOR PROPOSED FOR RE-ELECTION

The biographical details of the Directors eligible for re-election at the Annual General Meeting are set out below:

#### **Executive Directors**

**Mr. Li Kwok Cheung, George** ("Mr. Li"), aged 44, is an executive director and the company secretary of the Company. Mr. Li has joined Upbest Group Limited since 1996. He is responsible for business development and marketing of the Group. He has been a dealing director of Upbest Securities Company Limited since May 1, 2000. He holds a master's degree in international marketing from the University of Strathelyde in Glasgow, Scotland, United Kingdom and is a fellow member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and an associate member of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He had worked as a senior manager of the compliance division (currently known as regulation division) of the Stock Exchange for seven years before joining the investment advisory and securities industry in 1995. Mr. Li had also served with an international audit firm for five years. Mr. Li is an investment adviser and a dealer registered under the Securities Ordinance and is a deemed responsible officer under the Securities and Futures Ordinance. He is also an executive director of Upbest Group Limited (Stock code: 335).

**Dr. Wong Yun Kuen** ("Dr. Wong"), aged 47, is an executive director of the Company. Dr. Wong obtained a Doctor of Philosophy from Harvard University, USA. He was "Distinguished Visiting Scholar" at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and a consultant at AIG Financial Products Corporation of the USA. Dr. Wong has worked in financial industries in the USA and Hong Kong for over 10 years, and has considerable experience in corporate finance, investment and derivative products. Dr. Wong is currently a lecturer of the City University of Hong Kong. He is a member of Hong Kong Securities Institute, Master Financial Professional and Fellow of American Academy of Financial Management, and certified e-commerce consultant of Institute of E-commerce Consultant, USA. Dr. Wong is currently an independent non-executive director of Grand Field Group Holdings Limited (Stock code: 115), Harmony Asset Limited (Stock code: 428), Poly Investments Holdings Limited (Stock code: 263), Ultra Group Holdings Limited (Stock code: 8203), Bauhaus International (Holdings) Ltd. (Stock code: 483) and Golden Resorts Group Ltd. (Stock code: 1031). Dr. Wong was an independent non-executive director of Haywood Investment Limited (Stock code: 905) until July 7, 2005,

#### **Independent Non-Executive Directors**

**Dr. Lewis Hung Fung** ("Dr. Fung"), aged 44, is an independent non-executive Director and member of the Audit Committee of the Company. Dr. Fung has been the honorary associate professor of the medical faculty of the Chinese University of Hong Kong since 1996. He has also been the honorary medical adviser of the Institute of Securities Dealers Limited since 2000, The Hong Kong Chamber of Small & Medium Business Limited since 1997 and The International Association of Elevator Engineers (HK Branch) since 1992. Dr. Fung is an affiliated fellow of the Royal Australian College of Physicians and the foundation fellow of Hong Kong Academy of Medicine. In addition, he is a member of the International Society of Nephrology and Hong Kong Society of Nephrology. He also holds a master's degree in business administration from the Newport University in the United States. Dr. Fung was the independent non-executive director of Upbest Group Limited and had resigned on April 9, 2003.

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**Mr. Ip Man Tin, David** ("Mr. Ip"), aged 59, is an independent non-executive director and member of the Audit Committee of the Company. He holds Bachelor of Arts and Master of Public Administration degrees. Mr. Ip is a member of the Chartered Institute of Marketing and a Certified Management Consultant. Mr. Ip has more than 24 years of public administration and more than 10 years of public company management experience in Hong Kong and Britain. He has extensive consultancy experience across industry sectors. Mr. Ip was an independent non-executive director of Infoserve Technology Corporation (Stock code: 8077) and was resigned on April 22, 2005.

There are no service agreement contracted with Mr. Li, Dr. Wong, Dr. Fung and Mr. Ip. All of Mr. Li, Dr. Wong, Dr. Fung and Mr. Ip did have no fixed term of service with the Company but will be subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at annual general meetings of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company.

The director's fee of Mr. Li, Dr. Wong, Dr. Fung and Mr. Ip are to be determined by the Board of Directors as authorised by the Shareholders at the Annual General Meeting, which are determined based on the market rate and their anticipated time, effort and expertise to be exercised on the Group's affairs. For the year ended March 31, 2005, each of Mr. Li and Dr. Fung is entitled for a directors' emoluments of HK\$12,000 and each of Dr. Wong and Mr. Ip is entitled for a director's emoluments of HK\$7,000.

As at the date of this circular, all of Mr. Li, Dr. Wong, Dr. Fung and Mr. Ip are not connected with the directors, chief executives or substantial shareholders of the Company and have no interest in the shares of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance. There are no matter which need to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Company upon their reelection. Save as disclosure above, none of Mr. Li, Dr. Wong, Dr. Fung and Mr. Ip do hold any directorship in other Hong Kong listed companies within the past 3 years preceding the date of this circular.

As at the date of this circular, the Board consists of Mr. Li Kwok Cheung, George, Mr. Cheng Wai Lun, Andrew and Dr. Wong Yun Kuen as executive directors and and Mr. Wong Wai Kwong, David, Dr. Lewis Hung Fung and Mr. Ip Man Tin, David as independent non-executive directors.

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

# UBA INVESTMENTS LIMITED 開明投資有限公司\*

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability) (Stock Code: 768)

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the annual general meeting of UBA Investments Limited (the "Company") will be held at 2nd Floor, Wah Kit Commercial Centre, 302 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong on August 30, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. for the following purposes:

- (1) To receive and consider the financial statements and the reports of the directors and auditors for the year ended March 31, 2005;
- (2) To re-elect directors and to authorise the directors to fix their remuneration;
- (3) To re-appoint auditors for the ensuing year and to authorise the directors to fix their remuneration;
- (4) To consider as special business and, if thought fit, pass with or without amendments, the following resolutions as ordinary resolutions:
  - (A) **"THAT**:
    - (a) subject to paragraph (c) of this resolution and without prejudice to resolution 4(B) set out in the notice of this meeting, the exercise by the Board during the Relevant Period (as defined in paragraph (d) of this resolution) of all powers of the Company to issue, allot and deal in the Shares and to issue, allot or grant securities convertible into Shares or options, warrants or similar rights to subscribe for any shares in the Company or such convertible securities and to make or grant offers, agreements and options which would or might require the exercise of such powers, subject to and in accordance with all applicable laws, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
    - (b) the approval in paragraph (a) of this resolution shall authorise the Board during the Relevant Period to make or grant offers, agreements and options which would or might require the exercise of such power after the end of the Relevant Period;
    - (c) the aggregate nominal amount of share capital allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted (whether pursuant to an option or otherwise) by the Board pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) of this resolution, otherwise than pursuant to:
      - (i) a Rights Issue (as defined in paragraph (d) of this resolution);

- (ii) any scrip dividend scheme or similar arrangements implemented in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company; or
- (iii) an issue of Shares under the share option scheme of the Company or any similar arrangements for the time being adopted by the Company for the grant or issue to employees or directors of the Company and/or any of its subsidiaries of Shares or right to acquire Shares; or
- (iv) the exercise of the rights of subscription or conversion under the terms of any securities or notes for the time being in force which are convertible into any shares in the Company;

shall not exceed 20% of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue as at the date of the passing of this resolution and the said approval shall be limited accordingly;

(d) for the purposes 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 of the Company is required by the Articles of Association of the Company or any applicable law of the Cayman Islands to be held; and
- (iii) the revocation or variation of this resolution by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting; and

"Rights Issue" means an offer of shares open for a period fixed by the Board to holders of Shares on the register on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of such Shares (subject to such exclusions or other arrangements as the Board may deem necessary or expedient in relation to fractional entitlements or legal or practical problems under the laws of, or the requirements of any recognised regulatory body or any stock exchange in, any territory)."

### (B) **"THAT**:

- (a) subject to paragraph (b) of this resolution, the exercise by the Board during the Relevant Period (as defined in resolution 4(A)(d) set out in the notice of this meeting) of all the powers of the Company to repurchase the Shares on the Stock Exchange or on any other exchange on which the Shares may be listed and which is recognised by the Securities and Futures Commission and the Stock Exchange (the "Recognised Stock Exchange") subject to and in accordance with all applicable laws, and in accordance with the provisions of, and in the manner specified in, the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange or the rules of any other Recognised Stock Exchange, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved; and
- (b) the aggregate nominal amount of the Shares to be repurchased or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be repurchased by the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) of this Resolution during the Relevant Period shall not exceed 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue as at the date of the passing of this resolution and the said approval shall be limited accordingly."
- (C) "THAT conditional upon the passing of resolutions 4(A) and 4(B) set out in the notice of this meeting, the aggregate nominal amount of Shares which shall have been repurchased by the Company pursuant to and in accordance with resolution 4(B) set out in the notice of this meeting shall be added to the aggregate nominal amount of Shares which may be allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted by the Board pursuant to and in accordance with resolution 4(A) set out in the notice of this meeting, provided that such additional amount shall not exceed 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue at the date of the passing of this resolution."
- (5) To consider as special business and, if thought fit, pass with or without amendments, the following resolutions as special resolution:

### "THAT:

the existing Articles of Association of the Company be and hereby amended in the following manner:

- (A) by deleting Article 157 in its entirety and substituting therefore the following new paragraph:
  - 157. Subject to the manner of retirement by rotation of Directors as from time to time prescribed under the rules of the Designated Stock Exchange, and notwithstanding any contractual or other terms on which any Director may be appointed or engaged, at each annual general meeting one third of the Directors

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for the time being (or, if their number is not three or a multiple of three (3), then the number nearest to, but not less than one-third) shall retire from office by rotation provided that every Director shall be subject to retirement at least once every three years. A retiring Director shall retain office until the close of the meeting at which he retires, and shall be eligible for re-election thereat."

- (B) by deleting Article 160 in its entirety and substituting therefore the following new paragraph:
  - 160. The Company may from time to time in general meeting by ordinary resolution increase or reduce the number of Directors but so that the number of Directors shall not be less than two (2). Subject to the provisions of these Articles and the Law, the Company may by ordinary resolution elect any person to be a Director either to fill a casual vacancy or as an addition to the existing Directors. Any Director so appointed shall hold office only until the first general meeting after their appointment of the Company and shall then be eligible for reelection, but shall not be taken into account in determining the Directors who are to retire by rotation at such meeting.

By Order of the Board Li Kwok Cheung, George Executive Director and Company Secretary

Hong Kong, July 22, 2005

Notes:

- 1. Any member entitled to attend and vote may appoint one or more proxies to attend the meeting instead of him and to vote on a poll. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.
- 2. The instrument appointing a proxy and the power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which it is signed or a notarially certified copy of that power of authority shall be deposited at the principal place of business of the Company at 2nd Floor, Wah Kit Commercial Centre, 302 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time for holding the meeting (or adjourned meeting, as the case may be).
- 3. The register of members of the Company will be closed from August 15, 2005 to August 19, 2005, both days inclusive, for the purpose of establishing entitlements of the shareholders of the Company to attend the Company's annual general meeting. During such period, no transfer of Shares will be registered. In order to qualify for the proposed final dividend and voting, all completed transfer forms accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's Branch Share Registrar in Hong Kong, Standard Registrars Limited, at Ground Floor, Bank of East Asia Harbour View Centre, 56 Gloucester Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong for registration no later than 4:00 p.m. on August 12, 2005, Friday.