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#### ERNEST BOREL HOLDINGS LIMITED

依波路控股有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 1856)

PROPOSALS FOR

## GRANT OF THE ISSUE MANDATE AND THE BUY-BACK MANDATE, RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND

#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Capitalized terms used in the lower portion of this cover page shall have the respective meanings as those defined in the section headed "Definitions" of this circular.

A notice convening the Annual General Meeting ("AGM") to be held at Royal Room, Level 1, Royal Plaza Hotel, 193 Prince Edward Road West, Kowloon, Hong Kong on Wednesday, 27 May 2020 at 3:00 p.m. is set out on pages 18 to 22 of this circular. Resolutions will be proposed at the AGM to consider and, if thought fit, approve, among other things, the grant of the Issue Mandate, the Buy-back Mandate and the re-election of Directors by way of ordinary resolutions.

A form of proxy is enclosed with this circular. If you are not able to attend and vote at the AGM, you are requested to complete in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return the completed form of proxy to the Company's branch share registrar and transfer office in Hong Kong, Tricor Investor Services Limited, at Level 54, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong as soon as possible but in any event not later than 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the AGM or its adjournment thereof. Completion and return of the proxy form will not preclude you from subsequently attending and voting at the AGM in person or its adjourned meeting (as the case may be) should you so desire. If you attend and vote at the AGM, the authority of your proxy will be revoked.

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This Circular is prepared in both English and Chinese. In the event of any inconsistency, the English text of this Circular will prevail.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

In this circular, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the following meanings:

"AGM" the annual general meeting of the Company to be convened

and held at Royal Room, Level 1, Royal Plaza Hotel, 193 Prince Edward Road West, Kowloon, Hong Kong on Wednesday, 27 May 2020 at 3:00 p.m. or its adjournment thereof, the notice of which is set out on pages 18 to 22 of

this circular

"Articles" the articles of association of the Company, as amended,

supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time

"Board" the board of Directors

"Citychamp" Citychamp Watch & Jewellery Group Limited 冠城鐘錶珠

寶集團有限公司, a company incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability and the shares of which are listed on the main board of the Stock Exchange (Stock

code: 256)

"Close associate(s)" has the same meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules

"Companies Law" the Companies Law, Cap. 22 (Law 3 of 1961, as

consolidated and revised) of the Cayman Islands

"Company" Ernest Borel Holdings Limited, an exempted company

incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability, the issued Shares of which are listed and traded on the main

board of the Stock Exchange (Stock code: 1856)

"Core connected person(s)" has the same meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules

"Director(s)" the Director(s) of the Company

"Group" the Company and its subsidiaries

"HK\$" Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong

"Hong Kong" the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC

"INED(s)" Independent Non-executive Director(s)

"Issue Mandate" a general and unconditional mandate to allot, issue and deal

with additional Shares not exceeding 20% of the aggregate number of the issued Shares as at the date of passing of the

ordinary resolution granting the same

#### **DEFINITIONS**

"Latest Practicable Date" 16 April 2020, being the latest practicable date prior to the printing of this circular for the purpose of ascertaining certain information contained herein "Listing Date" 11 July 2014, the date on which the Shares were initially listed on the main board of the Stock Exchange "Listing Rules" the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time "Nomination Committee" the nomination committee of the Board "Remuneration Committee" the remuneration committee of the Board "PRC" The People's Republic of China and for the purpose of this circular, excluding Hong Kong, the Macau Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China and Taiwan "Buy-back Mandate" a general and unconditional mandate to the Directors to buy-back the fully paid-up Shares up to 10% of the aggregate number of the issue Shares as at the date of passing of an ordinary resolution granting the same "RMB" Renminbi, the lawful currency of the PRC "SFO" the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong), as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time "Share(s)" the ordinary share(s) with a nominal value of HK\$0.1 each in the share capital of the Company "Shareholder(s)" the holder(s) of the Share(s) "Share Option Scheme" the share option scheme adopted by the Company on 24 June 2014 "Stock Exchange" The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited "Subsidiary(ies)" has the same meaning ascribed thereto under the Listing Rules "substantial shareholder(s)" has the same meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules

#### **DEFINITIONS**

"Takeovers Code" The Codes on Takeovers and Mergers and Share Buy-backs administered by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time

"VGB Limited" VGB Limited, a company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability and a wholly-owned subsidiary of

Citychamp and a direct controlling shareholder of the

Company

"%" percent



#### ERNEST BOREL HOLDINGS LIMITED

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(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

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Executive Directors:

Mr. Shang Jianguang (Chairman) Mr. Teguh Halim (Vice Chairman)

Mr. Xiong Wei Ms. Lam Lai

Non-executive Directors:

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Ms. Chan Lai Wa

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22 April 2020

To the Shareholders and, for information only, the holders of share options of the Company Dear Sir or Madam.

# PROPOSALS FOR GRANT OF THE ISSUE MANDATE AND THE BUY-BACK MANDATE, RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this circular is to provide you with (i) information regarding certain resolutions to be proposed at the AGM to enable you to make an informed decision on whether to vote for or against those resolutions and (ii) the notice of the AGM.

The Company will propose at the AGM, resolutions for the Shareholders to approve, among other things, (i) the grant of the Buy-back Mandate to the Directors; (ii) the grant of the Issue Mandate to the Directors; (iii) the extension of Issue Mandate to include Shares bought-back under the Buy-back Mandate; and (iv) the re-election of retiring Directors.

#### **BUY-BACK MANDATE**

At the annual general meeting of the Company held on 29 May 2019, a general mandate was granted to the Directors to exercise the powers of the Company to buy-back up to 10% of the total number of Shares in issue. Such mandate will lapse at the conclusion of the AGM. An ordinary resolution will be proposed at the AGM to grant the Buy-back Mandate to the Directors. As at the Latest Practicable Date, the Company had 347,437,000 issued Shares. Subject to the passing of an ordinary resolution approving the Buy-back Mandate and on the basis that none of the outstanding share options is exercised, no further Shares will be issued or allotted and no Shares will be bought-back and cancelled by the Company prior to the AGM, exercise of the Buy-back Mandate in full would result in up to a maximum of 34,743,700 Shares, representing 10% of the total issued Shares being bought-back by the Company. An explanatory statement as required under the Listing Rules to provide the requisite information of the Buy-back Mandate is set out in Appendix I to this Circular.

#### **ISSUE MANDATE**

Given that the general mandate granted to Directors to issue Shares pursuant to the resolution passed at the annual general meeting held on 29 May 2019 will lapse at the conclusion of the AGM, an ordinary resolution will be proposed at the AGM that the Directors be granted the Issue Mandate in order to provide flexibility and discretion to the Directors to issue new Shares. As at the Latest Practicable Date, the Company had 347,437,000 issued Shares. Subject to the passing of an ordinary resolution approving the Issue Mandate and on the basis that no further Shares will be issued, allotted or no Shares will be bought-back and cancelled by the Company prior to the AGM, the exercise of the Issue Mandate in full would result in up to a maximum of 69,487,400 Shares, representing 20% of the total number of Shares in issue, being issued by the Company during the period ending on the earliest of (i) 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 to be held by law or the Articles; or (iii) the date upon which the Issue Mandate is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders at a general meeting of the Company. In addition, an ordinary resolution will also be proposed to extend the Issue Mandate by adding to it the number of such Shares as bought-back under the Buy-back Mandate.

#### EXTENSION OF GENERAL MANDATE TO ISSUE SHARES

Subject to the passing of the ordinary resolutions to grant the Issue Mandate and the Buyback Mandate, an ordinary resolution will be proposed at the AGM to extend the Issue Mandate by including the number of Shares bought-back under the Buy-back Mandate.

#### RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the Executive Directors were Mr. Shang Jianguang, Mr. Teguh Halim, Mr. Xiong Wei and Ms. Lam Lai, the Non-executive Directors were Mr. Xiong Ying and Mr. Tao Li, the INEDs were Mr. To Chun Kei, Mr. Hui Cheuk Kit Frederick and Ms. Chan Lai Wa.

Pursuant to article 83(3) of the Articles, Mr. Tao Li, who was appointed by the Board as the Non-executive Director on 10 June 2019 and Mr. Hui Cheuk Kit Frederick, who was appointed by the Board as the Independent Non-executive Director on 6 September 2019, shall hold the office until the AGM, being the first general meeting after their appointments, and shall retire and subject to re-election at the AGM.

Pursuant to article 84 of the Articles, one-third of the Directors shall retire from office by rotation, and accordingly, Mr. Shang Jianguang, Mr. Xiong Wei and Ms. Chan Lai Wa shall retire from office by rotation at the AGM. Each of them, being eligible, will offer themselves for re-election at the AGM.

The Nomination Committee has assessed and reviewed each of the INED's annual written confirmation of independence based on the independence criteria as set out in Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules and confirmed that all the INEDs, namely Mr. To Chun Kei, Mr. Hui Cheuk Kit Frederick and Ms. Chan Lai Wa remain independent. Upon recommendation by the Nomination Committee, the retiring Director namely Ms. Chan Lai Wa will stand for re-election as Director at the AGM. As a good corporate governance practice, each of the retiring Directors abstained from voting at the relevant Board meeting on the respective propositions of their recommendations for re-election by the Shareholders.

Details of the Directors proposed to be re-elected at the AGM are set out in Appendix II to this circular in accordance with the relevant requirement under the Listing Rules.

#### **AGM**

A notice convening the AGM to be held at Royal Room, Level 1, Royal Plaza Hotel, 193 Prince Edward Road West, Kowloon, Hong Kong on Wednesday, 27 May 2020 at 3:00 p.m. is set out on pages 18 to 22 of this circular.

#### ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN

A form of proxy for use by the Shareholders in connection with the AGM is enclosed with this circular. Such form of proxy is also published on the website of the Stock Exchange at www.hkexnews.hk. If you are not able to attend and vote at the AGM in person, you are requested to complete in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return the completed form of proxy to the Company's branch share registrar and transfer office in Hong Kong, Tricor Investor Services Limited, at Level 54, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong as soon as possible but in any event not later than 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the AGM or its adjournment. Completion and return of the proxy

form will not preclude you from subsequently attending and voting at the AGM in person or its adjournment (as the case may be) should you so desire. If the Shareholder attends and votes at the AGM, the authority of your proxy will be revoked.

#### **VOTING BY POLL AT THE AGM**

Pursuant to article 66 of the Articles and the requirement of Rule 13.39 (4) of the Listing Rules, every resolution submitted to the AGM shall be taken by poll except where the chairman of the meeting, in good faith, decides to allow a resolution which relates purely to a procedural or administrative matter to be voted on by a show of hands. Therefore, all resolutions proposed at the AGM will be voted by poll and, after being verified by the scrutineer, the results of the poll will be published in the manner prescribed under Rule 13.39 (5) of the Listing Rules.

#### RECOMMENDATION

At the AGM, separate ordinary resolutions will be proposed for the Shareholders to approve, among other things, (i) the grant of the Buy-back Mandate to the Directors; (ii) the grant of the Issue Mandate to the Directors; (iii) the extension of the Issue Mandate to include Shares bought-back pursuant to the Buy-back Mandate; and (iv) the re-election of retiring Directors.

The Directors consider that (i) the grant of the Buy-back Mandate to the Directors; (ii) the grant of Issue Mandate to the Directors; (iii) the extension of the Issue Mandate to include Shares bought-back pursuant to the Buy-back Mandate; and (iv) the re-election of retiring Directors are in the best interests of the Company, the Group and the Shareholders as a whole and, accordingly, recommend all Shareholders to vote in favour of all the relevant resolutions to be proposed at the AGM respectively.

#### 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 contained herein misleading.

Yours faithfully,
By Order of the Board
Ernest Borel Holdings Limited
Shang Jianguang
Chairman

#### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT FOR THE BUY-BACK MANDATE

This appendix serves as an explanatory statement as required under the Listing Rules to provide the requisite information to you for consideration of the Buy-back Mandate.

#### **SHARE CAPITAL**

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the issued share capital of the Company comprised 347,437,000 Shares.

Subject to the passing of the proposed ordinary resolution approving the Buy-back Mandate and on the basis that no further Shares are issued and allotted and no Shares are bought-back and cancelled by the Company prior to the AGM, the exercise of the Buy-back Mandate in full would result in up to a maximum of 34,743,700 Shares, representing 10% of the total number of Shares in issue being bought-back by the Company during the period ending on the earliest 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 to be held by any applicable law or the Articles; or (iii) the date on which the Buy-back Mandate is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders at a general meeting of the Company.

#### REASONS FOR BUY-BACK

Although the Directors have no present intention of exercising the Buy-back Mandate, they believe that the flexibility afforded by the Buy-back Mandate would be beneficial to the Company and the Shareholders as a whole. At any time in the future when the Shares are trading at a discount to their underlying value, the ability of the Company to buy-back the Shares will be beneficial to the Shareholders who retain their investment in the Company as their percentage interest in the assets of the Company would increase in proportion to the number of Shares bought-back by the Company from time to time and thereby resulting in an increase in the net assets value and/or earnings per share of the Company. Such buy-backs will only be made when the Directors believe that such exercises will benefit the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

#### **FUNDING OF BUY-BACK**

The Directors propose that the buy-back of Shares under the Buy-back Mandate would be financed from the Company's internal resources.

For the purpose of the buy-back of Shares, the Company may only apply funds legally available for such purposes in accordance with its memorandum of association, the Articles and the applicable laws of the Cayman Islands. Under the laws of the Cayman Islands, buy-backs by the Company may only be made out of profits of the Company or out of the proceeds of a fresh issue of Shares made for the purpose, or, if so authorised by the Articles and subject to the provisions of the Companies Law, out of capital. Any premium payable on a redemption or purchase over the par value of the Shares to be purchased must be provided for out of the Company's profits or share premium account, or, if so authorised by the Articles and subject to the provisions of the Companies Law, out of the Company's capital.

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT FOR THE BUY-BACK MANDATE

The exercise of the Buy-back Mandate in full might have a material adverse impact on the working capital or the gearing level of the Company.

The Directors do not propose to exercise the Buy-back Mandate to such extent as would, in the circumstances, have a material adverse impact on the working capital or the gearing level of the Company, which in the opinion of the Directors are from time to time appropriate for the Company. The number of the Shares to be bought-back on any occasion and the price and other terms upon which the same are bought-back will be decided by the Directors at the relevant time having regard to the circumstances then pertaining.

#### **SHARE PRICES**

The highest and lowest prices at which the Shares have been traded on the main board of the Stock Exchange during each of the twelve months preceding the Latest Practicable Date were as follows:

	Price po	Price per Share	
	Highest	Lowest	
	HK\$	HK\$	
2019			
April	2.16	1.75	
May	1.94	1.75	
June	1.88	1.76	
July	1.79	1.60	
August	1.74	1.55	
September	1.68	1.56	
October	1.74	1.58	
November	1.76	1.55	
December	1.92	1.60	
2020			
January	2.09	1.80	
February	1.82	1.65	
March	1.82	1.60	
April (up to the Latest Practicable Date)	1.80	1.70	

#### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT FOR THE BUY-BACK MANDATE

#### DIRECTORS AND THEIR CLOSE ASSOCIATES

The Directors have undertaken to the Stock Exchange that so far as the same may be applicable, they will exercise the powers of the Company to make buy-backs pursuant to the Buy-back Mandate in accordance with the Listing Rules, the applicable laws of the Cayman Islands and the Articles.

None of the Directors or, to the best of their knowledge having made all reasonable enquiries, any of their respective close associates has any present intention, in the event that the Buy-back Mandate is approved by the Shareholders, to sell any Shares to the Company or its subsidiaries if the Buy-back Mandate is approved at the AGM.

No core connected person has notified the Company that he/she/it has a present intention to sell any Shares to the Company nor has undertaken not to sell any of the Shares held by him/her/it to the Company in the event that the Buy-back Mandate is approved by the Shareholders.

#### TAKEOVERS CODE

If, as a result of the share buy-back, a shareholder's proportionate interest in the voting rights of the Company increases, such increase will be treated as an acquisition for the purpose of Rule 32 of the Takeovers Code. Accordingly, a Shareholder, or a group of Shareholders acting in concert (within the meaning under the Takeovers Code), depending on the level of increase in the interest of the Shareholder(s) but subject to the latitude provided by the 2% creeper provision under Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code, could obtain or consolidate control of the Company and thereby become obliged to make a mandatory offer in accordance with Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code and the provisions thereof may otherwise apply as a results of any such increase.

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT FOR THE BUY-BACK MANDATE

As at the Latest Practicable Date, as far as the Directors are aware substantial shareholders of the Company having an interest of 5% or more in the issued share capital of the Company are as follows:

Name of Shareholders	Capacity/ Nature of interest	Number of Shares interested	Approximate of percentage of interest in the total issued Shares <sup>(5)</sup>	Approximate percentage of Shareholding if Buy-back Mandates is exercise in full
VGB Limited <sup>(1)</sup>	Beneficial owner	222,634,485	64.08%	71.20%
Citychamp <sup>(1)</sup>	Interest in controlled corporation	222,634,485	64.08%	71.20%
Sincere View International Limited <sup>(1)</sup>	Interest in controlled corporation	222,634,485	64.08%	71.20%
Full Day Limited <sup>(1)</sup>	Interest in controlled corporation	222,634,485	64.08%	71.20%
Hon Kwok Lung <sup>(2,3)</sup>	Interest in controlled corporation	222,634,485	64.08%	71.20%
Lam Suk Ying <sup>(2,3)</sup>	Interest in controlled corporation	222,634,485	64.08%	71.20%
Prime Route Investment Limited <sup>(4)</sup>	Beneficial owner	37,935,000	10.92%	12.13%
Xu Hong <sup>(4)</sup>	Interest in controlled corporation	37,935,000	10.92%	12.13%
Xiong Wei <sup>(4)</sup>	Interest of spouse	37,935,000	10.92%	12.13%

#### Notes:

- As at the Latest Practicable Date, VGB Limited is wholly owned and controlled by Citychamp. Citychamp was the controlled corporation of each of Sincere View International Limited ("Sincere View") and Full Day Limited ("Full Day"). Accordingly, each of Citychamp, Sincere View and Full Day was deemed to be interested in the shares of the Company held by VGB Limited.
- 2. Mr. Hon Kwok Lung ("Mr. Hon") held the entire issued share capital of Full Day. Sincere View was the controlled corporation of each of Mr. Hon and Ms. Lam Suk Ying ("Ms. Lam"), the spouse of Mr. Hon. Accordingly, each of Mr. Hon and Ms. Lam was deemed to be interested in the shares of the Company held by VGB Limited.

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT FOR THE BUY-BACK MANDATE

- 3. Mr. Hon and Ms. Lam also directly held 3,500,000 shares and 1,374,000 shares in the issued share capital of Citychamp, respectively.
- 4. Prime Route Investment Limited is a company wholly-owned by Ms. Xu Hong ("Ms. Xu"). Ms. Xu is the spouse of Mr. Xiong Wei ("Mr. Xiong"), Mr. Xiong is the Executive Director of the Company and the director of Prime Route. Mr. Xiong is therefore deemed to be interested in the shares held by Prime Route.
- 5. Calculated based on the number of issued shares as at 31 December 2019 (i.e. 347,437,000 shares).

The Directors are not aware of any consequences which may arise under the Takeovers Code as a result of any Buy-backs made under the Share Buy-back Mandate. The Directors will not Buy-back Shares to such an extent which will result in the number of Shares held by the public being reduced to less than 25% of the total number of issued Shares.

#### SHARES BOUGHT-BACK BY THE COMPANY

The Company had not bought-back any of its Shares (whether on the Stock Exchange or otherwise) during the previous six months preceding the Latest Practicable Date.

Pursuant to the Listing Rules, the biographical details of the Directors, who will offer themselves for re-election at the AGM according to the Articles, are provided below:

#### 1. MR. SHANG JIANGUANG

Mr. Shang Jianguang (商建光), aged 68, was appointed as an Executive Director and Chairman of the Board of the Company on 12 October 2018. He was also appointed as a member and chairman of the Nomination Committee and member of the Executive Committee and Investment Committee of the Company on 12 October 2018. On 21 December 2018, Mr. Shang was appointed as the chairman of the Executive Committee and Investment Committee. Currently, Mr. Shang is the Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") of Citychamp, which currently holds 64.08% equity interest in the Company through VGB Limited. Mr. Shang joined the board of Citychamp in November 2004. He is a member of the Remuneration Committee and the Nomination Committee of Citychamp and the general manager of Zhuhai Rossini Watch Industry Limited, a subsidiary of Citychamp. Mr. Shang is also appointed as director of various subsidiaries of Citychamp, including Bendura Bank AG. Mr. Shang, graduated in Fuzhou University majoring in Chemistry, is a qualified senior engineer in the Mainland China.

Prior to joining the Citychamp group, Mr. Shang assumed senior posts in various large companies and was the general manager and director of Min Xin Holdings Limited, a company listed on the main board of the Stock Exchange with stock code 222. He also served as a director of Citychamp Dartong Company Limited, the shares of which are listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange with stock code 600067 from December 2007 to January 2020. Mr. Shang has extensive knowledge and experience in corporate and investment management.

Mr. Shang has entered into a service contract with the Company for a term of 3 years commencing from 12 October 2018 and will continue thereafter until terminated by not less than three months' notice in writing served by either party on the other. Mr. Shang's emoluments recorded in the year ended 31 December 2019 was approximately HK\$1,318,000.00. The emolument of Mr. Shang is determined by the Board upon the recommendation of the Remuneration Committee by reference to his experience and qualification.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Shang is interested in 5,300,000 shares in Citychamp (an associated corporation of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) representing approximately 0.12% of the issued share capital of Citychamp.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Shang (i) does not have any relationship with any Directors, senior management, or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company; (ii) does not have any interest in or is not deemed to be interested in any shares or underlying shares of the Company or its associated corporations within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO; and (iii) did not hold any other directorships in the last three years up to the Latest Practicable Date in public companies, the securities of which are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Shang has not been involved in any of the matters as mentioned under Rules 13.51(2)(h) to 13.51(2)(v) of the Listing Rules and there are no other matters in relation to Mr. Shang that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

#### 2. MR. XIONG WEI

Mr. Xiong Wei (熊威), aged 57, was appointed as an Executive Director and a member of each of the Remuneration Committee and Nomination Committee of the Company with effect from 4 October 2016. Besides, Mr. Xiong was appointed as a member of Executive Committee and Investment Committee of the Company on 29 March 2017. Mr. Xiong graduated from Shanxi University with a bachelor degree in Art in 1986, majoring in professional English. He worked in PICC Property and Casualty Company Limited from 1986 to 2001. He was the chairman and legal representative of Beijing Dongfang Yinfeng Property Development Limited\* (北京東方銀豐房地產開發有限公司) from 2001 to 2006. Since 2004, he was and still is the chairman of Prime Route Investment Limited ("Prime Route"), a substantial shareholder of the Company, holding approximately 10.92% of the issued share capital of the Company since 3 October 2016. On 8 January 2020, Mr. Xiong has transferred his 10,000 shares in Prime Route, being the entire issued share capital of Prime Route, to his spouse, Ms. Xu Hong.

Mr. Xiong has entered into a service contract with the Company for a term of 3 years commencing from 4 October 2016 and will continue thereafter until terminated by not less than three month's notice in writing served by either party on the other. Mr. Xiong's emoluments recorded in the year ended 31 December 2019 was HK\$1,318,000.00. The emolument of Mr. Xiong is determined by the Board upon the recommendation of the Remuneration Committee by reference to his experience and qualification.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Ms. Xu Hong, the spouse of Mr. Xiong, holds 100% of the issued share capital of Prime Route. Mr. Xiong is therefore deemed to be interested in the Shares held by Ms. Xu Hong.

Mr. Xiong is the elder brother of Mr. Xiong Ying, being the Non-executive Director of the Company.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Xiong (i) does not have any relationship with any Directors, senior management, or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company; (ii) does not have any interest in or is not deemed to be interested in any shares or underlying shares of the Company or its associated corporations within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO; and (iii) did not hold any other directorships in the last three years up to the Latest Practicable Date in public companies, the securities of which are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Xiong has not been involved in any of the matters as mentioned under Rules 13.51(2)(h) to 13.51(2)(v) of the Listing Rules and there are no other matters in relation to Mr. Xiong that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

#### 3. MR. TAO LI

Mr. Tao Li (陶立), aged 67, was appointed as the Non-executive Director with effect from 10 June 2019. Mr. Tao was the CEO of the Company from 12 October 2018 to 10 June 2019. Mr. Tao joined the Company in January 2018 and was the general manager of the Company and the vice-president of Ernest Borel S.A., a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. Mr. Tao was the vice president of Citychamp from January 2005 to November 2014 in charge of the watch manufacturing and distribution of EBOHR brand owned by Citychamp and the executive director of Citychamp from November 2014 to January 2018 in charge of European watch brands acquired by Citychamp. Mr. Tao was the managing director of EBOHR Luxuries International Limited from February 1991 to November 2014, a company acquired by Citychamp in 2004. Mr. Tao graduated from Beijing Foreign Trade Institute (currently known as China Foreign Economy and Trade University) majoring in Foreign Trade English. He is also a senior economist in Mainland China. He has over 30 years of experience in respect of business administration, international trading, brands building and marketing

Mr. Tao has entered into an appointment letter with the Company for a term of 3 years commencing from 10 June 2019 and will continue thereafter until terminated by not less than three month's notice in writing served by either party on the other. Mr. Tao's emoluments recorded in the year ended 31 December 2019 was HK\$725,833.33. The emolument of Mr. Tao is determined by the Board upon the recommendation of the Remuneration Committee by reference to his experience and qualification.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Tao is interested in 5,000,000 shares of Citychamp, representing approximately 0.11% of the issued share capital of Citychamp.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Tao (i) does not have any relationship with any Directors, senior management, or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company; (ii) does not have any interest in or is not deemed to be interested in any shares or underlying shares of the Company or its associated corporations within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO; and (iii) did not hold any other directorships in the last three years up to the Latest Practicable Date in public companies, the securities of which are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Tao has not been involved in any of the matters as mentioned under Rules 13.51(2)(h) to 13.51(2)(v) of the Listing Rules and there are no other matters in relation to Mr. Tao that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

#### 4. MR. HUI CHEUK KIT FREDERICK

Mr. Hui Cheuk Kit Frederick (許卓傑), aged 40, was appointed as an Independent Non-executive Director of the Company and a member of each of the Audit Committee, Remuneration Committee and Nomination Committee of the Company with effect from 6 September 2019. Mr. Hui holds a Master of Laws Degree from the University of Hong Kong, Bachelor of Laws Degree from the University of London and a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Toronto. He is a partner of Zhong Lun Law Firm and is a Solicitor Advocate. He is qualified to practise law in Hong Kong, England and Wales.

Mr. Hui has entered into an appointment letter with the Company for a term of 3 years commencing from 6 September 2019 and will continue thereafter until terminated by not less than three months' notice in writing served by either party on the other. Mr. Hui's emoluments recorded in the year ended 31 December 2019 was HK\$38,333.83. The emolument of Mr. Hui is determined by the Board upon the recommendation of the Remuneration Committee by reference to his experience and qualification.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Hui (i) does not have any relationship with any Directors, senior management, or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company; (ii) does not have any interest in or is not deemed to be interested in any shares or underlying shares of the Company or its associated corporations within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO; and (iii) did not hold any other directorships in the last three years up to the Latest Practicable Date in public companies, the securities of which are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Hui has not been involved in any of the matters as mentioned under Rules 13.51(2)(h) to 13.51(2)(v) of the Listing Rules and there are no other matters in relation to Mr. Hui that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

#### 5. MS. CHAN LAI WA

Ms. Chan Lai Wa (陳麗華), aged 55, was appointed as an Independent Non-executive Director of the Company and a member of each of the Audit Committee, Remuneration Committee and Nomination Committee of the Company with effect from 22 December 2017. Ms. Chan obtained an economic management professional qualification in the PRC in June 1998 and is currently the owner and director of an accounting and taxation consultancy firm in Hong Kong.

Ms. Chan has entered into an appointment letter with the Company for a term of 3 years commencing from 22 December 2017 and will continue thereafter until terminated by not less than three months' notice in writing served by either party on the other. Ms. Chan's emoluments recorded in the year ended 31 December 2019 was HK\$120,000. The emolument of Ms. Chan is determined by the Board upon the recommendation of the Remuneration Committee by reference to her experience and qualification.

Save as disclosed above, Ms. Chan (i) does not have any relationship with any Directors, senior management, or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company; (ii) does not have any interest in or is not deemed to be interested in any shares or underlying shares of the Company or its associated corporations within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO; and (iii) did not hold any other directorships in the last three years up to the Latest Practicable Date in public companies, the securities of which are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas.

Save as disclosed above, Ms. Chan has not been involved in any of the matters as mentioned under Rules 13.51(2)(h) to 13.51(2)(v) of the Listing Rules and there are no other matters in relation to Ms. Chan that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.



#### ERNEST BOREL HOLDINGS LIMITED

### 依波路控股有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 1856)

#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the annual general meeting ("AGM") of Ernest Borel Holdings Limited (the "Company") will be held at Royal Room, Level 1, Royal Plaza Hotel, 193 Prince Edward Road West, Kowloon, Hong Kong on Wednesday, 27 May 2020 at 3:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

#### **ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS**

- 1. To receive, consider and adopt the audited consolidated financial statements and the reports of the directors of the Company (the "**Directors**") and the independent auditor of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2019.
- 2. To re-elect Mr. Shang Jianguang as an Executive Director.
- 3. To re-elect Mr. Xiong Wei as an Executive Director.
- 4. To re-elect Mr. Tao Li as a Non-executive Director.
- 5. To re-elect Mr. Hui Cheuk Kit Frederick as an Independent Non-executive Director.
- 6. To re-elect Ms. Chan Lai Wa as an Independent Non-executive Director.
- 7. To authorise the board of Directors ("**Board**") to fix the remuneration of the Directors.
- 8. To re-appoint BDO Limited as the independent auditor to hold office until the conclusion of the next AGM and authorise the Board to fix its remuneration.

9. To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as an ordinary resolution of the Company:

#### "THAT:

- (a) subject to paragraph (c) below, the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with additional ordinary shares of the Company (the "Shares") or securities convertible into Shares, or option or warrants, for similar rights to subscribe for any Shares and to make or grant offers, agreements and options which might require the exercise of such powers be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the approval in paragraph (a) above shall be in addition to any other authorization given to the Directors and shall authorize the Directors during the Relevant Period to make or grant offers, agreements, options and rights of exchange or conversion which might require the exercise of such powers after the end of the Relevant Period;
- (c) the aggregate number of Shares allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted (whether pursuant to an option or otherwise) by the Directors pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above, otherwise than pursuant to (i) a Rights Issue (as hereinafter defined); (ii) the share option scheme of the Company approved by the Stock Exchange; or (iii) any scrip dividend or similar arrangement providing for the allotment of Shares in lieu of the whole or part of a dividend on the Shares in accordance with the articles of association of the Company, shall not exceed 20% of the aggregate number of the issued Shares as at the date of passing this resolution, and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and
- (d) for the purposes of this resolution:
  - "Relevant Period" means the period from the passing of this resolution until whichever is the earliest 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 laws to be held; or
  - (iii) the date upon which the authority set out in this resolution is revoked or varied by way of ordinary resolution of the Company in general meeting;

"Rights Issue" means an offer of Shares open for a period fixed by the Directors to holders of Shares on the register of members of the Company on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of such Shares (subject to such exclusion or other arrangements as the Directors may deem necessary or expedient in relation to fractional entitlements or having regard to any restrictions or obligations under the laws of, or the requirements of any regulatory body or any stock exchange in, any territory outside Hong Kong)."

10. To consider and, if thought fit, pass with or without amendments, the following resolution as an ordinary resolution of the Company:

#### "THAT:

- (a) subject to paragraph (c) below, the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to buy-back issued Shares of the Company on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") or other stock exchange on which the Shares may be allotted and recognised by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong (the "Commission"), subject to and in accordance with all applicable laws, the requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange and under the Hong Kong Code of Share Buybacks administered by the Commission as amended from time to time, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the approval in paragraph (a) above shall be in addition to any other authorization given to the Directors and shall authorize the Directors on behalf of the Company during the Relevant Period to procure the Company to buyback its Shares at a price determined by the Directors;
- (c) the aggregate number of Shares which are authorized to be purchased by the Directors pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above shall not exceed 10% of the aggregate number of the issued Shares as at the date of passing this resolution, and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and
- (d) for the purposes of this resolution:
  - "Relevant Period" shall have the same meaning as that ascribed to it under resolution no. 9 as set out in the notice convening this AGM."

11. To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as an ordinary resolution of the Company:

"THAT conditional upon the passing of resolutions nos. 9 and 10 above, the authority granted to the directors of the Company pursuant to resolution no. 9 be and is hereby extended by the addition thereto of an amount representing the aggregate number of Shares in the capital of the Company bought-back by the Company under the authority granted pursuant to resolution no. 10 provided that such number shall not exceed 10% of the aggregate number of the issued Shares as at the date of passing of this resolution."

#### PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

In view of the ongoing Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), the Company will implement precautionary measures at the Annual General Meeting to protect the attendees against infection and prevent the spread of the disease, including without limitation to:

- (i) Compulsory body temperature checks will be conducted on each attendee at the entrance of the meeting venue. Any person with a body temperature of 37 degrees Celsius and/or respiratory symptoms will not be admitted to the venue.
- (ii) Each attendee is encouraged to wear a surgical mask throughout the meeting and maintain an appropriate social distance with other attendees.

Subject to the future development of the COVID-19 and the regulations to be promulgated by the Government of Hong Kong SAR, the proceeding of the Annual General Meeting may or may not be affected and the Company may implement changes to the precautionary measures as appropriate. Shareholders are advised to stay tuned with further announcement (if any) of the Company, which will be published on the website of the Stock Exchange and website of the Company, before they attend the Annual General Meeting.

By Order of the Board of
Ernest Borel Holdings Limited
Shang Jianguang
Chairman

Hong Kong, 22 April 2020

Registered Office: Second Floor, Century Yard Cricket Square, P.O. Box 902 Grand Cayman, KY1-1103 Cayman Islands

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#### Notes:

- 1. For determining the entitlement of the Shareholders to attend and vote at the AGM, the register of members of the Company will be closed from Friday, 22 May 2020 to Wednesday, 27 May 2020 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Share(s) will be effected. In order to qualify for attending the forthcoming AGM, all transfer documents, accompanied by the relevant share certificates, must be lodged with the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar and transfer office in Hong Kong, Tricor Investor Services Limited at Level 54, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong for registration not later than 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, 21 May 2020. Shareholders whose names appear on the register of members of the Company at the close of business on 26 May 2020 will be entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting.
- 2. Any Shareholder entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting is entitled to appoint another person as his/her proxy to attend and vote on his/her behalf. A Shareholder who is the holder of two or more Shares may appoint more than one proxy to attend on the same occasion. A proxy need not be a Shareholder of the Company.
- 3. Where there are joint registered holders of any Shares, any one of such persons may vote at any meeting, either personally or by proxy, in respect of such Shares as if he/she/it were solely entitled thereto; but if more than one of such joint holders is present at such meeting personally or by proxy, that one of the said persons so present being the most, or, as the case may be, the more senior shall alone be entitled to vote in respect of the relevant joint holding and, for this purpose, seniority shall be determined by reference to the order in which the names of the joint holders stand in the register in respect of the relevant joint holding.
- 4. In order to be valid, a form of proxy in the prescribed form together with the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed, or a certified copy of such power or authority, must be lodged with the branch share registrar and transfer office of the Company in Hong Kong, Tricor Investor Services Limited, at Level 54, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong not later than 48 hours before the time fixed for holding the annual general meeting or any adjournment thereof.
- 5. In relation to the proposed resolutions 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 above, please refer to Appendix II to the circular of the Company dated 22 April 2020 for the details of the retiring Directors subject to re-election at the Meeting.
- 6. (a) Subject to paragraph (b) below, if a tropical cyclone warning signal No. 8 or above is expected to be hoisted or a black rainstorm warning signal is expected to be in force at any time between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on the date of the AGM, the AGM will be postponed and Shareholders will be informed of the date, time and venue of the postponed AGM by an announcement posted on the respective websites of the Company and the Stock Exchange.
  - (b) If a tropical cyclone warning signal No. 8 or above or a black rainstorm warning signal is lowered or cancelled at or before three hours before the time for holding the AGM and where conditions permit, the AGM will be held as scheduled.

The AGM will be held as scheduled when an amber or red rainstorm warning signal is in force.

After considering their own situations, Shareholders should decide on their own whether or not they would attend the AGM under any bad weather condition and if they do so, they are advised to exercise care and caution.

As at the date of this notice, the Directors are:

Executive Directors: Mr. Shang Jianguang, Mr. Teguh Halim, Mr. Xiong Wei and

Ms. Lam Lai

Non-executive Directors: Mr. Xiong Ying and Mr. Tao Li

Independent Non-executive Mr. To Chun Kei, Mr. Hui Cheuk Kit Frederick and

Directors: Ms. Chan Lai Wa