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# Xinming China Holdings Limited 新明中國控股有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 2699)

# GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE NEW SHARES AND TO REPURCHASE SHARES, EXTENSION OF GENERAL MANDATE TO ISSUE SHARES,

# RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS AND

#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A notice convening the annual general meeting (the "AGM") of Xinming China Holdings Limited (the "Company") to be held at Conference Room, 17th Floor, Leighton Centre, 77 Leighton Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong on Wednesday, 24 June 2020 at 10:00 a.m. or any adjournment thereof is set out on pages 18 to 22 of this circular. A form of proxy is enclosed with this circular. Whether or not you are able to attend the AGM, you are requested to complete and return the enclosed form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon to the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Investor Services Limited, Level 54, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong as soon as possible and in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the AGM or any adjournment thereof. Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting in person at the AGM or any adjournment thereof, should you so wish.

#### PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Practical measures will be taken to try to avoid the spread of COVID-19 at the AGM, including:

- compulsory temperature checks and health declarations for all attendees, including directors and shareholders
- compulsory wearing of surgical face masks throughout the AGM
- maintaining proper distance between seats
- no refreshments will be served at the AGM

Any person who does not comply with the precautionary measures will not be admitted to the venue of the AGM. The Company reminds the shareholders, particularly those who are unwell or subject to quarantine in relation to COVID-19, that they may appoint any person or the chairman of the AGM as a proxy to vote on the resolutions, instead of attending the AGM in person.

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#### **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 held at

Conference Room, 17th Floor, Leighton Centre, 77 Leighton Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong on Wednesday, 24 June 2020 at 10:00 a.m. or any adjournment thereof;

"AGM Notice" the notice convening the AGM set out on pages 18 to 22 of

this circular;

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

from time to time;

"Board" the board of Directors;

"Close Associate(s)" has the same meaning as defined in the Listing Rules;

"Company" Xinming China Holdings Limited, a company incorporated

in the Cayman Islands with limited liability and the issued Shares of which are listed on the main board of the Hong

Kong Stock Exchange;

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

consolidated and revised) of the Cayman Islands;

"Core Connected Person(s)" has the same meaning as defined in the Listing Rules;

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

"Group" the Company and its subsidiaries;

"HK\$" Hong Kong dollar, the lawful currency of Hong Kong;

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

"Issue Mandate" a general and unconditional mandate proposed to be

granted to the Directors to exercise all powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with the Shares not exceeding 20% of the total number of the issued Shares of the Company as at the date of resolution approving this

mandate;

"Listing Date" 6 July 2015, being the day on which the Shares commenced

to traded on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange;

	DEFINITIONS				
"Latest Practicable Date"	11 May 2020, being the latest practicable date prior to the printing of this circular for ascertaining certain information for inclusion in this circular;				
"Listing Rules"	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange;				
"PRC"	the People's Republic of China, and for the purpose of this circular, excluding Hong Kong, the Macau Special Administrative Region of the PRC and Taiwan;				
"Repurchase Mandate"	a general and unconditional mandate proposed to be granted to the Directors to exercise all powers of the Company to repurchase Shares up to a maximum of 10% of the total number of the issued Shares of the Company as at the date of the resolution approving this mandate;				
"SFO"	the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong);				
"Share(s)"	ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each in the capital of the Company;				
"Share Award Scheme"	the share award scheme of the Company adopted by the Company on 19 February 2016;				
"Share Option Scheme"	the share option scheme of the Company adopted by the Company on 8 June 2015;				
"Shareholder(s)"	holder(s) of Share(s);				
"Hong Kong Stock Exchange"	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited;				
"Takeovers Code"	The Codes on Takeovers and Mergers and Share Buybacks as amended from time to time; and				
"%"	per cent.				



# Xinming China Holdings Limited 新明中國控股有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

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Executive Directors:

Mr. Chen Chengshou

(Chairman and Chief Executive Officer)

Mr. Feng Cizhao

Mr. Pu Wei

Non-executive Director:

Ms. Gao Qiaoqin

Mr. Chou Chiu Ho

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Mr. Lo Wa Kei, Roy

Mr. Fong Wo, Felix

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15 May 2020

To the Shareholders

Dear Sir or Madam,

# GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE NEW SHARES AND TO REPURCHASE SHARES, EXTENSION OF GENERAL MANDATE TO ISSUE SHARES, RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this circular is to: (i) provide you with information regarding certain resolutions to be put forward at the AGM including, among others, details of the proposed Issue Mandate, the proposed Repurchase Mandate and the extension of the Issue Mandate by addition

thereto of the number of Shares repurchased pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate; (ii) set out an explanatory statement regarding the Repurchase Mandate; (iii) provide you with details of the proposed re-election of retiring Directors; and (iv) give you the notice of the AGM.

#### GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE NEW SHARES AND TO REPURCHASE SHARES

Ordinary resolutions will be proposed at the AGM to give to the Directors new general mandates as follows:

- (i) to allot, issue and otherwise deal with new Shares with a total number not exceeding 20% of the total number of the issued Shares of the Company as at the date of passing the proposed resolution at the AGM; and
- (ii) to repurchase Shares with a total number not exceeding 10% of the total number of the issued Shares of the Company as at the date of passing the proposed resolution at the AGM.

In addition, a separate ordinary resolution will also be proposed at the AGM to add to the Issue Mandate those Shares repurchased by the Company pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate (if granted to the Directors at the AGM).

The above mandates, unless revoked or varied by way of the ordinary resolution of the Shareholders in general meeting, will expire at the conclusion of next annual general meeting of the Company or 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.

The Directors have no present intention to exercise the Issue Mandate or the Repurchase Mandate (if granted to the Directors at the AGM).

As at the Latest Practicable Date, a total of 1,878,622,000 Shares were in issue. Subject to the passing of the proposed resolution granting the Issue Mandate to the Directors and on the basis that no Shares will be issued and/or repurchased by the Company prior to the AGM, the Company will be allowed to issue a maximum of 375,724,400 Shares representing 20% of the total number of the issued Shares of the Company as at the date of the AGM.

An explanatory statement containing information regarding the Repurchase Mandate is set out in Appendix I to this circular.

#### RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS

Pursuant to Article 108 (a) of the Articles of Association, Mr. Fong Wo, Felix and Mr. Lo Wa Kei, Roy, who are independent non-executive directors, will retire by rotation at the AGM and, being eligible, offered themselves for re-election at the AGM.

Pursuant to Article 112 of the Articles of Association, Mr. Chou Chiu Ho who is a non-executive director and Mr. Pu Wei, who is an executive directors, will retire by rotation at the AGM and, being eligible, offered themselves for re-election at the AGM.

The Board has noted that as at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Fong Wo, Felix is an independent non-executive director of six listed public companies in Hong Kong (including the Company) and an independent non-executive director of a commercial bank and Mr. Lo Wa Kei, Roy is an independent non-executive director of eight listed public companies in Hong Kong (including the Company) and a managing partner of large-scale accounting firm based in Hong Kong. The Board is of the view that both Mr. Fong and Mr. Lo have been and will continue to fulfil their roles and obligations diligently as independent non-executive Directors. An independent non-executive Director is not required to take executive role in the management and operations of the Group but to supervise the management of the Group and to attend board meetings (either physically or by other means of communications) as and when required. Mr. Fong and Mr. Lo's strong proven record of attendance and participation in the board meetings of the Company since they joined the Company fully demonstrates their proactive commitments to the Company. Both Mr. Fong and Mr. Lo have strong experience in corporate governance and are familiar with management of listed public companies in Hong Kong. They also have close and good communication with the management team and other independent non-executive Directors to facilitate the decision-making process of the Board.

The Nomination Committee of the Company has also reviewed and assessed the annual written confirmation of independence of Mr. Fong and Mr. Lo, who have served as independent non-executive Directors, based on the independence criteria as set out in Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules and considered that they remain independent and will continue to bring valuable experience, knowledge and professionalism to the Board for its efficient and effective functioning and diversity. In view of the aforesaid factors and the experience, knowledge and commitment of the relevant individuals, the Board would recommend the abovementioned independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Fong and Mr. Lo, for re-election at the Annual General Meeting.

The abovementioned retiring Directors, being eligible, shall offer themselves for re-election at the Annual General Meeting. Details of such Directors are set out in Appendix II to this circular.

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A notice convening the AGM to be held at Conference Room, 17th Floor, Leighton Centre, 77 Leighton Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong on Wednesday, 24 June 2020 at 10:00 a.m. is set out on pages 18 to 22 of this circular for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the resolutions set out therein.

#### **ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN**

You will find enclosed a form of proxy for use at the AGM. Whether or not you are able to attend the AGM, you are requested to complete and return the enclosed form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon to the Company's branch share registrar 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 less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the AGM or any adjournment thereof. Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting in person at the AGM or any adjournment thereof should you so wish.

#### VOTING BY POLL AT THE AGM

Pursuant to Article 72 of the Articles of Association and the requirement of Rule 13.39 of the Listing Rules, every resolution submitted to the AGM shall be determined by voting by poll except where the chairman of the AGM, 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 hand.

#### **CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS**

The register of members of the Company will be closed from Friday, 19 June 2020 to Wednesday, 24 June 2020 (both dates inclusive) during which period no transfer of Shares will be registered. In order to attend and vote at the AGM, all transfer of Shares accompanied by the relevant share certificates and transfer forms must be lodged with the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Investor Services Limited at Level 54, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong for registration no later than 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, 18 June 2020.

#### RECOMMENDATION

The Directors consider that the resolutions set out in the AGM Notice including the grant of the Issue Mandate, the Repurchase Mandate, the extension of the Issue Mandate and the re-election of retiring Directors are in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders. Accordingly, the Directors recommend Shareholders to vote in favour of all resolutions as set out in the AGM Notice.

Your attention is also drawn to the additional information set out in Appendix I and Appendix II to this circular.

By Order of the Board

Xinming China Holdings Limited

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Chen Chengshou

This appendix serves as an explanatory statement as required under the Listing Rules to provide the requisite information to the Shareholders concerning the Repurchase Mandate proposed to be granted to the Directors.

#### 1. LISTING RULES FOR REPURCHASES OF SHARES

The Listing Rules permit companies with a primary listing on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange to repurchase their shares on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange subject to certain restrictions.

The Listing Rules provide that all proposed repurchases of shares must be approved by shareholders in advance by an ordinary resolution at a general meeting, either by way of a general mandate or by a specific approval of a particular transaction and that the shares to be repurchased must be fully paid up.

#### 2. FUNDING AND IMPACT OF REPURCHASES

Any repurchase of the Shares under the Repurchase Mandate will be financed from the funds legally available for such purpose in accordance with the memorandum of association and Articles of Association of the Company, the Listing Rules and the applicable laws of the Cayman Islands.

Under the laws of the Cayman Islands, repurchases by the Company may only be made out of profits of the Company or out of proceeds of a fresh issue of Shares made for the purpose, or, if so authorized by the Articles of Association 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 authorized by the Articles of Association and subject to the provisions of the Companies Law, out of the Company's capital.

The Directors consider that the exercise of the Repurchase Mandate in full will not have a material adverse impact on the working capital or the gearing level of the Company. The Directors do not propose to exercise the Repurchase Mandate to such extent as would, in the circumstances, have a material adverse impact on the working capital or the gearing position of the Company (as compared with the position as at 31 December 2019, being the date of the Company's latest audited consolidated financial statements) which in the opinion of the Directors are from time to time appropriate for the Company. The number of the Shares to be repurchased on any occasion and the price and other terms upon which the same are purchased will be decided by the Directors at the relevant time having regard to the circumstances then pertaining.

#### 3. SHARE CAPITAL

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the issued share capital of the Company comprised 1,878,622,000 Shares. As at the Latest Practicable Date, there was no outstanding share option granted under the Share Option Scheme.

Subject to the passing of the relevant ordinary resolutions to approve the general mandates to issue and repurchase Shares and on the basis that no further Shares are issued or repurchased between the Latest Practicable Date and the AGM, the Company would be allowed under the Repurchase Mandate to repurchase a maximum of 187,862,000 Shares, representing 10% of the total number of issued Shares of the Company. The above mandate will expire on the earliest of: (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company; or (ii) the date by which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required to be held by law or the Articles of Association; or (iii) the date upon which the Repurchase Mandate is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders at a general meeting of the Company.

#### 4. REASONS FOR REPURCHASES

The Directors believe that it is in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders to have a general authority from the Shareholders to enable the Company to repurchase Shares on 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 its earnings per Share and will only be made when the Directors believe that such repurchases will benefit the Company and the Shareholders.

#### 5. UNDERTAKING OF THE DIRECTORS

The Directors have undertaken to the Hong Kong Stock Exchange to exercise the Repurchase Mandate in accordance with the Listing Rules, the applicable laws of Cayman Islands and the memorandum of association and Articles of Association of the Company.

#### 6. EFFECT OF THE TAKEOVERS CODE

If as a result of a repurchase of Shares by the Company, 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. As a result, a Shareholder or a group of Shareholders acting in concert (as that term defined in the Takeovers Code), depending on the level of increase of the Shareholder's interest, could obtain or consolidate control of the Company and become obliged to make a mandatory offer in accordance with Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, so far as the Directors are aware, the shareholding of the Directors and substantial Shareholders are as follows:

Name of Substantial Shareholders	Capacity/ Nature of interest	Number of Shares/ Underlying Shares	Approximate percentage of the Company's issued share capital	Approximate percentage of shareholding if Repurchase Mandate is exercised in full
Xinxing Company Limited	Beneficial owner	1,340,900,000 (L)	71.38%	79.31%
Mr. Chen Chengshou (Note 2)	Beneficial owner	1,340,900,000 (L)	71.38%	79.31%
Ms. Gao Qiaoqin (Note 3)	Beneficial owner	1,340,900,000 (L)	71.38%	79.31%
Mr. Feng Cizhao (Note 4)	Beneficial owner	129,000 (L)	0.007%	0.008%
Central Huijin Investment Ltd (Note 5)	Person having a security interest in shares	940,000,000 (L)	50.04%	55.60%
	Interest of a controlled corporation	215,827,338 (L)	11.49%	12.77%
China Construction Bank Corporation (Note 5)	Person having a security interest in shares	940,000,000 (L)	50.04%	55.60%
	Interest of a controlled corporation	215,827,338 (L)	11.49%	12.77%
Chance Talent Management Limited (Note 5)	Person having a security interest in shares	940,000,000 (L)	50.04%	55.60%
	Beneficial owner	215,827,338 (L)	11.49%	12.77%

#### Notes:

- 1. The letter "L" denotes the person's long position in such securities.
- 2. Mr. Chen Chengshou, the executive Director, is the ultimate beneficial owner and the sole director of Xinxing Company Limited. By virtue of the SFO, Mr. Chen Chengshou is deemed to be interested in the 1,340,900,000 Shares held by Xinxing Company Limited.
- 3. Ms. Gao Qiaoqin is the spouse of Mr. Chen Chengshou and accordingly is deemed to be interested in the Shares beneficially owned by Mr. Chen Chengshou in his capacity and through his controlled corporation, Xinxing Company Limited, under the SFO.

- 4. Those shares are award shares granted by the Board on 7 April 2016 pursuant to the Share Award Scheme. For further details, please refer to the announcement dated 7 April 2016.
- 5. Chance Talent Management Limited has a security interest in 940,000,000 shares of the Company and an interest in 215,827,338 underlying shares of the Company, which may be issued by the Company upon conversion of the convertible bonds issued by the Company in the principal amount of HK\$300 million. Central Huijin Investment Ltd holds a 57.11% shareholding in China Construction Bank Corporation. The China Construction Bank Corporation holds a 100% shareholding in CCB International Group Holdings Limited, which in turn holds a 100% shareholding in CCB Financial Holdings Limited. CCB Financial Holdings Limited holds a 100% shareholding in CCB International (Holdings) Limited, which in turn holds a 100% shareholding in CCBI Investments Limited. CCBI Investments Limited holds a 100% shareholding in Chance Talent Management Limited. Therefore, the above entities are deemed to be interested in 940,000,000 shares and 215,827,338 underlying shares of the Company, in which Chance Talent Management Limited is interested in.

The Listing Rules prohibit a company from making repurchase on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange if the result of the repurchase would be that less than 25% (or such other prescribed minimum percentage as determined by the Hong Kong Stock Exchange) of the issued share capital would be in public hands.

The Directors will not exercise the power to repurchase the Shares if it will cause further concentration of the shareholding of the Company, unless the repurchase of Shares will not cause insufficient public float of the Company.

The Directors will not propose to repurchase Shares as would, in the circumstances, result in the aggregate number of Shares held by the public shareholders falling below the prescribed minimum percentage required by the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

#### 7. DIRECTORS, THEIR CLOSE ASSOCIATES AND CORE CONNECTED PERSONS

None of the Directors nor, to the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors, having made all reasonable enquiries, any of their respective close associates has any present intention, in the event that the proposed Repurchase Mandate is approved by the Shareholders, to sell any Shares to the Company. No core connected person of the Company has notified the Company that he/she/it has a present intention to sell any Shares to the Company nor has he/she/it undertaken not to sell any of the Shares held by him/her/it to the Company in the event that the Company is authorised to make repurchases of Shares

#### 8. SHARE REPURCHASE MADE BY THE COMPANY

No repurchase of Shares has been made by the Company (whether on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange) during the six months preceding the Latest Practicable Date.

#### 9. SHARE PRICE

The highest and lowest prices at which the Shares were traded on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange since the last twelve months and up to the Latest Practicable Date were as follows:

	Price per Share	
	Highest	Lowest
	HK\$	HK\$
April 2010	1.2	1 10
April 2019	1.3	1.19
May 2019	1.26	1.02
June 2019	1.15	1.06
July 2019	1.14	1.04
August 2019	1.16	1.04
September 2019	1.17	1.07
October 2019	1.18	1.08
November 2019	1.23	1.11
December 2019	1.17	1.13
January 2020	1.34	1.12
February 2020	1.34	1.12
March 2020	1.24	1.08
April 2020	1.08	1.03
May 2020 (up to the Latest Practicable Date)	1.14	1.04

The particulars of the Directors who are subject to re-election at the AGM and which are required to be disclosed by the Listing Rules are set out below:

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Mr. Pu Wei, aged 46, was appointed as an Executive Director of the Company on 5 February 2020. Mr. Pu graduated from Jilin University in the PRC majoring in administrative management. Mr. Pu is currently a member of the Standing Committee of the Wuxi Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, a director of the China Social Assistance Foundation, a standing director of the Federation of HK Jiangsu Community Organizations and a director of the Jiangsu Chinese Overseas Friendship Association (江蘇省海外聯誼會).

Mr. Pu has extensive experience in the management of real estate and energy related companies in the People's Republic of China. He was the executive director and chief operating officer and co-chief executive officer of Enviro Energy International Holdings Limited (a company listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange, stock code: 1102) (formerly known as SYS Solutions Holdings Limited) from January 2017 to November 2017. He has been the supervisor of Wuxi Everbright Energy Technology Development Co., Ltd.\* (無錫市光大能源科技發展有限公司) since July 2003.

Mr. Pu has entered into a service agreement with the Company for a term of three years commencing from 5 February 2020, which may be terminated by either the Company or Mr. Pu by giving at least three months written notice or otherwise in accordance with the terms of the service agreement. Mr. Pu is subject to the retirement by rotation and re-election at the next general meeting of the Company and vacation of office in accordance with the Articles of Association. Mr. Pu is entitled to a director's fee of HK\$30,000 per month for being appointed as the executive Director of the Company, as well as a bonus which is determined by the Board with reference to the general operating results of the Company and the performance of Mr. Pu and an annual emolument equal to their monthly salary upon completion of twelve-month service, which shall be pro-rated to their tenure of service if Mr. Pu fail to provide a full-year service. The amount is determined by the remuneration committee under the Board after having considered the experience, duties and responsibilities of Mr. Pu and the prevailing market rate of companies of comparable size and similar operation.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Pu (i) does not hold any other position with the Company or any of its subsidiaries; (ii) did not hold any other directorships in any other public companies the securities of which are listed on any security market in Hong Kong or overseas in the past three years; and (iii) does not hold any other major appointment or professional qualification. Mr. Pu does not have any relationship with any Directors, senior management or substantial or controlling Shareholders (as defined under the Listing Rules).

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Pu does not have any interests or short positions in the shares of the Company or its associated corporations within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong).

Save as disclosed above, the Company is not aware of any other information relating to the proposed re-election of Mr. Pu as the executive Director required to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements set forth in Rule 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules or any other matter that needs to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

#### NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Chou Chiu Ho, aged 38, was appointed as an Executive Director and the authorized representative of the Company on 5 February 2020 and had been re-designated as a Non-executive Director and remained as one of the authorized representatives. Mr. Chou obtained a bachelor of arts degree in accountancy from the Hong Kong Polytechnic University in November 2003. He was admitted as a member of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountant in November 2011. He was also admitted as a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants in November 2010 and subsequently a fellow member in November 2015.

Mr. Chou has over 10 years of experience in accounting and auditing. Prior to joining the Group, he worked in H. C. WATT & COMPANY LIMITED from September 2003 to January 2006, with his last position being semi-senior auditor. He then joined PricewaterhouseCoopers from January 2006 to December 2010. From January 2011 to March 2012, Mr. Chou worked as the head of corporate services of Beijing Sports and Entertainment Industry Group Limited (a company listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange, stock code: 1803) (formerly known as ASR Logistics Holdings Limited). Since April 2013, Mr. Chou has been working as the financial controller of Millennium Pacific Group Holdings Limited (a company listed on GEM, stock code: 8147), and has also been the company secretary of the company since March 2017. Mr. Chou also served as the chief financial officer of HF Financial Group Limited (currently known as HF Finance Group (China) Limited) (and subsequently transferred to HF Management (China) Limited) from January 2015 to July 2016. He has been the company secretary and financial controller of Prime Intelligence Solutions Group Limited (a company listed on GEM, stock code: 8379) since September 2015 and November 2016, respectively. Since September 2017, Mr. Chou has been the director of Archon Prime Strategic Investment (Group) Limited.

Mr. Chou has entered into a letter of appointment with the Company on 29 April 2020 for a term of three years commencing from 1 May 2020, which may be terminated by either the Company or Mr. Chou by giving at least three months written notice or otherwise in accordance with the terms of the service agreement. Mr. Chou is subject to the retirement by rotation and re-election at the next general meeting of the Company and vacation of office in accordance with the Articles of Association. Mr. Chou is entitled to a director's fee of HK\$60,000 per month for being appointed as the non-executive Director of the Company. The amount is determined by the remuneration committee under the Board after having considered the experience, duties and responsibilities of Mr. Chou and the prevailing market rate of companies of comparable size and similar operation.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Chou (i) does not hold any other position with the Company or any of its subsidiaries; (ii) did not hold any other directorships in any other public companies the securities of which are listed on any security market in Hong Kong or overseas in the past three years; and (iii) does not hold any other major appointment or professional qualification. Mr. Chou does not have any relationship with any Directors, senior management or substantial or controlling Shareholders (as defined under the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules")).

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Chou does not have any interests or short positions in the shares of the Company or its associated corporations within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong).

Save as disclosed above, the Company is not aware of any other information relating to the proposed re-election of Mr. Chou as the non-executive Director required to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements set forth in Rule 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules or any other matter that needs to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

#### INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Mr. Fong Wo, Felix, BBS, JP, aged 69, was appointed as our independent non-executive Director, member of audit committee, nomination committee and remuneration committee on 8 June 2015. He is a consultant of King & Wood Mallesons, a global law firm headquartered in Asia. Mr. Fong has practiced law for over 30 years and is a member of the Law Societies of Hong Kong, Canada and England.

Mr. Fong has been serving as an independent non-executive director of a number of companies listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, including Greenland Hong Kong Holdings Limited (formerly known as SPG Land (Holdings) Limited) (stock code: 337), Guangdong Land Holdings Limited (formerly known as Kingway Brewery Holdings Limited) (stock code: 124), Sheen Tai Holdings Group Company Limited (stock code: 1335), Wuxi Biologics (Cayman) Inc. (stock code: 2269) and Television Broadcasts Limited (stock code: 511). Mr. Fong is currently an independent non-executive director of Bank of Shanghai (Hong Kong) Limited. Mr. Fong is the immediate past Chairman of the Hong Kong Advisory Council on Food and Environmental Hygiene and a member of the Hong Kong Communication Authority.

From May 2010 to May 2016, he also served as an independent non-executive director of China Oilfield Services Limited (stock code: 2883: HK; 601808: SHA), whose shares are listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange and the Shanghai Stock Exchange. From April 2011 to July 2018, Mr. Fong served as an independent non-executive director of China Investment Development Limited (formerly known as Temujin International Investments Limited) (stock code: 204). From October 2010 to March 2020, Mr. Fong also served as an independent non-executive director of Evergreen International Holdings Limited (stock code: 238).

Mr. Fong received his engineering degree from McMaster University in Canada in June 1974 and his Juris Doctor degree from Osgoode Hall Law School in Toronto in June 1978. Mr. Fong was admitted as a barrister in Ontario, Canada in 1980, a solicitor in England and Wales in 1986 and in Hong Kong in 1987. Mr. Fong is appointed by the Ministry of Justice of China as one of the China-appointed Attesting Officers in Hong Kong.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Fong (i) does not hold any other position with the Company or any of its subsidiaries; (ii) did not hold any other directorships in any other public companies the securities of which are listed on any security market in Hong Kong or overseas in the past three years; and (iii) does not hold any other major appointment or professional qualification. Mr. Fong does not have any relationship with any Directors, senior management or substantial or controlling Shareholders (as defined under the Listing Rules).

Mr. Fong has entered into an appointment letter with the Company for a term of three years commencing from the Listing Date (i.e. 6 July 2015), and has again entered into an appointment letter with the Company for a term of three years commencing from 8 July 2018, which may be terminated by not less than three months' notice in writing served by the Company or Mr. Fong or by the terms of the service agreement of directors. Mr. Fong is subject to the retirement by rotation and re-election at the forthcoming AGM of the Company and vacation of office in accordance with the Articles of Association. Mr. Fong is entitled to an annual director's fees of HK\$250,000 for being appointed as the independent non-executive Director and a member of the audit committee, nomination committee and the remuneration committee. Such amount was determined with reference to the duties and responsibilities of independent non-executive Director and the member of the audit committee, nomination committee and the remuneration committee.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Fong and the Company are not aware of any other matters that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders of the Company, and there is no other information relating to Mr. Fong that is required to be disclosed pursuant to Rules 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Fong does not have any interests or short positions in the shares of the Company or its associated corporations within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong).

Save as disclosed above, the Company is not aware of any other information relating to the proposed re-election of Mr. Fong as the independent non-executive director required to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements set forth in Rule 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules or any other matter that needs to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

Mr. Lo Wa Kei, Roy, aged 48, was appointed as our independent non-executive Director, the chairman of the Audit Committee and a member of the Remuneration Committee on 8 June 2015. Mr. Lo has extensive experience in auditing, accounting and finance. Mr. Lo is a managing partner of SHINEWING (HK) CPA Limited, which is a full service accounting and consulting firm engaged in the provision of, among others, audit and business advisory services.

Mr. Lo has been serving as an independent non-executive director of a number of companies listed on the Stock Exchange, including Sun Hing Vision Group Holdings Limited (stock code: 125), China Zhongwang Holdings Limited (stock code: 1333), Sheen Tai Holdings Group Company Limited (stock code: 1335), China Oceanwide Holdings Limited (previously known as "Hutchison Harbour Ring Limited") (stock code: 715), China Tonghai International Financial Limited (previously known as QUAM LIMITED) (stock code: 952), Wan Kei Group Holdings Limited (stock code: 1718) and G-Resources Group Limited (Stock Code: 1051). He also served as an independent non-executive director of North Mining Shares Company Limited (previously known as "Sun Man Tai Holdings Company Limited") (stock code: 433), a company listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, from September 2004 to November 2015.

Mr. Lo received a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Hong Kong in November 1993 and a master's degree in professional accounting from Hong Kong Polytechnic University in November 2000. He is a certified public accountant, a fellow member of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants, a fellow member of CPA Australia and an associate of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales. Mr. Lo was the fellow member of the Shanghai Pudong New Area Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference and also the founding executive vice president and council member of the Hong Kong Independent Non-Executive Director Association, the president of CPA Australia (Greater China Division) 2019.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Lo (i) does not hold any other position with the Company or any of its subsidiaries; (ii) did not hold any other directorships in any other public companies the securities of which are listed on any security market in Hong Kong or overseas in the past three years; and (iii) does not hold any other major appointment or professional qualification. Mr. Lo does not have any relationship with any Directors, senior management or substantial or controlling Shareholders (as defined under the Listing Rules).

Mr. Lo has entered into an appointment letter with the Company for a term of three years commencing from the Listing Date (i.e. 6 July 2015), and has again entered into an appointment letter with the Company for a term of three years commencing from 8 July 2018, which may be terminated by not less than three months' notice in writing served by the Company or Mr. Lo or by the terms of the service agreement of directors. Mr. Lo is subject to the retirement by rotation and re-election at the forthcoming AGM of the Company and vacation of office in accordance with the Articles of Association. Mr. Lo is entitled to an annual director's fees of HK\$250,000 for being appointed as the independent non-executive Director, a member of the remuneration committee and the chairman of the audit committee. Such amount was determined with reference to the duties and responsibilities of independent non-executive Director, the chairman of the audit committee and the member of the remuneration committee.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Lo and the Company are not aware of any other matters that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders of the Company, and there is no other information relating to Mr. Lo that is required to be disclosed pursuant to Rules 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Lo does not have any interests or short positions in the shares of the Company or its associated corporations within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong).

Save as disclosed above, the Company is not aware of any other information relating to the proposed re-election of Mr. Lo as the independent non-executive director required to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements set forth in Rule 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules or any other matter that needs to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.



# Xinming China Holdings Limited 新明中國控股有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 2699)

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the annual general meeting (the "**AGM**") of Xinming China Holdings Limited (the "**Company**") will be held at Conference Room, 17th Floor, Leighton Centre, 77 Leighton Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong on Wednesday, 24 June 2020 at 10:00 a.m.. The resolutions are as follows:

#### **ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS**

- 1. To receive, consider and adopt the audited financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries for the year ended 31 December 2019 and the reports of the directors and independent auditor of the Company.
- 2. (a) To re-elect Mr. Fong Wo, Felix as an independent non-executive director of the Company.
  - (b) To re-elect Mr. Lo Wa Kei, Roy as an independent non-executive director of the Company.
  - (c) To re-elect Mr. Chou Chiu Ho as a non-executive director of the Company.
  - (d) To re-elect Mr. Pu Wei as an executive director of the Company.
  - (e) To authorise the board of directors of the Company to fix the remuneration of the directors of the Company.
- 3. To re-appoint Ernst & Young as the auditor of the Company and authorise the board of directors of the Company to fix their remuneration.

As special business, to consider and, if thought fit, pass, with or without amendments, the following resolutions as ordinary resolutions of the Company:

#### 4. "THAT:

(A) subject to paragraph (C) of this resolution below, pursuant to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Hong Kong Stock Exchange") (the "Listing Rules"), the exercise by the directors of the Company (the "Directors") during the Relevant Period (as

hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with additional shares in the capital of the Company and to make or grant offers, agreements and options (including warrants, bonds and debentures convertible into shares of the Company) which might require the exercise of such powers be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;

- (B) the Directors be and are hereby authorised during the Relevant Period to make or grant offers, agreements and options (including warrants, bonds and debentures convertible into shares of the Company) which might require the exercise of such powers during or after the end of the Relevant Period;
- (C) the total number of the issued 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 paragraphs (A) and (B) of this resolution above, otherwise than pursuant to (i) a Rights Issue (as hereinafter defined) or (ii) the exercise of any options granted under the Share Option Scheme adopted by the Company or similar arrangement for the time being adopted for the grant or issue to officers and/or employees of the Company and/or any of its subsidiaries of shares or rights to subscribe for shares in the Company or (iii) any scrip dividend scheme or similar arrangement providing for the allotment of shares in the Company in lieu of the whole or part of a dividend in accordance with the articles of association of the Company, shall not exceed 20% of the total number of the issued Shares of the Company on the day of passing this resolution and the said approval shall be limited accordingly;
- (D) for the purposes of this resolution:

"Relevant Period" means the period from the time of 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 law of the Cayman Islands to be held; or
- (iii) the revocation or variation of the authority given under this resolution by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders 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 on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of such shares (subject to such exclusions 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 any relevant jurisdiction, or the requirements of any recognised regulatory body or any stock exchange, in any territory outside Hong Kong)."

#### 5. "THAT:

- (A) subject to paragraph (C) of this resolution below, the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all powers of the Company to repurchase issued shares in the capital of the Company on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange or any other stock exchange on which the shares of the Company may be listed and recognised by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Stock Exchange for this purpose, and that the exercise by the Directors of all powers of the Company to repurchase such shares are subject to and in accordance with all applicable laws and the requirements of the Listing Rules, be and is hereby, generally and unconditionally approved;
- (B) the approval in paragraph (A) of this resolution above shall be in addition to any other authorisation given to the Directors and shall authorise the Directors on behalf of the Company during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) to procure the Company to repurchase its shares at a price determined by the Directors;
- (C) the total number of share of the Company repurchased or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be repurchased by the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (A) of this resolution above during the Relevant Period shall not exceed 10% of the total number of the issued shares of the Company as at the time 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 time of the passing of this resolution until whichever is the earliest of:

- (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
- (ii) he 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; or
- (iii) the revocation or variation of the authority given under this resolution by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting."

"THAT conditional upon the passing of ordinary resolutions nos. 4 and 5 in this notice convening the AGM, the total number of the shares of the Company which are repurchased by the Company pursuant to and in accordance with the said ordinary resolution no. 5 shall be added to the total number of the issued shares of the Company that may be allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted by the directors of the Company pursuant to and in accordance with the said ordinary resolution no. 4 above."

> By Order of the Board **Xinming China Holdings Limited** Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Chen Chengshou

Hong Kong, 15 May 2020

Executive Directors

Mr. Chen Chengshou (Chairman)

Mr. Feng Cizhao

Mr. Pu Wei

Non-executive Director

Ms. Gao Qiaoqin

Mr. Chou Chiu Ho

Independent non-executive

Directors Mr. Gu Jiong

Mr. Lo Wa Kei, Roy

Mr. Fong Wo

#### Notes:

- Any member of the Company entitled to attend and vote at the AGM shall be entitled to appoint another person as his proxy to attend and vote instead of him. A member who is the holder of two or more shares may appoint more than one proxy to represent him and vote on his behalf at the AGM. A proxy need not be a member of the Company. In addition, a proxy or proxies representing either a member who is an individual or a member which is a corporation shall be entitled to exercise the same powers on behalf of the member which he or they represent as such member could exercise. On a poll, votes may be given either personally or by proxy.
- The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing under the hand of the appointor or of his attorney duly authorised in writing or, if the appointor is a corporation, either under its seal or under the hand of an officer, attorney or other person duly authorized to sign the same.
- To be valid, the instrument appointing a proxy and (if required by the board of directors of the Company) the power of attorney or other authority (if any), under which it is signed or a certified copy of such power or authority shall be delivered to the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Investor Services Limited, at Level 54, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the AGM or adjourned meeting at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote.
- No instrument appointing a proxy shall be valid after expiration of 12 months from the date named in it as the date of its execution, except at an adjourned meeting or on a poll demanded at the AGM or any adjournment thereof in cases where the AGM was originally held within 12 months from such date.
- Completion and delivery of an instrument appointing a proxy shall not preclude a member from attending and voting in person at the AGM if the member so wish and in such event, the instrument appointing a proxy should be deemed to be revoked.

- 6. Where there are joint holders of any share, any one of such joint holder may vote either in person or by proxy in respect of such share as if he/she were solely entitled thereto; but if more than one of such joint holders be present at the AGM, the vote of the senior who tenders a vote, whether in person or by proxy, shall be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint holders, and for this purpose seniority shall be determined by the order in which the names stand in the register of members of the Company in respect of the joint holding.
- 7. The register of members of the Company will be closed from Friday, 19 June 2020 to Wednesday, 24 June 2020 (both dates inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares will be registered. In order to attend and vote at the AGM, all transfer of shares accompanied by the relevant share certificates and transfer forms must be lodged with the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Investor Services Limited at Level 54, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong for registration no later than 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, 18 June 2020.
- 8. Please refer to Appendix II to the circular of the Company dated 15 May 2020 for the details of the retiring Directors subject to re-election at the AGM.
- 9. An explanatory statement containing the information necessary to enable the members to make an informed decision as to whether to vote for or against the ordinary resolution no. 5 as set out in this notice is enclosed.
- 10. A form of proxy for use at the AGM is enclosed.
- 11. If Typhoon Signal No. 8 or above, or a "black" rainstorm warning is in effect any time after 7:00 a.m. on the date of the annual general meeting, the meeting will be postponed. The Company will post an announcement on the websites of the Company at www.xinm.com.cn and the Hong Kong Stock Exchange at www.hkexnews.hk to notify Shareholders of the date, time and place of the rescheduled meeting.
- 12. Due to the recent development of the epidemic COVID-19, the Company will implement the following precautionary measures at the AGM against the epidemic to protect the Shareholders from the risk of infection:
  - (i) compulsory body temperature check will be conducted for every shareholder or proxy at the entrance of the venue. Any person with a body temperature of over 37.5 degrees Celsius will not be admitted to the venue;
  - (ii) every shareholder or proxy is required to (a) fill in health declaration form with information including travelling record and health condition; and (b) wear surgical facial mask throughout the meeting. Any person who refuses to follow the aforesaid will not be admitted to the venue;
  - (iii) every shareholder or proxy who has travelled from jurisdictions, which according to the Department of Health of Hong Kong would render such person subject to a quarantine order, within 14 days of the date of AGM will not be admitted to the venue; and
  - (iv) no refreshments will be served at the AGM.

Furthermore, the Company wishes to strongly advise the shareholders, particularly those who are unwell or subject to quarantine in relation to COVID-19, that they may appoint any person or the chairman of the AGM as a proxy to vote on the resolutions, instead of attending the AGM in person.