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# MODERN LAND (CHINA) CO., LIMITED

# 當代置業(中國)有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 1107)

# PROPOSED GRANT OF GENERAL MANDATES TO REPURCHASE SHARES AND ISSUE SHARES, PROPOSED RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A notice convening the annual general meeting of Modern Land (China) Co., Limited for the year ended 31 December 2019 to be held at Taishan Room, Level 5, Island Shangri-la, Hong Kong, Pacific Place, Supreme Court Road, Central, Hong Kong on Thursday, 18 June 2020 at 2:00 p.m. is set out on pages 17 to 22 of this circular.

A form of proxy for use at the annual general meeting is enclosed with this circular and is also published on the websites of Modern Land (China) Co., Limited and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited. Whether or not you are able to attend the annual general meeting, please complete the form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return the same to the Hong Kong branch share registrar of Modern Land (China) Co., Limited, Tricor Investor Services Limited at Level 54, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong as soon as possible and in any event not later than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the annual general meeting or any adjournment thereof. Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting in person at the annual general meeting or any adjournment thereof should you so wish.

#### MEASURES TAKEN IN LIGHT OF 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS ("COVID-19")

Please see page 1 of this document for measures being taken to try to prevent and control the spread of the Novel Coronavirus at the AGM, including:

- compulsory temperature check and sign a health declaration (which may also be used for the purposes of contact tracing if required)
- prohibit attendance at the AGM if the attendee has a fever. Persons exhibiting flu-like symptoms may also be refused admittance
- prohibit attendance at the AGM if the attendee has been to the affected countries and/or other countries or time
  periods as may be required or recommended by any government agencies from time to time in the preceding 14
  days prior to the AGM
- no refreshments will be served at the AGM

Any person who does not comply with the precautionary measures may be denied entry into the AGM venue. The Company encourages attendees who feel unwell (even without flu-like symptoms) to wear surgical masks and reminds the Shareholders that they may appoint the Chairman of the meeting as their proxy to vote on the relevant resolutions at the AGM as an alternative to attending the AGM in person.

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#### PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

In view of the evolving 2019 Novel Coronavirus ("COVID-19") situation, the Company reserves the right to take the following precautionary measures as may be appropriate at the AGM:

- All attendees will be required to undergo a temperature check and sign a health declaration form (which may also be used for the purposes of contact tracing if required) before entering the AGM venue
- Any person who has a fever will not be permitted to attend the AGM. Persons
  exhibiting flu-like symptoms may also be refused admittance at the Company's
  discretion
- Any person, who has recently travelled to, any affected countries or areas outside Hong Kong (as per guidelines issued by the Hong Kong government at https://www.chp.gov.hk/en/features/102742.html) at any time in the preceding 14 days prior to the AGM, will not be permitted to attend the AGM
- No refreshments will be served at the AGM

The Shareholders who are feeling unwell or have been placed on leave of absence on the date of the AGM are advised not to attend the AGM. Attendees who feel unwell (even without flu-like symptoms) are encouraged to wear surgical masks.

The Shareholders who prefer not to attend or are restricted from attending the AGM, may still vote by proxy and are advised to take note of the last date and time for the lodgement of the proxy form.

As the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve, the Company will closely monitor the situation and reserves the right to take further measures as appropriate in order to minimise any risk to the Shareholders and others attending the AGM and to comply with any requirements or recommendations of any government agencies from time to time.

The Company seeks the understanding and cooperation of all Shareholders to minimise the risk of community spread of COVID-19.

The AGM will commence sharply at 2:00 pm, and the Shareholders are encouraged to arrive at the AGM venue at least half an hour prior to the meeting commencement time to avoid delays from precautionary measures mentioned above in the registration process.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

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

"2019 AGM" the annual general meeting of the Company held on 18 June

2019

"AGM" the annual general meeting of the Company to be held at

Taishan Room, Level 5, Island Shangri-la, Hong Kong, Pacific Place, Supreme Court Road, Central, Hong Kong on Thursday, 18 June 2020 at 2:00 p.m., or, where the context so admits, any adjournment of such annual general meeting

"AGM Notice" the notice of the AGM which is set out on pages 17 to 22

of this circular

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

supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time

"Board" the board of Directors

"close associate(s)" has the same meaning as defined under the Listing Rules

"Company" Modern Land (China) Co., Limited (當代置業(中國)有限公

司), an exempted company incorporated on 28 June 2006 under the laws of the Cayman Islands with limited liability, whose Shares are listed on the Main Board of the Stock

Exchange

"core connected person" has the same meaning as defined under the Listing Rules

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

"Group" the Company and its subsidiaries

"HK\$" Hong Kong dollar(s), the lawful currency of Hong Kong

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

"Issue Mandate" a general mandate proposed to be granted to the Directors

to exercise the power of the Company to allot, issue and otherwise deal with additional Shares of not exceeding 20% of the aggregate number of issued Shares as at the date of the AGM, as described in ordinary resolution no. 5(A) in

the AGM Notice

"Latest Practicable Date" 15 May 2020, being the latest practicable date prior to the

printing of this circular for ascertaining certain information

contained herein

#### **DEFINITIONS**

"Listing Rules" the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock

Exchange

"PRC" the People's Republic of China

"Repurchase Mandate" a general mandate proposed to be granted to the Directors

to exercise the powers of the Company to repurchase the Shares of not exceeding 10% of the aggregate number of issued Shares as at the date of the AGM, as described in

ordinary resolution no. 5(B) in the AGM Notice

"RMB" Renminbi, the lawful currency of the PRC

"SFO" the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the

Laws of Hong Kong)

"Share(s)" ordinary share(s) with a nominal value of US\$0.01 each in

the share capital of the Company

"Share Option Scheme" the share option scheme conditionally approved and adopted

by the Company pursuant to the written resolutions passed

by the Shareholders on 14 June 2013

"Share Options" option(s) to subscribe for Shares granted and to be granted

pursuant to the Share Option Scheme

"Shareholder(s)" holder(s) of the Share(s)

"Stock Exchange" The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

"Takeovers Code" the Codes on Takeovers and Mergers and Share Buy-backs,

as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time

to time

"US\$" United States dollar(s), the lawful currency of the United

States of America

"%" per cent.



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Mr. Zhang Lei (Chairman)

Mr. Zhang Peng (President)

Mr. Chen Yin

Non-executive Directors:

Mr. Fan Qingguo

Mr. Chen Zhiwei

Mr. Tian Jiong

Independent non-executive Directors:

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20 May 2020

To the Shareholders

Dear Sir or Madam,

# PROPOSED GRANT OF GENERAL MANDATES TO REPURCHASE SHARES AND ISSUE SHARES, PROPOSED RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this circular is to provide the Shareholders with information to enable the Shareholders to consider, and if thought fit, approve, among other things, the following resolutions to be proposed at the AGM:

(a) the granting of the Repurchase Mandate to the Directors for repurchase of the Shares by the Company;

- (b) the granting of the Issue Mandate (and the extension thereof) to the Directors to allot, issue and otherwise deal with additional Shares;
- (c) the re-election of the retiring Directors; and
- (d) notice of AGM.

#### 2. REPURCHASE MANDATE

Pursuant to the resolutions passed by the Shareholders at the 2019 AGM, a general mandate was granted to the Directors to exercise the powers of the Company to repurchase the Shares. Such mandate will lapse at the conclusion of the AGM. Therefore, an ordinary resolution will be proposed at the AGM for the Shareholders to consider and, if thought fit, approve the grant of the Repurchase Mandate to the Directors to exercise the powers of the Company to repurchase the Shares up to a maximum of 10% of the aggregate number of issued Shares as at the date of passing of such resolution. Details of the Repurchase Mandate are set out in ordinary resolution no. 5(B) in the AGM Notice.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the issued share capital of the Company comprised 2,794,994,650 Shares. Assuming that there is no change in the issued share capital of the Company during the period between the Latest Practicable Date and the date of passing of the resolution approving the Repurchase Mandate, the maximum number of Shares which may be repurchased pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate will be 279,499,465 Shares.

An explanatory statement, as required under the Listing Rules to provide the requisite information in connection with the Repurchase Mandate, is set out in Appendix II to this circular. The Repurchase Mandate will continue in force until the earlier of (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company; or (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required to be convened under the Articles of Association or any applicable law(s); or (iii) the date on which the authority given under the ordinary resolution approving the Repurchase Mandate is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders.

#### 3. ISSUE MANDATE

Pursuant to the resolutions passed by the Shareholders at the 2019 AGM, a general mandate was granted to the Directors to allot, issue and deal with additional Shares. Such mandate will lapse at the conclusion of the AGM. Therefore, ordinary resolutions will be proposed at the AGM for the Shareholders to consider and, if thought fit, approve the grant of the Issue Mandate to the Directors to exercise the powers of the Company to allot, issue and otherwise deal with additional Shares not exceeding 20% of the aggregate number of issued Shares as at the date of passing of such resolution, and an extension of the Issue Mandate by including the number of Shares repurchased by the Company under the Repurchase Mandate. Details of the Issue Mandate and its extension are set out in ordinary resolution nos. 5(A) and 5(C), respectively, in the AGM Notice.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the issued share capital of the Company comprised 2,794,994,650 Shares. Assuming that there is no change in the issued share capital of the Company during the period between the Latest Practicable Date and the date of passing of the resolution approving the Issue Mandate, the maximum number of Shares which may be issued pursuant to the Issue Mandate will be 558,998,930 Shares.

The Issue Mandate and its extension will continue in force until the earlier of (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company; or (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required to be convened under the Articles of Association or any applicable law(s); or (iii) the date on which the authority given under the ordinary resolutions approving the Issue Mandate and its extension is revoked or varied by ordinary resolutions of the Shareholders.

#### 4. RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Pursuant to Article 84(1) of the Articles of Association, at every annual general meeting of the Company, one-third of the Directors for the time being (or, if the number of the Directors is not a multiple of three (3), the number nearest to but not less than one-third) shall retire from office by rotation provided that every Director shall be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years. Accordingly, Mr. Zhang Lei, Mr. Zhang Peng, Mr. Chen Yin and Mr. Fan Qingguo will retire from their offices and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election at the AGM.

Pursuant to Article 83(3) of Article of Association, the Directors shall have the power from time to time and at any time to appoint any person as a Director either to fill a casual vacancy on the Board or as an addition to the existing Board. Any Director appointed by the Board to fill a casual vacancy shall hold office until the first general meeting after his or her appointment and be subject to re-election at such meeting and shall then be eligible for re-election.

On 30 September 2019, Mr. Tian Jiong was appointed as a non-executive Director in replacement of Mr. Chen Anhua. In accordance with Article 83(3) of the Articles of Association, Mr. Tian Jiong shall hold office until the AGM and shall then be eligible for reelection.

Particulars of the Directors for re-election are set out in Appendix I to this circular.

On 26 March 2020, the nomination committee of the Company, after having reviewed the profiles and the contributions of the retiring Directors, Mr. Zhang Lei, Mr. Zhang Peng, Mr. Chen Yin, Mr. Fan Qingguo and Mr. Tian Jiong, who are subject to re-election at the AGM, reported to the Board on proposing the re-election of the said Directors at the AGM.

The Board considered that in view of their different educational backgrounds and professional knowledge and experience and set out in Appendix I to this circular, Mr. Zhang Lei, Mr. Zhang Peng, Mr. Chen Yin, Mr. Fan Qingguo and Mr. Tian Jiong, as executive Directors and non-executive Directors, will bring valuable perspectives, knowledge, skills and experiences to the Board for its efficient and effective functioning and their appointments will contribute to the diversity (in particular in terms of skills) of the Board.

#### 5. AGM

The AGM Notice is set out on pages 17 to 22 of this circular.

A form of proxy for use at the AGM is enclosed with this circular and is also published on the websites of the Company and the Stock Exchange. Whether or not you intend to attend the AGM, you are requested to complete the form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return the same to the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar, Tricor Investor Services Limited at Level 54, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong as soon as possible and in any event not later 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.

To the best of the Directors' knowledge, information and belief, having made all reasonable enquiries, no Shareholder is required to abstain from voting on the resolutions to be proposed at the AGM.

Pursuant to Rule 13.39(4) of the Listing Rules, any vote of the Shareholders at a general meeting of the Company must be taken by way of poll. Accordingly, the resolutions to be considered and, if thought fit, approved at the AGM will be voted by way of poll by the Shareholders.

#### 6. RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

This circular, for which the Directors collectively and individually accept full responsibility, includes particulars given in compliance with the Listing Rules for the purpose of giving information with regard to the Company. The Directors, having made all reasonable enquiries, confirm that to the best of their knowledge and belief the information contained in this circular is accurate and complete in all material respects and not misleading or deceptive, and there are no other matters the omission of which would make any statement herein or this circular misleading.

#### 7. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Directors consider that the granting of the Repurchase Mandate and the Issue Mandate (and the extension thereof) to the Directors, and the re-election of Directors, are all in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole. The Directors therefore recommend all Shareholders to vote in favour of all the resolutions to be proposed at the AGM.

#### 8. GENERAL INFORMATION

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

## 9. MISCELLANEOUS

The English text of this circular shall prevail over the Chinese text for the purpose of interpretation.

Yours faithfully,
By order of the Board
Modern Land (China) Co., Limited
Zhang Lei
Chairman

The following sets out the details of the Directors who will retire and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election at the AGM pursuant to the Articles of Association:

#### **BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION**

Mr. Zhang Lei (張雷先生) ("Mr. Zhang Lei"), aged 57, is an executive Director and the founder of the Group and the chairman of the Board. He is responsible for strategic planning, board management and overall management of the Group. Mr. Zhang Lei is a director of Modern Green Development Co., Ltd ("Modern Green"), an indirect whollyowned subsidiary of the Company. He is also a director of certain subsidiaries and project companies of the Group in Hong Kong and North America.

Mr. Zhang Lei has over 21 years of experience in the real estate business in the PRC. From July 1985 to February 1995, he worked as a department manager in the aspect of talents information management and exchange at China International Talent Exchange Center (中國國際人才交流中心), which is a State-owned enterprise. From February 1995 to July 2000, he worked for his controlled entity, Zhongji Real Estate Development Co., Ltd. (中際房地產開發有限公司), as the general manager. Mr. Zhang Lei founded the Group in 2000. In January 2005, Mr. Zhang Lei received an Executive Master of Business Administration degree from Tsinghua University (清華大學).

Mr. Zhang Lei entered into a service contract with the Company for a term of three years commencing from 14 June 2019, which may be terminated by not less than three months' notice in writing served by either party on the other. Mr. Zhang Lei does not receive any remuneration as an executive Director from the Company pursuant to the service contract.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Zhang Lei was interested in 1,843,311,160 Shares (including 1,827,293,270 Shares held by Super Land Holdings Limited, 11,727,890 Shares held in his personal capacity and 4,290,000 Shares held pursuant to the Share Options granted by the Board under the Share Option Scheme), representing approximately 65.95% of the issued share capital of the Company. Save as disclosed herein, Mr. Zhang Lei was not interested nor deemed to be interested in any Shares, underlying Shares or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Zhang Lei does not hold, and has not held any other position in the Group nor any directorship in other listed public companies in the last three years. In addition, Mr. Zhang Lei does not have any relationship with any Directors, senior management, substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company (each as defined in the Listing Rules). He has confirmed that he is not aware of any matters that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders or any information that is required to be disclosed herein pursuant to Rules 13.51(2)(h) to 13.51(2)(v) of the Listing Rules.

Mr. Zhang Peng (張鵬先生) ("Mr. Zhang Peng"), aged 44, is an executive Director and the executive president of the Company. He graduated from Beifang University of Nationalities (北方民族大學) in 1997 with a bachelor's degree in Law. Mr. Zhang Peng is a director and president of Modern Green, a subsidiary of the Company and a director of New Power (Beijing) Architectural Technology Co., Ltd. (新動力(北京)建築科技有限公司) ("Beijing New Power"). Mr. Zhang Peng is a director of First Moma Sports Cultural Development (Beijing) Company Limited (第一摩碼體育文化發展(北京)股份有限公司) ("First Moma Sports") and Bigger Eco Technology (Xi'an) Co, Ltd. (倍格創業生態科技(西安)股份有限公司) ("Bigger Eco Technology"). First Moma Sports and Bigger Eco Technology have been quoted on the National Equities Exchange and Quotations System since 17 August 2017 and 7 March 2019, respectively.

Mr. Zhang Peng joined the Company in November 2001. He was the chief human resources officer, vice president and chief operating officer of Modern Green. Mr. Zhang Peng is familiar with real estate project management and property development based on green technologies. He is also a representative of the National People's Congress of Beijing Dongcheng, the vice chairman of China Real Estate Chamber of Commerce (全聯房地產商會, formerly known as全國工商聯房地產商會) ("CRECC") and the chairman of Refined Decoration Branch of CRECC (全聯房地產商會精裝產業分會).

Mr. Zhang Peng entered into a service contract with the Company for a term of three years commencing from 27 January 2020, which may be terminated by not less than three months' notice in writing served by either party on the other. Mr. Zhang Peng does not receive any remuneration as an executive Director from the Company pursuant to the service contract.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Zhang Peng was interested in 16,573,240 Shares (including 5,982,240 Shares held by his wholly-owned company, Zhou Ming Development Limited, 6,301,000 Shares held in his personal capacity and 4,290,000 Shares held pursuant to the Share Options granted by the Board under the Share Option Scheme), representing approximately 0.59% of the issued share capital of the Company. Save as disclosed herein, Mr. Zhang Peng was not interested nor deemed to be interested in any Shares, underlying Shares or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Zhang Peng does not hold, and has not held any other position in the Group nor any directorship in other listed public companies in the last three years. In addition, Mr. Zhang Peng does not have any relationship with any Directors, senior management, substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company (each as defined in the Listing Rules). He has confirmed that he is not aware of any matters that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders or any information that is required to be disclosed herein pursuant to Rules 13.51(2)(h) to 13.51(2)(v) of the Listing Rules.

Mr. Chen Yin (陳音先生) ("Mr. Chen"), aged 64, is an executive Director and the chief technology officer and general engineer of the Group. Mr. Chen is responsible for R&D and project management in the Group. He is also a director of Modern Green and Beijing New Power.

Mr. Chen graduated from Beijing University of Civil Engineering and Architecture (北京建築工程學院) in July 1982 with a bachelor's degree in Heat Energy Engineering. In January 2007, Mr. Chen received a master's degree in Business Administration from Renmin University of China (中國人民大學).

From 1982 to 1987, Mr. Chen taught in Beijing University of Civil Engineering and Architecture (北京建築工程學院). From July 1987 to May 2001, Mr. Chen worked for Sinotrans Limited (中國外運集團) as a deputy general manager of Sinotrans Real Estate Development Company, where he was mainly responsible for management of infrastructure projects and development of real estate projects. Meanwhile, Mr. Chen served as a member of the expert committee at the Center for Housing Industrialisation of the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development, a member of China Green Building Council at Chinese Society for Urban Studies and a member of the expert committee on Real Estate Technology Policy of China Property Association. Mr. Chen joined the Group in May 2001. Mr. Chen is a well-known expert in the architectural energy-saving field. He is a member of the Committee on Green Architectures of Architectural Society of China and Renewable Energy Resource Society of China. Mr. Chen has over 31 years of experience in the real estate business in the PRC.

Mr. Chen entered into a service contract with the Company for a term of three years commencing from 14 June 2019, which may be terminated by not less than three months' notice in writing served by either party on the other. Mr. Chen does not receive any remuneration as an executive Director from the Company pursuant to the service contract.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Chen was interested in 6,911,520 Shares (such Shares are held by his wholly-owned company, Dragon Shing Technology Limited), representing approximately 0.25% of the issued share capital of the Company. Save as disclosed herein, Mr. Chen was not interested nor deemed to be interested in any Shares, underlying Shares or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Chen does not hold, and has not held any other position in the Group nor any directorship in other listed public companies in the last three years. In addition, Mr. Chen does not have any relationship with any Directors, senior management, substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company (each as defined in the Listing Rules). He has confirmed that he is not aware of any matters that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders or any information that is required to be disclosed herein pursuant to Rules 13.51(2)(h) to 13.51(2)(v) of the Listing Rules.

Mr. Fan Qingguo (范慶國先生) ("Mr. Fan"), aged 48, is a non-executive Director. He graduated from Renmin University of China (中國人民大學) in July 1998 with a graduation certificate in Accounting. In January 1999, he received a bachelor's degree in Accounting from Renmin University of China (中國人民大學). In June 2006, he graduated from Renmin University of China (中國人民大學) with a graduate degree in Finance.

Mr. Fan joined the Company since its inception in December 2000. He served as an executive Director and the chief financial officer of the Company, and was re-designated as a non-executive Director in August 2014. Before joining the Company, he worked for Beijing Huayuan Property Company (北京華遠房地產公司), Beijing Fazheng Group (北京法政集團) and Beijing KFC Limited Company (北京肯德基有限公司) as an accountant, respectively. Mr. Fan has over 21 years of experience in the real estate business in the PRC.

Mr. Fan entered into a service contract with the Company for a term of three years commencing from 26 August 2017, which may be terminated by not less than three months' notice in writing served by either party on the other. For the year ended 31 December 2019, Mr. Fan received remuneration of RMB160,000. The amount of remuneration of the non-executive Directors is subject to the review of the remuneration committee from time to time. Non-cash benefits may be provided to the non-executive Directors under their remuneration package.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Fan was interested in 5,982,240 Shares (such Shares are held by his wholly-owned company, Create Success Development Ltd.), representing approximately 0.21% of the issued share capital of the Company. Save as disclosed herein, Mr. Fan was not interested nor deemed to be interested in any Shares, underlying Shares or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Fan does not hold, and has not held any other position in the Group nor any directorship in other listed public companies in the last three years. In addition, Mr. Fan does not have any relationship with any Directors, senior management, substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company (each as defined in the Listing Rules). He has confirmed that he is not aware of any matters that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders or any information that is required to be disclosed herein pursuant to Rules 13.51(2)(h) to 13.51(2)(v) of the Listing Rules.

Mr. Tian Jiong (田炯先生) ("Mr. Tian"), aged 40, is a non-executive Director. He currently holds positions as the managing director as well as deputy manager of the asset management department of China Great Wall AMC (International) Holdings Company Limited (中國長城資產(國際)控股有限公司) ("Great Wall International"). He has 16 years of experience in special opportunity investments, mergers and acquisitions and restructuring, overseas real estate investments, non-performing assets, mezzanine investments and private equity investment experience in real estate upstream and downstream industry value chain and market segments in the real estate industry, as well as extensive practical experience in the capital operations, offshore financing, investor relations and compliance management of listed companies in Hong Kong.

Mr. Tian was the chief financial officer of Landsea Green Group Co., Ltd. (stock code: 0106), the general manager of capital management centre of Powerlong Real Estate Holdings Limited (stock code:1238), the deputy general manager of the urban investment second division of the China Development Bank Financial Corporation, and the senior manager of capital operations of Sino-Ocean Group Holding Limited (stock code:3377). He graduated from Tsinghua University (清華大學) — Macquarie University in Australia with a master degree in applied finance.

Mr. Tian entered into a service contract with the Company for a term of three years with effect from 30 September 2019. Mr. Tian does not receive any remuneration as a non-executive Director from the Company. Pursuant to the service contract, the Company has the right to terminate the service contract in the event that Great Wall International directly or indirectly holds less than 5% of the issued share capital of the Company.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Tian does not have, and is not deemed to have any interests or short positions in any Shares, underlying Shares or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations which are required to be disclosed pursuant to Part XV of the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Tian does not hold, and has not held any other position in the Group nor any directorship in other listed public companies in the last three years. Save as disclosed above, Mr. Tian does not have any relationship with any other Directors, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company (each as defined in the Listing Rules). Mr. Tian has also confirmed that he is not aware of any matters that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders or any information that is required to be disclosed herein pursuant to Rules 13.51(2)(h) to 13.51(2) (v) of the Listing Rules.

This Appendix II serves as an explanatory statement, as required by Rule 10.06(1)(b) of the Listing Rules, to provide the requisite information to you to enable you to make an informed decision as to whether to vote for or against the ordinary resolution to be proposed at the AGM in relation to the proposed granting of the Repurchase Mandate.

#### PROVISIONS OF THE LISTING RULES

The Listing Rules permit companies whose primary listing is on the Stock Exchange to repurchase their securities on the Stock Exchange subject to certain restrictions, the most important of which are summarised below.

#### EXERCISE OF THE REPURCHASE MANDATE

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the issued share capital of the Company was US\$27,949,946.5 comprising 2,794,994,650 Shares. Subject to the passing of the resolution approving the granting of the proposed Repurchase Mandate at the AGM and on the basis that no further Shares are issued and/or repurchased between the Latest Practicable Date and the date of passing of the resolution approving the Repurchase Mandate, exercise in full of the Repurchase Mandate could result in up to 279,499,465 Shares, representing 10% of the aggregate number of issued Shares as at the date of passing of such resolution, being repurchased by the Company during the period from the date of passing the resolution granting the Repurchase Mandate until the earlier of (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company; (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required to be convened under the Articles of Association or any applicable laws; or (iii) the date on which the authority given under the ordinary resolution approving the Repurchase Mandate is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders.

#### **REASONS FOR REPURCHASES**

The Directors believe that it is in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders to seek the Repurchase Mandate from the Shareholders to enable the Company to repurchase its Shares on the Stock Exchange. Such repurchases may, depending on market conditions and funding arrangements at the time, lead to an enhancement of the net asset value per Share 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. The timing of such repurchases, the number of Shares to be repurchased, the repurchase price and other terms upon which the Shares are repurchased will be decided by the Directors at the relevant time having regard to the prevailing circumstances.

#### **FUNDING OF REPURCHASES**

Repurchases of Shares will be financed out of funds legally available for the purpose and in accordance with the Articles of Association, the applicable laws of the Cayman Islands and the Listing Rules. The Company may not repurchase the Shares for a consideration other than cash or for settlement otherwise than in accordance with the trading rules of the Stock

Exchange from time to time. Subject to the foregoing, the Company may make repurchases with funds which would otherwise be available for dividend or distribution or out of an issue of new Shares for the purpose of the repurchase.

The Directors have no present intention to repurchase any Shares and they would only exercise the power to repurchase in circumstances where they consider that the repurchase would be in the best interests of the Company. The Directors consider that if the Repurchase Mandate were to be exercised in full at the current prevailing market value, it might have a material adverse impact on the working capital and the gearing position of the Company, as compared with the positions disclosed in the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company as at 31 December 2019, being the date to which the latest published audited consolidated financial statements of the Company were made up. However, the Directors do not propose to exercise the Repurchase Mandate to repurchase Shares to such an extent as would, in the circumstances, result in a material adverse effect on the working capital requirements of the Company or the gearing levels which in the opinion of the Directors are from time to time appropriate for the Company.

#### **UNDERTAKING**

The Directors have undertaken to the Stock Exchange that, so far as the same may be applicable, they will exercise the Repurchase Mandate in accordance with the Listing Rules, the memorandum of association of the Company, the Articles of Association and the applicable laws of the Cayman Islands.

None of the Directors nor, to the best of their knowledge having made all reasonable enquiries, any of their close associates currently intends to sell the Shares to the Company or its subsidiaries in the event that the Repurchase Mandate is approved by the Shareholders.

No core connected person has notified the Company that he or she or it has a present intention to sell his or her or its Shares to the Company, nor has he or she or it undertaken not to do so, in the event that the Company is authorised to make purchases of the Shares.

#### EFFECTS OF THE TAKEOVERS CODE

If, as a result of a repurchase of Shares, a Shareholder's proportionate interest in the voting rights of the Company increases, such increase will be treated as an acquisition for the purposes 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), could obtain or consolidate control of the Company and become(s) obliged to make a mandatory offer in accordance with Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the Company had 2,794,994,650 Shares in issue. According to the register kept by the Company pursuant to Section 336 of the SFO, Mr. Zhang Lei was interested in 1,843,311,160 Shares (including 1,827,293,270 Shares held by Super Land Holdings Limited, 11,727,890 Shares held in his personal capacity and 4,290,000 Shares held pursuant to the Share Options granted by the Board under the Share Option Scheme), representing approximately 65.95% of the issued share capital of the Company.

On the assumption that the issued share capital of the Company remains the same, in the event that the Directors exercise in full the power to repurchase Shares under the Repurchase Mandate, the shareholding of Mr. Zhang Lei in the Company would be increased from approximately 65.95% to approximately 73.28% of the issued share capital of the Company. On the basis of the aforesaid increase of shareholding, the Directors are not aware of any consequences of such repurchases of Shares that would result in a Shareholder, a group of Shareholders acting in concert, becoming obliged to make a mandatory offer under Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code if the Repurchase Mandate was exercised in full. As the exercise of the Repurchase Mandate in full may result in insufficient public float of the Company, the Directors have no present intention to exercise the Repurchase Mandate to such extent which would otherwise result in takeover obligations or the number of Shares being held by the public falling below the minimum requirement as prescribed by the Stock Exchange, which is currently 25% of the entire issued share capital of the Company.

#### SHARE REPURCHASE MADE BY THE COMPANY

During the six months preceding the Latest Practicable Date, there was no repurchase of its Shares made by the Company (whether on the Stock Exchange or otherwise).

#### SHARE PRICES

The highest and lowest prices at which the Shares have been traded on the Stock Exchange in each of the previous twelve months prior to the Latest Practicable Date were as follows:

	Share Prices (per Share)	
Month	Highest	Lowest
	HK\$	HK\$
2019		
May	1.29	1.07
June	1.21	1.03
July	1.22	1.06
August	1.22	1.06
September	1.17	1.04
October	1.18	1.02
November	1.16	1.05
December	1.26	1.09
2020		
January	1.27	1.06
February	1.24	1.04
March	1.16	0.64
April	1.09	0.93
May (up to the Latest Practicable Date)	1.12	1.02



# MODERN LAND (CHINA) CO., LIMITED

## 當代置業(中國)有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 1107)

### NOTICE OF AGM

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the annual general meeting (the "Meeting") of the shareholders of Modern Land (China) Co., Limited (the "Company") will be held at Taishan Room, Level 5, Island Shangri-la, Hong Kong, Pacific Place, Supreme Court Road, Central, Hong Kong on Thursday, 18 June 2020 at 2:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

#### **ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS**

- 1. To consider and approve the audited consolidated financial statements and the reports of the directors of the Company (the "**Directors**" and each a "**Director**") and the independent auditors for the financial year ended 31 December 2019.
- 2. To declare a final dividend of HK3.55 cents per share of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2019.
- 3. (A) To re-elect Mr. Zhang Lei as an executive Director.
  - (B) To re-elect Mr. Zhang Peng as an executive Director.
  - (C) To re-elect Mr. Chen Yin as an executive Director.
  - (D) To re-elect Mr. Fan Qingguo as a non-executive Director.
  - (E) To re-elect Mr. Tian Jiong as a non-executive Director.
  - (F) To authorise the board (the "Board") of Directors to fix the remuneration of the respective Directors.
- 4. To re-appoint KPMG as the Company's auditors and authorise the Board to fix their remuneration for the year ending 31 December 2020.

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

## 5. (A) "**THAT**:

- subject to paragraph (iii) below, the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and otherwise deal with additional shares in the capital of the Company and to make or grant offers, agreements, options (including bonds, warrants and debentures convertible into shares of the Company) and rights of exchange or conversion which might require the exercise of such powers, subject to and in accordance with all applicable laws and requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") (as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time) (the "Listing Rules"), be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (ii) the approval in paragraph (i) above shall authorise the Directors during the Relevant Period to make or grant offers, agreements, options (including bonds, warrants and debentures convertible into shares of the Company) and rights of exchange or conversion which might require the exercise of such powers after the end of the Relevant Period;
- (iii) the aggregate number of shares of the Company allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted and issued (whether pursuant to an option or otherwise) by the Directors pursuant to the approval granted in paragraph (i) above, otherwise than pursuant to (a) a Rights Issue (as hereinafter defined), or (b) the exercise of options under any share option scheme or similar arrangement adopted by the Company for the grant or issue to the employees and Directors and/or any of its subsidiaries and/or other eligible participants specified thereunder of options to subscribe for or rights to acquire shares of the Company, or (c) an issue of shares of the Company upon the exercise of the subscription rights attaching to any warrants which may be issued by the Company; or (d) an issue of shares of the Company as scrip dividend or similar arrangement in accordance with the memorandum and articles of association of the Company, shall not exceed 20% of the aggregate number of issued shares of the Company as at the date of the passing of this resolution, and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and

(iv) for the purpose of this resolution:

"Relevant Period" means the period from the date of passing of this resolution until whichever is the earliest of:

- (a) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
- (b) 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
- (c) the date on which the authority sets out in this resolution is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the Company in general meeting.

"Rights Issue" means an offer of shares of the Company 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 exclusions or other arrangements as the Directors may deem necessary or expedient in relation to fractional entitlements or having regard to any legal restrictions 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, applicable to the Company)."

## (B) "THAT:

- (i) subject to paragraph (ii) below, the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all powers of the Company to purchase or otherwise acquire shares in the capital of the Company on the Stock Exchange or on any other stock exchange on which the shares of the Company may be listed and recognised by the Stock Exchange and the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission (the "SFC") for this purpose, subject to and in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations of the SFC, the Stock Exchange or of any other stock exchange as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time and are applicable laws in this regard be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (ii) the aggregate number of shares of the Company which are authorised to be purchased pursuant to the approval in paragraph (i) above shall not exceed 10% of the aggregate number of issued shares of the Company as at the date of the passing of this resolution, and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and

- (iii) for the purpose of this resolution: "Relevant Period" means the period from the date of passing of this resolution until whichever is the earliest of:
  - (a) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
  - (b) 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
  - (c) the date on which the authority sets out in this resolution is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the Company in general meeting."

#### (C) "THAT:

conditional upon the passing of the resolutions set out in paragraphs 5(A) and 5(B) of the notice convening the Meeting, the general mandate granted to the Directors to exercise the powers of the Company to allot, issue and otherwise deal with shares of the Company pursuant to the resolution set out in paragraph 5(A) above be and is hereby extended by the addition thereto an amount of shares representing the aggregate number of issued shares of the Company purchased or otherwise acquired by the Company pursuant to the authority granted to the Directors under the resolution set out in paragraph 5(B) above, provided that such amount shall not exceed 10% of the aggregate number of issued shares of the Company as at the date of passing this resolution."

By order of the Board

Modern Land (China) Co., Limited

Zhang Lei

Chairman

Hong Kong, 20 May 2020

Notes:

- (a) The register of members of the Company will be closed from Friday, 12 June 2020 to Thursday, 18 June 2020 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares in the Company will be effected. In order to determine the identity of members who are entitled to attend and vote at the AGM, all share transfer documents accompanied by the relevant share certificates 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 not later than 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, 11 June 2020.
- (b) Any shareholder of the Company entitled to attend and vote at the AGM is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend and vote on his behalf. A proxy need not be a shareholder of the Company. 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 notarially certified copy of such power or authority, must be deposited with the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar, Tricor Investor Services Limited at Level 54, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time fixed for holding the AGM or any adjourned meeting.

- (c) The register of members of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, 22 July 2020 to Friday, 24 July 2020 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares will be registered. In order to qualify for the proposed final dividend, all completed transfer forms accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's branch registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Investor Services Limited at Level 54, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong not later than 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 21 July 2020.
- (d) In relation to proposed resolutions numbered 3(A) to 3(E) above, Mr. Zhang Lei, Mr. Zhang Peng, Mr. Chen Yin, Mr. Fan Qingguo and Mr. Tian Jiong will retire from their offices as Directors and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election at the AGM. Particulars of the retiring Directors to be offered for re-election are set out in Appendix I to this circular.
- (e) In relation to proposed resolutions numbered 5(A) and 5(C) above, approval is being sought from the shareholders of the Company for the granting to the Directors of a general mandate to authorise the allotment and issue of shares of the Company under the Listing Rules. The Board has no immediate plans to issue any new shares which may fall to be issued under the share option scheme of the Company or any scrip dividend scheme which may be approved by the shareholders of the Company.
- (f) In relation to proposed resolution numbered 5(B) above, the Directors wish to state that they will exercise the powers conferred thereby to repurchase shares of the Company in circumstances which they deem appropriate for the benefit of the shareholders of the Company. An explanatory statement containing the information necessary to enable the shareholders of the Company to make an informed decision to vote on the proposed resolution as required by the Listing Rules are set out in Appendix II to this circular.
- (g) If Typhoon Signal No. 8 or above, or a "black" rainstorm warning is in effect any time after 12:00 noon on the date of the AGM, the meeting will be postponed. The Company will publish an announcement on the website of the Company at (https://www.modernland.hk) and on the HKEx news website of the Stock Exchange at (http://www.hkexnews.hk) to notify the shareholders of the Company of the date, time and venue of the rescheduled meeting.

Measures to Minimise Risk of Community Spread of 2019 Novel Coronavirus ("Covid-19"):

In view of the evolving 2019 COVID-19 situation, the Company reserves the right to take the following precautionary measures as may be appropriate at the AGM:

- All attendees will be required to undergo a temperature check and sign a health declaration form (which may also be used for the purposes of contact tracing if required) before entering the AGM venue
- Any person who has a fever will not be permitted to attend the AGM. Persons
  exhibiting flu-like symptoms may also be refused admittance at the Company's
  discretion
- Any person, who has recently travelled to, any affected countries or areas outside Hong Kong (as per guidelines issued by the Hong Kong government at https://www.chp.gov.hk/en/features/102742.html) at any time in the preceding 14 days prior to the AGM, will not be permitted to attend the AGM
- No refreshments will be served at the AGM

The Shareholders who are feeling unwell or have been placed on leave of absence on the date of the AGM are advised not to attend the AGM. Attendees who feel unwell (even without flu-like symptoms) are encouraged to wear surgical masks.

The Shareholders who prefer not to attend or are restricted from attending the AGM, may still vote by proxy and are advised to take note of the last date and time for the lodgement of the proxy form.

As the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve, the Company will closely monitor the situation and reserves the right to take further measures as appropriate in order to minimise any risk to the Shareholders and others attending the AGM and to comply with any requirements or recommendations of any government agencies from time to time.

The Company seeks the understanding and cooperation of all Shareholders to minimise the risk of community spread of COVID-19.

The AGM will commence sharply at 2:00 pm, and the Shareholders are encouraged to arrive at the AGM venue at least half an hour prior to the meeting commencement time to avoid delays from precautionary measures mentioned above in the registration process.