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## 西部水泥 WEST CHINA CEMENT LIMITED

# 中國西部水泥有限公司

(Incorporated in Jersey with limited liability, with registered number 94796)

(Stock Code: 2233)

# PROPOSED DECLARATION OF FINAL DIVIDEND AND SPECIAL DIVIDEND, RENEWAL OF GENERAL MANDATE TO ISSUE SHARES AND TO REPURCHASE SHARES, RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A notice convening the Annual General Meeting to be held at Regus Conference Centre, 35/F, Central Plaza, 18 Harbour Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong on 28 May 2021 at 11:30 a.m. is set out on pages 18 to 22 of this circular. Whether or not you intend to be present and vote at the Annual General Meeting, you are requested to complete the enclosed form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return it to the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited at Shops 1712–1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong as soon as possible and in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the Annual General Meeting or any adjourned meeting. The completion of a form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting at the Annual General Meeting in person should you so wish. If you attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting, the authority of your proxy will be revoked.

#### PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please see page 2 of this circular for details of the measures being taken to help prevent and control the spread of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) at the Annual General Meeting, including:

- compulsory body temperature checks and health declarations
- recommended wearing of a surgical face mask for each attendee
- no distribution of corporate gift or refreshment

Any person who does not comply with the precautionary measures or is subject to any compulsory quarantine imposed by the Hong Kong Government prescribed quarantine may be denied entry into the meeting venue. The Company reminds shareholders that they may appoint the chairman of the meeting as their proxy to vote on the relevant resolution(s) at the meeting as an alternative to attending the meeting in person.

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#### PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The health of our shareholders, staff and stakeholders is of paramount importance to us. In view of the ongoing Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the Company will implement the following precautionary measures at the Annual General Meeting to protect attending shareholders, staff and stakeholders from the risk of infection:

- (i) Compulsory body temperature checks will be conducted for every shareholder, proxy or other attendee at each entrance of the meeting venue. Any person with a body temperature of over 37.4 degrees Celsius may be denied entry into the meeting venue or be required to leave the meeting venue.
- (ii) The Company encourages each attendee to wear a surgical face mask throughout the meeting and inside the meeting venue, and to maintain a safe distance between seats.
- (iii) No refreshment will be served, and there will be no corporate gift.
- (iv) Each attendee may be asked whether (a) he/she travels outside Hong Kong within the 14-day period immediately before the Annual General Meeting; and (b) he/she is subject to any compulsory quarantine imposed by the Hong Kong Government. Anyone who responds positively to any of these questions may be denied entry into the meeting venue or be required to leave the meeting venue.

In addition, the Company reminds all shareholders that physical attendance in person at the meeting is not necessary for the purpose of exercising voting rights. Shareholders may appoint the chairman of the meeting as their proxy to vote on the relevant resolution(s) at the meeting instead of attending the meeting in person, by completing and return the proxy form attached to this document.

If any shareholder chooses not to attend the meeting in person but has any question about any resolution or about the Company, or has any matter for communication with the board of directors of the Company, he/she is welcome to send such question or matter in writing to our registered office or to our email at ir@westchinacement.com.

If any shareholder has any question relating to the meeting, please contact Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar as follows:

Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre 183 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai, Hong Kong

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#### **DEFINITIONS**

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

"2020 Annual Report" the annual report of the Company for the financial year

ended 31 December 2020

"Annual General Meeting" the annual general meeting of the Company to be held at

Regus Conference Centre, 35/F, Central Plaza, 18 Harbour Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong on 28 May 2021 at 11:30 a.m., for the purpose of considering and if thought fit, approving

the resolutions proposed in 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 ascribed to it under the Listing Rules

"Company" West China Cement Limited (中國西部水泥有限公司), a

company incorporated in Jersey with limited liability, with registered number 94796, and the Shares of which are listed

on the Stock Exchange

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

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

"General Mandate" a general and unconditional mandate to be granted to the

Directors to allot, issue, and otherwise deal with new Shares and other securities with an aggregate nominal amount not exceeding the sum of 20% of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing of the relevant resolutions, and the aggregate nominal value of the share capital of the Company repurchased by the Company

(if any)

"Group" the Company and its subsidiaries

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

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

People's Republic of China

"Latest Practicable Date" 19 April 2021, being the latest practicable date prior to the

printing of this circular for ascertaining certain information

in this circular

#### **DEFINITIONS**

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

Exchange

"Repurchase Mandate" a general and unconditional mandate to be granted to the

Directors to exercise the power of the Company to repurchase Shares in the capital of the Company up to a maximum of 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of

passing the relevant resolutions

"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 £0.002 each in

the share capital of the Company

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

"Stock Exchange" The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

"substantial shareholder(s)" has the same meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules

"Takeovers Code" The Hong Kong Code on Takeovers and Mergers

"%" per cent.

"£" pound sterling, the legal currency of the United Kingdom



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Executive Directors:

Mr. Zhang Jimin (Chairman)

Dr. Ma Weiping

Non-executive Directors:

Mr. Ma Zhaoyang

Ms. Liu Yan

Mr. Fan Changhong

Independent Non-executive Directors:

Mr. Lee Kong Wai Conway

Mr. Zhu Dong

Mr. Tam King Ching Kenny

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26 April 2021

To: the Shareholders of the Company

Dear Sir or Madam

# PROPOSED DECLARATION OF FINAL DIVIDEND AND SPECIAL DIVIDEND, RENEWAL OF GENERAL MANDATE TO ISSUE SHARES AND TO REPURCHASE SHARES, RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this circular is to give you notice of the Annual General Meeting and to provide you with information regarding resolutions to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting relating to enable you to make an informed decision on whether to vote for or against those resolutions.

At the Annual General Meeting, resolutions, amongst others, will be proposed for the Shareholders to approve (i) proposed declaration of final dividend and special dividend; (ii) the renewal of the General Mandate and the Repurchase Mandate; (iii) the extension of the General Mandate to include Shares repurchased pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate; and (iv) the re-election of Directors.

# DECLARATION OF FINAL DIVIDEND AND SPECIAL DIVIDEND AND CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

According to the announcement of annual results of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2020 dated 29 March 2021, the Board recommended the payment of final dividend for the year ended 31 December 2020 of RMB0.086 per Share and special dividend of RMB0.034 per Share which are subject to the approval of Shareholders at the Annual General Meeting. The final dividend and special dividend, if approved by the Shareholders at the Annual General Meeting, will be paid on or around 30 July 2021 to Shareholders whose names appear on the register of members of the Company at the close of business on 7 June 2021.

The register of members of the Company will be closed from 4 June 2021 to 7 June 2021, both dates inclusive. In order to qualify for the proposed final dividend and special dividend, all transfers, accompanied by the relevant share certificates, must be lodged with the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, Shops 1712–16, 17/F, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong, not later than 4:30 p.m. on 3 June 2021.

#### RENEWAL OF GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE AND REPURCHASE SHARES

At the annual general meeting of the Company held on 29 June 2020, a resolution was passed granting general mandates to the Directors to repurchase shares in the capital of the Company up to 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing of the relevant resolution. Such general mandates will expire at the conclusion of the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

At the Annual General Meeting, separate ordinary and special resolutions will be proposed:

(a) to grant the General Mandate to the Directors to exercise the powers of the Company to allot and issue Shares with an aggregate nominal value not exceeding 20% of the aggregate nominal value of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing the resolution. The General Mandate will end on the earliest of the date of the next annual general meeting, the date by which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required to be held by the Articles of Association or the date upon which such authority is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders at a general meeting of the Company. Based on 5,438,882,820 Shares in issue as at the Latest Practicable Date and assuming that no further Shares are issued or repurchased prior to the Annual General Meeting, the Directors will be authorised to issue up to 1,087,776,564 Shares under the General Mandate;

- (b) to grant the Repurchase Mandate to the Directors to exercise all powers of the Company to repurchase issued Shares subject to the criteria set out in this circular. Under such Repurchase Mandate, the maximum number of Shares that the Company may repurchase shall not exceed 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing the resolution. As at the Latest Practicable Date, the number of Shares in issue is 5,438,882,820 Shares. Subject to the passing of the proposed special resolution approving the granting of the Repurchase Mandate and if no further Shares are issued or repurchased prior to the Annual General Meeting, the Company would be allowed under the Repurchase Mandate to repurchase a maximum of 543,888,282 Shares, being 10% of the entire issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing of the resolution. The Repurchase Mandate will end on the earliest of the date of the next annual general meeting, the date by which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required to be held by the Articles of Association or the date upon which such authority is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders at a general meeting of the Company; and
- (c) subject to the passing of the aforesaid ordinary and special resolutions of the General Mandate and the Repurchase Mandate, to extend the number of Shares to be issued and allotted under the General Mandate by an additional number representing such number of Shares repurchased under the Repurchase Mandate.

In accordance with the Listing Rules, an explanatory statement is set out in Appendix I to this circular to provide you with requisite information reasonably necessary to enable you to make an informed decision on whether to vote for or against the proposed resolution to renew the grant of the Repurchase Mandate at the Annual General Meeting.

#### RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Pursuant to 24.2 of the Articles of Association, Mr. Zhang Jimin, Dr. Ma Weiping, Ms. Liu Yan and Mr. Lee Kong Wai Conway will retire from office of Directors at the Annual General Meeting and being eligible, will offer themselves for re-election as Directors at the Annual General Meeting.

At the Annual General Meeting, ordinary resolutions will be proposed to re-elect Mr. Zhang Jimin and Dr. Ma Weiping as executive Directors, Ms. Liu Yan as an non-executive Director and Mr. Lee Kong Wai Conway as an independent non-executive Director. The biographical details of such re-electing Directors as required to be disclosed under the Listing Rules are set out in Appendix II to this circular.

The nomination committee of the Company had considered the background, skills, knowledge and experience of the nominated independent non-executive Directors and non-executive Director, having regard to the Company's board diversity policy. The board diversity policy sets out that appointments of members of the Board are based on a range of diversity perspectives, including but not limited to gender, age, cultural and educational background, experience (professional or otherwise), skills and knowledge. The particulars in Appendix II describe how each such Director contributes to the diversity of the Board. The Board notes that these Directors have extensive experience in different fields and professions that are relevant

to the Company's business development. In addition, their respective education, background, experience and practice allow them to provide valuable and relevant insights and contribute to the diversity of the Board.

#### Recommendation of the Nomination Committee with respect to the independent nonexecutive Director subject to re-election at the annual general meeting

The Nomination Committee had assessed and reviewed the written confirmation of independence of Mr. Lee Conway Kong Wai based on the independence criteria as set out in Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules and is satisfied that he remains independent in accordance with Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules. In addition, having evaluated the performance of Mr. Lee, the Nomination Committee is of the view that he has provided valuable contributions to the Company and has demonstrated his abilities to provide independent, balanced and objective view to the Company's affairs. Mr. Lee has also brought to the Board his own perspective, skills and experience, as further described in Appendix II to this circular.

Based on the board diversity policy adopted by the Company, the Nomination Committee considers that Mr. Lee can contribute to the diversity of the Board in view of his experience in financial audit, corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions, as well as his past contributions to the Board.

Although Mr. Lee holds directorships in more than seven listed companies, all such directorships are non-executive in nature and Mr. Lee is not involved in overseeing or managing the operations of such companies on a daily basis. Mr. Lee has maintained his professionalism in various directorships of listed companies he served (to the best of the information and knowledge of the Board), and has actively participated in the Board meetings and the Audit Committee meetings of the Company during his tenure as independent non-executive Director. Accordingly, the Board is of the view that he is able to devote sufficient time and attention to perform the duties as an independent non-executive Director.

The participation and attendance records of the retiring Directors (including Mr. Lee) at the meetings of the Board and/or its committees and the general meeting of the Company in 2020 are disclosed in the sections headed "Board Meetings and Attendances", "Audit Committee", "Remuneration Committee" and "Nomination Committee" under the corporate governance report in the 2020 Annual Report.

Pursuant to code provision A.4.3 of the Corporate Governance Code set out in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules (the "CG Code"), if an independent non-executive director has served more than 9 years, his further appointment should be subject to a separate resolution to be approved by shareholders. As Mr. Lee was appointed as an independent non-executive Director on 29 July 2010 and has therefore served as an independent non-executive Director for more than 9 years, a separate resolution is proposed at the Annual General Meeting to approve the re-appointment of Mr. Lee accordingly pursuant to paragraph A.4.3 of the CG Code.

Having considered the above-mentioned factors, the Directors (excluding Mr. Lee for the present purpose) are of the opinion that Mr. Lee still maintains an independent view of the Company's affairs and is able to carry out his duties as independent non-executive Director in an impartial manner. His relevant professional experience will also continue to be beneficial to the Board and protect the interest of minority Shareholders.

Therefore, the Board, with the recommendation of the Nomination Committee, is of the view that the re-election of Mr. Lee as an independent non-executive Director is in the interest of the Company and Shareholders as a whole and recommends his re-election at the Annual General Meeting.

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Company will convene the Annual General Meeting at Regus Conference Centre, 35/F, Central Plaza, 18 Harbour Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong on 28 May 2021 at 11:30 a.m. at which resolutions will be proposed for the purpose of considering and if thought fit, approving the resolutions set out in the notice of the Annual General Meeting as set out on pages 18 to 22 of this circular.

A form of proxy for use in connection with the Annual General Meeting is enclosed herewith. Whether or not you intend to be present and vote at the Annual General Meeting, you are requested to complete the enclosed form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return it to the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited at Shops 1712–1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong as soon as possible and in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the Annual General Meeting or any adjournment thereof. The completion and delivery of a form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting at the Annual General Meeting in person should you so wish. If you attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting, the authority of your proxy will be revoked. Pursuant to Rule 13.39(4) of the Listing Rules, voting by the Shareholders at the Annual General Meeting will be by poll.

#### 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 Group. 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 contained herein or this circular misleading.

#### RECOMMENDATION

The Directors (including all the independent non-executive Directors) consider that the resolutions to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting regarding (i) the proposed declaration of final dividends and special dividend; (ii) the renewal of the General Mandate and the Repurchase Mandate; (iii) the extension of the General Mandate to include Shares repurchased pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate and (iv) the re-election of Directors are in the best interests of the Company as well as the Shareholders as a whole. Accordingly, the Directors recommend the Shareholders to vote in favour of all the resolutions to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

Yours faithfully
By Order of the Board
Mr. ZHANG Jimin
Chairman

This is an explanatory statement given to all Shareholders relating to a resolution to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting for approving the Repurchase Mandate. This explanatory statement contains all the information required pursuant to Rule 10.06(1)(b) and other relevant provisions of the Listing Rules which is set out as follows:

#### 1. SHARE CAPITAL

As at the Latest Practicable Date, there was a total of 5,438,882,820 Shares in issue. Subject to the passing of the resolution granting the Repurchase Mandate and on the basis that no further Shares are issued or repurchased during the period from the Latest Practicable Date to the Annual General Meeting, the Company will be allowed under the Repurchase Mandate to repurchase a maximum of 543,888,282 Shares, being 10% of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of the passing of the relevant resolution at the Annual General Meeting.

#### 2. REASONS FOR SHARE REPURCHASE

The Directors consider that a general authority from the Shareholders to repurchase Shares on the market would give the Company additional flexibility that would be beneficial to the Company and the Shareholders as such repurchase may, depending on market conditions and funding arrangements at the time, lead to an enhancement of the net assets value of the Company and/or its earning per Share and will only be made when the Directors believe that such a repurchase will benefit the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

As compared with the financial position of the Company as at 31 December 2020 (as disclosed in its latest audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020), the Directors consider that there would not be any material adverse impact on the working capital and on the gearing position of the Company in the event that the proposed repurchase were to be carried out in full during the proposed repurchase period. In the circumstances, the Directors do not propose to exercise the Repurchase Mandate to such an extent as would have a material adverse impact on the working capital or gearing ratio of the Company.

#### 3. FUNDING OF REPURCHASE

The Company is empowered by its memorandum and articles of association to repurchase its Shares. In repurchasing Shares, the Company may only apply funds legally available for such purpose in accordance with its memorandum and articles of association and laws of Jersey. Under the laws of Jersey, payment for a share repurchase by the Company can be made out of any source as provided for under the Companies (Jersey) Law 1991 provided the Shares are fully paid up. However, the articles of association of the Company require that whilst the Company is listed on the Stock Exchange, any such purchase must also comply with the requirements of the Companies Ordinance (Cap.622 of the laws of Hong Kong). Therefore the payment for a share repurchase by the Company may only be made out of profits or the proceeds of a new issue of Shares made for such purpose or out of capital of the Company. The amount of premium payable on a repurchase of Shares may only be paid out of either the profits or out of the share premium of the Company or out of capital of the Company.

In addition, under the laws of Jersey, the purchase by a company of its own shares is unlawful unless the directors of the company who authorize the purchase have formed the opinion that immediately following the date on which the payment is proposed to be made, the company shall be able to discharge its liabilities as they fall due and that, having regard to the prospects of the company and the intentions of the directors with respect to the management of the company's business and the amount and character of the financial resources that will in their view be available to the company, the company will be able to continue to carry on business and discharge its liabilities as they fall due for 12 months following the date the payment is made. In accordance with the laws of Jersey, the shares so repurchased would be

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

treated as cancelled but the aggregate amount of authorised share capital would not be reduced.

None of the Directors nor, to the best of their knowledge and belief having made all reasonable enquiries, any of their close associates, has any present intention to sell any Shares to the Company in the event that the Repurchase Mandate is granted by the Shareholders.

No core connected person of the Company (as defined in the Listing Rules) has notified the Company that he/she/it has a present intention to sell 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 Repurchase Mandate is granted by the Shareholders.

#### 5. UNDERTAKING OF THE DIRECTORS

The Directors have undertaken to the Stock Exchange that, so far as the same may be applicable, they will exercise the powers of the Company to make repurchases pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate and in accordance with the Listing Rules, the Articles of Association and the laws of Jersey.

#### 6. EFFECT OF TAKEOVERS CODE

A repurchase of Shares by the Company may result in an increase in the proportionate interests of a substantial shareholder of the Company in the voting rights of the Company, which could give rise to an obligation to make a mandatory offer in accordance with Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, to the best of the knowledge and belief of the Company, Asia Gain Investments Limited, a substantial shareholder of the Company, was beneficially interested in approximately 32.3% of the issued share capital of the Company. In the event that the Directors exercise in full the power to repurchase the Shares which is proposed to be granted pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate, the shareholding of Asia Gain Investments Limited would be increased to approximately 35.9% of the then issued share capital of the Company and such increase would give rise to an obligation to make a mandatory general offer under Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code. The Company currently has no intention to exercise the Repurchase Mandate to such extent that it would give rise to an obligation to make a mandatory offer under the Takeovers Code or result in the amount of shares held by the public being reduced to less than 25% of the issued share capital of the Company.

#### 7. SHARE REPURCHASES BY THE COMPANY

The Company had not purchased any Shares (whether on the Stock Exchange or otherwise) during the six months preceding the Latest Practicable Date.

#### 8. SHARE PRICES

During each of the previous 12 months up to the Latest Practicable Date, the highest and lowest traded prices for Shares on the Stock Exchange were as follows:

	Highest	Lowest HK\$
	HK\$	
2020		
April	1.39	1.20
May	1.79	1.31
June	1.60	1.39
July	1.84	1.38
August	1.80	1.34
September	1.37	1.11
October	1.21	1.11
November	1.32	1.13
December	1.24	1.11
2021		
January	1.30	1.13
February	1.35	1.12
March	1.35	1.31
April (up to the Latest Practicable Date)	1.34	1.31

The biographical details of the Directors proposed to be re-elected at the Annual General Meeting are set out as follows:

#### Mr. Zhang Jimin (張繼民)

Mr. Zhang, aged 66, the founder of the Group, is currently the Chairman and executive Director of the Company. He is responsible mainly for the Group's overall strategic planning and investment decisions. Mr. Zhang is also a director of a number of the Group's subsidiaries including West China BVI, Shaanxi Yaobai, Lantian Yaobai, Ankang Yaobai, Xiushan Yaobai, Xian Yaobai and Longqiao Yaobai.

Mr. Zhang has more than 28 years of experience in the cement industry. He was the factory manager of the Shaanxi Province Pucheng County Hanjing Town Second Cement Factory (one of the predecessors of our production facility in Pucheng) from 1985 to December 1990 and the manager of the Pucheng County Hanjing Town Cement Factory (another predecessor of our production facility in Pucheng) thereafter. These two small cement facilities represent the origins of West China Cement, demonstrating the growth of the Group under the management of Mr. Zhang.

Mr. Zhang has actively participated in various cement technology development projects and from 1992 to 1994, he led the development of low heat slag cement and moderate-heat Portland cement, winning the Second Grade Science and Technology Progress Prize issued by the Government of Shaanxi Province.

Mr. Zhang also holds several industry associations and political positions. He is the Chairman of the Shaanxi Province Cement Association, an industry association jointly established by The Raw Materials Division of The Industry and Information Technology Department of Shaanxi Province and various cement production enterprises in Shaanxi, holding this position since December 2009. As the Chairman of the Shaanxi Province Cement Association, Mr. Zhang promotes information exchange between cement enterprises in Shaanxi, leading the association to formulate a self-regulatory regime, maintaining fair market competition, providing technology and human resources and assisting the Shaanxi Government in regulating the cement industry in Shaanxi Province. Mr. Zhang was also a Xi'an City representative of the 11th Standing Committee of the Shaanxi Provincial People's Congress and participated in the plenary sessions of the 11th Standing Committee of the Shaanxi Provincial People's Congress for discussion and approval of various matters in relation to the political and economical development of Shaanxi Province. Mr. Zhang was also the Vice President of the China Cement Association.

Through these social positions, Mr. Zhang is able to maintain close contact with industry partners and local government so as to keep abreast of the latest development of the cement industry and government policies. Mr. Zhang received professional training in economic management from Peking University in July 2001.

Saved as disclosed herein, Mr. Zhang held no other directorships in any listed public companies in the last three years. Mr. Zhang does not have any relationship with any directors, senior management, substantial shareholders or controlling shareholders of the Company. As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Zhang was interested in share options of 8,175,000 granted

under the share option scheme of the Company adopted on 31 March 2010, within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO. Saved as disclosed, Mr. Zhang has no other interest in the Company which is discloseable under Part XV of the SFO.

Mr. Zhang has entered into a service contract with the Company for a term of three years, subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association. Mr. Zhang is receiving a Director's emolument of RMB1,500,000 per annum for his directorship in the Company, which was determined by reference to his duties and responsibilities with the Company.

#### Dr. Ma Weiping (馬維平)

Dr. Ma, aged 59, was appointed as a non-executive Director of the Company in June 2012 and redesignated as an executive Director and chief executive officer of the Company in February 2015. He has over 23 years of management and technical experience in the building materials industry in both the United States of America and China. From 1996 to 2002, Dr. Ma served as a senior process engineer and project manager for Holcim in Michigan, United States. From 2002 to 2005, Dr. Ma served as a vice president of marketing and sales for Lafarge (China) in Beijing and served in a similar position for Lafarge Shuion Cement from 2005 to 2008. From 2008 to 2009, he served as a general manager and vice president for Lafarge A&C in Chongqing. Preceding his appointment as a non-executive Director, from 2009 to June 2012, Dr. Ma was also a chief representative and managing director of Fuping Cement, a company wholly owned by Italcementi Group.

Dr. Ma received a bachelor's degree in Inorganic and Non-Metallic Materials from Tongji University, Shanghai in 1982, a master's degree in Solid State Science and a Ph.D in Material Science and Engineering from Pennsylvania State University in 1991 and 1994, respectively. Dr. Ma also obtained a Master of Business Administration in Integration Management from Michigan State University in 2002.

Saved as disclosed herein, Dr. Ma held no other directorships in any listed public companies in the last three years. Dr. Ma does not have any relationship with any directors, senior management, substantial shareholders or controlling shareholders of the Company. As at the Latest Practicable Date, Dr. Ma was interested in share options of 9,075,000 granted under the share option scheme of the Company adopted on 31 March 2010, within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO. Saved as disclosed, Dr. Ma has no other interest in the Company which is discloseable under Part XV of the SFO.

Dr. Ma has entered into a service contract with the Company for a term of three years, subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association. Dr. Ma is receiving a Director's emolument of RMB2,012,000 per annum for his directorship in the Company, which was determined by reference to his duties and responsibilities with the Company.

#### Ms. Liu Yan (劉剡)

Ms. Liu, aged 53, was appointed as a non-executive Director of the Company in July 2015 and is currently the head of the finance department of Anhui Conch Cement Co., Ltd. ("Conch Cement"), a substantial shareholder of the Company. She has extensive experience in financial management, internal audit and internal risk management and control. Ms. Liu graduated from Tongling University majoring in planning and statistics in 1987.

From March 2006 to April 2010, Ms. Liu served as the head of finance department of Anhui Tongling Conch Cement Co., Ltd. ("Anhui Tongling"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Conch Cement. From April 2010 to July 2013, Ms. Liu held various positions such as deputy chief accountant of Anhui Tongling and chief accountant of Suzhou Conch Cement Co., Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Conch Cement. From July 2013 to December 2014, Ms. Liu served as deputy head of the finance department of Conch Cement.

Saved as disclosed herein, Ms. Liu held no other directorships in any listed public companies in the last three years. Ms. Liu does not have any relationship with any directors, senior management, substantial shareholders or controlling shareholders of the Company. Saved as disclosed, Ms. Liu has no other interest in the Company which is discloseable under Part XV of the SFO.

Ms. Liu has entered into a service contract with the Company for a term of one year, subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association. Ms. Liu is receiving a Director's emolument of HK\$400,000 per annum for her directorship in the Company, which was determined by reference to her duties and responsibilities with the Company.

#### Mr. Lee Kong Wai Conway (李港衛)

Mr. Lee, aged 66, was appointed an independent non-executive Director of the Company on 29 July 2010. Mr. Lee serves as Chairman of the audit committee of the Company, member of the remuneration committee of the Company, and also member of the nomination committee of the Company. He is mainly responsible for reviewing and advising the financial reporting process, audit process, internal control and risk management systems of the Group and providing independent advice to the Board on various financial and corporate governance matters.

Mr. Lee received a bachelor's degree in arts from Kingston University (formerly known as Kingston Polytechnic) in London in July 1980 and further obtained his postgraduate diploma in business from Curtin University of Technology in Australia in February 1988. Mr. Lee served as a partner of Ernst & Young over the past 29 years and held key leadership positions in the development of such firm in China. Mr. Lee is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia, the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Macau Society of Registered Accountants. Mr. Lee currently also serves as an independent non-executive director of Chaowei Power Holdings Limited, China Modern Dairy Holdings Limited, Gome Electrical Appliances Holding Limited, NVC Lighting Holding Limited, Yashili International Holdings Limited, WH Group Limited and Guotai Junan

Securities Limited, companies listed on the main board of the Stock Exchange, since July 2010, November 2010, March 2011, November 2012, November 2013, August 2014 and April 2017 respectively. He was also an independent non-executive director of China Taiping Insurance Holdings Company Limited, Merry Garden Holdings Limited, Citic Securities Company Limited, Tibet Water Resources Ltd. and China Rundong Auto Group Limited, companies which are listed on the main board of the Stock Exchange, from October 2009 to August 2013, from July 2014 to September 2015, from November 2011 to May 2016, from March 2011 to February 2020 and from August 2014 to December 2020, respectively, and Sino Vanadium Inc., which was listed on TSX Venture Exchange in Canada, between October 2009 and December 2011. Mr. Lee was appointed as a member of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference of Hunan Province in China from 2007 to December 2017.

Saved as disclosed herein, Mr. Lee held no other directorships in any listed public companies in the last three years. Mr. Lee does not have any relationship with any directors, senior management, substantial shareholders or controlling shareholders of the Company. As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Lee was interested in share options of 1,275,000 granted under the share option scheme of the Company adopted on 31 March 2010, within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO. Saved as disclosed, Mr. Lee has no other interest in the Company which is discloseable under Part XV of the SFO.

Mr. Lee has entered into a letter of appointment with the Company for a term of one year, subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association. Mr. Lee is receiving a Director's emolument of HK\$400,000 per annum for his directorship in the Company, which was determined by reference to his duties and responsibilities with the Company.

#### **Others**

There is no other information relating to the above Directors that is required to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.51(2) sub-paragraphs (h) to (v) of the Listing Rules, and there is no other matter which needs to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.



### 西部水泥 WEST CHINA CEMENT LIMITED

### 中國西部水泥有限公司

(Incorporated in Jersey with limited liability, with registered number 94796)

(Stock Code: 2233)

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Annual General Meeting of West China Cement Limited (the "Company") will be held at Regus Conference Centre, 35/F, Central Plaza, 18 Harbour Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong on Friday, 28 May 2021 at 11:30 a.m. for the following purposes:

#### **ORDINARY BUSINESS**

To consider and, if thought fit, pass the resolutions (with or without modifications) as ordinary resolutions of the Company.

- 1. To receive, consider and adopt the audited consolidated financial statements and the reports of the directors of the Company (the "**Directors**") and the auditors of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2020.
- 2. To declare a final dividend of RMB0.086 per ordinary share for the year ended 31 December 2020 to the shareholders of the Company which shall be paid out of the distributable reserve of the Company.
- 3. To declare a special dividend of RMB0.034 per ordinary share to the shareholders of the Company which shall be paid out of the distributable reserve of the Company.
- 4. To re-elect the following Directors:
  - (a) Mr. Zhang Jimin as an executive Director;
  - (b) Dr. Ma Weiping as an executive Director;
  - (c) Ms. Liu Yan as a non-executive Director; and
  - (d) Mr. Lee Kong Wai Conway as an independent non-executive Director.
- 5. To authorise the board of Directors to fix the Directors' remuneration.
- 6. To re-appoint Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu as auditors of the Company and authorise the board of Directors to fix their remuneration.

#### SPECIAL BUSINESS

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

#### "THAT:

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

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

8. To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as a special resolution of the Company:

#### "THAT:

- (a) subject to paragraphs (c)-(e) below, the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to make market purchases of issued shares in the capital of the Company, subject to and in accordance with all applicable laws and the requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange as amended from time to time, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the approval in paragraph (a) 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 to procure the Company to purchase its shares at a price determined by the Directors;
- (c) the aggregate nominal amount of shares of the Company which are authorised to be purchased by the Directors pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above shall not exceed 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing this resolution, and the said approval shall be limited accordingly;
- (d) the minimum price, exclusive of any expenses, which may be paid for a share in the share capital of the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above is £0.002 each, being the nominal value of the shares;
- (e) the maximum price, exclusive of any expenses, which may be paid for an ordinary share of the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above shall be the higher of:
  - (i) an amount equal to 110% of the average middle market quotation for ordinary shares of the Company taken from the Hong Kong Stock Exchange Daily Official List for five business days immediately preceding the day on which such shares are to be contracted to be purchased; and
  - (ii) the higher of the price of the last independent trade and the highest current independent bid on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange Daily Official List at the time the purchase is carried out; and

- (f) for the purposes of this resolution:
  - "Relevant Period" means the period from the passing of this resolution until whichever is the earliest of:
  - (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
  - (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the articles of association of the Company or any applicable laws to be held; and
  - (iii) the date on which the authority set out in this resolution is revoked or varied by way of special resolution of the Company in general meeting.";
- 9. To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as an ordinary resolution of the Company:

"THAT conditional upon the passing of resolutions nos. 7 above and 8 above, the general mandate to the Directors pursuant to resolution no. 7 be and is hereby extended by the addition thereto of an amount representing the aggregate nominal amount of share capital of the Company purchased by the Company under the authority granted pursuant to the resolution no. 8, provided that such amount shall not exceed 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing this resolution."

Yours faithfully By Order of the Board **Mr. ZHANG Jimin** Chairman

Hong Kong, 26 April 2021

Notes:

- (1) A member entitled to attend and vote at the above meeting may appoint one or, if he holds two or more shares, more proxies to attend and vote instead of him. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.
- (2) In the case of joint holders of any Shares such persons shall not have the right of voting individually in respect of such shares but shall elect one of their number to represent them and to vote whether personally or by proxy in their name. In default of such election the person whose name appears first in order in the register of members of the Company in respect of such share shall be the only person entitled to vote in respect thereof.
- (3) In order to be valid, a form of proxy together with the power of attorney (if any) or other authority (if any) under which it is signed or a certified copy thereof shall be deposited at the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited at Shops 1712–1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the meeting or any adjournment thereof. The proxy form will be published on the website of the Stock Exchange.

(4) The register of members of the Company will be closed from 25 May 2021 to 28 May 2021 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares will be registered. In order to qualify for the entitlement to attend and vote at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting, all transfers accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at Shops 1712–1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong for registration not later than 4:30 p.m. on 24 May 2021.

The register of members of the Company will be closed from 4 June 2021 to 7 June 2021, both dates inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be registered. In order to qualify for the final dividend and the special dividend, all transfers, accompanied by the relevant share certificates, must be lodged with the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, Shops 1712–16, 17/F, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong, not later than 4:30 p.m. on 3 June 2021.