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## LAI GROUP HOLDING COMPANY LIMITED

# 禮建德集團控股有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 8455)

# PROPOSALS FOR GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE AND REPURCHASE SHARES, RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTOR, APPOINTMENT OF A DIRECTOR, RE-APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A notice convening the annual general meeting (the "AGM") of the Company to be held at 26/F, Siu On Centre, 188 Lockhart Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong on Friday, 6 August 2021 at 11:00 a.m. is set out on pages 17 to 21 of this circular.

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

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In compliance with the Hong Kong Government's directive on social distancing, personal and environmental hygiene, and the guidelines issued by the Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health on the prevention of coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19"), the Company will implement the following precautionary measures at the AGM including, without limitation:

- compulsory body temperature screening;
- wearing of surgical face masks;
- · no distribution of corporate gift or refreshment;
- mandatory health declaration anyone subject to the Hong Kong Government's prescribed quarantine or who has
  travelled overseas within 14 days immediately before the date of the AGM will be denied entry into the AGM venue;
  and
- appropriate seating arrangement in line with the guidance from the Hong Kong Government will be made.

The Company strongly advises Shareholders to appoint the chairman of the AGM as their proxy to vote on the relevant resolution(s) as an alternative to attending the AGM in person. Shareholders are advised to read page (ii) of this circular for further details and monitor the development of COVID-19. Subject to the development of COVID-19, the Company may implement further changes and precautionary measures and may issue further announcement on such measures as appropriate.

#### CHARACTERISTICS OF GEM OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE

GEM has been positioned as a market designed to accommodate small and mid-sized companies to which a higher investment risk may be attached than other companies listed on the Stock Exchange. Prospective investors should be aware of the potential risks of investing in such companies and should make the decision to invest only after due and careful consideration.

Given that the companies listed on GEM are generally small and mid-sized companies, there is a risk that securities traded on GEM may be more susceptible to high market volatility than securities traded on the Main Board and no assurance is given that there will be a liquid market in the securities traded on GEM.

#### PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES FOR THE AGM

In compliance with the Hong Kong Government's directive on social distancing, personal and environmental hygiene, and the guidelines issued by the Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health ("CHP") on the prevention of COVID-19, the Company will implement precautionary measures at the AGM in the interests of the health and safety of our shareholders, investors, directors, staff and other participants of the AGM (the "Stakeholders") which include without limitation:

- (1) Every attendee will be required to wear a surgical face mask throughout the AGM and inside the AGM venue. Attendees are advised to maintain appropriate social distance with each other at all times when attending the AGM.
- (2) There will be **compulsory body temperature screening** for all persons before entering the AGM venue. Any person with a body temperature of 37.3 degrees Celsius or above or any person which exhibits any flu-like symptoms may be denied entry into the AGM venue or be required to promptly leave the AGM venue.
- (3) No refreshment will be served, and there will be no corporate gift.
- (4) Attendees may be asked (i) if he/she has travelled outside of Hong Kong within 14 days immediately before the AGM; AND (ii) if he/she is subject to any Hong Kong Government prescribed quarantine requirement. Any person who responds positively to any of these questions will be denied entry into the AGM venue.
- (5) Anyone attending the AGM is reminded to observe good personal hygiene at all times.
- (6) Appropriate seating arrangement at the AGM venue in line with the guidance from the Hong Kong Government will be made.
- (7) In light of the continuing risks posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, and in the interests of protecting the Stakeholders, the Company is supportive of the precautionary measures being adopted and reminds Shareholders that physical attendance in the AGM is not necessary for the purpose of exercising voting rights. The Company strongly advises Shareholders to appoint the chairman of the AGM as their proxy to vote on the relevant resolution(s) as an alternative to attending the AGM in person.
- (8) Shareholders are advised to monitor the development of COVID-19. Subject to the development of COVID-19, the Company may implement further changes and precautionary measures and may issue further announcement on such measures as appropriate.
- (9) Health education materials and up-to-date development on COVID-19 can be found on the CHP website (www.chp.gov.hk) and the website of the Hong Kong Government on COVID-19 (www.coronavirus.gov.hk).

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#### **DEFINITIONS**

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

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

convened and held at 26/F, Siu On Centre, 188 Lockhart Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong on Friday, 6 August 2021 at 11:00 a.m., the notice of which is set

out on pages 17 to 21 of this circular

"AGM Notice" the notice convening the AGM set out on pages 17 to

21 of this circular

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

supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time and "Article" shall mean an article of the Articles of

Association

"Board" the board of Directors

"close associate(s)" has the same meaning ascribed to it under the GEM

Listing Rules

"Company" Lai Group Holding Company Limited, a company

incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability, the Shares of which are listed on GEM of the

Stock Exchange

"connected person(s)" has the same meaning ascribed to it under the GEM

Listing Rules

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

"GEM" the GEM operated by the Stock Exchange

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

as amended by the Stock Exchange from time to time

"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

### **DEFINITIONS** "Issue Mandate" a general and unconditional mandate proposed to be granted to the Directors to exercise all power of the Company to allot, issue and otherwise deal with Shares of up to 20% of the issued share capital of the Company on the date of AGM as set out in resolution no. 5 of the AGM Notice "Latest Practicable Date" 23 June 2021, being the latest practicable date prior to the printing of this circular for the purpose of ascertaining certain information contained herein "Repurchase Mandate" a general and unconditional mandate proposed to be granted to the Directors to exercise all powers of the Company to repurchase Shares up to 10% of the issued share capital of the Company on the date of AGM, as set out in resolution no. 6 of the AGM Notice "SFO" the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong), as amended and supplemented from time to time "Share(s)" ordinary share(s) of nominal value of HK\$0.01 each in the share capital of the Company "Shareholder(s)" the holder(s) of Share(s) "Stock Exchange" The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited "Substantial shareholder(s)" has the same meaning ascribed to it under the GEM Listing Rules

Buy-backs as approved by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong, as amended, modified or

otherwise supplemented from time to time

"%" per cent.

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Ms. Wan Pui Chi

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30 June 2021

To the Shareholders

Dear Sir/Madam,

# PROPOSALS FOR GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE AND REPURCHASE SHARES, RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTOR, APPOINTMENT OF A DIRECTOR, RE-APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR AND

#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this circular is to: (i) provide you with details of the proposed Issue Mandate and the proposed Repurchase Mandate and the extension of the Issue Mandate by addition thereto of the number of Shares repurchased pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate; (ii) set out an explanatory statement regarding the Repurchase Mandate; (iii) furnish you with details of the proposed re-election of Director; (iv) furnish you with details of the proposed appointment of a Director; (v) furnish you with details re-appointment of auditor; and (vi) provide you the AGM Notice.

#### GENERAL MANDATE TO ISSUE SHARES

The Company's existing mandate to issue Shares was approved by ordinary resolutions at the annual general meeting held on 26 August 2020. Unless otherwise renewed, the existing mandate to issue Shares will lapse at the conclusion of the AGM. At the AGM, an ordinary resolution will be proposed to grant to the Directors new general and unconditional mandate to allot, issue and otherwise deal with Shares of up to 20% of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing the relevant resolution.

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

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

The Issue Mandate allows the Company to allot, issue and otherwise deal with Shares only during the period ending on the earliest of (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company; (ii) the date by which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required to be held by the Articles of Association or the laws of the Cayman Islands; or (iii) the date upon which such authority is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders in a general meeting of the Company (the "Relevant Period").

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the issued share capital of the Company comprised 800,000,000 Shares. Subject to the passing of the relevant resolution to approve the Issue Mandate and on the basis that no further Shares are allotted and issued or repurchased prior to the date of the AGM, the Directors would be authorised to allot, issue and otherwise deal with a maximum of 160,000,000 new Shares under the Issue Mandate, representing 20% of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing the relevant resolution.

#### GENERAL MANDATE TO REPURCHASE SHARES

The Company's existing mandate to repurchase Shares was approved by ordinary resolutions at the annual general meeting held on 26 August 2020. Unless otherwise renewed, the existing mandate to repurchase Shares will lapse at the conclusion of the AGM.

At the AGM, an ordinary resolution will be proposed to grant to the Directors new general and unconditional mandate to repurchase Shares of up to 10% of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing the relevant resolution. The Repurchase Mandate allows the Company to make repurchases only during the Relevant Period.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the issued share capital of the Company comprised 800,000,000 Shares. Subject to the passing of the relevant resolution to approve the Repurchase Mandate and on the basis that no further Shares are allotted and issued or repurchased prior to the date of the AGM, the Company would be allowed to repurchase a maximum of 80,000,000 Shares under the Repurchase Mandate, representing 10% of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing the relevant resolution.

An explanatory statement required to be sent to the Shareholders under the GEM Listing Rules is set out in Appendix I to this circular to provide the requisite information regarding the Repurchase Mandate to the Shareholders.

#### RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTOR

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the Board consisted of five Directors, namely:

#### **Executive Directors**

Mr. Chan Lai Sin Ms. Wan Pui Chi

#### **Independent non-executive Directors**

Mr. Kwan Ngai Kit

Ms. Lui Lai Chun

Mr. Wu Loong Cheong Paul

In accordance with Article 108 of the Articles of Association, at each annual general meeting of the Company, one-third of the Directors for the time being (or, if their number is not three or a multiple of three, then the number nearest to but not less than one-third) shall retire from office by rotation provided that every Director, including those appointed for a specific term, shall be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years.

Further, according to Articles 111 and 112 of the Articles of Association, any Director appointed by the Board or by ordinary resolution in general meeting either to fill a casual vacancy or as an addition to the existing Board shall hold office only until the next following annual general meeting of the Company. The Directors to retire at an annual general meeting of the Company shall not be taken into account in determining who are to retire by rotation at such annual general meeting.

In accordance with Article 108 of the Articles of Association, Mr. Chan Lai Sin ("Mr. Chan"), an executive Director, and Mr. Kwan Ngai Kit ("Mr. Kwan"), an independent non-executive Director, shall retire at the AGM.

Mr. Kwan has notified the Board that he will not be standing for re-election as an independent non-executive Director at the AGM and will retire by rotation as an independent non-executive Director pursuant to Article 108 of the Articles of Association at the conclusion of the AGM in order to spend more time dealing with his personal affairs. Only Mr. Chan, being eligible, will offer himself for re-election at the AGM.

Mr. Kwan has confirmed that he has no disagreement with the Board, nor is there any matter in relation to his resignation that should be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Company or the Stock Exchange.

The Company has in place a nomination policy (the "Nomination Policy") which sets out, inter alia, the selection criteria (the "Criteria") and the evaluation procedures in nomination of candidates to be appointed or re-appointed as Directors of the Company. The re-appointment of Mr. Chan was recommended by the nomination committee of the Company (the "Nomination Committee"), and the Board has accepted the recommendations following a review of his overall contribution and service to the Company, including his attendance of Board meetings and general meeting, the level of participation and performance on the Board, and whether he continue to satisfy the Criteria.

Biographical details of the retiring Director are set out in Appendix II to this circular. In consideration of the background, specific knowledge and experience of Mr. Chan, the Board believes that he could bring an invaluable insight. His in-depth knowledge, extensive experience and expertise will continue to provide invaluable contribution and diversity to the Board.

#### APPOINTMENT OF A DIRECTOR

Dr. Chung Siu Kuen ("**Dr. Chung**") has been proposed by the Board to be elected and appointed as an independent non-executive Director at the AGM with effect from the conclusion of the AGM.

The Nomination Committee has considered the perspectives, skills, experience and diversity of Dr. Chung and resolved to recommend his appointment to the Board. Accordingly, with the recommendation of the Nomination Committee, the Board has proposed that an ordinary resolution be proposed at the AGM to elect Dr. Chung as an independent non-executive Director and to authorise the Board to determine his remuneration.

Dr. Chung will enter into a letter of appointment with the Company upon approval of his appointment as an independent non-executive Director and related ordinary resolution passed at the AGM. The Company will disclose the remuneration payable to Dr. Chung in accordance with the requirements of the GEM Listing Rules upon his appointment.

Biographical details of Dr. Chung are set out in Appendix III to this circular.

#### **RE-APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR**

HLB Hodgson Impey Cheng Limited will retire as the independent auditor of the Company at the AGM and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-appointment. Upon the recommendation of the audit committee of the Company (the "Audit Committee"), the Board proposed to re-appoint HLB Hodgson Impey Cheng Limited as the independent auditor of the Company and to hold office until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company.

#### CLOSURE OF THE REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The forthcoming AGM is scheduled to be held on Friday, 6 August 2021. For determining the entitlement to attend and vote at the AGM, the register of members of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, 3 August 2021 to Friday, 6 August 2021, both days inclusive, during which no transfer of Shares will be registered. In order to be eligible to attend and vote at the AGM, all share transfer documents accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the branch share registrar of the Company in Hong Kong, Tricor Investor Services Limited at Level 54, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong, for registration not later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, 2 August 2021.

#### **AGM**

A notice convening the AGM to be held at 26/F, Siu On Centre, 188 Lockhart Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong on Friday, 6 August 2021 at 11:00 a.m. is set out on pages 17 to 21 of this circular.

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

#### VOTING BY POLL

Pursuant to Rule 17.47(4) of the GEM Listing Rules, any vote of the Shareholders at a general meeting must be taken by poll except where the chairman, in good faith, decides to allow a resolution which relates purely to a procedural or administrative matter to be voted on by a show of hands. Therefore, all resolutions as set out in the notice convening the AGM will be voted by poll and, after being verified by the scrutineer, the results of the poll will be published in the manner prescribed under Rule 17.47(5) of the GEM Listing Rules.

#### RECOMMENDATION

The Directors consider that the granting of the Issue Mandate, the Repurchase Mandate, the extension of the Issue Mandate, the re-appointment of auditor, the re-election of the retiring Director and the appointment of a Director are in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole. Accordingly, the Directors recommend the Shareholders to vote in favour of the relevant resolutions to be proposed at the AGM and as set out in the AGM Notice.

#### RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

This circular, for which the Directors collectively and individually accept full responsibility, includes particulars given in compliance with the GEM 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.

By Order of the Board

Lai Group Holding Company Limited

Chan Lai Sin

Chairman and Executive Director

This appendix serves as an explanatory statement as required under the GEM Listing Rules to provide the requisite information to the Shareholders for consideration of the Repurchase Mandate pursuant to Rule 13.08 of the GEM Listing Rules.

#### 1. SHARE CAPITAL

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the issued share capital of the Company comprised 800,000,000 Shares. Subject to the passing of the relevant resolution to approve the Repurchase Mandate and on the basis that no further Shares are allotted and issued or repurchased between the Latest Practicable Date and the date of AGM, the Company will be allowed to repurchase a maximum of 80,000,000 Shares during the Relevant Period.

#### 2. SOURCE OF FUNDS

The Directors propose that the repurchase of Shares under the Repurchase Mandate would be financed from the Company's internal resources.

In repurchasing the Shares, the Company may only apply funds which are legally available for such purposes in accordance with the constitutional documents of the Company, the GEM Listing Rules and the applicable laws and regulations of the Cayman Islands. The Company will not purchase the Shares on GEM 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.

#### 3. REASONS FOR SHARE REPURCHASE

Although the Directors have no present intention of exercising the proposed Repurchase Mandate, the Directors believe that the flexibility afforded by the proposed Repurchase Mandate would be beneficial to the Company and the Shareholders. An exercise of the Repurchase Mandate may, depending on market conditions at the time, lead to an enhancement of the net asset value and/or earnings per Share and will only be made when the Directors believe that repurchase of Shares will benefit the Company and Shareholders as a whole.

#### 4. SHARE PRICES

The highest and lowest prices at which the Shares have traded on the Stock Exchange during each of the previous 12 months immediately prior to the Latest Practicable Date were as follows:

	Shares P	<b>Shares Price</b>	
	Highest	Lowest	
	HK\$	HK\$	
2020			
June	0.214	0.103	
July	0.129	0.101	
August	0.108	0.093	
September	0.118	0.092	
October	0.115	0.096	
November	0.109	0.088	
December	0.115	0.079	
2021			
January	0.123	0.095	
February	0.182	0.100	
March	0.181	0.140	
April	0.234	0.103	
May	0.128	0.101	
June (up to the Latest Practicable Date)	0.142	0.100	

#### 5. UNDERTAKING

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 GEM Listing Rules, the Articles of Association, the memorandum of association of the Company and the applicable laws of the Cayman Islands.

#### 6. EFFECT OF THE TAKEOVERS CODE

If as a result of a repurchase of Shares pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate, 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. As a result, a Shareholder, or a group of Shareholders acting in concert (as defined in the Takeovers Code), depending on the level of increase of the Shareholder's interest, could obtain or consolidate control of the Company and become obliged to make a mandatory offer in accordance with Rule 26 or Rule 32 of the Takeovers Code.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the following shareholders had interests representing 5% or more of the issued share capital of the Company:

# Approximate percentage of total issued Shares

Name	Shares held	Nature of interest	As at the Latest Practicable Date	Repurchase Mandate is exercised in full
Mr. Chan Lai Sin (Note 2)	408,370,000	Interest in a controlled corporation	51.05%	56.72%
Chun Wah Limited	408,370,000	Beneficial owner	51.05%	56.72%
Ms. Wong Ting Nuen (Note 3)	408,370,000	Interest of spouse	51.05%	56.72%
Ms. Cai Hui Ting	84,230,000	Beneficial owner	10.53%	11.70%
Mr. Sun Xincai	44,000,000	Beneficial owner	5.50%	6.11%

#### Notes:

- 1. All interests stated are long positions.
- 2. Mr. Chan Lai Sin ("Mr. Chan") legally and beneficially owns the entire issued share capital of Chun Wah Limited ("Chun Wah"). Therefore, Mr. Chan is deemed, or taken to be, interested in all the Shares held by Chun Wah for the purpose of the SFO. Mr. Chan is the sole director of Chun Wah.
- Ms. Wong Ting Nuen ("Ms. Wong") is the spouse of Mr. Chan. Ms. Wong is deemed, or taken to be, interested in the same number of Shares in which Mr. Chan is interested for the purpose of the SFO.

On the basis that no Shares are allotted and issued or repurchased from the Latest Practicable Date to the date of the AGM, no person is obliged to make a mandatory offer under Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code or result in the amount of Shares held by the public being reduced to less than 25%.

The Directors do not intend to exercise the power to repurchase Shares to an extent which would render any Shareholder or group of Shareholders obliged to make a mandatory offer under Rule 26 or Rule 32 of the Takeovers Code.

The Directors will not repurchase the Shares on GEM if the repurchase would result in the number of the listed securities which are in the hands of the public falling below 25%, being the relevant minimum prescribed percentage for the Company as required by the Stock Exchange.

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

As at the Latest Practicable Date, none of the Directors nor, to the best of their respective knowledge and belief and having made all reasonable enquiries, their close associates (as defined under the GEM Listing Rules), have any present intention, if the Repurchase Mandate is approved by the Shareholders and is exercised, to sell any Shares to the Company or any of its subsidiaries under the Repurchase Mandate.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, no core connected person (as defined in the GEM Listing Rules) of the Company (i) has notified the Company that he/she/it has a present intention to sell any Shares (ii) has undertaken to the Company that he/she/it will not sell any Shares held by him/her/it to the Company, in the event that the Repurchase Mandate is approved by the Shareholders.

#### 8. MATERIAL ADVERSE CHANGE

As compared with the financial position of the Company as at 31 March 2021 (being the date to which the latest audited accounts of the Company have been made up), the Directors consider that there would not be a material adverse impact on the working capital and on the gearing position of the Company in the event that the proposed repurchases were to be carried out in full during the proposed repurchase period.

The Directors do not propose to exercise the Repurchase Mandate to such extent as would, in the circumstances, have a material adverse effect on the working capital of the Company or the gearing position which in the opinion of the Directors are from time to time appropriate for the Company.

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

The Company had not purchased any of the Shares (whether on GEM or otherwise) in the six months immediately preceding the Latest Practicable Date.

# DETAILS OF A DIRECTOR PROPOSED TO BE RE-ELECTED AT THE AGM

The following are particulars of a Director proposed to be re-elected at the AGM:

#### RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTOR

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

#### Mr. Chan Lai Sin ("Mr. Chan")

Mr. Chan, aged 56, is the founder of the Group. He is responsible for the overall strategic management and development of the Group's business operations. Mr. Chan was appointed to the Board and designated as an executive Director and the Chairman of the Company on 6 May 2016.

Mr. Chan has over 23 years of experience in the interior design and furnishing industry. Prior to founding the Group, Mr. Chan began working as a clerk in MTR Corporation Limited from August 1981 to October 1982 and later joined the Hong Kong Police Force (formerly the Royal Hong Kong Police Force) as a policeman from June 1983 to November 1987. Mr. Chan joined Bellok Company Limited (also known as Chung Ngai Furniture Factory (中藝塚根廠) as a sales representative in May 1988 and left in July 1996 with his last position held as sales manager. He later founded the Group in August 1996.

Further, Mr. Chan was awarded as one of "2012-2013 Top 10 Most Influential Interior Designers (Residential) (2012-2013年度十大最具影響力設計師(住宅空間類))" at "The 8th China International Architectural Decoration and Design Art Fair (第八屆中國國際建築裝飾及設計博覽會)" in China.

Mr. Chan received his bachelor degree of general studies and master degree of business administration from The Open University of Hong Kong in June 2011 and November 2015 respectively. He is currently the chairman of Hong Kong Famous Designers Association.

Mr. Chan has entered into a director's service agreement with the Company for a term of three years commencing on 12 April 2020 subject to rotation and re-election at annual general meetings of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association. The director's fee of Mr. Chan will be reviewed annually by the Board and by reference to the prevailing market practice, the Company's remuneration policy, his experience, duties and responsibilities within the Company. For the year ended 31 March 2021, the total remuneration paid to Mr. Chan amounted to HK\$2,600,000.

Save as disclosed above, as at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Chan does not hold any directorship in other public companies the securities of which are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas in the last three years or any other position with the Company and other members of the Group or other major appointments and professional qualifications.

# DETAILS OF A DIRECTOR PROPOSED TO BE RE-ELECTED AT THE AGM

Save as disclosed above, as at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Chan does not have any relationship with other Directors, senior management, substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company, and he has no interests in the shares of the Company which are required to be disclosed pursuant to Part XV of the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, the Company considers that in relation to the re-election of Mr. Chan as an executive Director, there is no information to be disclosed pursuant to paragraphs (h) to (v) of Rule 17.50(2) of the GEM Listing Rules and there are no other matters that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

#### APPENDIX III DETAILS OF A DIRECTOR TO BE APPOINTED AT THE AGM

The following are particulars of a Director proposed to be appointed at the AGM:

#### APPOINTMENT OF A DIRECTOR

#### INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

#### Dr. Chung Siu Kuen ("Dr. Chung")

Dr. Chung, aged 57, has over 35 years of experience in the banking industry, focusing on retail banking business, overseeing sales & distribution channels, cross-border business development & collaboration, customer segments, retail banking & wealth management products. Dr. Chung has been the founder and director of DR WMS Limited since March 2021. He has been the vice chairman and director of Hong Kong Shue Yan University Alumni Association Limited since 2021 and POLYU DBA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION LIMITED since 2019. He has been the Professor of Practice (Finance) in the School of Accounting and Finance of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University since June 2021.

Dr. Chung was a visiting lecture (Part-time) in the School of Accounting and Finance of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University from August 2020 to January 2021. He worked as an executive vice president and head of personal banking division of Chong Hing Bank Limited from August 2018 to June 2020. He worked as an assistant general manager of Wing Lung Bank Limited from April 2013 to August 2018. He worked in DBS Bank (Hong Kong) Limited from October 2008 to March 2013 with his last position held as a managing director and treasures and distribution head. Prior to 2008, Mr. Chung worked in several companies in the banking industry.

Dr. Chung obtained Doctor of Business Administration from The Hong Kong Polytechnic University in 2018, Master of Business Administration from University of Birmingham in 2009, Bachelor of Laws from University of Wolverhampton in 2005, Bachelor of Business Administration (Honours) from University of Lincolnshire and Humberside in 2000, Diploma in Legal Studies from The University of Hong Kong in 1998 and Diploma in Business Administration from Hong Kong Shue Yan College in 1991.

Dr. Chung will enter into a director's service agreement with the Company for a term of three years commencing from the date of the AGM, subject to rotation and re-election at annual general meetings of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association. The director's fee of Dr. Chung will be HK\$120,000 per annum and will be reviewed annually by the Board and by reference to the prevailing market practice, the Company's remuneration policy, his experience, duties and responsibilities within the Company. Dr. Chung will enter into a director's service agreement with the Company upon the approval of his appointment as an independent non-executive Director and the related ordinary resolution at the AGM.

Save as disclosed above, as at the Latest Practicable Date, Dr. Chung does not hold any directorship in other public companies the securities of which are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas in the last three years or any other position with the Company and other members of the Group or other major appointments and professional qualifications.

#### APPENDIX III DETAILS OF A DIRECTOR TO BE APPOINTED AT THE AGM

Save as disclosed above, as at the Latest Practicable Date, Dr. Chung does not have any relationship with other Directors, senior management, substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company, and he has no interests in the shares of the Company which are required to be disclosed pursuant to Part XV of the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, the Company considers that in relation to the appointment of Dr. Chung as an independent non-executive Director, there is no information to be disclosed pursuant to paragraphs (h) to (v) of Rule 17.50(2) of the GEM Listing Rules and there are no other matters that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

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# LAI GROUP HOLDING COMPANY LIMITED 禮 建 德 集 團 控 股 有 限 公 司

(incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 8455)

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the annual general meeting (the "AGM") of shareholders of Lai Group Holding Company Limited (the "Company") will be held at 26/F, Siu On Centre, 188 Lockhart Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong on Friday, 6 August 2021 at 11:00 a.m., to consider and, if thought fit, to pass with or without amendments, the following resolutions:

#### ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS

- 1. To receive, consider and adopt the audited financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries and the reports of the directors of the Company (the "**Directors**") and the auditor of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2021.
- 2. To re-appoint HLB Hodgson Impey Cheng Limited as auditor of the Company and to authorise the board of Directors to fix its remuneration.
- 3. To re-elect Mr. Chan Lai Sin as an executive Director and the board of Directors be authorised to fix his Director's remuneration.
- 4. To appoint Dr. Chung Siu Kuen as an independent non-executive Director and the board of Directors be authorised to fix his Director's remuneration.

#### 5. "THAT:

(a) subject to paragraph (c) of this resolution, and pursuant to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on GEM (the "GEM Listing Rules") of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange"), 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 (the "Shares") of HK\$0.01 each in the share capital of the Company or securities convertible into such Shares or options, warrants, or similar right to subscribe for any Shares or convertible securities of the Company and to make or grant offers, agreements and options (including bonds, warrants and debentures convertible into Shares) which would or might require the exercise of such power be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;

- (b) the approval in paragraph (a) of this resolution shall authorise the Directors during the Relevant Period to make or grant offers, agreements and options (including bonds, warrants and debentures convertible into Shares) which would or might require the exercise of such powers (including but not limited to the power to allot, issue and deal with additional Shares) during or after the end of the Relevant Period;
- the total number of Shares to be 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 in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this resolution, otherwise than pursuant to (i) a Rights Issue (as hereinafter defined); (ii) the exercise of any options granted under any share option scheme adopted by the Company or similar arrangement for the time being adopted for the grant or issue to officers and/or employees of the Company and/or any of its subsidiaries and/or any eligible persons thereunder of shares or rights to subscribe for shares in the capital of the Company; (iii) any scrip dividend scheme or similar arrangement providing for the allotment of shares in the Company in lieu of the whole or part a dividend pursuant to the articles of association of the Company (the "Articles of Association") from time to time; or (iv) an issue of shares upon the exercise of rights of subscription or conversion under the terms of any warrants of the Company or any securities which are convertible into shares of the Company, shall not exceed 20% of the issued share capital of the Company as at the time of passing this resolution, and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and
- (d) for the purpose 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 or any applicable laws of the Cayman Islands to be held; or
  - (iii) the date on which the authority given under this resolution is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting.

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

#### 6. "THAT:

- (a) subject to paragraph (c) of this resolution, the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to repurchase shares in the share capital of the Company on GEM of the Stock Exchange or on any other stock exchange on which the securities of the Company may be listed and which is recognised by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong and the Stock Exchange for this purpose, and that the exercise by the Directors of all powers to repurchase such shares are subject to and in accordance with all applicable laws and requirements of the GEM Listing Rules or of any other stock exchange as amended from time to time, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the approval in paragraph (a) of this resolution above shall be in addition to any other authorisation given to the Directors and shall authorise the Directors on behalf of the Company during the Relevant Period to procure the Company to repurchase its Shares at a price determined by the Directors;
- (c) the total number of Shares to be repurchased or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be repurchased by the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) of this resolution during the Relevant Period shall not exceed 10% of the issued share capital of the Company as at the time of the passing of this resolution, and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and
- (d) for the purpose 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 or any applicable laws of the Cayman Islands to be held; or
  - (iii) the date on which the authority given under this resolution is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting."

7. "THAT conditional upon the passing of resolutions no. 5 and no. 6 as set out in this notice convening the AGM of which this resolution forms part, the general mandate granted to the Directors pursuant to resolution no. 5 as set out in this notice convening the AGM of which this resolution forms part be and is hereby extended by the addition thereto of the total number of Shares which may be repurchased by the Company under the authority granted pursuant to resolution no. 6 as set out in this notice convening the AGM of which this resolution forms part, provided that such amount shall not exceed 10% of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing this resolution."

By Order of the Board

Lai Group Holding Company Limited

Chan Lai Sin

Chairman and Executive Director

Hong Kong, 30 June 2021

#### Notes:

- Any member of the Company entitled to attend and vote at the meeting is entitled to appoint one or more
  proxies to attend and vote instead of him. A member who is the holder of two or more Shares may appoint
  more than one proxy to represent him and vote on his behalf at the AGM. A proxy need not be a member
  of the Company.
- 2. The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing under the hand of the appointer or his attorney duly authorised in writing, or if the appointer is a corporation, either under seal or under the hand of an officer or attorney duly authorised on its behalf.
- 3. Where there are joint registered holders of any Shares, any one of such persons may vote at the above AGM (or any adjournment thereof), either personally or by proxy, in respect of such share as if he was solely entitled thereto; but if more than one of such joint holders by present at the above meeting personally or by proxy, that one of the said persons so present whose name stands first on the register of members of the Company in respect of such share shall alone be entitled to vote in respect thereof.
- 4. In order to be valid, the proxy form, together with the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed or a notarially certified copy thereof, must be deposited at the Company's branch registrar and transfer office in Hong Kong, Tricor Investor Services Limited at Level 54, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong, not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the AGM or any adjournment thereof.
- 5. Delivery of an instrument appointing a proxy shall not preclude a shareholder from attending and voting in person at the AGM and, in such event, the instrument appointing a proxy shall be deemed to be revoked.
- 6. In relation to resolution no. 3, Mr. Chan Lai Sin will retire from office at the AGM in accordance with the Articles of Association and, being eligible, will offer himself for re-election.
  - Biographical details of this Director are set out in Appendix II to this circular.
- 7. In relation to resolution no. 4, Dr. Chung Siu Kuen is proposed to be appointed as an independent non-executive Director at the AGM.
  - Biographical details of this Director are set out in the Appendix III to this circular.
- 8. An explanatory statement as required by the GEM Listing Rules in connection with the repurchase mandate under resolution no. 6 above is set out in Appendix I to this circular.

- 9. The transfer books and Register of Members of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, 3 August 2021 to Friday, 6 August 2021, both days inclusive. During such period, no share transfers will be effected. In order to qualify for attending the AGM, all 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, for registration no later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, 2 August 2021.
- 10. A form of proxy for use by shareholders at the AGM is enclosed.
- 11. In compliance with the Hong Kong Government's directive on social distancing, personal and environmental hygiene, and the guidelines issued by the Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health on the prevention of coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19"), the Company will implement precautionary measures at the AGM. Shareholders are advised to read page ii of the circular of the Company dated 30 June 2021 for details of the precautionary measures and monitor the development of COVID-19. Subject to the development of COVID-19, the Company may implement further changes and precautionary measures and may issue further announcement on such measures as appropriate.
- 12. In light of the continuing risks posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Company strongly advises Shareholders to appoint the chairman of the meeting as their proxy to vote on the relevant resolution(s) as an alternative to attending the AGM in person.

As at the date of this notice, the Board comprises Mr. Chan Lai Sin and Ms. Wan Pui Chi as executive Directors; and Mr. Kwan Ngai Kit, Ms. Lui Lai Chun and Mr. Wu Loong Cheong Paul as independent non-executive Directors.

This notice, for which the Directors collectively and individually accept full responsibility, includes particulars given in compliance with the GEM 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 notice 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 notice misleading.

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