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# 鷹君集團有限公司 Great Eagle Holdings Limited

於百慕達註冊成立之有限公司  
Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability

(Stock Code: 41)

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To the Shareholders

Dear Sir or Madam,

## SCRIP DIVIDEND ARRANGEMENT IN RELATION TO THE FINAL DIVIDEND FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

### INTRODUCTION

On 25 February 2022, it was announced that, among other things, the board of directors (the “**Board**”) of Great Eagle Holdings Limited (the “**Company**”) recommended the payment of a final dividend of HK50 cents per share (the “**2021 Final Dividend**”) and a special final dividend of



HK50 cents per share (the “**Special Final Dividend**”) of HK\$0.50 each in the capital of the Company (the “**Share(s)**”) for the year ended 31 December 2021 payable on 21 June 2022 to the shareholders of the Company (the “**Shareholder(s)**”) whose names appear on the registers of members of the Company (the “**Registers of Members**”) as at the close of business on 18 May 2022 (the “**Record Date**”). At the annual general meeting of the Company held on 5 May 2022, the 2021 Final Dividend and Special Final Dividend were approved. The Shareholders were provided with an option to receive an allotment of new shares of HK\$0.50 each in the capital of the Company (the “**Scrip Shares**”) in lieu of cash only for the 2021 Final Dividend (the “**Scrip Dividend Arrangement**”).

**The Special Final Dividend will be paid solely in the form of cash.**

The purpose of this circular is to set out the procedures which apply in relation to the Scrip Dividend Arrangement and the action which should be taken by the Shareholders in relation thereto.

#### **PARTICULARS OF THE SCRIP DIVIDEND ARRANGEMENT**

Under the Scrip Dividend Arrangement, each Shareholder has the choice of receiving:

- (a) a cash dividend of HK50 cents for each Share held on the Record Date; or
- (b) a scrip dividend of new shares at an Issue Price (as defined below), subject to any fractional entitlement being disregarded as mentioned below; or
- (c) a combination of partly in (a) and partly in (b) above.

The Scrip Shares will be issued by way of capitalisation of the Company’s retained profits. The Scrip Shares issued in respect of the 2021 Final Dividend will, when they are issued, rank pari passu in all respects with the existing issued Shares except that such Scrip Shares themselves will not rank for the 2021 Final Dividend or Special Final Dividend. Scrip Shares are not renounceable. The right to receive Scrip Shares instead of whole or part of the cash dividend is non-transferable.

#### **EFFECT OF THE SCRIP DIVIDEND**

As at the close of business on the Record Date, the number of issued Shares and share options outstanding of the Company were 731,040,412 and 20,910,000 respectively. No dividends will be payable and no voting rights will be exercisable in relation to a share option that has not been exercised. Save as disclosed above, the Company does not have any warrants, options or other securities which are convertible into the Shares. Accordingly, the 731,040,412 Shares in issue as at the Record Date are entitled to participate in the Scrip Dividend Arrangement.

If no elections for the Scrip Shares were received as at the Record Date, the total cash dividend payable by the Company in respect of the 2021 Final Dividend (not including the Special Final Dividend, which will be paid solely in the form of cash) would be approximately HK\$365.52 million. If all Shareholders elect to receive their entitlement in the form of Scrip Shares, the maximum number of Scrip Shares to be issued would be 22,873,604 Shares, representing approximately 3.13% of the existing issued share capital of the Company and approximately 3.03% of the issued share capital of the Company as enlarged by the issue of the Scrip Shares.

Shareholders should note that the issue of the Scrip Shares may give rise to notification requirements under the Securities and Futures Ordinance for those Shareholders who may have notifiable interests in the Company. Shareholders who are in any doubt as to how these provisions may affect them are recommended to seek their own professional advice. Shareholders who are in any doubt as to their taxation position are also recommended to seek their own professional advice.

The Company, being an exempted company incorporated in Bermuda, has been designated as non-resident for Bermuda exchange control purposes and has been granted an assurance by the Minister of Finance in Bermuda under the Exempted Undertakings Tax Protection Act 1966. Accordingly, in the event of there being enacted in Bermuda any legislation imposing tax computed on profits or income, or computed on any capital asset, gain or appreciation, or any tax in the nature of estate duty or inheritance tax, then the imposition of any such tax shall not be applicable to the Company or any of its operations or Shares, debentures or other obligations of the Company provided that such assurance shall not be construed as to:

1. prevent the application of any such tax or duty to such persons as are ordinarily resident in Bermuda; and
2. prevent the application of any tax payable in accordance with the provisions of the Land Tax Act, 1967 or otherwise payable in relation to the land leased to the Company.

#### **IMPLICATIONS UNDER THE CODE ON TAKEOVERS AND MERGERS (“TAKEOVERS CODE”)**

If, as a result of the election to receive the 2021 Final Dividend by way of Scrip Shares, a Shareholder’s proportionate interest in the voting rights of the Company increases, such increase will be treated as an acquisition of voting rights for the purposes of the Takeovers Code. Accordingly, a Shareholder or group of Shareholders acting in concert, could, depending upon the level of increase in shareholding interest(s), obtain or consolidate control of the Company and thereby become obliged to make a mandatory offer in accordance with Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code.

If an election to receive the 2021 Final Dividend by way of Scrip Shares would otherwise result in a Shareholder becoming obliged to make a mandatory offer in respect of the Company under the Takeovers Code, the amount of the 2021 Final Dividend elected by the Shareholder to be received in the form of Scrip Shares shall be reduced to the extent necessary to ensure that the election does not result in the Shareholder becoming obliged to make mandatory offer in respect of the Company. The election shall be deemed to be an election to receive the reduced amount of 2021 Final Dividend in the form of Scrip Shares and the remaining balance of the relevant Shareholder’s 2021 Final Dividend shall be paid in cash.

Accordingly, it is not anticipated that any election to receive the 2021 Final Dividend in the form of Scrip Shares under the Scrip Dividend Arrangement would give rise to any consequences under the Takeovers Code.

## BASIS OF ALLOTMENT OF THE SCRIP SHARES

For the purpose of calculating the number of Scrip Shares to be allotted to the Shareholders pursuant to the Scrip Dividend Arrangement, the issue price of the Scrip Shares has been determined at HK\$15.98 per Share (the “**Issue Price**”), which is the average closing price of the Shares (“**Average Closing Price**”) quoted on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Stock Exchange**”) for the five consecutive trading days commencing from and including 11 May 2022, less a 5% discount. Accordingly, the number of Scrip Shares which each Shareholder will receive under the Scrip Dividend Arrangement will be calculated as follows:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \text{Number of Scrip Shares} & & \text{HK\$0.50} \\ \text{to be received} & & \text{(2021 Final Dividend per Share)} \\ \text{(round down to the} & = & \\ \text{nearest whole number)} & & \text{HK\$15.98} \\ & & \text{(Average Closing Price x 95\%)} \end{array} \times \frac{\text{Number of existing Shares}}{\text{held on the Record Date}} \times \frac{\text{for which the election for}}{\text{Scrip Shares is made}}$$

The number of Scrip Shares to be received by each Shareholder pursuant to his/her election will be rounded down to the nearest whole number. No Shareholder will be entitled to be issued any fraction of a Share under the Scrip Dividend Arrangement. If you elect to receive the maximum number of Scrip Shares in lieu of your cash dividend, a residual dividend entitlement may arise, representing the difference between the total cash equivalent of the Scrip Shares based on the Issue Price to be issued to you and the maximum dividend available in respect of your shareholdings. Fractional entitlements to Scrip Shares will be disregarded and the benefit thereof will accrue to the Company.

Scrip Shares issued to a Shareholder pursuant to an election to receive some or all of his/her 2021 Final Dividend in Scrip Shares may be allocated in odd lots (of fewer than a board lot of 1,000 Shares). No special dealing arrangements will be put in place by the Company to facilitate the trading or disposal of Scrip Shares issued in odd lots. Shareholders should be aware that odd lots usually trade at a discount to the price of board lots.

You may elect to receive Scrip Shares in respect of all or part of your holding of Shares. No fraction of a Share will be issued. If you choose to take only part of your dividends as Scrip Shares, you will receive the balance in cash.

## ACTION TO BE TAKEN

An election form (the “**Election Form**”) is enclosed with this circular. Please read carefully the instructions below and the instructions printed on the Election Form.

**If you wish to receive the whole of the 2021 Final Dividend in cash, you need not complete the Election Form.**

**If you wish to elect to receive an allotment of Scrip Shares, or partly in cash and partly in Scrip Shares in respect of the 2021 Final Dividend, you must COMPLETE, SIGN and RETURN the Election Form to the Company’s branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited (the “Branch Share Registrar”) at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen’s Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong no later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, 8 June 2022.**

No acknowledgement of receipt of the Election Form will be issued.

The latest time for submission of the Election Forms will not be valid if there is a tropical cyclone warning signal no. 8 or above, or a “black” rainstorm warning or extreme conditions caused by a super typhoon announced by the Government in force in Hong Kong:

- (i) at any time before 12:00 noon and no longer in force after 12:00 noon on Wednesday, 8 June 2022. Instead, the deadline for submission of the Election Forms will be extended to 5:00 p.m. on the same business day;
- (ii) at any time between 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 8 June 2022. Instead, the deadline for submission of the Election Forms will be rescheduled to 4:30 p.m. on the next business day which does not have either of those warnings in force at any time between 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

No elections in respect of the 2021 Final Dividend may, after the relevant Election Forms are signed and returned to the Branch Share Registrar, be in any way withdrawn, revoked, superseded or altered.

If you sign the Election Form but do not specify the number of Shares in respect of which you wish to receive your 2021 Final Dividend in Scrip Shares or, if you elect to receive your 2021 Final Dividend in Scrip Shares in respect of a greater number of Shares than your registered holding on the Record Date, then in either case you will be deemed to have exercised your election of Scrip Shares in respect of all your Shares.

## **OVERSEAS SHAREHOLDERS**

The Board is aware that, after making legal enquiries by the Company, for the Shareholders with registered addresses in Thailand, New Zealand and the United States of America, local approval and/or filing or other formalities in relation to the Scrip Dividend Arrangement need to be observed so as to comply with the relevant securities legislation in those jurisdictions. As the Board considered that it would not be cost-effective or expedient for the Company to comply with the registration requirements and/or other formalities under the laws of the relevant jurisdictions, it has decided to exclude Shareholders with registered addresses in these jurisdictions (the “**Excluded Shareholders**”) from the Scrip Dividend Arrangement. Accordingly, Election Form will not be sent to the Excluded Shareholders and they will only receive this circular for information. Excluded Shareholders will receive the 2021 Final Dividend wholly in cash.

Save for the Excluded Shareholders, all Shareholders residing outside Hong Kong should consult their professional advisers as to whether any government or other consents are required or other formalities need to be observed to permit them to participate in the Scrip Dividend Arrangement.

In addition, based on the information available in the Central Clearing and Settlement System (“CCASS”) as at the close of business on the Record Date, 1,085,859 Shares, representing approximately 0.15% of the total issued Shares, were held by China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited (“ChinaClear”). Pursuant to the Frequently Asked Questions Series 29 issued by the Stock Exchange on 17 November 2014 and updated on 4 November 2016 and 13 July 2018 on the interpretation of the Listing Rules, investors from the People’s Republic of China (which for the purpose of this circular, excludes Taiwan, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and Macau Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China) who hold Shares through ChinaClear as nominee under Shanghai Connect and Shenzhen Connect (the “**PRC Southbound Trading Investors**”) can participate in the Scrip Dividend Arrangement through ChinaClear. ChinaClear will provide nominee services for the PRC Southbound Trading Investors to elect to receive the Scrip Shares in respect of all or part of his/her holding of Shares in accordance with the relevant laws and regulations.

The PRC Southbound Trading Investors should seek advice from their intermediary (including broker, custodian, nominee or ChinaClear participants) and/or other professional advisers for details of the logistical arrangements as required by ChinaClear, and provide instructions with such intermediary in relation to the election to receive the Scrip Shares.

No Shareholder receiving a copy of this circular and/or an Election Form in any territory outside Hong Kong may treat the same as an invitation to elect for Shares unless in the relevant territory such invitation could lawfully be made to such person without the Company being required to comply with any registration or other legal requirements, governmental or regulatory procedures or any similar formalities. It is the responsibility of any Shareholder residing outside Hong Kong who wishes to receive Scrip Shares under the Scrip Dividend Arrangement to comply with the laws of the relevant jurisdiction(s), including procedures or any other similar formalities. It is also the responsibility of any person who receives Scrip Shares in lieu of cash dividend to comply with any restrictions on the resale of the Scrip Shares which apply outside Hong Kong. Persons who receive Scrip Shares in lieu of the cash dividend must also comply with any restrictions on the resale of the Shares which may apply outside Hong Kong.

#### **CONDITION OF THE SCRIP DIVIDEND ARRANGEMENT**

The Scrip Dividend Arrangement is conditional upon listing approval being granted by the Stock Exchange in respect of the Scrip Shares to be issued pursuant thereto. If this condition is not satisfied, the Scrip Dividend Arrangement described in this circular will not become effective, the Election Forms will be void and the 2021 Final Dividend will then be paid wholly in cash.

## **STOCK EXCHANGE LISTING, CLEARING AND SETTLEMENT**

Application has been made to the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange for the grant of listing of, and permission to deal in, the Scrip Shares. Subject to the approval being granted by the Stock Exchange, it is expected that cheques for cash entitlements and/or share certificates for Scrip Shares will be despatched to the Shareholders by ordinary mail at their own risk on 21 June 2022.

Dealings in the Scrip Shares on the Stock Exchange are expected to commence at 9:00 a.m. on 22 June 2022. The Shares are only listed on the Stock Exchange. No part of the share capital of the Company is listed or dealt in on any other stock exchange and the Company is not currently seeking to list its Shares on any other stock exchange.

Subject to the granting of the listing of, and permission to deal in the Scrip Shares to be allotted and issued pursuant to the Scrip Dividend Arrangement on the Stock Exchange, such Scrip Shares will be accepted as eligible securities by Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited for deposit, clearance and settlement in CCASS. All activities under CCASS are subject to the General Rules of CCASS and CCASS Operational Procedures in effect from time to time. Dealings in the Shares may be settled through CCASS and you should seek the advice of your stockbroker or other professional adviser for details of these settlement arrangements and how such settlement arrangements will affect your rights and interests.

## **ADVANTAGES OF THE SCRIP DIVIDEND ARRANGEMENT**

The Scrip Dividend Arrangement will give the Shareholders the opportunity to increase their investments in the Company at Issue Price without incurring brokerage fees, stamp duty and related dealing costs. The Scrip Dividend Arrangement will also be to the advantage of the Company because, to the extent that the Shareholders elect to receive Scrip Shares, in whole or in part in lieu of cash dividend, the cash which would otherwise have been paid to the Shareholders will be retained for use by the Company as general working capital.

## **RECOMMENDATION AND ADVICE**

Whether or not it is to your advantage to elect to receive Scrip Shares in lieu of cash will depend upon your own individual circumstances and the decision in this regard, and all effects resulting therefrom, must be solely the responsibility of each Shareholder.

If any Shareholder is in any doubt as to any aspect of this circular, you should consult your licensed securities dealer or registered institution in securities, bank manager, solicitor, professional accountant or other professional adviser.

Yours faithfully,  
By Order of the Board  
**Great Eagle Holdings Limited**  
**LO Ka Shui**  
*Chairman and Managing Director*

## TIMETABLE OF EVENTS

Events	Date
Last date for dealings in Shares on a cum-entitlement basis	10 May 2022
Shares quoted ex-dividend	11 May 2022
Latest time for lodging forms of transfer of Shares to ensure entitlements to 2021 Final Dividend and Special Final Dividend	4:30 p.m. on 12 May 2022
Closure of Registers of Members for ascertaining the entitlement to 2021 Final Dividend and Special Final Dividend	13 May 2022 to 18 May 2022 (both days inclusive)
Record Date	18 May 2022
Announcement of the Issue Price (which was available on the Company's website and the HKEXnews website)	18 May 2022
Last Date for receipt by Branch Share Registrar of Election Forms	8 June 2022 no later than 4:30 p.m.
Payment of 2021 Final Dividend of HK50 cents per Share and Special Final Dividend of HK50 cents per Share	21 June 2022
Despatch of dividend warrants and/or share certificates for Scrip Shares by ordinary post at the risk of Shareholders	21 June 2022
Expected first day of dealings in Scrip Shares (subject to the granting of listing by the Stock Exchange and the proper receipt of share certificates for Scrip Shares by the relevant Shareholders)	9:00 a.m. on 22 June 2022

*Note: Reference to time and dates in this circular are to Hong Kong time and dates.*