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South Manganese Investment Limited

南方錳業投資有限公司

(incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 1091)

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual general meeting (“AGM”) of South Manganese Investment Limited (the “Company”) will be held at United Conference Centre, 10/F, United Centre, 95 Queensway, Hong Kong on Friday, 19 January 2024 at 11:00 a.m. for the following purposes:

1. To receive and consider the audited financial statements and the report of the directors and the independent auditors’ report for the year ended 31 December 2022.
2. To re-elect directors.
3. To authorise the board of directors to fix the directors’ remuneration.
4. To re-appoint RSM Hong Kong as auditors of the Company and authorise the board of directors to fix the auditors’ remuneration.
5. As special business to consider and, if thought fit, pass with or without amendment, the following resolutions as ordinary resolutions of the Company:

ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS

A. “**THAT:**

- (a) subject to paragraph (c) below and in substitution for all previous authorities, the exercise by the directors of the Company during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with additional shares in the share capital of the Company and to make or grant offers, agreements, options and other rights, or issue warrants and other securities including bonds, debentures and notes convertible into shares of the Company, which would or might require the exercise of such powers, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;

- (b) the approval in paragraph (a) above shall authorise the Directors of the Company during the Relevant Period to make or grant offers, agreements, options and other rights, or issue warrants and other securities, which would or might require the exercise of such powers after the end of the Relevant Period;
- (c) the aggregate nominal amount of share capital allotted or to be allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted (whether pursuant to an option or otherwise) by the Directors of the Company during the Relevant Period pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above, otherwise than pursuant to or in consequence of:
 - (i) a Rights Issue (as hereinafter defined); or
 - (ii) the exercise of any option under any share option scheme or similar arrangement for the time being adopted for the grant or issue to option holders of shares in the Company; 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 bye-laws of the Company; or
 - (iv) any adjustment, after the date of grant or issue of any options, rights to subscribe or other securities referred to above, in the price at which shares in the Company shall be subscribed, and/or in the number of shares in the Company which shall be subscribed, on exercise of relevant rights under such options, warrants or other securities, such adjustment being made in accordance with, or as contemplated by, the terms of such options, rights to subscribe or other securities;

shall not exceed 20 per cent. of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue at the date of passing of 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 expiry of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by any applicable law or the bye-laws of the Company to be held; or

- (iii) the revocation, variation or renewal of the authority given under this resolution by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting.

“**Rights Issue**” means an offer of shares in the Company, or an offer of warrants, options or other securities giving rights to subscribe for shares, open for a period fixed by the directors of the Company to holders of shares in the Company 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 (subject in all cases to such exclusions or other arrangements as the directors of the Company 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 recognised regulatory body or any stock exchange in, any territory outside Hong Kong).”

B. “THAT:

- (a) subject to paragraph (b) below, the exercise by the directors of the Company during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all powers of the Company to make repurchase of its own shares on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Stock Exchange**”) or on any other stock exchange on which the shares of the Company may be listed and recognised by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong and the Stock Exchange for this purpose, subject to and in accordance with all applicable laws and the requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange or any other stock exchange (as the case may be) and the Code on Takeovers and Mergers of the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the aggregate nominal amount of shares of the Company to be repurchased by the Company pursuant to paragraph (a) above during the Relevant Period shall not exceed 10 per cent. of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue at the date of passing of this resolution and the authority pursuant to paragraph (a) above shall be limited accordingly; and
- (c) 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 expiry of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by any applicable law or the bye-laws of the Company to be held; or

(iii) the revocation, variation or renewal of this resolution by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting.”

- C. “**THAT** conditional upon the passing of resolution nos. 5A and 5B, the general mandate granted to the directors of the Company and for the time being in force to exercise the powers of the Company to allot shares be and is hereby extended by the addition to the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital which may be allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted by the directors of the Company pursuant to such general mandate of an amount representing the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company repurchased by the Company under the authority granted by the resolution set out as resolution no. 5B, provided that such amount shall not exceed 10 per cent. of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue as at the date of passing of this resolution.”
6. As special business to consider and, if thought fit, pass with or without amendments, the following resolution as special resolution of the Company:

SPECIAL RESOLUTION

“**THAT:**

- (a) the proposed amendments to the existing bye-laws of the Company (the “**Proposed Amendments**”), the details of which are set out in Appendix III to the circular of the Company dated 15 December 2023, be and are hereby approved;
- (b) the amended and restated bye-laws of the Company (the “**New Bye-laws**”), which contain all the Proposed Amendments, a copy of which has been produced to the meeting and marked “A” and initialed by the chairman of the meeting for the purpose of identification, be and are hereby approved and adopted as the bye-laws of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of the existing bye-laws of the Company with immediate effect; and
- (c) any Director or company secretary of the Company be and is hereby authorized to do all things necessary to effect and record the adoption of the New Bye-laws.”

By Order of the Board
South Manganese Investment Limited
Mr. Li Weijian
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Hong Kong, 15 December 2023

Headquarter in Hong Kong:

Room A02,
35th Floor,
United Centre,
95 Queensway,
Admiralty,
Hong Kong

Notes:

- (1) Any member of the Company entitled to attend and vote at the AGM is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend and vote instead of him. A proxy need not be a member of the Company but must be present in person at the AGM to represent the member. If more than one proxy is so appointed, the appointment shall specify the number and class of Shares in respect of which each such proxy is so appointed.
- (2) A form of proxy for use at the AGM is enclosed.
- (3) To be valid, a form of proxy, together with any power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed, or a notarially certified copy of such power of attorney or authority, must be returned to Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the AGM (or any adjournment thereof). Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting in person at the AGM (or any adjournment thereof) should you so wish.
- (4) The transfer books and register of members will be closed from Monday, 15 January 2024 to Thursday, 18 January 2024, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be effected. In order to qualify for attending the AGM, 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, Wan Chai, Hong Kong not later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, 12 January 2023.
- (5) If there are joint registered holders of a Share, any one of such joint holders may vote at the AGM, either personally or by proxy, in respect of such Share as if he were solely entitled thereto, but if more than one of such joint holders is present at the AGM personally or by proxy, that one of the joint holders so present whose name stands first in the register of members of the Company in respect of such Share shall alone be entitled to vote in respect thereof.
- (6) In accordance with the Listing Rules, voting on the above ordinary resolutions will be taken by poll.
- (7) With regard to resolution no. 2 set out in the notice convening this meeting, the board of directors of the Company proposes that the retiring Directors who will offer themselves for re-election, namely, Mr. Zhang He, Mr. Li Junji, Mr. Pan Shenghai, Mr. Zhang Yupeng and Mr. Lo Sze Hung be re-elected as Directors of the Company. The details of the directors to be re-elected are set out in Appendix I to the circular to shareholders of the Company dated 15 December 2023.

As at the date of this announcement, the executive Directors are Mr. Li Weijian, Mr. Zhang He, Mr. Xu Xiang and Mr. Li Junji; the non-executive Directors are Ms. Cui Ling and Mr. Pan Shenghai; and the independent non-executive Directors are Mr. Zhang Yupeng, Mr. Yuan Mingliang and Mr. Lo Sze Hung.