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GLOBAL SWEETENERS HOLDINGS LIMITED

大成糖業控股有限公司 *

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 03889)

**GRANT OF THE NEW ISSUE MANDATE AND
THE REPURCHASE MANDATE,
RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS
AND
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

A notice convening the Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held at Room 1, 14th Floor, Fairmont House, 8 Cotton Tree Drive, Central, Hong Kong at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, 20 June 2024 is set out on pages 16 to 20 of this circular.

Whether or not you intend to attend the Annual General Meeting, you are requested to complete and return the accompanying 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 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong as soon as possible and in any event no later than 48 hours before the time of the Annual General Meeting (i.e. at or before 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, 18 June 2024) or any adjournment thereof. Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting in person at the Annual General Meeting or any adjournment thereof should you so wish and, in such event, the form of proxy shall be deemed to be revoked. All times and dates specified herein refer to Hong Kong local times and dates.

25 April 2024

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DEFINITIONS

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

“AGM Notice”	the notice for convening the Annual General Meeting set out on pages 16 to 20 of this circular
“Annual General Meeting”	the annual general meeting of the Company to be convened and held at Room 1, 14 th Floor, Fairmont House, 8 Cotton Tree Drive, Central, Hong Kong at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, 20 June 2024
“Articles of Association”	the articles of association of the Company, as amended from time to time
“Board”	the board of Directors
“Companies Act”	the Companies Act, Chapter 22 (Act 3 of 1961, as consolidated and revised) of the Cayman Islands
“Company”	Global Sweeteners Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability, the shares of which are listed on the Stock Exchange (Stock Code: 03889)
“Director(s)”	the director(s) of the Company
“GBT”	Global Bio-chem Technology Group Company Limited, a company incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability, the shares of which are listed on the Stock Exchange (Stock Code: 00809)
“Group”	the Company and its subsidiaries
“Hong Kong”	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China
“HK\$”	Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong
“Latest Practicable Date”	18 April 2024, being the latest practicable date prior to the printing of this circular for ascertaining certain information herein
“Listing Rules”	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange
“New Issue Mandate”	a general and unconditional mandate proposed to be granted to the Directors to exercise the powers of the Company to allot, issue or otherwise deal with the Shares up to a maximum of 20% of the total number of the issued Shares as at the date of passing the relevant resolution at the Annual General Meeting

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“Registrar”	Tricor Investor Services Limited, the Company’s branch share registrar and transfer office in Hong Kong, whose office is at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong
“Repurchase Mandate”	a general and unconditional mandate proposed to be granted to the Directors to enable them to exercise the powers of the Company to repurchase the Shares, the total number of which shall not exceed 10% of the total number of the issued Shares as at the date of passing the relevant resolution at the Annual General Meeting
“SFO”	the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong)
“Share(s)”	ordinary share(s) of HK\$0.10 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
“Takeovers Code”	the Codes on Takeovers and Mergers and Share Buy-backs
“%”	per cent.

LETTER FROM THE BOARD



GLOBAL SWEETENERS HOLDINGS LIMITED

大成糖業控股有限公司 *

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 03889)

Executive Directors:

Mr. Wang Tieguang *(Joint chairman)*

Mr. Kong Zhanpeng *(Joint chairman)*

Non-executive Director:

Mr. Tai Shubin

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Mr. Lo Kwing Yu

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25 April 2024

To the Shareholders

Dear Sir or Madam,

**GRANT OF THE NEW ISSUE MANDATE AND
THE REPURCHASE MANDATE,
RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS
AND
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

INTRODUCTION

The primary purpose of this circular is to provide you with information regarding the resolutions to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting and to give you the AGM Notice. Resolutions to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting include ordinary resolutions relating to the proposed grant of the New Issue Mandate and the Repurchase Mandate and the re-election of Directors.

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GENERAL MANDATE TO REPURCHASE SHARES

At the annual general meeting held on 25 May 2023, a general mandate was given by the Company to the Directors to exercise the powers of the Company to repurchase Shares. Such mandate will lapse at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting.

At the Annual General Meeting, an ordinary resolution will be proposed that the Directors be given a general and unconditional mandate to exercise all powers of the Company to repurchase on the Stock Exchange the Shares, up to a maximum of 10% of the total number of the issued Shares as at the date of the passing of the ordinary resolution approving the grant of the Repurchase Mandate at the Annual General Meeting.

The Repurchase Mandate will expire: (a) at the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company following the Annual General Meeting; or (b) at the end of the period within which the Company is required by the Companies Act or the Articles of Association to hold its next annual general meeting; or (c) when revoked or varied by ordinary resolutions of the Shareholders in a general meeting prior to the next annual general meeting of the Company, whichever is the earliest.

An explanatory statement to provide the Shareholders with all the information reasonably necessary for them to make an informed decision in relation to this proposed resolution as required by the Listing Rules is set out in Appendix I to this circular.

GENERAL MANDATE TO ISSUE SHARES

At the Annual General Meeting, an ordinary resolution will also be proposed that the Directors be given a general and unconditional mandate to allot, issue or otherwise deal with the Shares of up to 20% of the total number of the issued Shares as at the date of the passing of the ordinary resolution approving the grant of the New Issue Mandate at the Annual General Meeting. As at the Latest Practicable Date, the issued share capital of the Company comprised 1,527,586,000 Shares. Subject to the passing of the proposed resolution approving the grant of the New Issue Mandate and on the basis that no further Shares will be allotted and issued or repurchased by the Company before the Annual General Meeting, the Company will be allowed under the New Issue Mandate to issue a maximum of 305,517,200 Shares. In addition, an ordinary resolution will be proposed that the Directors be authorised to exercise the powers of the Company to allot, issue or otherwise deal with the Shares in a number equal to the total number of the issued Shares repurchased under the Repurchase Mandate.

RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

According to article 104(A) of the Articles of Association, not less than one-third of the Directors shall retire from office by rotation at each annual general meeting of the Company. Any Director who retires under this article shall then be eligible for re-election as Director. Mr. Tai Shubin and Mr. Lo Kwing Yu (“**Mr. Lo**”) will retire as Directors and, both being eligible, will offer themselves for re-election as Directors at the Annual General Meeting.

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In addition, pursuant to article 108 of the Articles of Association, any Director appointed by the Board to fill a casual vacancy or as an additional Director shall hold office only until the first annual general meeting of the Company after his appointment and shall then be eligible for re-election at the meeting. By virtue of article 108 of the Articles of Association, the offices of Mr. Wang Tieguaung and Mr. Kong Zhanpeng, both being appointed as executive Directors on 28 December 2023, and Ms. Li Guichen and Ms. Liu Ying, both being appointed as independent non-executive Directors on 18 January 2024, will end at the Annual General Meeting. Each of Mr. Wang Tieguaung, Mr. Kong Zhanpeng, Ms. Li Guichen and Ms. Liu Ying, being eligible, will offer himself or herself for re-election as Director at the Annual General Meeting.

The nomination committee (the “**Nomination Committee**”) of the Company identifies individuals suitably qualified to become members of the Board and select or make recommendations to the Board on the selection of individuals nominated for directorship, the appointment or re-appointment of Directors. In recommending each of Ms. Li Guichen and Ms. Liu Ying to stand for re-election as an independent non-executive Director, the Nomination Committee has assessed and reviewed the written confirmation of independence given by each of Ms. Li Guichen and Ms. Liu Ying based on the independence criteria as set out in Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules and is satisfied that each of them remain independent in accordance with Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules.

Pursuant to code provision B.2.3 to part 2 of the Corporate Governance Code as set out in Appendix C1 of the Listing Rules, any further appointment of an independent non-executive Director serving more than 9 years should be subject to a separate resolution to be approved by Shareholders. Mr. Lo has served on the Board for more than 9 years. The Company has received from Mr. Lo the annual confirmation of independence according to Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules and during the meeting held on 28 March 2024, the Nomination Committee reviewed the annual confirmation of independence given by Mr. Lo and was satisfied that he remains independent with reference to the guidelines set out in Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules. With Mr. Lo’s expertise in the legal industry, as well as his in-depth understanding of the Company’s operations and businesses, the Board believes that he can enhance the operational efficiency and diversification of the Company and maintain the stability of the Board as a whole. Mr. Lo has exercised independent judgement and provided objective advice to the Company throughout his directorship in the Company in the past years. The Board considers that the long service of Mr. Lo would not affect his continuous exercise of independent judgement, and is satisfied that Mr. Lo has the required character, integrity, knowledge, skills and experience to continue to discharge his duties as an independent non-executive Director. The Board believes that Mr. Lo’s re-election as an independent non-executive Director is in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole, and therefore recommends the Shareholders to re-elect Mr. Lo as an independent non-executive Director. A separate resolution will be proposed for the re-election of Mr. Lo at the AGM.

Based on the board diversity policy adopted by the Company, the Nomination Committee has reviewed the structure, size and composition of the Board, the qualification, skills, experience, time commitment, contribution of the retiring Directors and also considered that in view of the educational backgrounds and experiences of Mr. Wang Tieguaung, Mr. Kong Zhanpeng, Mr. Tai Shubin, Ms. Li Guichen, Ms. Liu Ying and Mr. Lo (together, the “**Retiring Directors**”) as set out in Appendix II to this circular, each of the Retiring Directors will bring valuable perspectives, knowledge, skills, experiences and independent views (in respect of Ms. Li Guichen, Ms. Liu Ying and Mr. Lo) to the Board for its efficient and effective functioning and their appointments will contribute to the diversity (in particular in terms of skills) of the Board

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appropriate to the requirements of the Company's business. The Nomination Committee has therefore made recommendation to the Board, and the Board therefore proposed the re-election of each of the Retiring Directors at the Annual General Meeting.

Biographical information of each of the Retiring Directors is set out in Appendix II to this circular.

ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN

The AGM Notice is set out on pages 16 to 20 of this circular. At the Annual General Meeting, resolutions will be proposed to approve, among other matters, the following:

- (a) to grant the Repurchase Mandate to the Directors;
- (b) to grant the New Issue Mandate to the Directors;
- (c) to increase the number of the Shares that may be allotted, issued or otherwise dealt with under the New Issue Mandate by such number of additional Shares equal to the total number of the Shares repurchased under the Repurchase Mandate; and
- (d) to approve the re-election of the Retiring Directors.

Enclosed with this circular is a form of proxy for use at the Annual General Meeting. Whether or not you intend to be present at the Annual General Meeting, you are requested to complete the form of proxy and return it to the Registrar in accordance with the instructions printed thereon no less than 48 hours before the time fixed for holding the Annual General Meeting (i.e. at or before 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, 18 June 2024 (Hong Kong time)) or any adjournment thereof. Completion and delivery of the form of proxy will not prevent you from attending, and voting at, the Annual General Meeting or any adjournment thereof if you so wish and, in such event, the form of proxy shall be deemed to be revoked.

VOTING AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Pursuant to Rule 13.39(4) of the Listing Rules, all votes of shareholders at the general meetings must be taken by poll. The chairman of the Annual General Meeting will therefore demand a poll for every resolution put to the vote of the Annual General Meeting pursuant to article 75 of the Articles of Association. An announcement on the poll vote results will be made by the Company after the Annual General Meeting in the manner prescribed under Rule 13.39(5) of the Listing Rules.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board considers that the ordinary resolutions to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting are in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole and recommends the Shareholders to vote in favour of such resolutions at the Annual General Meeting.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

MISCELLANEOUS

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

By order of the Board
Global Sweeteners Holdings Limited
Wang Tiegung
Joint Chairman

This appendix serves as an explanatory statement, as required by the Listing Rules, to provide the requisite information to enable you to make an informed decision whether to vote for or against the resolution to approve the grant of the Repurchase Mandate to the Directors.

1. LISTING RULES RELATING TO THE REPURCHASE OF SHARES

The Listing Rules permit companies whose primary listing is on the Stock Exchange to repurchase their shares on the Stock Exchange subject to certain restrictions, the most important of which is summarised below. A company is empowered by its memorandum and articles of association to repurchase its own shares.

(a) Shareholders' approval

The Listing Rules provide that all on-market shares repurchased by a company with its primary listing on the Stock Exchange must be approved in advance by an ordinary resolution, either by way of a general mandate or by specific approval with reference to a specific transaction.

(b) Source of funds

Repurchase must be paid out of funds legally available for the purpose and in accordance with the company's memorandum and articles of association and the Companies Act. A listed company may not repurchase its own securities on the Stock Exchange for a consideration other than cash or for settlement otherwise than in accordance with the trading rules of the Stock Exchange. Under the Companies Act, repurchases by a company may only be made out of profits of the company or out of the proceeds of a fresh issue of shares made for the purpose, or, if so authorised by its memorandum and articles of association and subject to the provisions of the Companies Act, out of capital. Any premium payable on a redemption or purchase over the par value of the shares to be purchased must be provided for out of profits of the company or out of the company's share premium account, or, if so authorised by its memorandum and articles of association and subject to the provisions of the Companies Act, out of capital.

(c) Trading restrictions

Where the securities to be repurchased by a company are shares, such shares must be fully paid shares.

2. SHARE CAPITAL

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the issued share capital of the Company comprised 1,527,586,000 Shares.

Subject to the passing of the proposed resolution for the grant of the Repurchase Mandate and on the basis that no further Shares will be allotted and issued or repurchased by the Company before the Annual General Meeting, the Company will be allowed under the Repurchase Mandate to repurchase a maximum of 152,758,600 Shares, representing 10% of the total number of Shares in issue as at the Latest Practicable Date.

3. REASONS FOR THE REPURCHASE

The Directors believe that the Repurchase Mandate is in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole. An exercise of the Repurchase Mandate may, depending on market conditions and funding arrangements at the time, lead to an enhancement of the net asset value per Share and/or earnings per Share and will only be made if the Directors believe that such repurchases will benefit the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

4. FUNDING OF REPURCHASES

In repurchasing the Shares, the Company may only apply funds legally available for such purpose in accordance with its memorandum and articles of association, the Listing Rules and the applicable laws of the Cayman Islands.

Taking into account the current working capital position of the Group, the Directors consider that, if the Repurchase Mandate were to be exercised in full, it might have a material adverse effect on the working capital and/or the gearing position of the Company as compared with the financial position of the Company as at 31 December 2023, being the date on which its latest published audited consolidated financial statements were made up. The Directors do not intend to make any repurchases to such an extent as would, in the circumstances, have a material adverse effect on the working capital requirements or the gearing position of the Company which in the opinion of the Directors are from time to time appropriate for the Company.

5. SHARE PRICES

The highest and lowest prices at which the Shares have been traded on the Stock Exchange in each of the twelve calendar months immediately preceding (and including) the Latest Practicable Date were as follows:

	Highest <i>HK\$</i>	Lowest <i>HK\$</i>
2023		
April	0.114	0.086
May	0.105	0.082
June	0.086	0.076
July	0.101	0.074
August	0.098	0.075
September	0.097	0.078
October	0.095	0.081
November	0.093	0.085
December	0.096	0.085
2024		
January	0.095	0.063
February	0.095	0.070
March	0.090	0.074
April (up to the Latest Practicable Date)	0.087	0.070

6. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND MINIMUM PUBLIC HOLDING

None of the Directors or, to the best of their knowledge, having made all reasonable enquiries, their close associates (as defined in the Listing Rules), have any present intention to sell any Shares to the Company if the Repurchase Mandate is approved at the Annual General Meeting and exercised.

The Directors confirmed that (i) they will exercise the powers of the Company to make purchases of the Shares pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate in accordance with the Listing Rules, applicable laws of the Cayman Islands and the regulations set out in the memorandum and articles of association of the Company; and (ii) neither this explanatory statement nor the proposed share repurchase has unusual features.

If as a result of a share repurchase made 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 Rule 32 of the Takeovers Code. As a result, a Shareholder or a group of Shareholders acting in concert (as defined in the Takeovers Code) could obtain or consolidate control of the Company and become obliged to make a mandatory offer in accordance with Rules 26 and 32 of the Takeovers Code.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, according to the register of members kept by the Company pursuant to section 336 of the SFO and so far as is known to, or can be ascertained after reasonable enquiry by the Directors, (i) Mr. Wang Tiegung, through himself and his wholly-owned company, Rich Mark Profits Limited (“**Rich Mark**”), held in aggregate approximately 27.45% of the then existing issued Shares; and (ii) Mr. Kong Zhanpeng directly held approximately 23.54% of the then existing issued Shares.

On the basis of 1,527,586,000 Shares in issue as at the Latest Practicable Date and assuming no further Shares will be allotted and issued or repurchased before the Annual General Meeting, if the Repurchase Mandate were exercised in full, the percentage shareholding of Mr. Wang Tiegung, through himself and Rich Mark, in the Company would in aggregate increase to approximately 30.50% of the then issued Shares, and the percentage shareholding of Mr. Kong Zhanpeng would increase to approximately 26.16%.

On the basis of the shareholding interests of Mr. Kong Zhanpeng, the exercise of the Repurchase Mandate in full would not result in him becoming obliged to make a mandatory offer under Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code.

On the basis of the shareholding interests of Mr. Wang Tiegung (including his interests held through Rich Mark) in the Company, an exercise of the Repurchase Mandate in full would result in Mr. Wang Tiegung (and Rich Mark) becoming obliged to make a mandatory offer under Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code. The Directors will not exercise the Repurchase Mandate to the extent that would give rise to the obligation of Mr. Wang Tiegung (and Rich Mark) to make a mandatory offer under Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code.

Save as disclosed, the Directors are not aware of any other consequences which would arise under the Takeovers Code as a consequence of any repurchase pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate.

The Directors also have no intention to exercise the Repurchase Mandate to such an extent that will result in the number of Shares in the hands of public falling below the prescribed minimum percentage of 25%.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, no core connected person of the Company had notified the Company that he/she/it has a present intention to sell any securities to the Company nor has such core connected person undertaken not to sell any of the securities held by him/her/it to the Company in the event that the Repurchase Mandate is granted.

7. SECURITIES REPURCHASE MADE BY THE COMPANY

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

The following sets out the biographical information of the Directors eligible for re-election at the Annual General Meeting:

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS**Mr. Wang Tieguang**

Mr. Wang, aged 58, has over 30 years of extensive experience in sales and marketing. Mr. Wang holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Heilongjiang University. Mr. Wang was an executive director of GBT from September 2000 to September 2010.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Wang was interested in 402,918,215 Shares and 16,444,000 Shares held by Rich Mark, a company wholly-owned by Mr. Wang. Save as disclosed above, Mr. Wang does not have any other interest in the Shares or underlying shares in the Company or its associated corporations within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO. Mr. Wang had not held any directorship in other listed public companies in Hong Kong or overseas during the three years immediately before his appointment or any other major appointments and qualifications. Mr. Wang is not related to any Directors, senior management or substantial or controlling Shareholders.

Mr. Wang has entered into a service contract with the Company for an initial term of one year commencing from 28 December 2023, which shall be renewable automatically for successive terms of one year unless terminated by (i) written notice served by either party during the initial term with a notice period equivalent to the remaining term of appointment, which, in any event, shall not be less than three months; or (ii) at least three months' written notice served by either party at any time after the initial term. Under the service contract, Mr. Wang is entitled to an annual Director's fee of HK\$600,000. The Director's fee of Mr. Wang is determined by the Board with reference to his duties, responsibilities, performance and results of the Group.

Mr. Kong Zhanpeng

Mr. Kong, aged 60, has over 30 years of extensive experience in industrial industry, corporate development and management. Mr. Kong holds a bachelor's degree in textile engineering and a diploma in international trade from China Textile University (currently known as Donghua University). Mr. Kong is one of the founders of GBT. Mr. Kong was an executive director of GBT from May 2000 to September 2007 and from December 2013 to May 2014, the chief executive officer of GBT from October 2015 to October 2018 and the chief economist of GBT from December 2018 to December 2019. Mr. Kong was also an executive Director from June 2006 to December 2018. Mr. Kong has been appointed as an independent non-executive director of JX Energy Ltd., a company incorporated in Alberta with limited liability and the shares of which are listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange (Stock Code: 03395), since 1 August 2023.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Kong is interested in 359,654,215 Shares. Save as disclosed above, Mr. Kong does not have any other interest in the Shares or underlying shares in the Company or its associated corporations within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO. Save as disclosed above, Mr. Kong had

not held any directorship in other listed public companies in Hong Kong or overseas during the three years immediately before his appointment or any other major appointments and qualifications. Mr. Kong is not related to any Directors, senior management or substantial or controlling Shareholders.

Mr. Kong has entered into a service contract with the Company for an initial term of one year commencing from 28 December 2023, which shall be renewable automatically for successive terms of one year unless terminated by (i) written notice served by either party during the initial term with a notice period equivalent to the remaining term of appointment, which, in any event, shall not be less than three months; or (ii) at least three months' written notice served by either party at any time after the initial term. Under the service contract, Mr. Kong is entitled to an annual Director's fee of HK\$600,000. The Director's fee of Mr. Kong is determined by the Board with reference to his duties, responsibilities, performance and results of the Group.

NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Tai Shubin

Mr. Tai, aged 43, graduated from 吉林工商學院 (Jilin Business and Technology College*) (formerly known as 吉林糧食高等專科學校 (Jilin Grain College*)) in July 2004 majoring in financial management. In December 2014, he obtained a Bachelor's degree in social work and management from Jilin University. Mr. Tai qualified as a senior management accountant (高級管理會計師) in the People's Republic of China (the "PRC" or "China") in October 2020 and an International Certified Public Accountant from Enterprise Financial Management Association of China (中國企業財務管理協會) in September 2021. Mr. Tai has over 18 years of experience in accounting and financial management and served in various capacities in different state-owned enterprises in Jilin Province's agricultural sector, including 吉林吉糧平安米業有限公司 (Jilin Jiliang Ping'an Rice Industry Co., Ltd.*), 吉林糧食資產管理有限公司 (Jilin Grain Asset Management Co., Ltd.*) and 吉林省農業投資集團有限公司 (Jilin Agricultural Investment Group Co., Ltd.) ("Nongtou"). Mr. Tai has been a director of Nongtou from August 2016 to February 2022. Mr. Tai was also the financial controller for mainland China region of GBT between July 2018 and October 2022 and has been promoted to the deputy general manager for mainland China region of GBT in October 2022.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Tai did not have any interest in the Shares or underlying shares in the Company or its associated corporations within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO. Save for his former role as an executive Director, Mr. Tai had not held any directorship in other listed public companies in Hong Kong or overseas during the three years immediately before his re-designation as a non-executive Director or any other major appointments and qualifications. Save as disclosed above, Mr. Tai is not related to any Directors, senior management or substantial or controlling Shareholders.

Mr. Tai has entered into an appointment letter with the Company for an initial term of one year commencing from 18 January 2024, which shall be renewable automatically for successive terms of one year unless terminated by at least three months' written notice served by either party at any time during the then existing term. Under the appointment letter, Mr. Tai is not entitled to any Director's emoluments for his appointment as a Director.

INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS**Ms. Li Guichen**

Ms. Li, aged 47, obtained a bachelor's degree from the Department of Computer Science of Jilin University in July 2003. Ms. Li is currently a member of the Chinese Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Ms. Li joined Changchun Municipal Construction (Group) Co., Ltd as an accountant in November 1995, and subsequently worked as the head of audit department at 北京中瑞誠會計師事務所吉林分所 (Jilin Branch of Beijing Horizon Certified Public Accountants Co., Ltd*) from September 2005 to September 2009. Following that, Ms. Li consecutively served as the financial controller of two private companies in the PRC from September 2009 to September 2019. Since September 2019, Ms. Li has been serving at 吉林嘉泰會計師事務所 (Jilin Jiatai Accounting Firm*) as deputy general manager.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Ms. Li did not have any interest in the Shares or underlying shares in the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO. During the three years immediately before her appointment, Ms. Li had not held any directorship in other listed public companies in Hong Kong or overseas or any other major appointments and qualifications. Ms. Li is not related to any Directors, senior management or substantial or controlling Shareholders.

Ms. Li has entered into an appointment letter with the Company for an initial term of two years commencing from 18 January 2024, which shall be renewable automatically for successive terms of one year unless terminated by not less than three months' written notice served by either party at any time during the then existing term. Under the appointment letter, Ms. Li shall be paid an annual Director's fee of RMB60,000. The Director's fee is determined by the Board with reference to her duties, responsibilities, performance and results of the Group.

Ms. Liu Ying

Ms. Liu, aged 46, graduated from the Peking University Law School with a master's degree in law in July 2008. Ms. Liu is currently a practising lawyer in the PRC. Ms. Liu joined 吉林關東律師事務所 (Jilin Guandong Law Firm*) as a lawyer in February 2010, and subsequently served as a senior partner at 北京東易(長春)律師事務所 (Beijing Dongyi (Changchun) Law Firm*) from February 2012 to March 2016. Since March 2016, Ms. Liu has been serving as the senior partner of 北京大成(長春)律師事務所 (Beijing Dacheng Law Offices, LLP (Changchun)*).

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Ms. Liu did not have any interest in the Shares or underlying shares in the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO. During the three years immediately before her appointment, Ms. Liu had not held any directorship in other listed public companies in Hong Kong or overseas or any other major appointments and qualifications. Ms. Liu is not related to any Directors, senior management or substantial or controlling Shareholders.

Ms. Liu has entered into an appointment letter with the Company for an initial term of two years commencing from 18 January 2024, which shall be renewable automatically for successive terms of one year unless terminated by not less than three months' written notice served by either party at any time during the

then existing term. Under the appointment letter, Ms. Liu shall be paid an annual Director's fee of HK\$120,000. The Director's fee is determined by the Board with reference to her duties, responsibilities, performance and results of the Group.

Mr. Lo Kwing Yu

Mr. Lo, aged 60, holds a bachelor's degree in law and economics from the University of Keele, the United Kingdom. Mr. Lo is a solicitor and has been in private practice in Hong Kong since 1995. He was first admitted as a solicitor in England and Wales and then admitted as solicitor of the Supreme Court of Hong Kong and of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Territory in the Virgin Islands. Mr. Lo is a partner of Messrs. Ho and Ip.

Mr. Lo has been appointed as an independent non-executive Director since 3 March 2014 and has served more than nine years in the Board. The Board is of the opinion that Mr. Lo remains independent notwithstanding the length of his services and believes that his valuable experience, knowledge and expertise can enhance the operational efficiency and diversification of the Company and maintain the stability of the Board as a whole. In addition to the independence declaration confirmation which has been received by the Board annually, the Board will regularly assess, in line with changes to business environment and other challenges of the Group, the independence of Mr. Lo. Monthly interest disclosure report has been required from Mr. Lo to ensure his shareholding in the Company pursuant to Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Lo did not have any interest in the Shares or underlying shares in the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO. During the three years immediately before the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Lo had not held any directorship in other listed public companies in Hong Kong or overseas or any other major appointments and qualifications. Mr. Lo is not related to any Directors, senior management or substantial or controlling Shareholders.

Mr. Lo has been appointed as an independent non-executive Director for an initial term of two years commencing from 3 March 2014, renewable automatically for successive term of one year each commencing from the next day after the expiry of the then current term of appointment, unless terminated by not less than three months' notice in writing served by either party at any time during the then existing term. Unless determined otherwise, Mr. Lo shall be paid a Director's fee of HK\$240,000 per annum. The Director's fee of Mr. Lo is determined by the Board with reference to his duties, responsibilities, performance and results of the Group.

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Save as disclosed above, there are no other matters concerning any of the above Directors that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders in relation to their re-election as Directors, and there is no other information which is discloseable pursuant to any of the requirements set out in Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules.

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GLOBAL SWEETENERS HOLDINGS LIMITED

大成糖業控股有限公司 *

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 03889)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the physical annual general meeting (the “**Annual General Meeting**”) of Global Sweeteners Holdings Limited (the “**Company**”) will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, 20 June 2024 at Room 1, 14th Floor, Fairmont House, 8 Cotton Tree Drive, Central, Hong Kong for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing (with or without amendments) the following resolutions:

ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS

1. to receive and approve the audited consolidated financial statements and the reports of the directors (the “**Directors**”) and the auditor (the “**Auditor**”) of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2023;
2. each as separate resolution, to re-elect the retiring Directors (including the re-election of Mr. Lo Kwing Yu as an independent non-executive Director) and to authorise the board (the “**Board**”) of Directors to fix the Directors’ remuneration; and
3. to re-appoint the Auditor and to authorise the Board to fix the Auditor’s remuneration;

and, as further ordinary business, to consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolutions as ordinary resolutions (with or without modifications) respectively:

4. “**THAT:**
 - (a) subject to paragraph (c) below, pursuant to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities (the “**Listing Rules**”) on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Stock Exchange**”), the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with the unissued shares in the capital of the Company and to make or grant offers, agreements and options, including warrants to subscribe for the shares in the Company, which might require the exercise of such powers be and the same is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;

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- (b) the approval in paragraph (a) above shall authorise the Directors during the Relevant Period to make or grant offers, agreements and options, including warrants to subscribe for the shares in the Company, which might require the exercise of such powers after the end of the Relevant Period;
- (c) the total number of shares in the share capital of the Company allotted and issued or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted and issued (whether pursuant to option or otherwise) by the Directors pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above, otherwise than pursuant to (i) a Rights Issue; or (ii) the exercise of any options granted under the share option scheme of the Company; or (iii) any scrip dividend or similar arrangements providing for the allotment and issue of the shares in the Company in lieu of the whole or part of a dividend on the shares in the Company in accordance with the memorandum and articles of association of the Company in force from time to time; or (iv) any issue of the shares in the Company 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 the shares in the Company shall not exceed the aggregate of:
- (i) 20% of the total number of the issued shares of the Company on the date of the passing of this resolution; and
 - (ii) (if the Directors are so authorised by a separate ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company) the total number of shares in the share capital of the Company repurchased by the Company subsequent to the passing of this resolution (up to a maximum equivalent to 10% of the total number of the issued shares of the Company on the date of the passing of this resolution),

and the authority pursuant to paragraph (a) of this resolution shall be limited accordingly; and

- (d) for the purposes of this resolution:

“**Relevant Period**” means the period from the date of 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, the Companies Act, Chapter 22 (Act 3 of 1961, as consolidated and revised) of the Cayman Islands (the “**Companies Act**”) or any other applicable laws of the Cayman Islands to be held; and
- (iii) the passing of an ordinary resolution by the shareholders of the Company in general meeting revoking or varying the authority given to the Directors by this resolution;

“**Rights Issue**” means an offer of the shares in the Company, or offer or issue of warrants, options or other securities giving rights to subscribe for the shares in the Company open for a period fixed by the Directors to holders of the shares on the Company’s register of members

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on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of 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, or the expense or delay which may be involved in determining the existence or extent of any restrictions or obligations under the laws of, or the requirements of, any jurisdiction outside Hong Kong or any recognised regulatory body or any stock exchange outside Hong Kong).”

5. **“THAT:**

- (a) subject to paragraph (b) below, the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period of all powers of the Company to purchase the shares in the capital of the Company on the Stock Exchange or any other stock exchange on which the shares in the Company may be listed and recognised by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong (the “SFC”) and the Stock Exchange for such purpose, and otherwise in accordance with the rules and regulations of the SFC, the Stock Exchange, the Companies Act and all other applicable laws in this regard, be and the same is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the aggregate number of the shares in the Company which may be purchased or agreed to be purchased by the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) during the Relevant Period shall not exceed 10% of the aggregate number of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of the passing of this resolution and the authority pursuant to paragraph (a) of this resolution shall be limited accordingly; and
- (c) for the purposes of this resolution, “**Relevant Period**” means the period from the date of 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, the Companies Act or any other applicable laws of the Cayman Islands to be held; and
 - (iii) the passing of an ordinary resolution by the shareholders of the Company in general meeting revoking or varying the authority given to the Directors by this resolution.”

6. **“THAT** conditional on the passing of resolutions numbered 4 and 5 above, the general mandate granted to the Directors pursuant to paragraph (a) of resolution numbered 4 above be and it is hereby extended by the addition to the total number of the shares in the capital of the Company which may be allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted by the Directors pursuant to or in

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accordance with such general mandate of an amount representing the total number of shares in the share capital of the Company purchased by the Company pursuant to or in accordance with the authority granted under paragraph (a) of resolution numbered 5 above.”

By order of the Board
Global Sweeteners Holdings Limited
Wang Tieguang
Joint Chairman

Hong Kong, 25 April 2024

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Notes:

1. A member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting convened by the above notice is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend and, subject to the provisions of the articles of association of the Company, vote in his stead. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.
2. To be valid, the form of proxy together with a power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which it is signed or a notarially certified copy of such power or authority must be deposited at the offices of the Company's branch share registrar and transfer office in Hong Kong, Tricor Investor Services Limited at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong no later than 48 hours before the time of the Annual General Meeting (i.e. at or before 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, 18 June 2024 (Hong Kong time)) or any adjournment thereof.
3. For determining the entitlement to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting, the register of members of the Company will be closed from Friday, 14 June 2024 to Thursday, 20 June 2024, both days inclusive, during which no transfer of shares of the Company will be effected. In order to qualify for the attendance at the Annual General Meeting, all transfers of shares of the Company, accompanied by the relevant share certificates, must be lodged with the Company's branch share registrar and transfer office in Hong Kong at the address stated in note 2 above no later than 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, 13 June 2024 for registration.
4. In relation to the proposed resolutions numbered 4 and 6 above, approval is being sought from the shareholders of the Company for the grant to the Directors of a general mandate to authorise the allotment and issue of shares under the Listing Rules. The Directors have no immediate plans to issue any new shares of the Company other than the shares of the Company which may fall to be issued upon the exercise of options granted under the share option scheme of the Company or otherwise or any scrip dividend scheme of the Company which may be approved by the shareholders of the Company.
5. In relation to the proposed resolution numbered 5 above, the Directors wish to state that they will exercise the powers conferred thereby to purchase the shares of the Company in circumstances which they deem appropriate for the benefit of the shareholders of the Company. An explanatory statement containing the information necessary to enable the shareholders of the Company to make an informed decision to vote on the proposed resolution as required by the Listing Rules is set out in an appendix to the circular of the Company to be published on the websites of the Stock Exchange and the Company.

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6. If a Typhoon Signal No. 8 or above is hoisted or a Black Rainstorm Warning Signal is in force at or at any time after 9:00 a.m. on the date of the Annual General Meeting, the Annual General Meeting will be adjourned in accordance with the articles of association of the Company. The Company will post an announcement on the websites of the Stock Exchange and the Company to notify shareholders of the Company of the date, time and place of the rescheduled Annual General Meeting.

The Annual General Meeting will be held as scheduled when an Amber or Red Rainstorm Warning Signal is in force. Shareholders should decide on their own whether they would attend the Annual General Meeting under bad weather condition bearing in mind their own situation.

As at the date of this notice, the Board comprises two executive Directors, namely, Mr. Wang Tieguang and Mr. Kong Zhanpeng; one non-executive Director, namely, Mr. Tai Shubin; and three independent non-executive Directors, namely, Ms. Li Guichen, Ms. Liu Ying and Mr. Lo Kwing Yu.