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# ASIASAT

# Asia Satellite Telecommunications Holdings Limited

# 亞洲衛星控股有限公司\*

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 1135)

# PROPOSED GRANT OF GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE SHARES AND REPURCHASE SHARES

AND

#### RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS

**AND** 

#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A notice convening the annual general meeting of Asia Satellite Telecommunications Holdings Limited to be held at 12th Floor, Harbour Centre, 25 Harbour Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong on 24 June 2015 at 10:00 a.m. is set out on pages 11 to 22 of this Circular.

If you are not able to attend and/or vote at the annual general meeting in person, you are requested to complete the accompanying proxy form in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return the same to the Company's share registrar in Hong Kong, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited at Shops 1712–1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong as soon as possible and in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting or any adjournment thereof. Completion and return of the proxy form will not preclude you from attending and voting at the meeting or any adjournment thereof should you so wish.

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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 held at 12th

Floor, Harbour Centre, 25 Harbour Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong on 24 June 2015 at 10:00 a.m. and any adjournment

thereof

"Annual Report" the annual report of the Company for the year ended 31

December 2014

"AsiaSat" Asia Satellite Telecommunications Company Limited, an

indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company,

incorporated under the laws of Hong Kong

"Board" The board of Directors

"Bye-laws" Bye-laws of the Company as may be amended from time to

time

"Carlyle" The Carlyle Group L.P. and its affiliates

"CITIC Group" CITIC Group Corporation, an enterprise established and

existing under the laws of the PRC

"Company" Asia Satellite Telecommunications Holdings Limited, an

exempted company incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability and the Shares of which are listed on the Stock

Exchange

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

"General Mandates" collectively the Issue Mandate and the Repurchase Mandate

"Group" the Company and its subsidiaries

"HK\$" Hong Kong dollar(s), the lawful currency of Hong Kong

"Hong Kong" the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's

Republic of China

"Issue Mandate" the proposed mandate to allot, issue and deal with additional

Shares not exceeding 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company as the date of passing

the resolution approving the said mandate

#### **DEFINITIONS**

19 May 2015, being the latest practicable date for ascertaining

the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws

"Listing Rules"

Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange, as amended from time to time

"Repurchase Mandate"

the proposed mandate to exercise the power of the Company to repurchase Shares up to a maximum of 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company as the date of the resolution approving the said mandate

"SFC"

the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong

"Share(s)" ordinary share(s) of HK\$0.10 each in the number of shares in

issue of the Company

of Hong Kong)

"Shareholder(s)" holder(s) for the time being of Shares

"Latest Practicable Date"

"SFO"

"Stock Exchange" The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

"Takeovers Code" the Code on Takeovers and Mergers issued by the Securities

and Future Commission

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Chairman:

Gregory M. ZELUCK

Deputy Chairman:

JU Wei Min, Deputy Chairman

Executive Director: William WADE

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Non-executive Directors: LUO Ning Peter JACKSON Julius GENACHOWSKI Alex S. YING

Independent Non-executive Directors:
James WATKINS
Stephen LEE Hoi Yin
Kenneth McKELVIE
Maura WONG Hung Hung

Alternate Director: CHONG Chi Yeung (alternate to LUO Ning)

Company Secretary: Sue YEUNG

Registered Office: Canon's Court 22 Victoria Street Hamilton HM12 Bermuda

Principal Office in Hong Kong: 12th Floor, Harbour Centre 25 Harbour Road Wanchai Hong Kong

22 May 2015

To Shareholders

Dear Sir or Madam,

# PROPOSED GRANT OF GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE SHARES AND REPURCHASE SHARES

**AND** 

## RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS

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### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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#### LETTER FROM THE BOARD

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

On 19 June 2014, general mandates were given to the Directors to issue Shares and to exercise all the powers of the Company to repurchase its Shares. These general mandates will lapse at the conclusion of the AGM. It is therefore proposed to renew the general mandates to issue Shares and to repurchase Shares at the AGM.

The purpose of this Circular is to provide you with information in relation to the resolutions to be proposed at the AGM for the approval of (i) the proposed granting of general mandates to the Directors to issue and to repurchase Shares; and (ii) the proposed re-election of retiring Directors.

# 2. PROPOSED GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE SHARES AND TO REPURCHASE SHARES

Ordinary resolutions will be proposed at the AGM to authorise the Directors, *inter alia*, (i) to exercise the powers of the Company to allot and issue Shares not exceeding 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of the passing of such resolutions; (ii) to repurchase Shares not exceeding 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company, as at the date of the passing of such resolution; and (iii) to extend the general mandate to issue the Shares by the number of Shares purchased under the Repurchase Mandate.

The Directors believe that it is in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole if the General Mandates are granted at the AGM. The General Mandates provide the Directors with flexibility to issue Shares especially in the context of a fund raising exercise or a transaction involving an acquisition by the Company where Shares are to be issued as consideration and which has to be completed speedily. However, as at the Latest Practicable Date, the Directors have no plan for raising capital, by issuing any new Shares, for any business purposes.

An explanatory statement providing all information required under the Listing Rules concerning the Repurchase Mandate is set out in the Appendix I to this Circular.

#### 3. PROPOSED RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS

In accordance with Bye-law 110(A) of the Company's Bye-laws, Mr. Stephen Lee Hoi Yin, Mr. James Watkins and Mr. Ju Wei Min will retire by rotation at the forthcoming AGM and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Mr. Watkins has served the Company for nearly nine years. During the term of his office, there has been no evidence that the independence of Mr. Watkins, especially in terms of exercising independent judgment and providing objective challenges to the management, has been or will be in any way compromised or affected by his length of service on the Board. Furthermore, the Company has received his annual confirmation of independence pursuant to Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules. The Board therefore recommends the re-election of Mr. Watkins as an independent non-executive Director ("INED") for a further term of 3 years at the AGM.

#### LETTER FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Lee, as an INED, has made an annual confirmation of independence pursuant to Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules. The Board is of the view that all these INEDs meet the independence guidelines set out in the Listing Rules.

In accordance with Bye-law 101 of the Company's Bye-laws, Mr. Gregory M. Zeluck, Mr. Julius Genachowski and Mr. Alex S. Ying, who were appointed as the Non-executive Director after the last AGM will retire and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

All Independent Non-executive Directors ("NEDs") and Non-executive Directors ("NED") are appointed for a specific term of three years and are subject to retirement, rotation and reelection at the Company's AGM in accordance with the Company's Bye-laws.

Brief biographical and other details of the retiring Directors offering themselves for reelection, which are required to be disclosed under the Listing Rules, are set out in the explanatory notes to Appendix II in this Circular.

#### 4. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice of the AGM is set out in Appendix II to this Circular.

#### 5. VOTING BY POLL AT THE AGM

According to the rule 13.39(4) of the Listing Rules, any vote of Shareholders at a general meeting must be taken by poll. Therefore, all the resolutions put to the vote at the AGM will be taken by way of poll.

A proxy form for use at the AGM is enclosed with this Circular. If you are not able to attend and/or vote at the AGM in person, you are requested to complete and return the proxy form enclosed with this Circular in accordance with the instructions printed thereon to the Company's share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited at Shops 1712–1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong as soon as possible and in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting or any adjourned meeting (as the case may be). Completion and return of the proxy form will not preclude you from attending and voting at the AGM, or any adjournment thereof, should you so wish.

An announcement will be made by the Company following the conclusion of the AGM to inform you of the poll results.

### 6. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Directors consider that the granting of the Issue Mandate and the Repurchase Mandate, and re-election of the retiring Directors are in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders. Accordingly, the Directors recommend that the shareholders vote in favour of all resolutions to be proposed at the AGM.

#### LETTER FROM THE BOARD

#### 7. RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

This Circular includes particulars given in compliance with the Listing Rules for the purpose of giving information with regard to the Company. The Directors collectively and individually accept full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in this Circular and confirm, having made all reasonable enquiries that to the best of their knowledge and belief there are no other facts, the omission of which would make any statement herein misleading.

#### 8. MISCELLANEOUS

As at the Latest Practicable Date, to the extent that the Company was aware of having made all reasonable enquiries, no Shareholder was required to abstain from voting under the Listing Rules on any of the proposed resolutions as set out in the notice of the AGM.

The English text of this Circular and the accompanying proxy form shall prevail over the Chinese text in case of inconsistency.

Yours faithfully
By order of the Board
Gregory M. ZELUCK
Chairman

This Appendix contains information required under the Listing Rules to be included in an explanatory statement to accompany the notice of a general meeting at which a resolution is to be proposed in relation to the repurchase by the Company of its own Shares. Its purpose is to provide Shareholders with all the information reasonably necessary for them to make an informed decision on whether to vote for or against the ordinary resolutions approving the Repurchase Mandate at the AGM.

#### 1. SHARE BUY BACK RULES

The Share Buy Back Rules permit companies whose primary listings are on the Stock Exchange to repurchase their fully paid-up shares on the Stock Exchange, or on another stock exchange recognised for this purpose by the SFC and the Stock Exchange.

#### 2. SHARE CAPITAL

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the issued ordinary share capital of the Company comprised 391,195,500 Shares.

Subject to the passing of the Ordinary Resolution and on the basis that no further Shares are issued prior to the AGM to be held on 24 June 2015, the Company would be allowed under the Repurchase Mandate to repurchase a maximum of 39,119,550 Shares, representing 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of issued share capital of the Company.

## 3. REASONS FOR REPURCHASES

The Directors believe that the Repurchase Mandate is in the best interests of the Company and its Shareholders for the Directors to have a general authority from Shareholders to enable the Company to repurchase Shares in the market. Such repurchases may, depending on market conditions and funding arrangements at the time, lead to an enhancement of the net assets value per Share of the Company and/or its earnings per Share and will only be made when the Directors believe that such repurchases will benefit the Company and its Shareholders.

#### 4. SHAREHOLDERS' APPROVAL

The Listing Rules provide that all proposed repurchases of shares by a company with a primary listing on the Stock Exchange must be approved in advance by an ordinary resolution, either by way of general mandate or by specific approval of a specific transaction. The Shares to be repurchased must be fully paid up.

#### 5. FUNDING OF REPURCHASES

In repurchasing Shares, the Company may fund the repurchase entirely from the Company's available cash flow or working capital facilities legally available for such purpose in accordance with its Bye-laws and the applicable laws of Bermuda. A listed company may not repurchase its own shares 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 from time to time.

There might be a material adverse impact on the working capital requirements of the Company or gearing level of the Company (as compared with the position disclosed in the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2014 as set out in the Company's Annual Report) in the event that the Repurchase Mandate is to be carried out in full at any time during the proposed repurchase period. However, 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 requirements of the Company or the gearing levels, which in the opinion of the Directors are from time to time appropriate for the Company.

#### 6. SHARE PRICES

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

	Price Per Share	
	Highest	Lowest
	HK\$	HK\$
2014		
May	32.00	30.00
June	33.00	28.50
July	31.00	26.40
August	28.00	26.80
September	27.65	25.60
October	27.30	25.60
November	27.50	26.10
December	27.80	26.10
2015		
January	27.45	26.10
February	28.10	26.30
March	30.00	28.10
April	29.00	27.60
May (up to the Latest Practicable Date)	29.10	27.00

#### 7. DIRECTORS' 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 ordinary resolution and in accordance with the Listing Rules, the Bye-laws and the applicable laws of Bermuda.

None of the Directors or, to the best of their knowledge having made all reasonable enquiries, any of their close associates (as defined in the Listing Rules) have any present intention to sell any Shares in the Company to the Company or its subsidiaries if the Repurchase Mandate is approved by the Shareholders of the Company.

No core connected persons (as defined in the Listing Rules) have notified the Company that they have a present intention to sell Shares to the Company, or have undertaken not to do so, in the event that the Repurchase Mandate is approved by the Shareholders.

#### 8. TAKEOVERS CODE

If on exercise of the powers to repurchase Shares by the Company 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 group of Shareholders acting in concert, depending on the level of increase in the Shareholders' interest, could 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 as a result of any such increase.

On 12 May 2015, completion of the acquisition of certain shares of Bowenvale Limited ("Bowenvale") by Jupiter Investment Holdings, L.L.C., a company indirectly and majority owned by Carlyle, took place ("Completion"). For further details, please refer to the announcements of the Company dated 23 December 2014 and 12 May 2015. Following Completion and as at the Latest Practicable Date, Bowenvale, which is indirectly owned by CITIC Group and Carlyle, held an aggregate 291,174,695 Shares, representing approximately 74.43% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company. For the purpose of the SFO, CITIC Group and Carlyle are taken to be interested in the same 291,174,695 Shares. The interests deemed to be held by the above companies together with other deemed interests in the Shares for the purpose of the SFO are more particularly described in the Annual Report. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors, no other person, together with his/her associates, was beneficially interested in Shares representing 10% or more of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company.

In the event that the Directors exercise in full the power to repurchase Shares which is proposed to be granted pursuant to the Ordinary Resolution, then (if the present shareholdings otherwise remained the same) the interest of Bowenvale and the deemed interests of CITIC Group and Carlyle in the Company would be increased to approximately 82.70% of the aggregate nominal

# EXPLANATORY STATEMENT ON SHARE REPURCHASE MANDATE

amount of the issued share capital of the Company. However, the Company has no intention to exercise the Repurchase Mandate to such extent to reduce the public float to below 25%. In the opinion of the Directors, such an increase would not of itself give rise to an obligation on the part of CITIC Group and/or Carlyle to make a mandatory general offer under Rules 26 and 32 of the Takeover Code.

### 9. SHARE REPURCHASE MADE BY THE COMPANY

The Company has not repurchased any of its Shares (whether on the Stock Exchange or otherwise) in the 6 months preceding the date of this document.

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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of Asia Satellite Telecommunications Holdings Limited (the "Company") will be held at 12th Floor, Harbour Centre, 25 Harbour Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong on 24 June 2015 (Wednesday) at 10:00 a.m. for the following purposes:

#### ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS

- (1) To receive and approve the audited consolidated financial statements and the reports of the Directors and auditor of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2014.
- (2) To declare a final dividend of HK\$0.39 per share for the year ended 31 December 2014.
- (3) To re-elect Directors and authorise the Board to fix their remuneration.
- (4) To re-appoint PricewaterhouseCoopers as auditor of the Company and authorise the Board to fix their remuneration for the year ended 31 December 2015.

As a special business, to consider and, if thought fit, to pass with or without modifications, the following resolutions as ordinary resolutions of the Company:

### (5) "**THAT**:

(A) subject to paragraph (5)(B) below, the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue, grant, distribute and otherwise deal with additional Shares and to make, issue or grant offers, agreements, options, warrants and other securities which will or might require Shares to be allotted, issued, granted, distributed or otherwise dealt with during or after the end of the Relevant Period, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;

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- (B) the aggregate nominal amount of share capital allotted, issued, granted, distributed or otherwise dealt with or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted, issued, granted, distributed or otherwise dealt with (whether pursuant to an option, conversion or otherwise) by the Directors pursuant to the approval in paragraph (5)(A) above, otherwise than pursuant to:
  - (i) a Rights Issue; or
  - (ii) the exercise of any options granted under the Company's share option scheme, and/or any issue of Shares upon the granting of award shares in the Company's share award scheme; or
  - (iii) any issue of shares upon the exercise of rights of subscription or conversion under the terms of any warrant issued by the Company or any securities which are convertible into Shares:

shall not exceed the aggregate of:

- (a) 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing this resolution; and
- (b) (if the Directors are so authorised by a separate resolution of the Shareholders) the aggregate nominal amount of 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 aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company in issue as at the date of this resolution);

and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and

- (C) for the purpose of this resolution:
  - (i) "Relevant Period" means the period from (and including) the date of passing of this resolution until the earlier of:
    - (a) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
    - (b) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the Bye-laws or by any applicable law to be held; and
    - (c) the revocation or variation of the authority given under this resolution by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders in general meeting;

- (ii) "Rights Issue" means an offer of Shares open for a period fixed by the Directors to holders of Shares on the register of members (and, if appropriate, to the holders of warrants and other securities which carry a right to subscribe or purchase shares in the Company on the relevant register) on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of such Shares (and, if appropriate, such warrants and other securities) (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 legal or practical restrictions or obligations under the laws of, or the requirements of any recognised regulatory body or any stock exchange in, any jurisdiction or territory applicable to the Company); and
- (iii) "Shares" means shares of all classes in the capital of the Company and warrants and other securities which carry a right to subscribe or purchase shares in the Company."

#### (6) "THAT:

- (A) subject to paragraph (6)(B) below, the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period of all the powers of the Company to purchase Shares on the Stock Exchange or of any other stock exchange on which the Shares may be listed and recognised for this purpose by the SFC and the Stock Exchange for such purpose, in accordance with all applicable laws in this regard, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (B) the aggregate nominal amount of Shares which may be purchased or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be purchased by the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (6)(A) above shall not exceed 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing this resolution, and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and
- (C) for the purposes of this resolution:
  - (i) "Relevant Period" means the period from (and including) the passing of this resolution until the earlier of:
    - (a) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
    - (b) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the Bye-laws or by any other applicable law to be held; and
    - (c) the revocation or variation of the authority given under this resolution by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders in general meeting; and

- (ii) "Shares" means shares of all classes in the capital of the Company and warrants and other securities which carry a right to subscribe or purchase shares in the Company."
- (7) "THAT, conditional on the passing of Resolutions (5) and (6) above, the General Mandate granted to the Directors of the Company to allot, issue and otherwise deal with additional Shares and to make or grant offers, agreements, options, warrants, and other securities which might require the exercise of such power pursuant to Resolution (5) be and is hereby extended by the addition thereto of an amount representing the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company repurchased by the company under the authority granted pursuant to Resolution (6), provided that such amount shall not exceed 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing the resolution."

By order of the Board
Sue YEUNG
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 22 May 2015

### **Explanatory Notes to the Notice of Annual General Meeting:**

## **Proxy Information**

- 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, on a poll, vote instead of him. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.
- 2. To be valid, a proxy form must be delivered to the Company's share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, Shops 1712–1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong, not less than 48 hours before the meeting or adjourned meeting (or 24 hours before a poll is taken, if the poll is not taken on the same day as the meeting or adjourned meeting). If a proxy form is signed under a power of attorney, the power of attorney or other authority relied on to sign (or a copy which has been certified by a notary or an office copy) must be delivered to the Company's share registrar with the proxy form, except that the power of attorney which has already been registered with the Company need not be so delivered. Proxy forms sent electronically or by any other data transmission process will not be accepted. Completion and return of proxy form will not preclude a member from attending in person and voting at the meeting or any adjournment thereof should he so wish.

## Dividends and Closure of Register

- 3. For the purpose of ascertaining members' entitlement to attend and vote at the AGM, the register of members of the Company will be closed Thursday, 18 June 2015 to Wednesday, 24 June 2015 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares in the Company will be allowed. In order to be eligible to attend and vote at the AGM to be held on Wednesday, 24 June 2015, all share transfer documents accompanied by the relevant share certificates, have to be lodged with the Company's share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, Shops 1712–1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong, no later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, 17 June 2015.
- 4. The Board has recommended a final dividend of HK\$ 0.39 per share (the "Final Dividend") for the year ended 31 December 2014, if such dividends are declared by the shareholders by passing Resolution (2), it is expected to be paid on or about Friday, 10 July 2015 to those shareholders whose names appeared on the Company's register of members on Friday, 3 July 2015. For the purpose of determining the entitlement to proposed Final Dividend, the register of members of the Company will be closed from Thursday, 2 July 2015 to Friday, 3 July 2015 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares in the Company will be allowed. All share transfer documents accompanied by the relevant share certificates, have to be lodged with the Company's share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, Shops 1712–1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong, no later than 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 30 June 2015.

#### **Directors**

Particulars of retiring Directors subject to re-election at the AGM are set out below.

## 5. Mr. Stephen LEE Hoi Yin

Stephen LEE Hoi Yin, aged 55, was appointed an INED of the Company on 6 March 2013. Mr. Lee has over 30 years' experience in accounting, auditing and financial management, at KPMG in London and Hong Kong. He was an audit partner of KPMG Hong Kong before becoming the partner-in-charge of the risk & compliance advisory practices of KPMG in respect of Hong Kong, the PRC and the Asia Pacific region. He retired from KPMG in 2011, and is currently serving as an Adjunct Associate Professor at The Chinese University of Hong Kong and as the President of The Institute of Internal Auditors Hong Kong Limited. He was awarded a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) degree in Accountancy from City of London Polytechnic, in 1981. He is an associate member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and The Institute of Internal Auditors, and a fellow member of The Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He is a Member of the Board of the Hospital Authority Hong Kong and an INED of Chiyu Banking Corporation Limited.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Lee has not held any directorship in the last three years in any public companies the securities of which are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas and is not related to any director, senior management, substantial shareholders or controlling shareholders of the Company. Apart from being an INED, he does not hold any directorship in any members of the Group. As at the Latest Practicable Date, he is not interested in Shares of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

There is no service contract between Mr. Lee and the Company. His appointment is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election in accordance with the Bye-laws. The director fee of HK\$381,000 was paid to Mr. Lee for the year ended 31 December 2014. His remuneration has been determined by the Board with reference to his duties and responsibilities with the Company and the remuneration policy and guidelines adopted by the Remuneration Committee of the Company.

Save as disclosed above, there is no information to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements of the provisions under Rules 13.51(2)(h) to 13.51(2)(v) of the Listing Rules and no other matter that needs to be brought to the attention to the Shareholders in respect of Mr. Lee's appointment.

#### 6. Mr. JU Wei Min

**JU Wei Min**, aged 51, was appointed a NED on 12 October 1998 and was re-designated as a Deputy Chairman of the Company on 1 January 2014. Mr. Ju has served as vice president, chief financial officer and a member of the executive committee and special committee of CITIC Limited (formerly known as CITIC Pacific Limited) from 26 September 2014 to 9 April 2015. Mr. Ju was a NED of CITIC Limited from 2009 to 2014, a Hong Kong listed

company. He was formerly vice president, chief financial officer of CITIC Corporation Limited, director, vice president, chief financial officer and director-general of the Finance Department of CITIC Group. He is the NED of CITIC Securities Company Limited, a Hong Kong listed company. He was the Chairman of CITIC Trust Co., Ltd from 2004 to 2011 and Hong Kong listed CITIC Resources Holdings Limited from 2011 to 2013. Mr. Ju has over 20 years' experience in finance and industry, and has extensive knowledge and experience in corporate group financial management, risk management and control, investment and financing. Mr. Ju graduated from Renmin University of China with a master's degree in economics.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Ju has not held any directorship in the last three years in any public companies the securities of which are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas and is not related to any director, senior management, substantial shareholders or controlling shareholders of the Company. Apart from being a NED, he is also a director in a number of members of the Group. As at the Latest Practicable Date, he is not interested in Shares of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

There is no service contract between Mr. Ju and the Company. His appointment is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election in accordance with the Bye-laws. The director fee of HK\$209,000 was paid to Mr. Ju for the year ended 31 December 2014. His remuneration has been determined by the Board with reference to his duties and responsibilities with the Company and the remuneration policy and guidelines adopted by the Remuneration Committee of the Company.

Save as disclosed above, there is no information to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements of the provisions under Rules 13.51(2)(h) to 13.51(2)(v) of the Listing Rules and no other matter that needs to be brought to the attention to the Shareholders in respect of Mr. Ju's appointment.

#### 7. Mr. James WATKINS

James WATKINS, aged 69, was appointed an INED of the Company on 30 June 2006. Mr. Watkins qualified as a solicitor in 1969 and was for 20 years a Partner in Linklaters, a leading international English law firm. From 1997 to 2003, he was a Director and the General Counsel of the Jardine Matheson Group in Hong Kong. He is the INED of a number of Hong Kong and overseas listed companies, including Mandarin Oriental International Ltd., Hongkong Land Holdings Ltd., Jardine Cycle & Carriage Ltd., Global Sources Ltd. and Advanced Semiconductor Manufacturing Corporation Limited. He holds a Degree in Law from The University of Leeds, United Kingdom.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Watkins has not held any directorship in the last three years in any public companies the securities of which are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas and is not related to any director, senior management, substantial shareholders or

controlling shareholders of the Company. Apart from being an INED, he does not hold any directorship in any members of the Group. As at the Latest Practicable Date, he has personal interests of 50,000 shares of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

There is no service contract between Mr. Watkins and the Company. His appointment is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election in accordance with the Bye-laws. The director fee of HK\$381,000 was paid to Mr. Watkins for the year ended 31 December 2014. His remuneration has been determined by the Board with reference to his duties and responsibilities with the Company and the remuneration policy and guidelines adopted by the Remuneration Committee of the Company.

Save as disclosed above, there is no information to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements of the provisions under Rules 13.51(2)(h) to 13.51(2)(v) of the Listing Rules and no other matter that needs to be brought to the attention to the Shareholders in respect of Mr. Watkins's appointment.

## 8. Mr. Gregory M. ZELUCK

**Gregory M. ZELUCK**, aged 53, was appointed a NED and a Chairman of the Company on 19 May 2015. Mr. Zeluck is a Managing Director of Carlyle and Co-Head of Carlyle Asia Partners advising on Asian buyout opportunities. Mr. Zeluck joined Carlyle in 1998 and is based in Hong Kong.

Prior to joining Carlyle, Mr. Zeluck spent one year at Merrill Lynch as part of the Asian High Yield team and 13 years at Lehman Brothers in its Corporate Finance and Merchant Banking groups, approximately four of which were spent in Asia.

Mr. Zeluck received an A.B. from Princeton University, graduating magna cum laude in East Asian studies. He was a director of Hyundai Communications & Network Co. Limited, a company listed on the Korea Exchange from 2006 to 2013. Mr. Zeluck is currently a board director of Natural Beauty Bio-Technology Limited, a Hong Kong listed company and Ta Chong Bank Limited, a company listed in Taiwan.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Zeluck has not held any directorship in the last three years in any public companies the securities of which are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas and is not related to any director, senior management, substantial shareholders or controlling shareholders of the Company. Apart from being a NED, he is also a director in a number of members of the Group. As at the Latest Practicable Date, he is not interested in Shares of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

There is no service contract between Mr. Zeluck and the Company. Mr. Zeluck will hold the office for a term until the next annual general meeting and his appointment shall then be subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meeting in accordance with the Bye-laws. The director fee of HK\$218,000 per annum will be paid to Mr. Zeluck. His

remuneration has been determined by the Board with reference to his duties and responsibilities with the Company and the remuneration policy and guidelines adopted by the Remuneration Committee of the Company.

Save as disclosed above, there is no information to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements of the provisions under Rules 13.51(2)(h) to 13.51(2)(v) of the Listing Rules and no other matter that needs to be brought to the attention to the Shareholders in respect of Mr. Zeluck's appointment.

#### 9. Mr. Julius GENACHOWSKI

Julius GENACHOWSKI, aged 52, was appointed a NED of the Company on 19 May 2015. Mr. Genachowski is a Managing Director in the U.S. Buyout team of Carlyle, focusing on acquisitions and growth investments in global technology, media and telecom, including Internet and mobile. He is based in Washington, DC. Mr. Genachowski returned to the private sector after serving as Chairman of the U.S. Federal Communications Commission (FCC) from 2009 to 2013. He presided at the FCC during a period of robust innovation and investment around communications technology and software, including wired and wireless broadband applications, devices and networks. Prior to his FCC appointment, Mr. Genachowski worked for more than a decade in the private sector. As a senior executive and member of the Office of the Chairman, he helped build InterActiveCorp, which owned and operated multiple Internet and media businesses.

Mr. Genachowski has taught a joint class at Harvard's Business and Law Schools, and served as a Senior Fellow at the Aspen Institute and is currently a board member of MasterCard Inc. and Syniverse. He graduated with highest honors from Columbia College in 1985 and Harvard Law School in 1991.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Genachowski has not held any directorship in the last three years in any public companies the securities of which are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas and is not related to any director, senior management, substantial shareholders or controlling shareholders of the Company. Apart from being a NED, he is also a director in a number of members of the Group. As at the Latest Practicable Date, he is not interested in Shares of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

There is no service contract between Mr. Genachowski and the Company. Mr. Genachowski will hold the office for a term until the next annual general meeting and his appointment shall then be subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meeting in accordance with the Bye-laws. The director fee of HK\$109,000 per annum will be paid to Mr. Genachowski. His remuneration has been determined by the Board with reference to his duties and responsibilities with the Company and the remuneration policy and guidelines adopted by the Remuneration Committee of the Company.

Save as disclosed above, there is no information to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements of the provisions under Rules 13.51(2)(h) to 13.51(2)(v) of the Listing Rules and no other matter that needs to be brought to the attention to the Shareholders in respect of Mr. Genachowski's appointment.

#### 10. Mr. Alex S. YING

**Alex S. YING**, aged 46, was appointed a NED of the Company on 19 May 2015. Mr. Ying is a Managing Director of Carlyle advising on Asian buyout opportunities, with a particular focus on the Technology, Media and Telecommunications sector. Mr. Ying joined Carlyle Asia Partners team in 2001 and is based in Hong Kong.

Prior to joining Carlyle Asia Partners, Mr. Ying was a member of Carlyle's U.S. Real Estate Group since 1997. Prior to joining Carlyle, Mr. Ying was an investment banker with CIBC Oppenheimer, where he focused on a variety of industries, including telecom and healthcare. Prior to that, Mr. Ying worked in both the Acquisition and Asset Management groups of Colony Capital, a global real estate private equity firm.

Mr. Ying received his M.B.A. from the Anderson School at the University of California, Los Angeles. He received a B.S. from the University of California, Los Angeles, and a master's degree in real estate development from the University of Southern California. Mr. Ying is currently a board director of Ta Chong Bank Limited, a company listed in Taiwan.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Ying has not held any directorship in the last three years in any public companies the securities of which are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas and is not related to any director, senior management, substantial shareholders or controlling shareholders of the Company. Apart from being a NED, he is also a director in a number of members of the Group. As at the Latest Practicable Date, he is not interested in Shares of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

There is no service contract between Mr. Ying and the Company. Mr. Ying will hold the office for a term until the next annual general meeting and his appointment shall then be subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meeting in accordance with the Bye-laws. The director fee of HK\$109,000 per annum will be paid to Mr. Ying. His remuneration has been determined by the Board with reference to his duties and responsibilities with the Company and the remuneration policy and guidelines adopted by the Remuneration Committee of the Company.

Save as disclosed above, there is no information to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements of the provisions under Rules 13.51(2)(h) to 13.51(2)(v) of the Listing Rules and no other matter that needs to be brought to the attention to the Shareholders in respect of Mr. Ying's appointment.

#### Auditor's Remuneration

- 11. In relation to Resolution (4) in the Notice regarding the authorisation of the Board to fix auditor's remuneration, shareholders should note that, in practice, the amount of auditor's remuneration for the year 2015 audit cannot be determined at the beginning of the financial year. This is because auditor's remuneration for any given year varies, in particular by reference to the scope and extent of the audit work which is undertaken during the year.
- 12. In order to be able to charge the amount of auditor's remuneration as operating expenses for the year ending 31 December 2015, shareholders' approval to delegate the authority to the Board to fix the auditor's remuneration for the year ending 31 December 2015 is required at the AGM.
- 13. The work of the auditor and the amount of remuneration paid to the auditor for the year 2014 audit has been reviewed by the Audit Committee. The approved amount of auditor's remuneration and fees paid to the auditor for non-audit services are disclosed on page 21 of the Annual Report. All non-audit services performed by the auditor were pre-approved by the Audit Committee.

## Share Repurchase Mandate

14. In relation to the general mandate referred to in Resolution (6) in the Notice, an ordinary resolution was passed at the AGM on 19 June 2014 giving a general mandate to the Directors to repurchase shares of the Company on the Stock Exchange representing up to 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of issued share capital of the Company. Up to the Latest Practicable Date, no shares were repurchased pursuant to this general mandate, which will lapse at the conclusion of the forthcoming AGM, unless the mandate is renewed at that meeting. The Directors believe that it is in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders to have a general authority from shareholders to enable the Directors to repurchase shares on an opportunistic basis for the enhancement of long-term shareholder value. Shareholders' attention is particularly drawn to the implication of share repurchases under the Hong Kong Code on Takeovers and Mergers as set out in the Explanatory Statement on the Share Repurchase Mandate which is sent to shareholders together with the Notice.

As at the date of this circular, the Board comprises the following directors:

Chairman:

Mr. Gregory M. ZELUCK

Executive Director:

Mr. William WADE (President and Chief Executive Officer)

Non-executive Directors:

Mr. JU Wei Min (Deputy Chairman) Mr. Julius GENACHOWSKI

Mr. LUO Ning Mr. Alex S. YING

Mr. Peter JACKSON

Independent Non-executive Directors:

Mr. James WATKINS Mr. Stephen LEE Hoi Yin
Mr. Kenneth McKELVIE Ms. Maura WONG Hung Hung

Alternate Director:

Mr. CHONG Chi Yeung (alternate to Mr. LUO Ling)