(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 1038)

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of the Company will be held at the Ballroom, 1st Floor, Harbour Plaza Hong Kong, 20 Tak Fung Street, Hung Hom, Kowloon, Hong Kong on Thursday, 12th May, 2005 at 2:45 p.m. for the following purposes:

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 1. To receive the audited Financial Statements and the Reports of the Directors and Auditors for the year ended 31st December, 2004.
- To declare a final dividend.
- To elect Directors.
- 4. To appoint Auditors and authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration.
- 5. As a special business, to consider and, if thought fit, pass with or without amendments, the following resolutions as Ordinary Resolutions:

## ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS

(1) "THAT a general mandate be and is hereby unconditionally given to the Directors to issue and dispose of additional shares not exceeding twenty per cent. of the existing issued share capital of the Company at the date of the Resolution until the next Annual General Meeting ("Relevant Period"), such mandate to include the granting of offers or options (including bonds and debentures convertible into shares of the Company) which might be exercisable or convertible during or after the Relevant Period."

## (2) "THAT:

- (a) subject to paragraph (b) below, the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to repurchase shares of HK\$1.00 each in the capital of the Company in accordance with all applicable laws and the requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited or of any other stock exchange as amended from time to time, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the aggregate nominal amount of shares of the Company to be repurchased by the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above shall not exceed ten per cent. of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue at the date of this Resolution, and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and
- (c) for the purposes of this Resolution, "Relevant Period" means the period from the passing of this Resolution until whichever is the earliest of:
  - (i) the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company;
  - (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next Annual General Meeting of the Company is required by law to be held; and
  - (iii) the date on which the authority set out in this Resolution is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders in general meeting."

(3) "THAT the general mandate granted to the Directors to allot, issue and deal with additional shares pursuant to Ordinary Resolution No. 5(1) set out in the notice convening this meeting 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 Ordinary Resolution No. 5(2) set out in the notice convening this meeting, provided that such amount shall not exceed ten per cent. of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company at the date of the said Resolution."

By Order of the Board **Eirene Yeung** Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 14th April, 2005

## Notes:

- a. At the Annual General Meeting, the Chairman of the Meeting will exercise his power under the Company's Bye-law 66 to put each of the above resolutions to the vote by way of a poll.
- b. Any member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote in his stead. Any such member who is a holder of two or more shares may appoint more than one proxy to attend and vote in his stead. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.
- c. The Register of Members will be closed from Thursday, 5th May, 2005 to Thursday, 12th May, 2005, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be effected. In order to qualify for the proposed final dividend, all share certificates with completed transfer forms either overleaf or separately, must be lodged with the Company's Branch Registrars, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Oueen's Road East, Hong Kong, not later than 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 4th May, 2005.
- d. Concerning item No. 3 above, Mr. Li Tzar Kuoi, Victor, Mr. Kam Hing Lam, Mr. George Colin Magnus, Mr. Ip Tak Chuen, Edmond, Mr. Frank John Sixt, Mrs. Lee Pui Ling, Angelina, Mrs. Kwok Eva Lee, Mrs. Sng Sow-Mei (Phoon Sui Moy, alias Poon Sow Mei), Mr. Colin Stevens Russel and Mr. Lan Hong Tsung, David will retire and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election at the Annual General Meeting. Details of the above Directors are set out in Appendix I to the circular of the Company dated 14th April, 2005 (the "Circular"). Details of submitting the proposal by a shareholder for nomination of a person for election as a Director of the Company at the Annual General Meeting are set out under the section headed "Proposed Election of Directors" in the Circular.
- e. Concerning Ordinary Resolution No. 5(1) above, the Directors wish to state that approval is being sought from the members as a general mandate for the purposes of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules").
- f. Concerning Ordinary Resolution No. 5(2) above, the Directors are not aware of any consequences which may arise under the Takeover Code as a result of any repurchase of shares of the Company. The Explanatory Statement containing the information necessary to enable the members to make an informed decision on whether to vote for or against the resolution to approve the repurchase by the Company of its own shares, as required by the Listing Rules, is set out in Appendix II to the Circular.

As at the date hereof, the Executive Directors of the Company are Mr. LI Tzar Kuoi, Victor (Chairman), Mr. KAM Hing Lam (Group Managing Director), Mr. George Colin MAGNUS (Deputy Chairman), Mr. IP Tak Chuen, Edmond (Deputy Chairman), Mr. FOK Kin Ning, Canning (Deputy Chairman), Mr. KWAN Bing Sing, Eric (Deputy Managing Director), Mrs. CHOW WOO Mo Fong, Susan, Mr. Frank John SIXT and Mr. TSO Kai Sum; and the Non-executive Directors are Mr. CHEONG Ying Chew, Henry (Independent Non-executive Director), Mrs. KWOK Eva Lee (Independent Non-executive Director), Mrs. SNG Sow-Mei (PHOON Sui Moy, alias POON Sow Mei) (Independent Non-executive Director), Mr. Colin Stevens RUSSEL (Independent Non-executive Director), Mr. LAN Hong Tsung, David (Independent Non-executive Director), Mrs. LEE Pui Ling, Angelina and Mr. Barrie COOK.

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