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## 中國碳中和發展集團有限公司

China Carbon Neutral Development Group Limited

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock code: 1372)

# (1) TERMINATION OF THE EXISTING SHARE OPTION SCHEME AND PROPOSED ADOPTION OF THE NEW SHARE OPTION SCHEME; AND (2) NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

Capitalised terms used on this cover page shall have the same meanings as those defined in this circular.

A notice convening the EGM to be held at Room B, 33/F., Nord Financial Center, No. 1006, Fuzhong 3rd Road, Futian District, Shenzhen, Guangdong Province\* (廣東省深圳市福田區福中三路1006號諾德金融中心33樓B室) on Monday, 29 December 2025 at 11:30 a.m. is set out on pages EGM-1 to EGM-3 of this circular.

A form of proxy for use at the EGM is enclosed with this circular. Whether or not you intend to attend the EGM in person, you are requested to complete the accompanying form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return the same to the Company's branch share registrar 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 appointed for holding the EGM (i.e. not later than Saturday, 27 December 2025 at 11:30 a.m., Hong Kong time). Such a form of proxy for use at the EGM is also published on the website of the Stock Exchange (www.hkexnews.hk) and that of the Company (https://www.carbonneutral.com.hk/). Completion and return of the form of proxy shall not preclude you from attending and voting in person at the EGM or any adjournment thereof should you so wish.

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## **DEFINITIONS**

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

"Adoption Date" being the date on which the New Share Option Scheme is

conditionally adopted by an ordinary resolution to be

passed by the Shareholders at the EGM

"Amended Rules" the amendments to the Listing Rules relating to share

schemes of listed issuer, which has taken effect on 1 January 2023 pursuant to the Consultation Conclusions on Proposed Amendments to Listing Rules relating to Share Schemes of Listed Issuers and Housekeeping Rule Amendment published by the Stock Exchange in July

2022

"Article(s)" the articles of association of the Company as amended

from time to time

"associate(s)" has the meaning as defined in the Listing Rules

"Board" the board of the Directors for the time being or a duly

authorised committee thereof

"Business Day" any day on which the Stock Exchange is open for the

trading of securities listed thereon

"close associate" has the meaning as defined in the Listing Rules

"Company" China Carbon Neutral Development Group Limited, a

company incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability, the Shares of which are listed on the Main Board

of the Stock Exchange (Stock Code: 1372)

"connected person" has the same meaning as defined in the Listing Rules

"core connected person(s)" has the same meaning as defined in the Listing Rules

"Director(s)" the director(s) of the Company from time to time

"EGM" the extraordinary general meeting of the Company to be

held and convened for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, approving, among other things, the termination of the Existing Share Option Scheme and the

adoption of the New Share Option Scheme

DEFINITIONS				
"Eligible Participant(s)"	including the Employee Participant(s), provided that the Board may have absolute discretion to determine whether or not one falls within the above category, subject to compliance with Chapter 17 of the Listing Rules			
"Employee Participant(s)"	the director(s) and employee(s) (whether full-time or part-time) of any member of the Group (including persons who are granted Options under the New Share Option Scheme as inducement to enter into employment contracts with the Group)			
"Existing Share Option Scheme"	the share option scheme adopted by the Company on 29 March 2016			
"Grantee"	any Eligible Participant who accepts Offer in accordance with the terms of the New Share Option Scheme			
"Group"	the Company and all of its subsidiaries from time to time			
"HK\$"	Hong Kong dollar(s), the lawful currency of Hong Kong			
"Hong Kong"	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC			
"Latest Practicable Date"	4 December 2025, being the latest practicable date for ascertaining certain information contained in this circular			
"Listing Rules"	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange as may be amended from time to time			
"New Share Option Scheme"	the share option scheme proposed to be adopted by the Company at the EGM			
"New Share Option Scheme Rules"	the rules set out therein relating to the New Share Option Scheme as amended from time to time, a summary of the principal rules is set out in the Appendix to this circular			
"Offer"	an offer for the grant of an Option made in accordance with the terms of the New Share Option Scheme			
"Offer Date"	the date on which an Offer is made to an Eligible Participant			
"Option(s)"	any option(s) to be granted to Eligible Participant(s) to subscribe for Share(s) (or transfer of Treasury Shares, if			

applicable) under the New Share Option Scheme

## **DEFINITIONS**

"Option Period" in respect of any particular Option, the period to be determined and notified by the Directors to the Grantee thereof at the time of making an Offer provided that such period shall not exceed the period of ten (10) years from the date of the grant of the particular Option but subject to the provisions for early termination thereof contained in the New Share Option Scheme "Personal Representative(s)" the person or persons who, in accordance with the laws of succession applicable in respect of the death of a Grantee, is or are entitled to exercise the Option granted to such Grantee (to the extent not already exercised) "PRC" the People's Republic of China, which for the purpose of this circular, excludes Hong Kong, the Macau Special Administrative Region of the PRC and Taiwan "Scheme Mandate Limit" the total number of Shares may be allotted and issued (or Treasury Shares may be transferred, if applicable) in respect of all Options may be granted under the New Share Option Scheme and all options and awards may be granted under any other share schemes of the Company (if any) "Share(s)" ordinary share(s) of HK\$0.01 each in the share capital of the Company, or, if there has been a sub-division, consolidation, re-classification or re-construction of the share capital of the Company, shares forming part of the ordinary equity share capital of the Company of such other nominal amount as shall result from any such sub-division. consolidation. re-classification or re-construction "Shareholder(s)" holder(s) of the issued Share(s) from time to time "Stock Exchange" The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited "Subscription Price" the price per Share at which a Grantee may subscribe for Shares on the exercise of an Option

the Hong Kong Code on Takeovers and Mergers

ten (10) years after the Adoption Date

close of business of the Company on the date which falls

"Takeovers Code"

"Termination Date"

## **DEFINITIONS**

"Treasury Shares"

Shares repurchased and held by the Company in treasury (if any), as authorised by the laws of Cayman Islands and the Articles which, for the purpose of the Listing Rules, includes Shares repurchased by the Company and held or deposited in the Central Clearing and Settlement System established and operated by Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited for sale on the Stock Exchange. For the purposes of the New Share Option Scheme, new Shares include Treasury Shares and the issue of new Shares includes the transfer of Treasury Shares

"%"

per cent.



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## **China Carbon Neutral Development Group Limited**

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Mr. Lu Xiangyong

Mr. Cheung Hiu Tung (Vice President)

Non-executive Directors:

Mr. Chen Yonglan (Chairman)

Mr. Geng Zhiyuan (Honourable Chairman)

(Mr. Chen Lui as his alternate)

Mr. Zhong Guoxing (Deputy Chairman)

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5 December 2025

To the Shareholders

Dear Sir or Madam.

## (1) TERMINATION OF THE EXISTING SHARE OPTION SCHEME AND PROPOSED ADOPTION OF THE NEW SHARE OPTION SCHEME; AND (2) NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The Company proposes to terminate the Existing Share Option Scheme and adopt the New Share Option Scheme subject to, among others, the approval by the Shareholders at the EGM.

The purpose of this circular is to provide you with details regarding the proposed termination of the Existing Share Option Scheme and the adoption of the New Share Option Scheme in accordance with the Listing Rules. A notice of the EGM is set out on pages EGM-1 to EGM-3 of this circular.

## 2. TERMINATION OF THE EXISTING SHARE OPTION SCHEME AND PROPOSED ADOPTION OF THE NEW SHARE OPTION SCHEME

## Termination of Existing Share Option Scheme

The Existing Share Option Scheme was adopted on 29 March 2016 and shall be valid and effective for a period of 10 years from the date of adoption. As at the Latest Practicable Date, there was no unutilized scheme mandate limit under the Existing Share Option Scheme. As at the Latest Practicable Date, there were an aggregate of 8,000,000 share options granted under the Existing Share Option Scheme, which remain outstanding or unexercised and will continue to be valid and exercisable in accordance with the provisions of the Existing Share Option Scheme notwithstanding the proposed termination of the Existing Share Option Scheme, details of which are as follows:

Number of

Name and category of grantee	Date of grant	outstanding or unexercised share options as at the Latest Practicable Date	Exercise Period	Exercise price per share (HK\$)
Mr. ZHANG Yan	23 January 2025	5,000,000	from 23 January 2026 to 22 January 2028 (both dates inclusive)	HK\$0.262
Ms. LI Bei	23 January 2025	3,000,000	from 23 January 2026 to 22 January 2028 (both dates inclusive)	HK\$0.262

## Proposed adoption of the New Share Option Scheme

In light of the Amended Rules and in order to provide appropriate equity incentives or rewards to suitable and eligible persons for their contributions or potential contributions to the Group, the Board proposes to seek approval by the Shareholders by way of ordinary resolution at the EGM to adopt the New Share Option Scheme. By adoption of the New Share Option Scheme, the Company aims to promote long-term commitment and fostering a culture of ownership, ultimately benefiting the Company and the Shareholders as a whole. The New Share Option Scheme will be valid for ten (10) years commencing from the Adoption Date. The provisions of the New Share Option Scheme shall constitute a share scheme and shall comply with the requirements of Chapter 17 of the Listing Rules. A summary of the principal terms of the New Share Option Scheme Rules is set out in the Appendix hereto.

## **Purpose**

The purpose of the New Share Option Scheme is to attract and retain the best available personnel of the Group, to provide additional incentive or rewards to the Eligible Participants for the contribution or potential contribution to the Group, and to promote the success of the business of the Group. The New Share Option Scheme will give the Eligible Participants an opportunity to have a personal stake in the Company and will help motivate the Eligible Participants in optimising their performance and efficiency and attract and retain the Eligible Participants whose contributions are important to the long-term growth and profitability of the Group.

The Company may issue new Shares and/or utilise Treasury Shares (if any) to satisfy grants of the Options under the New Share Option Scheme to the extent permitted by the Listing Rules, all applicable laws and regulations and the Articles. As at the Latest Practicable Date, the Company had not decided whether to use Treasury Shares for the New Share Option Scheme, if applicable. The Company is not restricted by the Articles and repurchase mandate granted by the Shareholders at the annual general meeting held on 19 November 2024 from holding the Treasury Shares. As at the Latest Practicable Date, the Company did not hold any Treasury Shares.

## Eligibility of Eligible Participants

Eligible Participants under the New Share Option Scheme include the Employee Participant(s), provided that the Board may have absolute discretion to determine whether or not one falls within the above category.

## Eligibility of Employee Participants

With respect to Employee Participants, the Board will consider, amongst others, their (i) general working experience; (ii) time commitment (full-time or part-time); (iii) length of their service within the Group; (iv) work experience; (v) responsibilities; (vi) employment conditions according to the prevailing market practice and industry standard; or where appropriate; and (vii) contribution or potential contribution to the Group. In determining whether a person has contributed or will contribute to the Group, the Group will take into account, among other things, whether contribution has been made to or will be made to the Group in terms of operation, financial performance, prospects, growth, reputation and image of the Group.

## **Vesting Period**

The Directors consider that the New Share Option Scheme, which will be valid for 10 years from the date of its adoption, will provide the Company with more flexibility in long-term planning of granting of the share options to the eligible participants (including any employee, officer or director of any member of the Group) in a longer period in the future. Under the New Share Option Scheme, an Option must be held by the Grantee for at least twelve (12) months before the Option can be exercised. However, the Board (or the remuneration committee of the Company where it relates to grants of Options to an Employee Participant who is a Director and/or senior manager of the Company) have discretion in allowing a shorter vesting period to an Employee Participant in the following circumstances:

- (a) grants of "make-whole" Option(s) to new joiners to replace the share options they forfeited when leaving the previous employers, which would provide talents with higher incentives in joining the Group for the Group's further development;
- (b) grants to an Employee Participant whose employment is terminated due to death or occurrence of any out of control event, which allows flexibility for the Company to reward employees in exceptional circumstances to ensure fair treatment;
- (c) grants that are made in batches during a year for administrative and compliance reasons, which include Options that should have been granted earlier if not for such administrative or compliance reasons but had to wait for subsequent batch. In such case, the vesting period may be shorter to reflect the time from which the Option would have been granted, which allows flexibility for the Company to reward employees in case of delays due to administrative or compliance reasons;
- (d) grants of Options with a mixed or accelerated vesting schedule such as where the Options may vest evenly over a period of twelve (12) months, which provides flexibility for the Company in granting Options; or
- (e) grants with performance-based vesting conditions in lieu of time-based vesting criteria, which allows flexibility for the Company to reward exceptional performers who fulfilled the performance targets in less than 12 months.

The Board is of the view that the discretion in allowing a shorter vesting period in each of the circumstances as detailed above is appropriate and in line with the requirements under the Listing Rules and market practice. Such discretion gives the Company more flexibility to (i) provide a more competitive remuneration package to attract or further incentivize selected participants; (ii) reward past contribution which may otherwise be neglected due to administrative or technical reasons; (iii) reward exceptional performers with accelerated vesting; and (iv) motivate exceptional performers based on performance metrics rather than time including but not limited to attainment of certain performance targets.

Moreover, the Board or the committee of the Board or person to which the Board has delegated its authority (as the case may be) have the authority to establish performance targets in relation to the granting of the Options. The Directors are of the view that the flexibility given to the Directors in relation to the vesting period and performance targets will place the Group in a better position to reward its employees and retain human resources that are valuable to the growth and development of the Group as a whole. None of the Directors is a trustee of the New Share Option Scheme or has a direct or indirect interest in such trustee (if any).

## Duration

Subject to any early termination as may be determined by the Board pursuant to the New Share Option Scheme Rules, the New Share Option Scheme shall be valid and effective until the close of business of the Company on the date which falls ten (10) years after the Adoption Date.

## **Subscription Price**

The Subscription Price shall be determined by the Board at its absolute discretion, provided that it shall be not less than the highest of:

- (a) the closing price of the Shares as shown in the daily quotations sheet of the Stock Exchange on the Offer Date, which must be a Business Day;
- (b) the average of the closing prices of the Shares as shown in the daily quotations sheets of the Stock Exchange for the five (5) consecutive Business Days immediately preceding the Offer Date; and
- (c) the nominal value of the Share on the Offer Date.

## Performance Targets and Clawback Mechanism

The Board may at its discretion specify any condition in the offer letter at the grant of the relevant Option which must be satisfied before an Option may be exercised. Save as determined by the Board on a case-by-case basis taking into account the nature of the duties of and services provided by the Eligible Participant(s) and provided in the offer letter of the grant of the relevant Option at the discretion of the Board, there is no performance target which must be achieved before an Option can be exercised under the terms of the New Share Option Scheme nor any clawback mechanism for the Company to recover or withhold any Options granted to any Eligible Participant.

The Directors are of the view that the flexibility given to the Directors in relation to the performance targets will place the Group in a better position to reward its employees and retain human resources that are valuable to the growth and development of the Group as a whole. If performance targets are imposed upon grant of Options, the Board will have regard to the purpose of the New Share Option Scheme in assessing such performance targets, with reference to factors including but not limited to, as and when appropriate, sales performance (e.g. revenue), operating performance (e.g. profits, operation efficiency in terms of cost control), financial performance (e.g. profits, cash flow, earnings, market capitalisation, return on equity) of the Group, corporate suitability parameter (e.g. timeliness and accuracy in handling customer feedback, team work capabilities, adherence to corporate culture) and discipline and responsibility (e.g. punctuality, integrity, honesty or compliance with internal business procedures), the satisfaction of which shall be assessed and determined by the Board at its sole discretion.

## **Conditions Precedent**

The New Share Option Scheme is conditional upon:

- (a) the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange granting approval for the listing of and permission to deal in any new Shares which may fall to be allotted and issued by the Company upon the exercise of the Options that may be granted under the New Share Option Scheme; and
- (b) the passing of ordinary resolutions at a general meeting of the Company approving the adoption of the New Share Option Scheme and authorising the Directors to grant Options to Eligible Participants and to allot and issue Shares or to transfer Treasury Shares pursuant to the exercise of any Options granted under the New Share Option Scheme.

## Scheme Mandate Limit

Subject to the Listing Rules, the total number of Shares which may be issued (including any Treasury Shares which may be transferred, as applicable) in respect of all Options which may be granted at any time under the New Share Option Scheme together with options and awards which may be granted under any other share schemes for the time being of the Company shall not exceed such number of Shares as equals to 10% of the issued share capital of the Company (excluding Treasury Shares) as at the Adoption Date.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the number of issued Shares was 642,960,000 and the Company has no Treasury Shares. Assuming that there is no change in the issued share capital of the Company before the EGM and the Company will not have any Treasury Shares between the Latest Practicable Date and the Adoption Date, the total number of Shares which may be issued (including any Treasury Shares which may be transferred, as applicable) in respect of all Options which may be granted at any time under the New Share Option Scheme, together with all options and awards which may be granted under any other share schemes for the time being of the Company would be 64,296,000 Shares, representing 10% of the issued share capital of the Company (excluding Treasury Shares) as at the Adoption Date.

The Company will, where applicable, comply with the applicable requirements under Chapter 17 of the Listing Rules in respect of the operation of the New Share Option Scheme.

## 4. GENERAL

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the Board intends to grant (i) 5,000,000 Options to Mr. Zhong Guoxing, a non-executive Director and the Deputy Chairman of the Company; (ii) 3,000,000 Options to Mr. Di Ling, an executive Director; (iii) 10,000,000 Options to Mr. Chen Yonglan, a non-executive Director and the Chairman of the Company; (iv) 2,000,000 Options to Mr. Cao Ming, an independent non-executive Director; (v) 2,000,000 Options to Mr. Wang Jiasi, an independent non-executive Director; (vi) 3,000,000 Options to Ms. Qiao Yanlin, an independent non-executive Director; and (vii) 1,000,000 Options to an employee of the Group. Save as disclosed above, the Board has no present intention to grant any Options to any Eligible Participants under the New Share Option Scheme immediately after its adoption. Save for Mr. Chen Yonglan who is interested in 10,000,000 issued Shares (representing approximately 1.56% of the issued share capital of the Company as at the Latest Practicable Date), each of potential grantee(s) as disclosed above is not interested in the issued Shares as at the Latest Practicable Date.

Given that Mr. Zhong Guoxing, Mr. Di Ling, Mr. Chen Yonglan, Mr. Cao Ming, Mr. Wang Jiasi and Ms. Qiao Yanlin may be grantees of the Options, they may be considered as having interest in the adoption of the New Share Option Scheme. Save for Mr. Chen Yonglan who is interested in 10,000,000 issued Shares (representing approximately 1.56% of the issued share capital of the Company as at the Latest Practicable Date) who will abstain from voting on the resolution approving the adoption of the New Share Option Scheme at the EGM, each of Mr. Zhong Guoxing, Mr. Di Ling, Mr. Cao Ming, Mr. Wang Jiasi and Ms. Qiao Yanlin is not

interested in the issued Shares as at the Latest Practicable Date. Save as disclosed above, no other Director has a material interest and is required to abstain from voting on the resolution approving the adoption of the New Share Option Scheme at the EGM. To the best knowledge, information and belief of the Directors, having made all reasonable enquiries, as at the Latest Practicable Date, save for Mr. Chen Yonglan, no Shareholder had any material interest in the adoption of the New Share Option Scheme. Accordingly, save for Mr. Chen Yonglan, no Shareholder is required to abstain from voting on the resolution approving the adoption of the New Share Option Scheme at the EGM.

Application will be made to the Stock Exchange for the approval of the listing of, and permission to deal in the Shares which may fall to be issued and allotted pursuant to the exercise of any Option that may be granted under the New Share Option Scheme.

The Company has sought legal advices in respect of the New Share Option Scheme and understands that the adoption of the New Share Option Scheme would not constitute offer to public and prospectus requirements under Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance are not applicable.

## 5. THE EGM AND PROXY ARRANGEMENT

A notice convening the EGM to be held at Room B, 33/F., Nord Financial Center, No. 1006, Fuzhong 3rd Road, Futian District, Shenzhen, Guangdong Province\* (廣東省深圳市福田區福中三路1006號諾德金融中心33樓B室) on Monday, 29 December 2025 at 11:30 a.m. is set out on pages EGM-1 to EGM-3 of this circular. At the EGM, resolutions will be proposed to approve, inter alia, the proposed adoption of the New Share Option Scheme.

A form of proxy for use at the EGM is enclosed with this circular and such form of proxy is also published on the websites of the Stock Exchanges (www.hkexnews.hk) and the Company (https://www.carbonneutral.com.hk/). To be valid, the form of proxy must be completed and signed in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and deposited, together with the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed or a certified copy of that power of attorney or authority at the Company's branch share registrar and transfer office, Tricor Investor Services Limited at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong as soon as possible but in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the EGM (i.e. not later than 11:30 a.m., on Saturday, 27 December 2025 (Hong Kong time)) or the adjourned meeting (as the case may be). Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting at the EGM if you so wish.

Pursuant to Rule 13.39(4) of the Listing Rules, any vote of the Shareholders at the EGM must be taken by poll. The chairman of the meeting will therefore demand a poll for every resolution to be passed at the EGM pursuant to the Articles. An announcement on the poll results of the EGM will be made by the Company after the EGM, in the manner prescribed under Rule 13.39(5) of the Listing Rules.

<sup>\*</sup> for identification purpose only

## 6. CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

For the purpose of determining the entitlement and voting at the EGM, the register of members of the Company for the EGM will be closed from Monday, 22 December 2025 to Monday, 29 December 2025, both days inclusive, during which no transfer of Shares will be registered. In order to qualify for attending and voting at the EGM or any adjournment thereof, all transfers documents accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Hong Kong branch share registrar of the Company, Tricor Investor Services Limited, at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong, not later than 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, 21 December 2025.

### 7. RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

This circular, for which the Directors collectively and individually accept full responsibility, includes particulars given in compliance with the Listing Rules for the purpose of giving information relating to the Group. The Directors, having made all reasonable enquiries, confirm that to the best of their knowledge and belief, the information contained in this circular is accurate and complete in all material respects and not misleading or deceptive, and there are no other matters the omission of which would make any statement herein or this circular misleading.

## 8. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Directors are of the view that the adoption of the New Share Option Scheme is in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole. Accordingly, the Directors recommend the Shareholders to vote in favour of all the resolutions as set out in the notice of the EGM.

## 9. DOCUMENT ON DISPLAY

A copy of the New Share Option Scheme Rules will be published on the websites of the Stock Exchange and the Company for display for a period of not less than 14 days before the date of the EGM and a copy of the New Share Option Scheme Rules will be made available for inspection at the EGM.

## 10. COMPETING INTEREST

As at the Latest Practicable Date, none of the Directors, controlling Shareholders or substantial Shareholders or any of their respective close associates has any interest in business which competes with or may compete with the business of the Group or has any other conflict of interests which any person has or may have with the Group.

## 11. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Your attention is drawn to the additional information set out in the Appendix to this circular.

By order of the Board

China Carbon Neutral Development Group Limited

Chen Yonglan

Chairman and Non-executive Director

The following is a summary of the principal terms of the New Share Option Scheme to be approved and adopted by ordinary resolution at the EGM, but such summary does not form part of, nor was it intended to be, part of the New Share Option Scheme, nor should it be taken as affecting the interpretation of the New Share Option Scheme Rules:

## 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of the New Share Option Scheme is to attract and retain the best available personnel of the Group, to provide additional incentive or rewards to the Eligible Participants for the contribution or potential contribution to the Group, and to promote the success of the business of the Group. The New Share Option Scheme will give the Eligible Participants an opportunity to have a personal stake in the Company and will help motivate the Eligible Participants in optimising their performance and efficiency and attract and retain the Eligible Participants whose contributions are important to the long-term growth and profitability of the Group.

## 2. ADMINISTRATION OF THE NEW SHARE OPTION SCHEME

The New Share Option Scheme shall be subject to the administration of the Board whose decision on all matters arising in relation to the New Share Option Scheme or its interpretation or application or effect shall (save as otherwise provided in the New Share Option Scheme and in the absence of manifest error) be final and binding on all persons who may be affected thereby. For the avoidance of doubt, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Listing Rules and the provisions of the New Share Option Scheme, the Board shall have the right to (i) interpret and construe the provisions of the New Share Option Scheme; (ii) determine the persons who will be offered Options under the New Share Option Scheme, and the number of Shares and the Subscription Price, in relation to such Options; (iii) make such appropriate and equitable adjustments to the terms of Options granted under the New Share Option Scheme as it may deem necessary; and (iv) make such other decisions or determinations or regulations as it shall deem appropriate for the administration of the New Share Option Scheme.

The Company may issue new Shares and/or utilise Treasury Shares (if any) to satisfy grants of the Options under the New Share Option Scheme to the extent permitted by the Listing Rules, all applicable laws and regulations and the Articles.

## 3. ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS AND THE BASIS OF ELIGIBILITY OF THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE NEW SHARE OPTION SCHEME

Eligible Participants for the New Share Option Scheme include the Employee Participant(s) including the director(s) and employee(s) (whether full-time or part-time) of any member of the Group (including persons who are granted Options under the New Share Option Scheme as inducement to enter into employment contracts with the Group).

In determining the basis of eligibility of each Eligible Participant, the Board would take into account of (i) the experience of the Eligible Participant on the Group's business; (ii) the length of service of the Eligible Participant with the Group (if the Eligible Participant is an Employee Participant); and (iii) the amount of support, assistance, guidance, advice, efforts and contributions the Eligible Participant has exerted and given towards the success of the Group and/or the amount of potential support, assistance, guidance, advice, efforts and contributions the Eligible Participant is likely to be able to give or make towards the success of the Group in the future.

For Employee Participants, the Board will consider, amongst others, their (i) general working experience; (ii) time commitment (full-time or part-time); (iii) length of their service within the Group; (iv) work experience; (v) responsibilities; (vi) employment conditions according to the prevailing market practice and industry standard; or where appropriate; and (vii) contribution or potential contribution to the Group. In determining whether a person has contributed or will contribute to the Group, the Group will take into account, among other things, whether contribution has been made to or will be made to the Group in terms of operation, financial performance, prospects, growth, reputation and image of the Group.

## 4. GRANT AND ACCEPTANCE OF OPTIONS

The Board shall, subject to the terms of the New Share Option Scheme and the Listing Rules, be entitled (but shall not be bound) at any time and from time to time on any Business Day within a period of ten (10) years commencing on the Adoption Date to make an Offer to such Eligible Participant as it may in its absolute discretion select, and subject to such conditions as the Board may think fit, to subscribe for such number of Shares (being a board lot for dealing in Shares on the Stock Exchange or an integral multiple thereof) as the Board may, subject to paragraph (7) below, determine at the Subscription Price pursuant to paragraph (6) below, provided that no such grant shall be made if a prospectus is required to be issued under the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance (Chapter 32 of the Laws of Hong Kong) or any applicable laws or if such grant will result in the breach by the Company or the Directors of any applicable securities laws and regulations in any jurisdiction.

An Offer shall be made to an Eligible Participant in writing (and unless so made shall be invalid) in such form as the Board may from time to time determine either generally or on a case-by-case basis specifying the number of Shares and the Option Period in respect of which the Offer is made and further requiring the Eligible Participant to undertake to hold the Option on the terms on which it is to be granted and to be bound by the provisions of the New Share Option Scheme and shall remain open for acceptance by the Eligible Participant concerned (and by no other person, including his or her Personal Representative(s)) for a period of twenty-one (21) days inclusive of, and from the Offer Date provided that no such Offer shall be open for acceptance after the earlier of the Termination Date or the termination of the New Share Option Scheme.

## APPENDIX SUMMARY OF THE PRINCIPAL TERMS OF THE NEW SHARE OPTION SCHEME

An Offer shall be deemed to have been accepted by an Eligible Participant concerned in respect of all Shares which are offered to such Eligible Participant when the duplicate letter comprising acceptance of the Offer duly signed by the Eligible Participant with the number of Shares in respect of which the Offer is accepted as stated therein, together with a remittance in favour of the Company of HK\$1.00 by way of consideration for the grant thereof is received by the Company.

Any Offer may be accepted by an Eligible Participant for any amount of Shares which is less than the number of Shares which are offered, provided that it is accepted in respect of a board lot for dealing in Shares on the Stock Exchange or an integral multiple thereof.

## 5. VESTING PERIOD

Save for the circumstances prescribed below, an Option must be held by the Grantee for at least twelve (12) months before the Option can be exercised.

The Board (or the remuneration committee of the Company where it relates to grants of Options to an Employee Participant who is a Director and/or senior manager of the Company) may at its discretion grant a shorter vesting period to an Employee Participant in the following circumstances:

- (a) grants of "make-whole" Option(s) to new joiners to replace the share options they forfeited when leaving the previous employers;
- (b) grants to an Employee Participant whose employment is terminated due to death or occurrence of any out of control event;
- (c) grants that are made in batches during a year for administrative and compliance reasons, which include Options that should have been granted earlier if not for such administrative or compliance reasons but had to wait for subsequent batch. In such case, the vesting period may be shorter to reflect the time from which the Option would have been granted;
- (d) grants of Options with a mixed or accelerated vesting schedule such as where the Options may vest evenly over a period of twelve (12) months; or
- (e) grants with performance-based vesting conditions in lieu of time-based vesting criteria.

## 6. EXERCISE OF OPTIONS AND SUBSCRIPTION PRICE OF SHARES

With all necessary consents and approvals (if any) obtained by the Grantee, an Option shall be exercisable in whole or in part by the Grantee (or, as the case may be, his or her Personal Representative(s)) giving notice in writing to the Company stating that the Option is thereby exercised and the number of Shares in respect of which it is so exercised. Each of such notice must be accompanied by a remittance for the full amount of the Subscription Price for Shares in respect of which the notice is given. Within twenty-eight (28) days after receipt of the notice and the remittance and, where appropriate, receipt of the certificate of the Company's auditors or independent financial advisers, the Company shall accordingly allot and issue the relevant number of Shares or transfer the relevant number of Treasury Shares to the Grantee (or, in the event of an exercise of Option by his or her Personal Representative, to the estate of the Grantee (or his or her estate in the event of an exercise by his or her Personal Representative(s)) a share certificate for the Shares so allotted or transferred.

Holders of the Options are not entitled to voting, dividend, transfer and other rights of the holders of the Shares, including those arising on a liquidation of the Company, save as otherwise provided in the New Share Option Scheme or under the relevant laws or the Articles in effect from time to time.

The Subscription Price for Shares to be subscribed under the New Share Option Scheme shall be determined by the Board at its absolute discretion (subject to any adjustments made), provided that it shall not be less than the highest of:

- (a) the closing price of the Shares as shown in the daily quotations sheet of the Stock Exchange on the Offer Date, which must be a Business Day;
- (b) the average of the closing prices of the Shares as shown in the daily quotations sheets of the Stock Exchange for the five (5) consecutive Business Days immediately preceding the Offer Date; and
- (c) the nominal value of the Share on the Offer Date.

The date of the Board meeting at which the grant was proposed shall be taken to be the Offer Date for such relevant Option, and the provisions as set above shall apply *mutatis* mutandis.

## 7. MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SHARES AVAILABLE FOR SUBSCRIPTION

- (including any Treasury Shares which may be transferred, as applicable) in respect of all Options which may be granted at any time under the New Share Option Scheme, together with options and awards which may be granted under any other share schemes for the time being of the Company shall not exceed such number of Shares as equals to 10% of the issued share capital of the Company (excluding Treasury Shares) as at the Adoption Date, unless Shareholders' approval has been obtained pursuant to sub-paragraphs (b) and (c) below. Options lapsed in accordance with the terms of the New Share Option Scheme will not be regarded as utilised for the purpose of calculating the Scheme Mandate Limit.
- (b) The Company may seek approval of the Shareholders in general meeting to refresh the Scheme Mandate Limit under the New Share Option Scheme after three (3) years from the Adoption Date (or the date of Shareholders' approval for the last refreshment), provided that the limit so refreshed must not exceed 10% of the relevant class of Shares in issue (excluding Treasury Shares) as at the date of passing the relevant resolution. The Company must send a circular to the Shareholders containing such information as required under the Listing Rules. Any refreshment of the Scheme Mandate Limit to be made within three (3) years from the Adoption Date (or the date of Shareholders' approval for the last refreshment) shall be subject to independent Shareholders' approval pursuant to Rule 17.03C(1) of the Listing Rules and any controlling Shareholders and their associates (or if there is no controlling Shareholder, Directors (excluding independent non-executive Directors) and the chief executive of the Company and their respective associates) must abstain from voting in favour of the relevant resolution at the general meeting.
- (c) The Company may also seek separate approval of the Shareholders in general meeting for granting Options beyond the Scheme Mandate Limit provided that the Options in excess of the Scheme Mandate Limit are granted only to Eligible Participants specifically identified by the Company before such approval is sought. For the purpose of seeking approval of Shareholders under this sub-paragraph (c), the Company must send a circular to the Shareholders containing the name of each specified Eligible Participants who may be granted such Options, the number and terms of the Options to be granted to each such Eligible Participant, and the purpose of granting Options to the specified Eligible Participants with an explanation as to how the terms of the Options to be granted serve such purpose and such other information as required under the Listing Rules. The number and terms (including the subscription price) of Options to be granted to such Eligible Participant must be fixed before Shareholders' approval and the date of Board meeting for proposing such grant should be taken as the date of grant for the purpose of calculating the Subscription Price.

(d) If the Company conducts a share consolidation or subdivision after the Scheme Mandate Limit has been approved in general meeting, the maximum number of Shares that may be issued (or Treasury Shares that may be transferred) in respect of all options and awards to be granted under all of the schemes of the Company under the Scheme Mandate Limit as a percentage of the total number of issued Shares at the date immediately before and after such consolidation or subdivision shall be the same, rounded to the nearest whole share.

## 8. GRANT OF OPTIONS TO A DIRECTOR, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OR SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDER OF THE COMPANY OR ANY OF THEIR ASSOCIATES

Any grant of Options to a Director, a chief executive of the Company or substantial Shareholder (as defined in the Listing Rules), or any of their respective associates must be approved by the independent non-executive Directors (excluding any independent non-executive Director who or whose associate is the proposed Grantee of an Option (if any)).

Where any grant of Options to an independent non-executive Director or a substantial Shareholder (as defined in the Listing Rules) or any of their respective associates would result in the Shares issued and to be issued (including any Treasury Shares which may be transferred, as applicable) in respect of all options and awards granted and to be granted (excluding any options and awards lapsed in accordance with the terms of the relevant schemes) to such person in any twelve (12)-month period up to and including the date of such grant representing in aggregate over 0.1% of the total issued Shares (excluding Treasury Shares), such further grant of Options must be approved by the Shareholders in a general meeting of the Company with such Grantee, his/her associates and all core connected persons of the Company abstaining from voting in favour of the proposed grant at such general meeting. Parties that are required to abstain from voting in favour at the general meeting pursuant to Rule 17.04(1) of the Listing Rules may vote against the resolution at the general meeting of the Company, provided that their intention to do so has been stated in the relevant circular to the Shareholders. Any vote taken at the general meeting to approve the grant of such Options must be taken on a poll and comply with the requirements under the Listing Rules. The Board will be mindful of the recommended best practice E.1.9 of the Corporate Governance Code set out in Appendix C1 to the Listing Rules which recommends that issuers should generally not grant equity-based remuneration with performance-related elements to independent non-executive Directors when considering any future grants of Options to the independent non-executive Directors.

A circular must be prepared by the Company explaining the proposed grant, containing, among other matters, (i) details of the number and terms of the Options to be granted to each Eligible Participant, which must be fixed before the Shareholders' meeting; (ii) the views of the independent non-executive Directors (excluding any independent non-executive Director who and whose associate is the proposed Grantee) as to whether the terms of the grant are fair and reasonable and whether such grant is in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole, and their recommendation to the independent Shareholders as to voting; and (iii) information as may be required by the Stock Exchange from time to time.

Any change in the terms of Options granted to an Eligible Participant who is a Director, chief executive or substantial shareholder of the Company, or any of their respective associates, must be approved by the Shareholders in the manner as set out in Rule 17.04(4) of the Listing Rules if the initial grant of the Options requires such approval (except where the changes take effect automatically under the existing terms of the New Share Option Scheme).

## 9. MAXIMUM ENTITLEMENT OF EACH ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANT

Where any grant of Options to an Eligible Participant would result in the Shares issued and to be issued (including any Treasury Shares which may be transferred, as applicable) in respect of all options and awards granted to such Eligible Participant (excluding any options and awards lapsed in accordance with the terms of the relevant schemes) in the twelve (12)-month period up to and including the date of such grant representing in aggregate over 1% of the Shares in issue (excluding Treasury Shares), such grant must be separately approved by the Shareholders in general meeting with such Eligible Participant and his/her close associates (or associates if the Eligible Participant is a connected person) abstaining from voting. The Company must send a circular to the Shareholders and the circular must disclose the identity of the Eligible Participant, the number and terms of the Options to be granted (and options and awards previously granted to such Eligible Participant in such twelve (12)-month period), the purpose of granting Options to the Eligible Participant, an explanation as to how the terms of the Options serve such purpose and such information as may be required by the Stock Exchange from time to time. The number and terms (including the Subscription Price) of Options to be granted to such Eligible Participant must be fixed before Shareholders' approval and the date of Board meeting for proposing such further grant should be taken as the date of grant for the purpose of calculating the Subscription Price.

## 10. TIME OF EXERCISE OF OPTIONS

Subject to the terms of the New Share Option Scheme, an Option may be exercised in whole or in part at any time during the period to be determined and notified by the Directors to the Grantee thereof at the time of making an Offer provided that such period shall not exceed the period of ten (10) years from the date of the grant of the particular Option but subject to the provisions for early termination of the New Share Option Scheme.

The Board may at its discretion specify any condition in the offer letter at the grant of the relevant Option which must be satisfied before an Option may be exercised. Save as determined by the Board on a case-by-case basis taking into account the nature of the duties of and services provided by the Eligible Participant(s) and provided in the offer letter of the grant of the relevant Option at the discretion of the Board, there is no performance target which must be achieved before an Option can be exercised under the terms of the New Share Option Scheme.

The Board may determine clawback mechanism on a case by case basis to recover or withhold such Option granted to the relevant Grantee, whether in the event of (i) an Option is sold, transferred, charged, mortgaged, encumbered or any interest is created or an agreement to create any interest in favour of any third party is entered into; (ii) a Grantee ceases to be an Employee Participant by reasons set out in paragraph 13 below; (iii) a Grantee ceases to be an Employee Participant by reason of his or her death as set out in paragraph 14 below; (iv) a Grantee ceases to be an Employee Participant by reason of ill-health or retirement as set out in paragraph 15 below; and (v) a Grantee ceases to be an Employee Participant for any reason other than as set out in paragraphs 13 to 15 below.

## 11. RESTRICTIONS ON THE TIME OF GRANT OF OPTIONS

Grant of Options may not be made:

- (a) after inside information (having the meaning defined in the Securities and Futures Ordinance, Chapter 571 of the laws of Hong Kong) has come to the knowledge of the Company until (and including) the trading day after it has been announced pursuant to the requirements of the Listing Rules; and
- (b) during the period commencing 30 days immediately before the earlier of:
  - (i) the date of the meeting of the Board (as such date is first notified to the Stock Exchange under the Listing Rules) for approving the Company's results for any year, half-year or quarter-year period or any other interim period (whether or not required under the Listing Rules); and
  - (ii) the deadline for the Company to announce its results for any year or half-year under the Listing Rules, or quarterly or any other interim period (whether or not required under the Listing Rules),

and ending on the date of the results announcements (or during any period of delay in publishing results announcements).

For the avoidance of doubt, in compliance with the Listing Rules, a Director must not deal in any securities of the Company (and no Options may be granted to a Director) on any day on which its financial results are published and:

- (i) during the period of 60 days immediately preceding the publication date of the annual results or, if shorter, the period from the end of the relevant financial year up to the publication date of the results; and
- (ii) during the period of 30 days immediately preceding the publication date of the quarterly results (if any) and half-year results or, if shorter, the period from the end of the relevant quarterly or half-year period up to the publication date of the results,

unless the circumstances are exceptional, for example, where a pressing financial commitment has to be met as described in the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers.

## 12. RIGHTS ARE PERSONAL TO GRANTEES

An Option shall be personal to the Grantee and shall not be assignable and no Grantee shall in any way sell, transfer, charge, mortgage, encumber or create any interest whatsoever in favour of any third party over or in relation to any Option or enter into any agreement so to do. Any breach of the foregoing by a Grantee shall result in the lapse of any Option or any part thereof granted to such Grantee to the extent not already exercised. Options lapsed will not be regarded as utilised for the purpose of calculating the Scheme Mandate Limit.

### 13. RIGHTS ON CESSATION OF EMPLOYMENT OR DIRECTORSHIP

If the Grantee of an Option is an employee or a director of the Group and ceases to be an Eligible Participant by reason of dismissal or upon expiration of his or her term of directorship (unless immediately renewed upon expiration), or by termination of his or her employment or directorship on any one or more of the grounds that he or she has been guilty of persistent or serious misconduct, a material misstatement in the Company's financial statements or has become bankrupt or has become insolvent or has made any arrangement or composition with his or her creditors generally, or has been convicted of any criminal offence (other than an offence which in the opinion of the Directors does not bring the Grantee or the Group into disrepute) or any other ground(s) on which the Group would be entitled to terminate the Grantee's employment or directorship pursuant to any applicable law before exercising the Option in full, his or her Option (to the extent not already exercised) will lapse on the date of cessation or termination and not be exercisable and any Option exercised (if any) but the Shares of which have not been allotted or the Treasury Shares of which have not been transferred, shall be deemed not to have so exercised and the amount of the subscription price for the Shares in respect of the purported exercise of such Option shall be returned.

## 14. RIGHTS ON DEATH

If the Grantee of an Option ceases to be an Eligible Participant by reason of his or her death before exercising the Options in full, and where the Grantee is an employee or a director of the Group, none of the events referred to in paragraph (13) above as ground for termination of his or her employment or directorship arises, his or her Personal Representative(s) may exercise the Option (to the extent not already exercised) in whole or in part in accordance with the terms of the New Share Option Scheme within a period of twelve (12) months following the date of death, or up to the expiration of the Option Period, whichever is earlier, failing which it will lapse. If any of the events referred to in paragraphs (17) to (19) below occurs during such period, his or her Personal Representative(s) may exercise the Option pursuant to paragraphs (17) to (19) respectively.

## 15. RIGHTS ON ILL-HEALTH, RETIREMENT OR VOLUNTARY RESIGNMENT

If the Grantee of an Option who is an employee or a director of the Group ceases to be an Eligible Participant by reason of ill-health or retirement or voluntary resignment as an employee or a director in accordance with his or her contract of employment before exercising the Option in full, he or she may exercise the Option (to the extent not already exercised) in whole or in part in accordance with the terms of the New Share Option Scheme within a period of three (3) months following the date of such cessation, failing which it will lapse. The date of cessation shall be the last day on which the Grantee is actually at work with the Group whether salary is paid in lieu of notice or not. If any of the events referred to in paragraphs (17) to (19) below occurs during such period, he or she may exercise the Option pursuant to paragraphs (17) to (19) respectively.

### 16. RIGHTS ON CESSATION FOR OTHER REASONS

If the Grantee of an Option who is an employee or a director of the Group ceases to be an Eligible Participant for any reason other than the reasons set out in paragraphs (13) to (15) above, his or her Option (to the extent not already exercised) will lapse on the date of cessation of his or her employment with the Group.

## 17. RIGHTS ON A GENERAL OFFER

In the event of a general or partial offer, whether by way of take-over offer, share repurchase offer, or scheme of arrangement or otherwise in like manner is made to all Shareholders (or all such holders other than the offeror and/or any person controlled by the offeror and/or any person acting in association or concert (as defined in the Takeovers Code) with the offeror) and such offer becomes or is declared unconditional or such scheme of arrangement is formally proposed to the Shareholders during the Option Period of the relevant Option, the Grantee (or his or her Personal Representative(s)) shall be entitled to exercise the Option (to the extent not already exercised) to its full extent or to the extent specified in the Grantee's notice to the Company at any time within one (1) month after the date on which such offer becomes or is declared unconditional, or within one (1) month after the record date for entitlements under the scheme of arrangement, as the case may be.

## 18. RIGHTS ON WINDING UP

In the event a notice is given by the Company to its Shareholders to convene an extraordinary general meeting for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, approving a resolution to voluntarily wind-up the Company, the Company shall on the same date as it despatches such notice to each Shareholder give notice thereof to all Grantees and any Grantee or his/her Personal Representative(s) may by notice in writing to the Company accompanied by a remittance for the full amount of the aggregate Subscription Price in respect of the relevant Option (such notice shall be received by the Company no later than two (2) Business Days prior to the proposed extraordinary general meeting) exercise the Option (to the extent not already exercised) either to its full extent or to the extent that he or she may specify in his or her notice

and the Company shall as soon as possible and, in any event no later than the Business Day immediately prior to the date of the proposed extraordinary general meeting referred to above, allot and issue such number of Shares or transfer such number of Treasury Shares to the Grantee credited as fully paid.

## 19. RIGHTS ON RECONSTRUCTION, COMPROMISE OR ARRANGEMENT

If a compromise or arrangement between the Company and the Shareholders or its creditors being proposed for the purpose of or in connection with a scheme for the reconstruction or amalgamation of the Company, the Company shall give notice thereof to all Grantees on the same date as it gives notice of the meeting to the Shareholders or creditors to summon a meeting to consider such a scheme or arrangement and the Options (to the extent not already exercised) shall become exercisable in whole or in part on such date until the earlier of (i) two (2) months after that date or (ii) at any time not later than two (2) Business Days prior to the date of the meeting directed to be convened by the court for the purposes of considering such a scheme or arrangement (the "Suspension Date"), accompanied by a remittance of the full amount of the aggregate Subscription Price for the Shares in respect of which the notice is given whereupon the Company shall as soon as possible and in any event no later than 3:00 p.m. on the Business Day immediately prior to the date of the proposed meeting, allot and issue such number of Shares or transfer such number of Treasury Shares to the Grantee or his or her Personal Representative(s) which falls to be issued on such exercise of the Option credited as fully paid and register the Grantee as holder thereof. With effect from the Suspension Date, the rights of all Grantees to exercise their respective Options shall forthwith be suspended. Upon such compromise or arrangement becoming effective, all Options shall, to the extent that they have not been exercised, lapse and terminated.

## 20. CANCELLATION OF OPTIONS

Any Option granted but not exercised may not be cancelled except with the written consent of the relevant Grantee and the prior approval of the Directors. Where the Company cancels Options and makes a new grant to the same Grantee, such new grant may only be made under the New Share Option Scheme with available unissued Options within the limit approved by the Shareholders pursuant to paragraph (7). The Options cancelled will be regarded as utilised for the purpose of calculating the Scheme Mandate Limit.

## 21. EFFECT OF ALTERATIONS TO SHARE CAPITAL

In the event of any alteration in the capital structure of the Company by way of capitalisation issue, rights issue, consolidation, sub-division or reduction of the share capital of the Company (other than an issue of Shares as consideration in respect of a transaction while any Option remains exercisable), such corresponding alterations (if any) will be made in (i) the number or nominal amount of Shares subject to any Option so far as such Option remains unexercised; and/or (ii) the Subscription Price per Share as the auditors or independent financial advisers for the time being of the Company shall at the request of the Company or any Grantee certify in writing to be in their opinion fair and reasonable (other than in the case of

capitalisation issue), provided that any such adjustment shall be made on the basis that the Grantee shall have the same proportion of the issued share capital of the Company to which he or she would have been entitled to had he or she exercised all the Options held by him or her immediately prior to such event and the aggregate subscription price payable by the Grantee on the full exercise of any Option shall remain as nearly as possible the same as it was before such event, but so that no such adjustment shall be made the effect of which would be to enable a Share to be issued at less than its nominal value and the issue of securities of the Company as consideration in a transaction shall not be regarded as a circumstance requiring any such adjustment. Save in the case of capitalisation issue, the auditors or independent financial advisers for the time being of the Company must confirm to the Directors in writing that such adjustment(s) satisfy the aforesaid requirements.

## 22. RANKING OF SHARES

The Shares to be allotted and issued or Treasury Shares (if any) to be transferred upon the exercise of an Option will be subject to all the provisions of the Articles for the time being in force and will rank pari passu in all respects with the existing fully paid Shares in issue (excluding Treasury Shares) on the date on which the Option is duly exercised or, if that date falls on a day when the register of members of the Company is closed, the first day of the re-opening of the register of members (the "Exercise Date") and accordingly will entitle the holders of Shares to participate in all dividends or other distributions paid or made on or after the Exercise Date other than any dividends or other distributions previously declared or recommended or resolved to be paid or made with respect to a record date which shall be before the Exercise Date. A Share allotted or Treasury Share transferred upon the exercise of an Option shall not carry voting rights until the name of the Grantee has been duly entered onto the register of members of the Company as the holder thereof.

## 23. DURATION OF THE NEW SHARE OPTION SCHEME

The New Share Option Scheme shall continue in force for the period commencing from the Adoption Date, and expiring at the close of business of the Company on the date which falls ten (10) years after the Adoption Date, after such period no further Options will be granted but the provisions of the New Share Option Scheme shall remain in full force and effect in respect of any Options granted before its expiry or termination but not yet exercised.

## 24. ALTERATIONS TO THE TERMS OF THE NEW SHARE OPTION SCHEME

Save for the provisions prescribed below, the New Share Option Scheme may be altered in any respect by a resolution of the Board or administrator of the New Share Option Scheme without the approval of Shareholders in general meeting.

(a) Any alterations to the terms and conditions of the New Share Option Scheme which are of a material nature or any alterations to provisions relating to the matters set out in Rule 17.03 of the Listing Rules to the advantage of Eligible Participants must be approved by Shareholders.

## APPENDIX SUMMARY OF THE PRINCIPAL TERMS OF THE NEW SHARE OPTION SCHEME

- (b) Any change to the terms of Options granted to a participant must be approved by the Board, the remuneration committee of the Company, the independent non-executive Directors and/or the Shareholders (as the case may be) if the initial grant of the Options was approved by the Board, the remuneration committee of the Company, the independent non-executive Directors and/or the Shareholders (as the case may be), except where the alterations take effect automatically under the existing terms of the New Share Option Scheme.
- (c) Any change to the authority of the Directors or the administrator of the New Share Option Scheme to alter the terms of New Share Option Scheme must be approved by the Shareholders in a general meeting.
- (d) The amended terms of the New Share Option Scheme or the Options must still comply with the relevant requirements of Chapter 17 of the Listing Rules.

## 25. CONDITIONS OF THE NEW SHARE OPTION SCHEME

The New Share Option Scheme is conditional upon:

- (a) the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange granting approval for the listing of and permission to deal in any new Shares which may fall to be allotted and issued by the Company upon the exercise of the Options that may be granted under the New Share Option Scheme; and
- (b) the passing of an ordinary resolution at a general meeting of the Company approving the adoption of the New Share Option Scheme and authorising the Directors to grant Options to Eligible Participants and to allot and issue Shares or to transfer Treasury Shares pursuant to the exercise of any Options granted under the New Share Option Scheme.

## 26. LAPSE OF OPTIONS

An Option shall lapse automatically (to the extent not already exercised) on the earliest of:

- (a) the expiry of the Option Period;
- (b) the date on which the Grantee commits a breach of paragraph (12);
- (c) the expiry of the relevant period or the occurrence of the relevant event referred to in paragraphs (13) to (19); and
- (d) the date of the commencement of the winding-up of the Company.

## 27. TERMINATION

The Company by ordinary resolution in general meeting may at any time terminate the operation of the New Share Option Scheme and in such event no further Options will be offered but in all other respects the provisions of the New Share Option Scheme shall remain in force to the extent necessary to give effect to the exercise of any Options granted but not yet exercised prior thereto or otherwise as may be required in accordance with the provisions of the New Share Option Scheme and Options granted prior to such termination shall continue to be valid and exercisable in accordance with the New Share Option Scheme.

Details of the Options granted (including Options exercised or outstanding) under the New Share Option scheme and (if applicable) options that become void or non-exercisable as a result of the termination will be disclosed in the circular to Shareholders seeking approval of the first new scheme to be established or refreshment of scheme mandate limit under any existing scheme after such termination.

## 28. MISCELLANEOUS

The terms of the New Share Option Scheme (and any other schemes adopted by the Company from time to time) shall be in accordance with the requirements set out in Chapter 17 of the Listing Rules.

The Company will comply with the relevant statutory requirements and the Listing Rules from time to time in force on a continuing basis in respect of the New Share Option Scheme and any other schemes of the Company.

Any dispute arising in connection with the number of Shares of an Option and any of the matters referred to in paragraph (21) above shall be referred to the decision of the Company's auditors or the independent financial advisers of the Company who shall act as experts and not as arbitrators and whose decision, in the absence of manifest error, shall be final, conclusive and binding on all persons who may be affected thereby.



## 中國碳中和發展集團有限公司

## **China Carbon Neutral Development Group Limited**

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock code: 1372)

## NOTICE OF THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an extraordinary general meeting (the "Meeting" or "EGM") of China Carbon Neutral Development Group Limited (the "Company") will be held at Room B, 33/F., Nord Financial Center, No. 1006, Fuzhong 3rd Road, Futian District, Shenzhen, Guangdong Province\* (廣東省深圳市福田區福中三路1006號諾德金融中心33樓B室) on Monday, 29 December 2025 at 11:30 a.m. for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing with or without amendments the following resolution of the Company:

## ORDINARY RESOLUTION

## 1. "THAT:

(a) subject to and conditional upon The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") granting approval for the listing of, and permission to deal in, the shares of the Company (the "Shares") which may fall to be allotted and issued pursuant to the exercise of any options which may be granted under the new share option scheme of the Company (the "New Share Option Scheme"), the rules of which are set out in the printed documents marked "A" produced to the meeting and for the purpose of identification signed by the Chairman hereof, the rules of the New Share Option Scheme be and are hereby approved and adopted, and the directors (the "Director(s)") be and are hereby authorised to grant options to allot, issue and deal in the Shares as may be required to be allotted and issued (and/or to transfer such number of treasury shares, as applicable) upon the exercise of any option (the "Option(s)") granted thereunder and to take all such steps and attend all such matters, approve and execute (whether under hand or under seal) such documents and do such other things, for and on behalf of the Company, as the Directors may consider necessary, desirable or expedient to effect and implement the New Share Option Scheme;

<sup>\*</sup> for identification purpose only

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- (b) the total number of Shares to be allotted and issued (including any treasury shares which may be transferred, as applicable) pursuant to the Options, together with any options and awards to be granted under any other share schemes of the Company as may from time to time be adopted by the Company, shall not exceed such number of Shares as equals to 10 per cent. of the Shares in issue (excluding treasury shares) as at the date of passing of this resolution; and
- (c) subject to and conditional upon the passing of resolution (a) above and the New Share Option Scheme becoming effective, the existing share option scheme of the Company as adopted on 29 March 2016 (the "Existing Share Option Scheme") be and is hereby terminated upon the New Share Option Scheme coming into effect (without prejudice to the rights and benefits of and attached to any outstanding options which have been granted under the Existing Share Option Scheme prior to the date hereof (if any))."

## By order of the Board China Carbon Neutral Development Group Limited Chen Yonglan

Chairman and Non-executive Director

Hong Kong, 5 December 2025

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## Notes:

- (1) The register of members of the Company will be closed from Monday, 22 December 2025 to Monday, 29 December 2025 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of share(s) will be effected. In order to determine the eligibility to attend and vote at the EGM, all transfer of share(s), accompanied by the relevant share certificate(s) with the properly completed transfer form(s) either overleaf or separately, must be lodged with the branch share registrar and transfer office of the Company in Hong Kong, Tricor Investor Services Limited at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong for registration not later than 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, 21 December 2025.
- (2) Any shareholder entitled to attend and vote at the EGM or at any adjourned meeting thereof (as the case may be) is entitled to appoint another person as his/her proxy to attend and vote instead of him/her. A shareholder who is the holder of two or more shares may appoint not more than two proxies (who must be an individual or individuals) to attend and vote instead of him/her on the same occasion or if a recognised clearing house (or its nominee) is a shareholder of the Company, it may appoint the number of person(s) to act as its proxy or proxies not exceeding the number of shares held by it. A proxy need not be a shareholder of the Company but must attend the EGM or any adjourned meeting thereof (as the case may be) in person to represent him/her.

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- (3) In order to be valid, a form of proxy in the prescribed form together with the 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 lodged with the branch share registrar and transfer office of the Company in Hong Kong, Tricor Investor Services Limited at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong not later than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the EGM (i.e. not later than 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, 27 December 2025, Hong Kong time) or any adjourned meeting thereof (as the case may be). Such prescribed form of proxy for use at the EGM is also published on the websites of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited at www.hkexnews.hk and the Company at www.carbonneutral.com.hk/.
- (4) Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude shareholders from attending and voting in person at the EGM or at any adjourned meeting thereof (as the case may be) should they so wish, and in such event, the form of proxy shall be deemed to be revoked.
- (5) Where there are joint registered holders of any share(s), any one of such joint holders may attend and vote at the EGM or at any adjourned meeting thereof (as the case may be), either in person or by proxy, in respect of such share(s) as if he/she was solely entitled thereto, but if more than one of such joint holders are present at the EGM or at any adjourned meeting thereof (as the case may be), the most senior shall alone be entitled to vote, whether in person or by proxy. For this purpose, seniority shall be determined by the order in which the names stand in the register of members of the Company in respect of the joint holding.
- (6) Pursuant to Rule 13.39(4) of the Listing Rules, all votes of shareholders at the EGM will be taken by poll except where the chairman of the EGM, in good faith, decides to allow a resolution which relates purely to a procedural or administrative matter to be voted on by a show of hands. The Company will announce the results of the poll in the matter prescribed under Rule 13.39(5) of the Listing Rules.

As at the date hereof, the Executive Directors are Mr. Di Ling, Mr. Lu Xiangyong and Mr. Cheung Hiu Tung; the Non-executive Director are Mr. Geng Zhiyuan (Mr. Chen Lui as his alternate), Mr. Chen Yonglan and Mr. Zhong Guoxing; and the Independent Non-executive Directors are Mr. Cao Ming, Mr. Wang Jiasi and Ms. Qiao Yanlin.