

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HIAP HOE LIMITED Company Registration No. 199400676Z

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of Hiap Hoe Limited ("the Company") will be held at Ramada Singapore At Zhongshan Park, Level 2, Zhongshan Meeting Room, 16 Ah Hood Road, Singapore 329982 on Monday, 27 April 2015 at 2.00 p.m. for the following purposes:

#### **AS ORDINARY BUSINESS**

- To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and the Audited Accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2014 together with the Auditors' Report thereon. (Resolution 1)
- To declare a final dividend of 1.00 cent per ordinary share (tax exempt one-tier) for the year ended 31 December 2014 (FY2013: 0.80 cent per ordinary share). (Resolution 2)
- To record the retirements of Mr Chan Wah Tiong and Ms Kwok Chui Lian, as Directors retiring pursuant to Article 106 of the Company's Articles of Association, who have decided not to seek for re-election. [See Explanatory Note (i)]
- To approve the payment of Directors' fees of \$\$136,000.00 for the financial year ended 31 December 2014 (FY2013: S\$121,000.00). (Resolution 3)
- To note that Messrs Ernst & Young LLP have expressed that they will not seek re-appointment as Auditors of the Company. [See Explanatory Note (ii)]
- To transact any other ordinary business which may properly be transacted at an Annual General Meeting.

#### **AS SPECIAL BUSINESS**

To consider and if thought fit, to pass the following resolutions as Ordinary Resolutions, with or without any modifications:

## **Authority to issue shares**

That pursuant to Section 161 of the Companies Act, Cap. 50 and Rule 806 of the Listing Manual of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited ("SGX-ST"), the Directors of the Company be authorised and empowered to:

- (a) (i) issue shares in the Company ("shares") whether by way of rights, bonus or otherwise; and/or
  - (ii) make or grant offers, agreements or options (collectively, "Instruments") that might or would require shares to be issued, including but not limited to the creation and issue of (as well as adjustments to) options, warrants, debentures or other instruments convertible into shares,
    - at any time and upon such terms and conditions and for such purposes and to such persons as the Directors of the Company may in their absolute discretion deem fit; and
- (notwithstanding the authority conferred by this Resolution may have ceased to be in force) issue shares in pursuance of any Instruments made or granted by the Directors of the Company while this Resolution was in force,

provided that:

- (1) the aggregate number of shares (including shares to be issued in pursuance of the Instruments, made or granted pursuant to this Resolution) to be issued pursuant to this Resolution shall not exceed fifty per centum (50%) of the total number of issued shares (excluding treasury shares) in the capital of the Company (as calculated in accordance with sub-paragraph (2) below), of which the aggregate number of shares to be issued other than on a pro-rata basis to shareholders of the Company shall not exceed twenty per centum (20%) of the total number of issued shares (excluding treasury shares) in the capital of the Company (as calculated in accordance with sub-paragraph (2) below);
- (2) (subject to such calculation as may be prescribed by the SGX-ST) for the purpose of determining the aggregate number of shares that may be issued under sub-paragraph (1) above, the total number of issued shares (excluding treasury shares) shall be based on the total number of issued shares (excluding treasury shares) in the capital of the Company at the time of the passing of this Resolution,
  - (a) new shares arising from the conversion or exercise of any convertible securities;
  - (b) new shares arising from exercising share options or vesting of share awards which are outstanding or subsisting at the time of the passing of this Resolution; and
  - (c) any subsequent bonus issue, consolidation or subdivision of shares;
- in exercising the authority conferred by this Resolution, the Company shall comply with the provisions of the Listing Manual of the SGX-ST for the time being in force (unless such compliance has been waived by the SGX-ST) and the Articles of Association of the Company; and
- unless revoked or varied by the Company in a general meeting, such authority shall continue in force until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company or the date by which the next Annual General Meeting of the Company is required by law to be held, whichever is earlier.

## [See Explanatory Note (iii)]

(Resolution 4)

### Authority to issue shares under the Hiap Hoe Performance Share Plan

That pursuant to Section 161 of the Companies Act, Cap. 50, the Directors of the Company be authorised and empowered to grant awards in accordance with the provisions of the Hiap Hoe Performance Share Plan ("the Plan") and to allot and issue from time to time such number of fully paid up shares in the capital of the Company as may be required to be allotted and/or issued pursuant to the vesting of the awards provided that the aggregate number of shares available under the Plan and any other share based schemes which the Company may implement from time to time, and the Plan, shall not exceed fifteen per centum (15%) of the total number of issued shares (excluding treasury shares) in the capital of the Company from time to time and that such authority shall, unless revoked or varied by the Company in a general meeting, continue in force until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company or the date by which the next Annual General Meeting of the Company is required by law to be held, whichever is earlier.

[See Explanatory Note (iv)]

(Resolution 5)

## Renewal of Shareholders' Mandate for Interested Person Transactions

That for the purposes of Chapter 9 of the Listing Manual of the SGX-ST:

- approval be given for WestBuild Construction Pte. Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, which is an entity at risk (as defined in Chapter 9 of the Listing Manual), to enter into any of the transactions falling within the categories of interested person Mandate for Interested Person Transactions attacked to this Annual Report 2014 (the "Appendix") with specified classes of interested persons described in paragraph 3 as set out in the Appendix to the Summary Sheet for the Proposed Renewal Shareholders' Mandate for Interested Person Transactions attached to this Annual Report 2014 (the "Appendix") with specified classes of interested persons described in paragraph 2 of the Appendix, provided that such transactions are carried out on normal commercial terms and in accordance with the review procedures of the Company for such interested person transactions;
- (b) the Shareholders' Mandate shall, unless revoked or varied by the Company in a general meeting, continue in force until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company or the date by which the next Annual General Meeting of the Company is required by law to be held, whichever is earlier; and
- authority be given to the Directors of the Company to complete and do all such acts and things (including executing all such documents as may be required) as they may consider necessary, desirable or expedient to give effect to the Shareholders' Mandate as they may think fit.

## [See Explanatory Note (v)] By Order of the Board

(Resolution 6)

Wong Yoen Har Company Secretary Singapore, 10 April 2015

# **Explanatory Notes:**

- Upon the retirement of Mr Chan Wah Tiong, he will relinquish his position as Chairman of the Audit Committee and a member of the Nominating and Remuneration Committee respectively. He will also cease to be the lead independent director. Upon the retirement of Ms Kwok Chui Lian, she will relinquish her position as Chairman of the Nominating Committee and a member of
  - the Audit and Remuneration Committee respectively.
- Messrs Ernst & Young LLP ("EY") have expressed that they would not be seeking for re-appointment as Auditors at this Annual General Meeting as the Directors of the Company are of the view that it would be timely to effect a change in Auditors for the enlarged business of the Group in the interest of good corporate governance as well as costs beneficial to the Company. Efforts are being made by the Company to appoint new auditors as soon as practicable. Further announcement would be released in due course once the proposed new appointment has been confirmed. Pursuant to Section 205(15) of the Companies Act, Chapter 50, the resignation of EY as Auditors will only take effect upon the appointment of another Auditor at a general meeting of the Company.
  - The Ordinary Resolution 4, if passed, will empower the Directors of the Company, effective until the conclusion of the next Annual
- General Meeting of the Company, or the date by which the next Annual General Meeting of the Company is required by law to be held or such authority is varied or revoked by the Company in a general meeting, whichever is the earlier, to issue shares, make or grant Instruments convertible into shares and to issue shares pursuant to such Instruments, up to a number not exceeding, in total, 50% of the total number of issued shares (excluding treasury shares) in the capital of the Company, of which up to 20% may be issued other than on a pro-rata basis to shareholders. For determining the aggregate number of shares that may be issued, the total number of issued shares (excluding treasury shares) will be
  - calculated based on the total number of issued shares (excluding treasury shares) in the capital of the Company at the time this Ordinary Resolution is passed after adjusting for new shares arising from the conversion or exercise of any convertible securities or share options or vesting of share awards which are outstanding or subsisting at the time when this Ordinary Resolution is passed and any subsequent bonus issue, consolidation or subdivision of shares.
- (iv) The Ordinary Resolution 5, if passed, will empower the Directors of the Company, effective until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company, or the date by which the next Annual General Meeting of the Company is required by law to be held or such authority is varied or revoked by the Company in a general meeting, whichever is the earlier, to grant awards in accordance with the provisions of the Hiap Hoe Performance Share Plan ("the Plan") and to allot and issue from time to time such number of fully paid up shares in the capital of the Company as may be required to be issued pursuant to the vesting of the awards provided that the aggregate number of shares available under the Plan and any other share based schemes which the Company may implement from time to time, and the Plan, not exceeding, in total, 15% of the total number of issued shares (excluding treasury shares) in the capital of the Company.
- The Ordinary Resolution 6, if passed, will authorise the Interested Person Transactions as described in the Appendix and recurring in the year and will empower the Directors of the Company to do all acts necessary to give effect to the Shareholders' Mandate. This authority will, unless previously revoked or varied by the Company in a general meeting, expire at the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company or the date by which the next Annual General Meeting of the Company is required by law to be held, whichever is the earlier.

- A Member entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting (the "Meeting") is entitled to appoint not more than two proxies to attend and vote in his/her stead. A proxy need not be a Member of the Company.
- The instrument appointing a proxy must be deposited at the Registered Office of the Company at 18 Ah Hood Road, #13-51 Hiap Hoe Building At Zhongshan Park, Singapore 329983 not less than forty-eight (48) hours before the time appointed for holding the Meeting.

# Personal data privacy:

By submitting an instrument appointing a proxy(ies) and/or representative(s) to attend, speak and vote at the AGM and/or any adjournment thereof, a member of the Company (i) consents to the collection, use and disclosure of the member's personal data by the Company (or its agents) for the purpose of the processing and administration by the Company (or its agents) of proxies and representatives appointed for the AGM (including any adjournment thereof) and the preparation and compilation of the attendance lists, minutes and other documents relating to the AGM (including any adjournment thereof), and in order for the Company (or its agents) to comply with any applicable laws, listing rules, regulations and/or guidelines (collectively, the "Purposes"), (ii) warrants that where the member discloses the personal data of the member's proxy(ies) and/or representative(s) to the Company (or its agents), the member has obtained the prior consent of such proxy(ies) and/or representative(s) for the collection, use and disclosure by the Company (or its agents) of the personal data of such proxy(ies) and/or representative(s) for the collection, use and disclosure by the Company (or its agents) of the personal data of such proxy(ies) and/or representative(s) for the Purposes, and (iii) agrees that the member will indemnify the Company in respect of any penalties, liabilities, claims, demands, losses and damages as a result of the member's breach of warranty.