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## CHINA MERCHANTS CHINA DIRECT INVESTMENTS LIMITED 招商局中國基金有限公司

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 133)

# PROPOSALS RELATING TO GENERAL MANDATE TO REPURCHASE SHARES AND RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A notice convening the annual general meeting of China Merchants China Direct Investments Limited to be held at Lavender Room, 27th Floor, The Park Lane Hong Kong, 310 Gloucester Road, Hong Kong on Wednesday, 19 May 2010 at 3:00 p.m., at which the above proposals will be considered, is set out on pages 14 to 16 of this circular. Whether or not you are able to attend the meeting, please complete and return the accompanying form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon as soon as possible and in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting. Completion and return of the form of proxy shall not preclude you from attending and voting at the annual general meeting if you so wish.

This circular is required to be sent to Shareholders under the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and also constitutes the memorandum required under section 49BA of the Companies Ordinance, Hong Kong.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

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

"Annual General Meeting" the annual general meeting of the Company to be held

> on Wednesday, 19 May 2010 at 3:00 p.m. at Lavender Room, 27th Floor, The Park Lane Hong Kong, 310

Gloucester Road, Hong Kong

"Articles of Association" the articles of association of the Company as amended,

supplemented or modified from time to time

"Board" board of Directors

"Companies Ordinance" the Companies Ordinance, Chapter 32 of the Laws of

Hong Kong

"Company" China Merchants China Direct Investments Limited, a

> company duly incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability, the shares of which are listed on the Stock

Exchange.

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

"Hong Kong" the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of The

People's Republic of China

"Investment Manager" China Merchants China Investment Management

> Limited, a fund management company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability and registered under the Securities & Futures Ordinance of Hong Kong

"Latest Practicable Date" 12 April 2010, being the latest practicable date prior to

the printing of this circular for ascertaining certain

information contained in this circular

"Listing Rules" the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the

Stock Exchange

"Shareholders" holders of Shares

"Shares" share(s) of US\$0.10 each in the share capital of the

Company

"Stock Exchange" The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

"Takeovers Code" the Hong Kong Code on Takeovers and Mergers



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Executive Directors:

Mr. LI Yinquan (Chairman)

Mr. HONG Xiaoyuan

Mr. CHU Lap Lik, Victor

Ms. ZHOU Linda Lei

Mr. TSE Yue Kit

Ms. KAN Ka Yee, Elizabeth

(Alternate to Mr. CHU Lap Lik, Victor)

Non-executive Directors:

Mr. KE Shifeng

Mr. WANG Qi

Independent Non-executive Directors:

Mr. KUT Ying Hay

Mr. WANG Jincheng

Mr. LI Kai Cheong, Samson

Mr. LIU Baojie

Registered Office:

1803, China Merchants Tower

Shun Tak Centre

168-200 Connaught Road Central

Hong Kong

15 April 2010

To the Shareholders

Dear Sir or Madam,

## PROPOSALS RELATING TO GENERAL MANDATE TO REPURCHASE SHARES AND RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS AND

#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### INTRODUCTION

At the annual general meeting of the Company held on 18 May 2009 a general mandate was given to the Directors to exercise the powers of the Company to repurchase Shares. Such mandate will lapse at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting. Ordinary resolutions will therefore be proposed at the Annual General Meeting to renew the general mandate to repurchase Shares and to re-elect the retiring Directors.

#### GENERAL MANDATE TO REPURCHASE SHARES

The Directors propose that they be granted at the Annual General Meeting a general and unconditional mandate to exercise all the powers of the Company to repurchase Shares up to a maximum of 10 per cent of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of the resolution subject to the criteria set out in this circular (the "**Repurchase Mandate**").

The authority conferred on the Directors by the general mandate above will continue in force until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company or any earlier date as referred to in paragraph (c) of resolution 5 set out in the notice of the Annual General Meeting.

#### EXERCISE OF THE REPURCHASE MANDATE

Whilst the Directors do not presently intend to repurchase any Shares they believe that the flexibility afforded by the mandate granted to them if the Ordinary Resolution set out as item 5 of the notice of the Annual General Meeting is passed would be beneficial to the Company.

The Shares proposed to be repurchased by the Company must be fully paid up. It is proposed that up to 10 per cent of the Shares in issue at the date of the passing of the resolution may be repurchased. As at the Latest Practicable Date, 149,145,600 Shares were in issue. On the basis of such figures the Directors would be authorised to repurchase up to 14,914,560 Shares during the period up to the next annual general meeting in 2011 or the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by law to be held or the revocation or variation of the Repurchase Mandate by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders in general meeting of the Company, whichever occurs first.

#### REASONS FOR REPURCHASES

Repurchases of Shares will only be made when the Directors believe that such a repurchase will benefit the Company and its Shareholders. Such repurchases may, depending on the market conditions and funding arrangements at the time, lead to an enhancement of the net asset value of the Company and its net assets and/or its earnings per Share.

#### **FUNDING OF REPURCHASES**

Repurchases pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate would be financed entirely from the Company's available cash flow or working capital facilities. Any repurchases will be made out of funds of the Company legally permitted to be utilized in this connection in accordance with its memorandum and Articles of Association and the laws of Hong Kong, including profits otherwise available for distribution. Under the Companies Ordinance, the Company's profits available for distribution are its accumulated, realised profits, so far as not previously utilised by distribution or capitalisation, less its accumulated realised loss, so far as not previously written off in a reduction or reorganisation of capital duly made.

There could be a material adverse impact on the working capital or gearing position of the Company (as compared with the position disclosed in the audited accounts contained in the annual report for the year ended 31 December 2009) in the event that the Repurchase Mandate is exercised in full. However, the Directors do not propose to exercise the Repurchase Mandate to such extent as would, in the circumstances, have a material adverse effect on the working capital requirements of the Company or its gearing levels which in the opinion of the Directors are from time to time appropriate for the Company.

#### DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

None of the Directors, and to the best of their knowledge, having made all reasonable enquiries, none of their associates (as defined in the Listing Rules), have any present intention, if the Repurchase Mandate is granted, to sell any Shares to the Company.

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

#### DIRECTOR'S UNDERTAKING

The Directors have undertaken to the Stock Exchange that, so far as the same may be applicable, they will exercise the Repurchase Mandate in accordance with the Listing Rules and the applicable laws of Hong Kong.

#### SHARES REPURCHASES MADE BY THE COMPANY

No repurchase of Shares has been made by the Company during the six months (whether on the Stock Exchange or otherwise) prior to the date of this circular.

#### TAKEOVERS CODE CONSEQUENCES

If as a result of a repurchase of Shares a Shareholder's proportionate interest in the voting rights of the Company increases, such increase will be treated as an acquisition for the purposes of the Takeovers Code. As a result, a Shareholder, or group of Shareholders acting in concert, depending on the level of increase of the Shareholder's interests, could obtain or consolidate control of the Company and become obliged to make a mandatory offer in accordance with Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, China Merchants Group Limited ("CMG") and its subsidiaries held 35,859,760 Shares representing approximately 24.04% of the issued share capital of the Company. If the Directors exercise in full the Repurchase Mandate, the interest of CMG and its subsidiaries in the Company will increase to approximately 26.71% if their present shareholdings remain the same. The Directors are not aware of any consequences which would arise under the Takeovers Code as a consequence of any repurchases pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate.

#### MARKET PRICES

The highest and lowest prices at which Shares have been traded on the Stock Exchange during each of the previous twelve months before the printing of this document were:

	<b>Traded Market Price</b>	
	Highest	Lowest
	HK\$	HK\$
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2009		
April	11.50	9.13
May	14.24	10.14
June	14.90	12.90
July	18.28	13.74
August	19.00	15.62
September	17.30	15.10
October	17.50	15.40
November	18.68	16.30
December	18.08	16.16
2010		
January	18.30	15.26
February	17.20	15.80
March	18.20	16.74
April (up to the Latest Practicable Date)	18.42	17.84

#### RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the Executive Directors of the Company are Mr. LI Yinquan, Mr. HONG Xiaoyuan, Mr. CHU Lap Lik, Victor, Ms. ZHOU Linda Lei and Mr. TSE Yue Kit; the Non-executive Directors of the Company are Mr. KE Shifeng and Mr. WANG Qi; and the Independent Non-executive Directors of the Company are Mr. KUT Ying Hay, Mr. WANG Jincheng, Mr. LI Kai Cheong, Samson and Mr. LIU Baojie. Besides, Ms. KAN Ka Yee, Elizabeth is the Alternate Director to Mr. CHU Lap Lik, Victor.

Pursuant to Article 105 of the Articles of Association, Mr. HONG Xiaoyuan, Mr. CHU Lap Lik, Victor, Ms. ZHOU Linda Lei and Mr. KUT Ying Hay shall retire from office by rotation at the Annual General Meeting and shall be eligible for re-election. Pursuant to Article 101 of the Articles of Association, Mr. KE Shifeng, Mr. WANG Qi and Mr. LIU Baojie shall hold office until the Annual General Meeting and shall be eligible for re-election. Details of the Directors proposed to be re-elected at the Annual General Meeting are set out in the Appendix to this circular.

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The notice convening the Annual General Meeting is set out on pages 14 to 16 of this circular. Shareholders are advised to read the notice and to complete and return the accompanying form of proxy for use at the Annual General Meeting in accordance with the instructions printed thereon.

#### **VOTING BY WAY OF POLL**

Pursuant to Rule 13.39(4) of the Listing Rules, all votes at the Annual General Meeting will be taken by poll and the Company will announce the results of the poll in the manner prescribed under Rule 13.39(5) of the Listing Rules.

#### RECOMMENDATION

The Directors believe that the general mandate for Directors to repurchase Shares and the proposed re-election of retiring Directors are all in the best interests of the Company and its Shareholders. Accordingly, the Directors recommend that all Shareholders should vote in favour of the resolutions to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

By Order of the Board
LI Yinquan
Chairman

Mr. HONG Xiaoyuan, Executive Director, aged 47, has been an Executive Director of the Company since June 2007. He is concurrently the Managing Director of China Merchants Finance Holdings Company Limited, which is a substantial Shareholder. He is the Chairman of the Investment Manager. He is also a Director of China Merchants Bank Co., Ltd. (its shares are listed on both the Shanghai Stock Exchange and the Stock Exchange), China Merchants Securities Co., Ltd. (its shares are listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange), China Merchants Energy Shipping Co., Ltd. (its shares are listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange), Great Wall Securities Co., Ltd., China Credit Trust Co., Ltd. and Morgan Stanley Huaxin Fund Management Co., Ltd.; and the Chairman of China Merchants Finance Investment Holdings Co., Ltd., China Merchants Holdings (UK) Limited, China Merchants Industry Development (Shenzhen) Limited, China Merchants Insurance Company Limited, Houlder Insurance Brokers Far East Limited and Houlder China Insurance Brokers Ltd. Mr. HONG had previously served as an Officer of Department of Overall Planning of the State Commission for Restructuring Economic System of China, the General Manager of Shenzhen Longbo Enterprise Co., Ltd., the Assistant General Manager of China Merchants Shekou Industrial Zone Co., Ltd., the General Manager of China Merchants Property Development Co., Ltd. and China Merchants Technology Holdings Co., Ltd. and the Deputy General Manager of China Merchants Shekou Industrial Zone Co., Ltd. Mr. HONG obtained a master degree in Economics from Peking University in 1988 and a master of science degree from The Australian National University in 1992. Save as disclosed above, Mr. HONG did not hold any directorship in other listed public companies in the last three years, and he is not holding any position with the Company and other members of the Company's group.

There is no service contract between the Company and Mr. HONG. He has no fixed term of service with the Company but will be subject to rotational retirement and re-election requirements at annual general meetings pursuant to Article 105 of the Articles of Association. There is no agreement on the amount of the remuneration payable to Mr. HONG. At the annual general meeting of the Company held on 18 May 2009, it was approved that the Directors' fee for the year ended 31 December 2009 be determined by the Board. The Board has resolved that no Directors' fee be payable to each Executive Director for the year ended 31 December 2009. Mr. HONG did not receive other emoluments from the Company for the year ended 31 December 2009. Save as disclosed above, Mr. HONG is and was not connected with any Directors, senior management of the Company or substantial or controlling Shareholders. As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. HONG did not have any interests in the Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. HONG has confirmed that there are no other matters relating to his re-election that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders and there is no other information which is required to be disclosed pursuant to rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules.

Mr. CHU Lap Lik, Victor, Executive Director, aged 52, has been an Executive Director of the Company since June 1993 and holds directorship in a subsidiary of the Company. He is also a Director of, and has indirect beneficial interests in, the Investment Manager. He is also Chairman of First Eastern Investment Group which is actively involved in direct investments in the PRC. Mr. CHU has served on the Central Policy Unit of the Hong Kong Government, the Council of the Stock Exchange, the Takeovers and Mergers Panel and the Advisory Committee of the Securities and Futures Commission. Outside of Hong Kong, Mr. CHU is a Foundation Board Member of the World Economic Forum in Geneva, Chairman of the Paris-based ICC Commission on Financial Services and Insurance, a Board Member of Zurich Financial Services AG and Siam Select Fund Limited. Mr. CHU took his law degree at University College London. Save as disclosed above, Mr. CHU did not hold any directorship in other listed public companies in the last three years, and he is not holding any position with the Company or other members of the Company's group.

There is no service contract between the Company and Mr. CHU. He has no fixed term of service with the Company but will be subject to rotational retirement and re-election requirements at annual general meetings pursuant to Article 105 of the Articles of Association. There is no agreement on the amount of the remuneration payable to Mr. CHU. At the annual general meeting of the Company held on 18 May 2009, it was approved that the Directors' fee for the year ended 31 December 2009 be determined by the Board. The Board has resolved that no Directors' fee be payable to each Executive Director for the year ended 31 December 2009. Mr. CHU did not receive other emoluments from the Company for the year ended 31 December 2009. As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. CHU is deemed to have corporate interest in 3,224,000 Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance. Save as disclosed above, Mr. CHU is not connected with any Directors, senior management of the Company or substantial or controlling Shareholders.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. CHU has confirmed that there are no other matters relating to his re-election that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders and there is no other information which is required to be disclosed pursuant to rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules.

Ms. ZHOU Linda Lei, Executive Director, aged 41, has been an Executive Director of the Company since March 2008 and holds directorship in various subsidiaries of the Company. She was an Executive Director of the Company during the period from March 2002 to September 2005 and the Managing Director of the Investment Manager during the period from March 2002 to July 2005. Ms. ZHOU was re-appointed as the Managing Director of the Investment Manager on 19 February 2008. Before joining the Investment Manager in April 2001, Ms. ZHOU worked with ASI as a director of Business Development - Asia Pacific Region for three years and thereafter acted as a senior financial analyst and an advisor of Board of Advisory in iLink Global. Just prior to rejoining the Investment Manager in February 2008, Ms. ZHOU worked with China International Marine Containers (Group) Co., Ltd. and was responsible for leading the South America project team to study the feasibility of establishing refer container manufacturing base in Brazil and Chile and participated in other ad hoc projects. Meanwhile, Ms. ZHOU is also an Independent Non-executive Director of Jiangxi Selon Industrial Co., Ltd. and China Merchants Fund Management Co., Ltd. Ms. ZHOU has extensive experience in positioning foreign companies in China market and has actively involved with direct investments in China. Ms. ZHOU obtained her bachelor degree in Financial Accountancy from People's (Renmin) University of China in 1989 and Master of Business Administration degree from California State University at Sonoma in 1993. Save as disclosed above, Ms. ZHOU did not hold any directorship in other listed public companies in the last three years, and she is not holding any position with the Company and other members of the Company's group.

There is no service contract between the Company and Ms. ZHOU. She has no fixed term of service with the Company but will be subject to rotational retirement and re-election requirements at annual general meetings pursuant to Article 105 of the Articles of Association. There is no agreement on the amount of the remuneration payable to Ms. ZHOU. At the annual general meeting of the Company held on 18 May 2009, it was approved that the Directors' fee for the year ended 31 December 2009 be determined by the Board. The Board has resolved that no Directors' fee be payable to each Executive Director for the year ended 31 December 2009. Ms. ZHOU did not receive other emoluments from the Company for the year ended 31 December 2009. Save as disclosed above, Ms. ZHOU is and was not connected with any Directors, senior management of the Company or substantial or controlling Shareholders. As at the Latest Practicable Date, Ms. ZHOU did not have any interests in the Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance.

Save as disclosed above, Ms. ZHOU has confirmed that there are no other matters relating to her re-election that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders and there is no other information which is required to be disclosed pursuant to rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules.

Mr. KE Shifeng, Non-executive Director, aged 44, was appointed as a Non-executive Director of the Company on 22 December 2009. He was employed by Martin Currie Investment Management Limited between 1997 and 2006 to provide research and investment management services to certain of its clients investing in the Greater China and Taiwan markets. He also served as a Director of Martin Currie Investment Management Limited from February 2004 to June 2006. Since 2006, Heartland Capital Management Limited has seconded Mr. KE to Martin Currie Investment Management Limited and its affiliates, including Martin Currie Inc. (collectively "Martin Currie"). Through this arrangement, Mr. KE continues to provide research and investment management services to certain clients of Martin Currie, including the China Fund Inc. (a NYSE listed company), on a full time basis with the same roles and responsibilities as a full time employee. Currently, Mr. KE is also a Director of China Corn Oil Company Limited (a Hong Kong listed company). Mr. KE practiced law before moving to China's Ministry of Labour and Social Security where he had served from 1990 to 1996 and was responsible for the development of regulations and investment policies for pension funds. Mr. KE holds an MBA degree from The University of Edinburgh, U.K. Save as disclosed above, Mr. KE did not hold any directorship in other listed public companies in the last three years, and he is not holding any position with the Company and other members of the Company's group.

The service contract between the Company and Mr. KE has a fixed term of three years. However, he will be subject to retirement and re-election at the Annual General Meeting pursuant to Article 101 of the Articles of Association. Thereafter, he will be subject to rotational retirement and re-election requirements at annual general meetings pursuant to Article 105 of the Articles of Association. Mr. KE will be entitled to receive the Directors' fee commencing from the financial year ending 31 December 2010 which will be determined by the Board with the authorisation granted by the Shareholders in annual general meetings. Pursuant to the authority given by the Shareholders at the annual general meeting of the Company held on 18 May 2009, the Board has resolved that the Directors' fee for the year ended 31 December 2009 be fixed at HK\$160,000 for each Non-executive Director. Mr. KE did not receive other emoluments from the Company for the year ended 31 December 2009. Mr. KE is and was not connected with any Directors, senior management of the Company or substantial or controlling Shareholders. As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. KE did not have any interests in the Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. KE has confirmed that there are no other matters relating to his re-election that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders and there is no other information which is required to be disclosed pursuant to rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules.

Mr. WANG Qi, Non-executive Director, aged 49, was appointed as a Non-executive Director of the Company on 22 December 2009. He worked for a number of financial institutions in Hong Kong before 2005. Since June 2005, he became the Managing Director of Development Principles Group (Hong Kong) Limited, a private equity fund advisory company based in Hong Kong that provides investment advisory services to the management companies of two private equity funds which focus on investing in private companies across the Greater China Region. Mr. WANG has more than 15 years of experiences in research and investment in Chinese companies. Mr. WANG holds a BA degree in International Affairs from Peking University. Mr. WANG does not hold any directorship in other listed public companies after he resigned from the board of China High Speed Transmission Equipment Group Co., Ltd. (a Hong Kong listed company) on 19 May 2008. Save as disclosed above, Mr. WANG did not hold any directorship in other listed public companies in the last three years, and he is not holding any position with the Company and other members of the Company's group.

The service contract between the Company and Mr. WANG has a fixed term of three years. However, he will be subject to retirement and re-election at the Annual General Meeting pursuant to Article 101 of the Articles of Association. Thereafter, he will be subject to rotational retirement and re-election requirements at annual general meetings pursuant to Article 105 of the Articles of Association. Mr. WANG will be entitled to receive the Directors' fee commencing from the financial year ending 31 December 2010 which will be determined by the Board with the authorisation granted by the Shareholders in annual general meetings. Pursuant to the authority given by the Shareholders at the annual general meeting of the Company held on 18 May 2009, the Board has resolved that the Directors' fee for the year ended 31 December 2009 be fixed at HK\$160,000 for each Non-executive Director. Mr. WANG did not receive other emoluments from the Company for the year ended 31 December 2009. Mr. WANG is and was not connected with any Directors, senior management of the Company or substantial or controlling Shareholders. As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. WANG did not have any interests in the Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. WANG has confirmed that there are no other matters relating to his re-election that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders and there is no other information which is required to be disclosed pursuant to rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules.

Mr. KUT Ying Hay, Independent Non-executive Director, aged 55, has been an Independent Non-executive Director of the Company since June 1993. He is also an Independent Non-executive Director of China Merchants Holdings (International) Company Limited whose shares are listed on the Stock Exchange and whose ultimate holding company is a substantial Shareholder and China Merchants Insurance Company Limited. Mr. KUT is a practicing solicitor and notary public and the proprietor of Messrs. Kut & Co., a firm of solicitors. He is an attesting officer appointed by the Ministry of Justice of the PRC since 1995. He is also a solicitor of the Supreme Courts of England, Victoria of Australia, and Singapore, and an associate member of the Institute of Chartered Arbitrators and the Institute of Arbitrators & Mediators, Australia. For the period from 1995 to 1998, he was a member of the Board of Review established by the Hong Kong government pursuant to the Inland Revenue Ordinance. Save as disclosed above, Mr. KUT did not hold any directorship in other listed public companies in the last three years, and he is not holding any position with the Company or other members of the Company's group.

The service contract between the Company and Mr. KUT has a fixed term of three years. However, he will be subject to rotational retirement and re-election requirements at annual general meetings pursuant to Article 105 of the Articles of Association. At the annual general meeting of the Company held on 18 May 2009, it was approved that the Directors' fee for the year ended 31 December 2009 be determined by the Board. The Board has resolved that the Directors' fee payable to Mr. KUT for the year ended 31 December 2009 be fixed at HK\$160,000 with reference to his duties and responsibility with the Company. Mr. KUT did not receive other emoluments from the Company for the year ended 31 December 2009. Save as disclosed above, Mr. KUT is and was not connected with any Directors, senior management of the Company or substantial or controlling Shareholders. As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. KUT did not have any interests in the Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. KUT has confirmed that there are no other matters relating to his re-election that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders and there is no other information which is required to be disclosed pursuant to rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules.

Mr. LIU Baojie, Independent Non-executive Director, aged 47, was appointed as an Independent Non-executive Director of the Company on 22 December 2009. He has over 15 years of experience in the financial services industry. He was recently a senior vice president – investment with CitySpring Infrastructure Management Pte. Ltd., a Temasek subsidiary and trustee-manager of an infrastructure investment trust listed in Singapore. Prior to that, he held various positions with financial institutions, including managing director with Bank of America and ICEA Capital Limited, and vice president and Shanghai chief representative with J.P. Morgan. Mr. LIU holds an MBA degree from University of Utah, U.S. Mr. LIU did not hold any directorship in other listed public companies in the last three years, and he is not holding any position with the Company and other members of the Company's group.

The service contract between the Company and Mr. LIU has a fixed term of three years. However, he will be subject to retirement and re-election at the Annual General Meeting pursuant to Article 101 of the Articles of Association. Thereafter, he will be subject to rotational retirement and re-election requirements at annual general meetings pursuant to Article 105 of the Articles of Association. Mr. LIU will be entitled to receive the Directors' fee commencing from the financial year ending 31 December 2010 which will be determined by the Board with the authorisation granted by the Shareholders in annual general meetings. Pursuant to the authority given by the Shareholders at the annual general meeting of the Company held on 18 May 2009, the Board has resolved that the Directors' fee for the year ended 31 December 2009 be fixed at HK\$160,000 for each Independent Non-executive Director. Mr. LIU did not receive other emoluments from the Company for the year ended 31 December 2009. Mr. LIU is and was not connected with any Directors, senior management of the Company or substantial or controlling Shareholders. As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. LIU did not have any interests in the Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. LIU has confirmed that there are no other matters relating to his re-election that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders and there is no other information which is required to be disclosed pursuant to rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules.

#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



## CHINA MERCHANTS CHINA DIRECT INVESTMENTS LIMITED 招商局中國基金有限公司

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 133)

#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at Lavender Room, 27th Floor, The Park Lane Hong Kong, 310 Gloucester Road, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 19 May 2010 at 3:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

- 1. To receive and consider the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements, the Report of the Directors and the Independent Auditor's Report for the year ended 31 December 2009.
- 2. To declare a final dividend and a special dividend.
- 3. To re-elect retiring Directors and authorise the Board of Directors to fix Directors' fee.
- 4. To re-appoint Auditor and authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration.
- 5. As special business to consider and, if thought fit, to pass with or without modifications the following resolution as Ordinary Resolution:

#### "THAT:

- (a) subject to paragraph (b) of this Resolution, the exercise by the Directors of the Company during the Relevant Period of all the powers of the Company to repurchase its own shares on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") or any other stock exchange on which the securities of the Company may be listed and recognised by the Securities and Futures Commission and the Stock Exchange for this purpose, subject to and in accordance with all applicable laws and the requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange 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 which may be repurchased by the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) of this Resolution during the Relevant Period shall not exceed 10 per cent of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue on the date of passing of this Resolution and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and

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(c) for the purposes of this Resolution:

"Relevant Period" means the period from the passing of this Resolution until whichever is the earlier 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 revocation or variation of the authority given under this Resolution by ordinary resolution of the Shareholders of the Company in General Meeting."

By Order of the Board

LI Yinquan

Chairman

Hong Kong, 15 April 2010

Notes:

- (1) A member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting convened by the above notice is entitled to appoint more than one proxy to attend and vote instead of him. A proxy needs not be a member of the Company.
- (2) In order to be valid, the form of proxy, together with the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed, or a copy of such authority notarially certified, must be deposited at the Company's registered office at 1803 China Merchants Tower, Shun Tak Centre, 168-200 Connaught Road Central, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the meeting or any adjournment thereof. Completion and return of the form of proxy shall not preclude you from attending and voting at the annual general meeting if you so wish.
- (3) The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 17 May 2010 to 19 May 2010, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of Shares will be effected. In order to qualify for the proposed final and special dividends and attendance at the annual general meeting, all transfers accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's registrars, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong not later than 4:30 p.m. on 14 May 2010.
- (4) At the annual general meeting of the Company held on 18 May 2009, Ordinary Resolution was passed giving a general mandate to the Directors to repurchase shares of the Company on the Stock Exchange. Under the terms of the Companies Ordinance and the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange, this general mandate lapses at the conclusion of the annual general meeting for 2010, unless renewed at that meeting. The Ordinary Resolution sought in item 5 of this notice renews the mandate in respect of the repurchase of shares of the Company.
- (5) With regard to item 3 of this notice, details of retiring Directors proposed for re-election namely, Mr. HONG Xiaoyuan, Mr. CHU Lap Lik, Victor, Ms. ZHOU Linda Lei, Mr. KE Shifeng, Mr. WANG Qi, Mr. KUT Ying Hay and Mr. LIU Baojie, are set out in the appendix to the Circular to the Shareholders of the Company dated 15 April 2010.
- (6) With reference to the Ordinary Resolution sought in item 5 of this notice, the Directors wish to state that they have no immediate plans to repurchase any existing shares of the Company. Approval is being sought from members as a general mandate pursuant to the Companies Ordinance and the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange.

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- (7) The Circular required by the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange in connection with the proposed repurchase mandate and re-election of retiring Directors will be dispatched to the Shareholders of the Company.
- (8) As at the date of this notice, the Executive Directors of the Company are Mr. LI Yinquan, Mr. HONG Xiaoyuan, Mr. CHU Lap Lik, Victor, Ms. ZHOU Linda Lei and Mr. TSE Yue Kit; the Non-executive Directors of the Company are Mr. KE Shifeng and Mr. WANG Qi; and the Independent Non-executive Directors of the Company are Mr. KUT Ying Hay, Mr. WANG Jincheng, Mr. LI Kai Cheong, Samson and Mr. LIU Baojie. Besides, Ms. KAN Ka Yee, Elizabeth is the Alternate Director to Mr. CHU Lap Lik, Victor.