

# MING PAO ENTERPRISE CORPORATION LIMITED

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

## (Stock Code: 685)

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at Salons I & II, Grand Hyatt Hong Kong, 1 Harbour Road, Hong Kong on Thursday, 11th August 2005 at 11:30 a.m. for the following purposes:

- 1. To receive and consider the audited financial statements, the reports of the directors and auditors for the year ended 31st March 2005;
- 2. To declare a final dividend;
- 3. To re-elect directors and to authorise the board of directors to fix their remuneration; and
- 4. To re-appoint auditors and to authorise the board of directors to fix their remuneration.

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

## **ORDINARY RESOLUTION**

## 5. **"THAT:**

- (a) subject to paragraph (b) below, the exercise by the Directors of the Company during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to repurchase shares of HK\$0.10 each in the capital of the Company on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("Stock Exchange") or on any other stock exchange on which the shares of the Company may be listed and recognised by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong 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 pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above shall not exceed 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing this resolution, and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and
- (c) for the purposes of this resolution, "Relevant Period" means the period from the passing of this resolution until whichever is the earliest of:
  - (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
  - (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by any applicable laws or the Bye-Laws of the Company to be held; or
  - (iii) the date on which the authority set out in this resolution is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting."

### **ORDINARY RESOLUTION**

## 6. **"THAT:**

- (a) subject to paragraph (c) below, the exercise by the Directors of the Company during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with additional shares of HK\$0.10 each in the capital of the Company and to make or grant offers, agreements and options (including bonds, warrants and debentures convertible into shares of the Company) which would or might require the exercise of such power be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the approval in paragraph (a) above shall authorise the Directors of the Company during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) to make or grant offers, agreements and options (including bonds, warrants and debentures convertible into shares of the Company) which would or might require the exercise of such power after the end of the Relevant Period;
- (c) the aggregate nominal amount of share capital allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted (whether pursuant to an option or otherwise) and issued by the Directors of the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above, otherwise than pursuant to (i) a Rights Issue (as hereinafter defined); (ii) an issue of shares upon the exercise of rights of subscription or conversion under the terms of any warrants of the Company or any securities which are convertible into shares of the Company; (iii) an issue of shares as scrip dividends pursuant to the Bye-Laws of the Company from time to time; or (iv) an issue of shares under any option scheme or similar arrangement for the grant or issue of shares or rights to acquire shares of the Company, shall not exceed 20% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing this resolution, and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and
- (d) for the purposes of this resolution, "Relevant Period" means the period from the passing of this resolution until whichever is the earliest of:
  - (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
  - (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by any applicable laws or the Bye-Laws of the Company to be held; or
  - (iii) the date on which the authority set out in this resolution is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting; and

"Rights Issue" means an offer of shares open for a period fixed by the Directors of the Company to the holders of the shares of the Company on the register on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of such shares as at that date (subject to such exclusions or other arrangements as the Directors of the Company may deem necessary or expedient in relation to fractional entitlements or having regard to any restrictions or obligations under the laws of, or the requirements of any recognised regulatory body or any stock exchange in, any territory outside Hong Kong applicable to the Company)."

## **ORDINARY RESOLUTION**

7. "THAT subject to the passing of the resolutions Nos. 5 and 6 set out in the notice convening the meeting, the general mandate granted to the Directors of the Company to allot, issue and deal with additional shares pursuant to resolution No. 6 set out in the notice convening this meeting be and is hereby extended by the addition thereto of an amount representing the aggregate nominal amount of shares in the capital of the Company repurchased by the Company under the authority granted pursuant to resolution No. 5 set out in the notice convening this meeting, provided that such amount of shares so repurchased shall not exceed 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of the said resolution."

As special business to consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as a special resolution of the Company:

### **SPECIAL RESOLUTION**

- 8. "THAT the existing Bye-Laws be and are hereby amended in the following manner:
  - (a) Bye-Law 99(A)

by deleting the existing Bye-Law 99(A) in its entirety and substituting therefor the following new Bye-Law 99(A) and its marginal note:

"Rotation and 99. (A) Subject to the manner of retirement by rotation of Directors as from time to time prescribed under the rules of the Designated Stock retirement of Exchange and subject to the Company's private act which was enacted on Directors 25th June 1991 and notwithstanding any contractual or other terms on which any Director may be appointed or engaged, at each annual general meeting, one third of the Directors for the time being (or, if their number is not a multiple of three (3), the number nearest to but not less than onethird) shall retire from office by rotation provided that every Director (including those appointed for a specific term) shall be subject to retirement at least once every three years. The Directors to retire in every year shall be those who have been longest in office since their last election but as between persons who became Directors on the same day those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree between themselves) be determined by lot. The retiring Directors shall be eligible for re-election."

(b) Bye-Law 102

by deleting the existing Bye-Laws 102(A) and 102(B) in their entirety and substituting therefor the following new Bye-Laws 102(A) and 102(B) and their marginal note:

"Appointment of Directors 102. (A) The Company may from time to time in general meetings by Ordinary Resolution elect any person to be a Director either to fill a casual vacancy or as an addition to the Board. Any Director so appointed shall hold office until the next following general meeting of the Company (in the case of filling a casual vacancy) or until the next following annual general meeting of the Company (in the case of an addition to the Board), and shall then be eligible for re-election at the meeting.

(B) The Board shall have power from time to time and at any time to appoint any person as a Director either to fill a casual vacancy or as an addition to the Board but so that the number of Directors so appointed shall not exceed the maximum number determined from time to time by the shareholders in general meetings. Any Director so appointed shall hold office until the next following general meeting of the Company (in the case of filling a casual vacancy) or until the next following annual general meeting of the Company (in the case of an addition to the Board), and shall then be eligible for re-election at the meeting." (c) Bye-Law 182

by deleting paragraph (iv) and re-numbering paragraphs (v) and (vi) as paragraphs (iv) and (v) respectively.

and **THAT** the Directors of the Company be and hereby authorised to do all such acts, deeds and things as they shall, in their absolute discretion, deem fit in order to effect and complete any of the foregoing."

By Order of the Board LAW Yuk Kuen Secretary

#### Hong Kong, 19th July 2005

Notes:

- 1. Any member of the Company entitled to attend and vote at the meeting is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend and vote instead of him. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.
- 2. To be valid, the proxy form, together with any power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed, or a notarially certified copy thereof, must be lodged with the head office and principal place of business of the Company at 15th Floor, Block A, Ming Pao Industrial Centre, 18 Ka Yip Street, Chai Wan, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting or any adjournment thereof.
- 3. The register of members will be closed from Friday, 5th August 2005, to Thursday, 11th August 2005, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be registered. In order to qualify for the proposed final dividend, all completed transfer forms accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's share registrar and transfer office, Tengis Limited, at G/F., Bank of East Asia Harbour View Centre, 56 Gloucester Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong for registration no later than 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, 4th August 2005.
- 4. With regard to item No. 3 in this notice, the board of directors of the Company proposes that the retiring Directors, namely Mr TIONG Kiu King, Mr TANG Ying Yu and Mr Victor YANG be re-elected as Directors of the Company. Details of the said retiring Directors are set out in Appendix II to the document to be sent to the shareholders on 19th July 2005.

As at the date of this announcement, Tan Sri Datuk TIONG Hiew King, Mr TIONG Kiu King, Dr TIONG Ik King and Mr TIONG Kiew Chiong are executive directors of the Company. Mr TANG Ying Yu, Mr David YU Hon To and Mr Victor YANG are independent non-executive directors of the Company.

Please also refer to the published version of this announcement in the (South China Morning Post)