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### **SITC International Holdings Company Limited**

### 海豐國際控股有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 1308)

# PROPOSED RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS AND

# PROPOSED GRANTING OF GENERAL MANDATES TO BUY BACK SHARES AND TO ISSUE SHARES AND

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A notice convening the Annual General Meeting of SITC International Holdings Company Limited to be held at PLAZA Room, Regus Conference Centre, 35/F, Central Plaza, 18 Harbour Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong on Monday, 26 April 2021 at 9:30 a.m is set out on pages 15 to 19 of this circular. A form of proxy for use at the Annual General Meeting is also enclosed. Such form of proxy is also published on the websites of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (http://www.hkexnews.hk) and the Company (http://www.sitc.com).

Whether or not you are able to attend the Annual General Meeting, please complete and sign the enclosed form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return it to the Company's branch share registrar and transfer office in Hong Kong, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong as soon as possible but in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the Annual General Meeting (i.e. not later than 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, 22 April 2021 (Hong Kong Time)) or the adjourned meeting (as the case may be). Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude shareholders from attending and voting in person at the Annual General Meeting if they so wish.

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#### **DEFINITIONS**

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

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

Room, Regus Conference Centre, 35/F, Central Plaza, 18 Harbour Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong on Monday, 26 April 2021 at 9:30 a.m to consider and, if appropriate, to approve the resolutions contained in the notice of the meeting which is set out on pages 15 to 19 of

this circular, or any adjournment thereof

"Articles of Association" the articles of association of the Company currently in force

"Board" the board of Directors

"Company" SITC International Holdings Company 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

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

"Group" the Company and its subsidiaries

"HK\$" Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong

"Hong Kong" the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's

Republic of China

"Issuance Mandate" a general mandate proposed to be granted to the Directors to issue,

allot or deal with additional Shares of not exceeding 20% of the total number of issued shares of the Company as at the date of passing of the proposed ordinary resolution contained in item 12 of the notice of the Annual General Meeting as set out on pages 15 to

19 of this circular

"Latest Practicable Date" 15 March 2021, being the latest practicable date prior to the

printing of this circular for ascertaining certain information in this

circular

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

Exchange

"Memorandum" the memorandum of association of the Company

"PRC" the People's Republic of China

#### **DEFINITIONS**

"SFO" the Securities and Futures Ordinance, Chapter 571 of the Laws of

Hong Kong

"Shares(s)" ordinary share(s) of HK\$0.10 each in the issued capital of the

Company or if there has been a subsequent sub-division, consolidation, reclassification or reconstruction of the share capital of the Company, shares forming part of the ordinary

equity share capital of the Company

"Share Buyback Mandate" a general mandate proposed to be granted to the Directors to buy

back Shares on the Stock Exchange of not exceeding 10% of the total number of issued shares of the Company as at the date of passing of the proposed ordinary resolution contained in item 11 of the notice of the Annual General Meeting as set out on pages 15 to

19 of this circular

"Shareholder(s)" holder(s) of Share(s)

"Stock Exchange" The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

"Takeovers Code" The Codes on Takeovers and Mergers and Share Buy-backs

approved by the Securities and Futures Commission in Hong

Kong as amended from time to time

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Executive Directors:

Mr. Yang Shaopeng (Chairman)

Mr. Yang Xianxiang (Vice Chairman)

Mr. Liu Kecheng

Mr. Xue Mingyuan

Mr. Lai Zhiyong

Non-executive Director:

Ms. Yang Xin

Independent Non-executive Directors:

Dr. Liu Ka Ying, Rebecca

Mr. Tse Siu Ngan

Dr. Hu Mantian (Mandy)

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Hong Kong

22 March 2021

To the Shareholders

Dear Sir/Madam,

# PROPOSED RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS AND

# PROPOSED GRANTING OF GENERAL MANDATES TO BUY BACK SHARES AND TO ISSUE SHARES

#### **AND**

#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this circular is to provide the Shareholders with information in respect of certain resolutions to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting to be held on Monday, 26 April 2021.

#### 2. PROPOSED RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS

Each of Mr. Tse Siu Ngan and Dr. Hu Mantian (Mandy) was appointed as an independent non-executive Director with effect from 27 October 2020, Dr. Liu Ka Ying, Rebecca was appointed as an independent non-executive Director with effect from 18 December 2020 and Ms. Yang Xin was appointed as an non-executive Director with effect from 8 March 2021. In accordance with article 83(3) of the Articles of Association, each of Dr. Liu Ka Ying, Rebecca, Mr. Tse Siu Ngan, Dr. Hu Mantian (Mandy) and Ms. Yang Xin shall hold office until the Annual General Meeting, and each of Dr. Liu Ka Ying, Rebecca, Mr. Tse Siu Ngan, Dr. Hu Mantian (Mandy) and Ms. Yang Xin has offered himself or herself for re-election as Director at the Annual General Meeting.

In accordance with article 84(1) of the Articles of Association, one-third of the Directors for the time being (or, if their number is not a multiple of three, the number nearest to but not less than one-third) shall retire at the Annual General Meeting. In addition, in accordance to the letters of appointment signed between each of the Independent Non-executive Directors and the Company, the term of appointment of each Independent Non-executive Director is one year subject to re-election by the shareholders at each Annual General Meeting of the Company.

Accordingly, Mr. Yang Xianxiang, Mr. Liu Kecheng, Dr. Liu Ka Ying, Rebecca, Mr. Tse Siu Ngan, Dr. Hu Mantian (Mandy) and Ms. Yang Xin will retire at the Annual General Meeting. All of the above retiring Directors, being eligible, will offer themselves for re-election at the Annual General Meeting.

#### Procedure and Process for Nomination of Directors

The Company has adopted a nomination policy (the "Nomination Policy") which sets out the selection criteria and process and the Board succession planning considerations in relation to nomination and appointment of Directors of the Company.

#### **Selection Criteria**

The Nomination Policy sets out the factors for assessing the suitability and the potential contribution to the Board of a proposed candidate, including but not limited to the following:

- (i) Character and integrity;
- (ii) Qualifications including professional qualifications, skills, knowledge and experience that are relevant to the Company's business and corporate strategy;
- (iii) Diversity in all aspects, including but not limited to gender, age (18 years or above), cultural and educational background, ethnicity, professional experience, skills, knowledge and length of service;
- (iv) Requirements of Independent Non-executive Directors on the Board and independence of the proposed Independent Non-executive Directors in accordance with the Listing Rules; and

(v) Commitment in respect of available time and relevant interest to discharge duties as a member of the Board and/or Board committee(s) of the Company.

#### Recommendation of the Nomination Committee

The Nomination Committee has reviewed the structure and composition of the Board, the confirmations and disclosures given by the Directors, the qualifications, skills and experience, time commitment and contribution of the retiring Directors with reference to the nomination principles and criteria set out in the Company's Board Diversity Policy and Director Nomination Policy and the Company's corporate strategy, and the independence of all Independent Non-executive Directors. The Nomination Committee has recommended to the Board on re-election of all the retiring Directors who is/are due to retire at the Annual General Meeting.

Biographical details of the retiring Directors proposed to be re-elected at the Annual General Meeting are set out in Appendix I to this circular.

#### 3. PROPOSED GRANTING OF GENERAL MANDATE TO BUY BACK SHARES

At the annual general meeting of the Company held on 29 April 2020, a general mandate was granted to the Directors to buy back Shares. Such mandate will lapse at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting. In order to give the Company the flexibility to buy back Shares if and when appropriate, an ordinary resolution will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting to approve the granting of the Share Buyback Mandate to the Directors to buy back Shares on the Stock Exchange of not exceeding 10% of the total number of issued Shares of the Company as at the date of passing of the proposed ordinary resolution contained in item 11 of the notice of the Annual General Meeting as set out on pages 15 to 19 of this circular (i.e. a total of 268,165,836 Shares on the basis that no further Shares are issued or bought back before the Annual General Meeting). The Directors wish to state that they have no immediate plan to buy back any Shares pursuant to the Share Buyback Mandate.

An explanatory statement required by the Listing Rules to provide the Shareholders with requisite information reasonably necessary for them to make an informed decision on whether to vote for or against the granting of the Share Buyback Mandate is set out in Appendix II to this circular.

#### 4. PROPOSED GRANTING OF GENERAL MANDATE TO ISSUE SHARES

At the annual general meeting of the Company held on 29 April 2020, a general mandate was granted to the Directors to issue Shares. Such mandate will lapse at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting. In order to give the Company the flexibility to issue Shares if and when appropriate, an ordinary resolution will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting to approve the granting of the Issuance Mandate to the Directors to issue, allot or deal with additional Shares of not exceeding 20% of the total number of issued Shares of the Company as at the date of passing of the proposed ordinary resolution contained in item 12 of the notice of the Annual General Meeting as set out on pages 15 to 19 of this circular (i.e. a total of 536,331,672 Shares on the basis that no further Shares are issued or bought back before the Annual General Meeting). An ordinary resolution to extend the Issuance Mandate by adding the number of Shares bought back by the Company pursuant to the Share Buyback Mandate will also be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

#### 5. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND PROXY ARRANGEMENT

The notice of the Annual General Meeting is set out on pages 15 to 19 of this circular.

Pursuant to the Listing Rules and the Company's Articles of Association, any vote of Shareholders at a general meeting must be taken by poll except where the chairman decides to allow a resolution relating to a procedural or administrative matter to be voted on by a show of hands. An announcement on the poll results will be published by the Company after the Annual General Meeting in the manner prescribed under the Listing Rules.

A form of proxy for use at the Annual General Meeting is enclosed with this circular and such form of proxy is also published on the websites of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (http://www.hkexnews.hk) and the Company (http://www.sitc.com). 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 in Hong Kong, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong as soon as possible but in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the Annual General Meeting (i.e. not later than 9:30KAM a.m. on Thursday, 22 April 2021 (Hong Kong Time)) or the adjourned meeting (as the case may be). Completion and delivery of the form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting at the Annual General Meeting if you so wish.

#### 6. RECOMMENDATION

The Directors consider that the proposed re-election of the retiring Directors and granting of the Share Buyback Mandate and the Issuance Mandate are in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders. Accordingly, the Directors recommend the Shareholders to vote in favour of the relevant resolutions to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

Yours faithfully,
For and on behalf of the Board
SITC International Holdings Company Limited
Yang Shaopeng
Chairman

The following are details of the Directors who will retire and being eligible, offer themselves for reelection at the Annual General Meeting.

#### (1) MR. YANG XIANXIANG

Mr. Yang Xianxiang (楊現祥), aged 54, is the Vice-Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer, an Executive Director, the chairman of the disclosure committee and Sustainable Development Committee as well as a member of Remuneration Committee and Risk Management Committee of the Company. Mr. Yang has been a Director and chief executive officer of our Company since January 2008. He is actively involved in the management and the decision-making process of our Company. Mr. Yang graduated from Asia International Open University (Macau) with a master's degree in Business Administration in 2000 and completed a chief executive officer class in Tsinghua University in 2003. He also received a master's degree in business administration from China Europe International Business School in 2006. He completed a nondegree course in Sinology in Fudan University in 2009, which is a course on Chinese heritage classical study, and completed another non-degree Chief Executive Officer Class at the Cheung Kong Graduate School of Business in 2010. Mr. Yang has over 34 years of experience in the shipping industry through his employment in the shipping companies. In July 1987, Mr. Yang joined Lufeng Shipping Co., Ltd. (魯豐航運 有限公司) ("Lufeng Shipping"), a container shipping company, and was subsequently promoted to be a manager before he left in July 1997. From August 1997 to December 2001, he served as a general manager in SITC Container Lines (Shandong) Co., Ltd. (山東省海豐船務有限公司), Between January 2002 and January 2005, he served as executive vice president in Shangdong SITC and as president in the same company between January 2005 and May 2007. From May 2007 to January 2008, he served as president of SITC Container Lines and as a chief executive officer of SITC Steamship (Shanghai) Co., Ltd. Mr. Yang was appointed as an Executive Director on 9 April 2010. Mr. Yang was appointed as the Non-Executive Director of JS Global Lifestyle Company Limited (HKSE Stock Code: 01691) on 11 October 2019.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Yang is not related to any other Directors or senior management or substantial shareholder of our Company.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Yang had interest of 9,016,296 within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Mr. Yang has entered into a service contract with the Company with a term of three years commencing from 23 March 2018 and subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the Annual General Meeting of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association.

Mr. Yang receives an annual remuneration of HK\$4,173,000 and a discretionary bonus commensurate with his duties and responsibilities with the Company by reference to the Company's remuneration policy.

Save for the information disclosed above, there is no information which is disclosable nor is Mr. Yang involved in any of the matters required to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements under Rules 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules and there are no other matters concerning Mr. Yang that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

#### (2) MR. LIU KECHENG

Mr. Liu Kecheng (劉克誠), aged 47, is an Executive Director, chief financial officer, authorized representative and a member of the Disclosure Committee and the Sustainable Development Committee of the Company and the general manager of the finance center and investment center of the Company. Mr. Liu has been a Director of our Company since December 2006. From September 2010 to May 2013, he served as joint company secretary of our Company. Since October 2010, Mr. Liu has been appointed as the director for investment and securities, responsible for investments and equity funding. Since May 2013, Mr. Liu has been appointed as the chief financial officer of our Company, responsible for finance accounting and cash management in our Company. Since July 2017, Mr. Liu has been appointed as the general manager of the finance center and investment center of the Group. Mr. Liu graduated from Shandong Foreign Economic and Trade School in 1994. He received a master's degree in business administration from China Europe International Business School in 2007. Mr. Liu has over 27 years of experience in the shipping industry through his employment in the shipping companies. Mr. Liu worked with the finance department of Shandong Foreign Trade Corporation from July 1994 to June 1998. Mr. Liu joined SITC in 1998, and has served successively as finance manager, deputy general manager of finance center, deputy general manager of planning & development center, general manager of the investment and development center, chief financial officer, directorate secretary & general manager of Investment Management Center of SITC International Holdings. Mr. Liu was appointed an Executive Director of our company on 9 April 2010. Mr. Liu has served as a director of Hisense Group Holding Company Limited since December 2020.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Liu is not related to any other Director, senior management or substantial shareholder of our Company.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Liu had interest of 641,619 Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Mr. Liu has entered into a service contract with the Company with a term of three years commencing from 23 March 2018 and subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the Annual General Meeting of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association.

Mr. Liu receives an annual remuneration of HK\$1,495,000 and a discretionary bonus commensurate with his duties and responsibilities with the Company by reference to the Company's remuneration policy.

Save for the information disclosed above, there is no information which is disclosable nor is Mr. Liu involved in any of the matters required to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements under Rules 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules and there are no other matters concerning Mr. Liu that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

#### (3) DR. LIU KA YING, REBECCA

Liu Ka Ying, Rebecca (廖家瑩), aged 51, an Independent non-executive Director, the chairman of the Audit Committee and a member of Remuneration Committee and Risk Management Committee of the Company. Dr. Liu possesses experience in management, finance, investment in real estate development and private investment funds, as well as accounting and financial management. From June 1996 to March 2002,

Dr. Liu served as the general manager for the Asia and China region of The PRG-Schultz International, Inc., a company listed on NASDAQ. In January 2007, Dr. Liu was appointed as the chief executive officer of All Panther Asset Management Limited and has served at such position since then. Since November 2013, Dr. Liu has been appointed as an independent non-executive director and chairman of the audit committee of Logan Group Company Limited, the shares of which are listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange (stock code: 3380). Dr. Liu is currently the senior vice president of Fortune (Shanghai) Limited. Dr. Liu is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), Illinois CPA Society (ICPAS) of the United States and Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (HKICPA). Dr. Liu obtained a double bachelor's degree in Business Administrative Studies from York University, Canada with major in management and in accounting (with honour) in 1992 and 1994, respectively. She also obtained a doctoral's degree in business administration from Victoria University of Switzerland in November 2011. She is also a member of the Hong Kong Institute of Bankers, Association of Women Accountants (Hong Kong) Limited, and Hong Kong Professionals and Senior Executives Association. She was also a former member of the Tenth and the Eleventh Jilin Provincial Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference.

Saved as disclosed above, Dr. Liu does not have any relationship with any Director, senior management and substantial Shareholder of the Company.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Dr. Liu had no interest of Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Dr. Liu has signed a 1-year Independent Non-executive Director appointment letter with the Company commencing from December 2020 and subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meetings of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association.

Dr. Liu receives an annual remuneration of HK\$235,000 and a remuneration of HK\$20,000 for taking up any one of the positions of board committees of the Company.

Save for the information disclosed above, there is no information which is disclosable nor is Dr. Liu involved in any of the matters required to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements under Rules 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules and there are no other matters concerning Dr. Liu that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

#### (4) MR. TSE SIU NGAN

Mr. Tse Siu Ngan (謝少毅), aged 47, an Independent non-executive Director, the chairman of the Remuneration Committee and Risk Management Committee as well as member of the Audit Committee and Nomination Committee of the Company. Mr. Tse received a Master of Science in IT Manufacturing from University of Warwick in 1997. Mr. Tse completed the Senior Executive Program of Harvard Business School in 2010 and the Global CEO Program of Harvard Business School in 2013. Mr. Tse has extensive experience working at Fortune 500 companies, with 15 years of experience in senior management positions. From April 2001 to April 2004, Mr. Tse served as the managing director of Triaton China, Ltd, responsible for the overall operations and business development of the company. During the period from April 2004 to April 2017, Mr. Tse served various management positions at Hewlett-Packard with his last position as the

vice president and general manager in the HP enterprise services Greater China department, responsible for the overall management of the group's enterprise services in Greater China. From April 2017 to April 2018, Mr. Tse served as the senior vice president and general manager in the digital business services department of SAP SE (Greater China region). From April 2018 to February 2020, Mr. Tse served as the general manager in the global technology services department of IBM (Greater China region). Mr. Tse is currently the Greater China general manager of Zebra Technologies.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Tse does not have any relationship with any Director, senior management and substantial Shareholder of the Company.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Tse has interest of 70,000 Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Mr. Tse has signed a 1-year Independent Non-executive Director appointment letter with the Company commencing from October 2020 and subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meetings of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association.

Mr. Tse receives an annual remuneration of HK\$235,000 and a remuneration of HK\$20,000 for taking up any one of the positions of board committees of the Company.

Save for the information disclosed above, there is no information which is disclosable nor is Mr. Tse involved in any of the matters required to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements under Rules 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules and there are no other matters concerning Mr. Tse that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

#### (5) DR. HU MANTIAN (MANDY)

Hu Mantian (胡曼恬), aged 39, an Independent Non-executive Director, a member of the Audit Committee, Nomination Committee and the Risk Management Committee of the Company. Dr. Hu received a B.A. in Economics from Fudan University in 2003, an M.A. in Economics from Tufts University in 2005, an M. Phil. in Marketing and a Ph.D. in Marketing, both from New York University, in 2009 and 2012, respectively. Dr. Hu is Associate Professor in the Department of Marketing at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. She is also the director of the Center for Consumer Insights. She serves as Honorary Advisor of Hong Kong Digital Analytics Association and provides consulting services to marketing research firms, telecom companies and handset manufacturers. She is the chief scientist of consumer behavior at Nanjing Huasu Technology Co., Ltd. Her research focuses on using quantitative models to study and explain consumer behaviors using big data in industries such as telecommunication, automobile, e-commerce and FinTech.

Save as disclosed above, Dr. Hu does not have any relationship with any Director, senior management and substantial Shareholder of the Company.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Dr. Hu has no interest of Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Dr. Hu has signed a 1-year Independent Non-executive Director appointment letter with the Company commencing from October 2020 and subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meetings of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association.

Dr. Hu receives an annual remuneration of HK\$235,000 and a remuneration of HK\$20,000 for taking up any one of the positions of board committees of the Company.

Save for the information disclosed above, there is no information which is disclosable nor is Dr. Hu involved in any of the matters required to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements under Rules 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules and there are no other matters concerning Dr. Hu that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

#### (6) MS. YANG XIN

Ms. Yang, aged 37, is currently the chairman of Qingdao Hisense Business Management Co., Ltd. (青島海信商業管理股份有限公司) ("Hisense Business Management"), the vice chairman and general manager of Qingdao Hisense Donghai Commerce Trade Co., Ltd. (青島海信東海商貿有限公司) ("Hisense Donghai"). From 2006 to 2009, Ms. Yang served as the assistant vice president and vice president of HSBC Bank (China) Company Limited. From 2010 to 2014, she served as the chairman and general manager of Qingdao Highness Trading Co., Ltd. (青島海伊思貿易有限公司). From 2014 to 2021, she served as the chairman of Qingdao Hui Sheng Huo Trading Company (青島會生活商貿有限公司). From 2014 to 2017, she served as the vice chairman of Hisense Donghai and subsequently served as the general manager of the Hisense Plaza of Hisense Donghai from 2017 to 2018. Since 2018, she has been appointed as the chairman of Hisense Business Management and the vice president of Hisense Donghai. Since 2020, she has been appointed as the general manager of Hisense Donghai.

Ms. Yang obtained a bachelor's degree in Accounting and Finance from Warwick Business School of The University of Warwick, a master's degree in investment management from Cass Business School of City, University of London, and a degree of executive master of business administration from China Europe International Business School.

Ms. Yang is the daughter of Mr. Yang Shaopeng, an executive Director and the chairman of the Board and the controlling shareholder of the Company. Save as disclosed above, Ms. Yang does not have any relationship with any Director, senior management and substantial Shareholder of the Company.

Ms. Yang has signed a 1-year Non-executive Director appointment letter with the Company commencing from 8 March 2021 and subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meetings of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association.

Ms. Yang receives an annual remuneration of HK\$200,000.

Save for the information disclosed above, there is no information which is disclosable nor is Ms. Yang involved in any of the matters required to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements under Rules 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules and there are no other matters concerning Ms. Yang that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT ON THE SHARE BUYBACK MANDATE

The following is an explanatory statement required by the Listing Rules to provide the Shareholders with requisite information reasonably necessary for them to make an informed decision on whether to vote for or against the ordinary resolution to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting in relation to the granting of the Share Buyback Mandate.

#### 1. SHARE CAPITAL

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the issued share capital of the Company comprised 2,681,658,360 Shares.

Subject to the passing of the ordinary resolution set out in item 11 of the notice of the Annual General Meeting in respect of the granting of the Share Buyback Mandate and on the basis that no further Shares are issued or bought back before the Annual General Meeting, i.e. being 2,681,658,360 Shares, the Directors would be authorized under the Share Buyback Mandate to buy back, during the period in which the Share Buyback Mandate remains in force, a total of 268,165,836 Shares, representing 10% of the total number of Shares in issue as at the date of the Annual General Meeting.

#### 2. REASONS FOR SHARE BUYBACK

The Directors believe that the granting of the Share Buyback Mandate is in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders.

Share buy-back may, depending on the market conditions and funding arrangements at the time, lead to an enhancement of the net asset value per Share and/or earnings per Share and will only be made when the Directors believe that such a buy-back will benefit the Company and the Shareholders.

#### 3. FUNDING OF BUY-BACK

The Company may only apply funds legally available for share buy-back in accordance with its Memorandum and Articles of Association, the laws of the Cayman Islands and/or any other applicable laws, as the case may be.

#### 4. IMPACT OF BUY-BACK

There might 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 of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2020) in the event that the Share Buyback Mandate was to be carried out in full at any time during the proposed buyback period. However, the Directors do not intend to exercise the Share Buyback Mandate to such extent as would, in the circumstances, have a material adverse effect on the working capital requirements of the Company or the gearing levels which in the opinion of the Directors are from time to time appropriate for the Company.

#### 5. MARKET PRICES OF SHARES

The highest and lowest prices per Share at which Shares have traded on the Stock Exchange during each of the previous 12 months were as follows:

Month	Highest	Lowest
	HK\$	HK\$
March 2020	9.14	6.60
April 2020	7.69	6.81
May 2020	7.70	7.02
June 2020	8.45	7.60
July 2020	8.60	7.77
August 2020	10.38	7.87
September 2020	11.14	9.76
October 2020	12.28	10.70
November 2020	17.00	12.74
December 2020	16.94	14.64
January 2021	20.20	17.48
February 2021	21.50	17.64
March 2021 (up to the Latest Practicable Date)	24.75	21.45

#### 6. GENERAL

To the best of their knowledge and having made all reasonable enquiries, none of the Directors nor any of their respective close associates (as defined in the Listing Rules) have any present intention to sell any Shares to the Company in the event that the granting of the Share Buyback Mandate is approved by the Shareholders.

The Company has not been notified by any core connected persons (as defined in the Listing Rules) of the Company that they have a present intention to sell any Shares to the Company, or that they have undertaken not to sell any Shares held by them to the Company in the event that the granting of the Share Buyback Mandate is approved by the Shareholders.

The Directors have undertaken to the Stock Exchange to exercise the power of the Company to buy back Shares pursuant to the Share Buyback Mandate in accordance with the Listing Rules and the applicable laws of the Cayman Islands.

#### 7. TAKEOVERS CODE

If as a result of a buy-back of Shares pursuant to the Share Buyback Mandate, a Shareholder's proportionate interest in the voting rights of the Company increases, such increase will be treated as an acquisition of voting rights for the purposes of the Takeovers Code. Accordingly, a Shareholder or a group

#### APPENDIX II

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT ON THE SHARE BUYBACK MANDATE

of Shareholders acting in concert (within the meaning under the Takeovers Code), depending on the level of increase in the Shareholder's interest, could obtain or consolidate control of the Company and thereby become obliged to make a mandatory offer in accordance with Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code.

To the best knowledge of the Company, as at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Yang Shaopeng, Better Master Limited ("Better Master") and Resourceful Link, the controlling shareholders of the Company (as defined in the Listing Rules), were interested in 1,386,009,231 Shares representing approximately 51.68% of the total issued share capital of the Company. Resourceful Link is 79.82% owned by Better Master which is wholly-owned by Mr. Yang Shaopeng. In the event that the Directors exercise the proposed Share Buyback Mandate in full, the aggregate shareholding of Mr. Yang Shaopeng, Better Master and Resourceful Link would be increased to approximately 57.42% of the issued share capital of the Company.

The Directors are not aware of any consequences which may give rise to an obligation to make a mandatory offer under Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code. The Directors do not propose to exercise the Share Buyback Mandate to such an extent as would, in the circumstances, give rise to an obligation to make a mandatory offer in accordance with Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code and/or result in the aggregate number of Shares held by the public shareholders falling below the prescribed minimum percentage required by the Stock Exchange.

#### 8. BUYBACK OF SHARES MADE BY THE COMPANY

During the six months prior to the Latest Practicable Date, the Company had not bought back any of the Shares (whether on the Stock Exchange or otherwise).



# SITC International Holdings Company Limited 海 豐 國 際 控 股 有 限 公 司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 1308)

#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that an Annual General Meeting of SITC International Holdings Company Limited (the "Company") will be held at PLAZA Room, Regus Conference Centre, 35/F, Central Plaza, 18 Harbour Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong on Monday, 26 April 2021 at 9:30 a.m for the following purposes:

#### As ordinary business:

- 1. To receive the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company and the reports of the board (the "Board") of directors (the "Directors") and auditors for the year ended 31 December 2020.
- 2. To declare a final dividend of HK 60 cents per share for the year ended 31 December 2020.
- 3. To re-elect Mr. Yang Xianxiang as an Executive Director.
- 4. To re-elect Mr. Liu Kecheng as an Executive Director.
- 5. To re-elect Dr. Liu Ka Ying, Rebecca as an Independent Non-executive Director.
- 6. To re-elect Mr. Tse Siu Ngan as an Independent Non-executive Director.
- 7. To re-elect Dr. Hu Mantian as an Independent Non-executive Director.
- 8. To re-elect Ms. Yang Xin as an Non-executive Director.
- 9. To authorize the Board to fix the respective Directors' remuneration.
- 10. To re-appoint Ernst & Young as auditors and to authorize the Board to fix their remuneration.

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

#### 11. "**THAT**:

- (a) subject to item 11(b) below, a general mandate be and is hereby generally and unconditionally given to the Directors of the Company to exercise during the Relevant Period (as defined below) all the powers of the Company to buy back its shares in accordance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations;
- (b) the total number of shares of the Company to be bought back pursuant to the mandate in item 11(a) above shall not exceed 10% of the total number of issued shares of the Company as at the date of passing of this resolution, and if any subsequent consolidation or subdivision of shares is conducted, the maximum number of shares that may be bought back under the mandate in item 11(a) above 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; 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 the articles of association of the Company or any applicable laws to be held; and
- (iii) the date on which the authority set out in this resolution is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders in general meeting."

#### 12. **"THAT**:

- (a) subject to item 12(c) below, a general mandate be and is hereby generally and unconditionally given to the Directors of the Company during the Relevant Period (as defined below) to issue, allot and deal with additional shares in the capital of the Company and to make or grant offers, agreements and options which might require the exercise of such powers;
- (b) the mandate in item 12(a) above shall authorize the Directors of the Company to make or grant offers, agreements and options during the Relevant Period which would or might require the exercise of such powers after the end of the Relevant Period;
- (c) the aggregate number of shares allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted by the Directors pursuant to the mandate in item 12(a) above, otherwise than pursuant to:
  - (i) a Rights Issue (as defined below);

- (ii) the exercise of options under a share option scheme of the Company; and
- (iii) any scrip dividend scheme or similar arrangement providing for the allotment of shares in lieu of the whole or part of a dividend on shares of the Company in accordance with the articles of association of the Company,

shall not exceed 20% of the total number of issued shares of the Company as at the date of passing of this resolution, and if any subsequent consolidation or subdivision of shares is conducted, the maximum number of shares that may be issued under the mandate in item 12(a) above 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; 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 the articles of association of the Company or any applicable laws to be held; and
- (iii) the date on which the authority set out in this resolution is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders in general meeting.

"Right Issue" means an offer of shares open for a period fixed by the Directors to holders of shares of the Company or any class thereof on the register on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of such shares or class thereof (subject to such exclusions or other arrangements as the directors may deem necessary or expedient in relation to fractional entitlements or having regard to any restrictions or obligations under the laws of any relevant jurisdiction or the requirements of any recognized regulatory body or any stock exchange)."

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

#### 13. "**THAT**:

conditional upon the passing of the resolutions set out in items 11 and 12 of the notice convening this meeting (the "Notice"), the general mandate referred to in the resolution set out in item 12 of the Notice be and is hereby extended by the addition to the aggregate number of shares which may be allotted and issued or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted and issued by the directors pursuant to such general mandate of the number of shares

bought back by the Company pursuant to the mandate referred to in resolution set out in item 11 of the Notice, provided that such amount shall not exceed 10% of the total number of issued shares of the Company as at the date of passing of this resolution."

By Order of the Board
SITC International Holdings Company Limited
Yang Shaopeng
Chairman

The People's Republic of China, 22 March 2021

#### Notes:

- All resolutions at the meeting will be taken by poll (except where the chairman decides to allow a resolution relating to a procedural or administrative matter to be voted on by a show of hands) pursuant to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules"). The results of the poll will be published on the websites of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited and the Company in accordance with the Listing Rules.
- 2. Any shareholder of the Company entitled to attend and vote at the above meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote instead of him. A proxy need not be a shareholder of the Company. If more than one proxy is appointed, the number of shares in respect of which each such proxy so appointed must be specified in the relevant form of proxy. Every shareholder present in person or by proxy shall be entitled to one vote for each share held by him.
- 3. 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 certified copy of that power of attorney or authority, must be deposited at the Company's branch share registrar and transfer office in Hong Kong, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the above meeting (i.e. not later than 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, 22 April 2021 (Hong Kong Time)) or the adjourned meeting (as the case may be). Delivery of the form of proxy shall not preclude a shareholder of the Company from attending and voting in person at the meeting and, in such event, the instrument appointing a proxy shall be deemed to be revoked.
- 4. For determining the entitlement to attend and vote at the above meeting, the Register of Members of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, 21 April 2021 to Monday, 26 April 2021, both dates per 2020 annual results announcement inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be registered. In order to be eligible to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting, unregistered holders of shares of the Company shall ensure that all transfer documents accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's branch share registrar and transfer office in Hong Kong, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong for registration no later than 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 20 April 2021.
- 5. For determining the entitlement to the proposed final dividend (subject to approval by the shareholders at the Annual General Meeting), the Register of Members of the Company will be closed from Monday, 3 May 2021 to Wednesday, 5 May 2021, both days inclusive, during which per 2020 annual results announcement period no transfer of shares will be registered. In order to qualify for the proposed final dividend, unregistered holders of shares of the Company shall ensure that all transfer documents accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's branch share registrar and transfer office in Hong Kong, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong for registration no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, 30 April 2021.

- 6. A circular containing further details concerning the resolutions set out in the above notice will be sent to all shareholders of the Company together with the 2020 Annual Report.
- 7. References to time and dates in this notice are to Hong Kong time and dates.