

# 聯明集團有限公司

LIAN BENG GROUP LTD

(Incorporated in the Republic of Singapore) (Company Registration Number: 199802527Z)

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Twentieth Annual General Meeting of LIAN BENG GROUP LTD (the "**Company**") will be held at 29 Harrison Road, Lian Beng Building, Singapore 369648 on Thursday, 27 September 2018 at 10.00 a.m. for the following purposes:

# AS ORDINARY BUSINESS:

- 1. To receive and adopt the Directors' Statement and the Audited Financial Statements for the financial year ended 31 May 2018 (Resolution 1) together with the Auditors' Report thereon.
- To declare a final (tax exempt one-tier) dividend of 1.25 cents per ordinary share for the financial year ended 31 May 2018. 2. (Resolution 2) 3. To re-elect the following Directors retiring under Regulation 107 of the Company's Constitution: Ms Ong Lay Koon [see explanatory note 1] (Resolution 3) Mr Low Beng Tin [see explanatory note 2] (Resolution 4) 4 To approve the payment of Directors' fees of S\$170,000 for the financial year ended 31 May 2018 (2017: S\$141,868) (Resolution 5) To approve the payment of Directors' fees up to \$\$170,000 for the financial year ending 31 May 2019 to be paid quarterly in (Resolution 6) 5.
- arrears [see explanatory note 3]. 6. To re-appoint Messrs Ernst & Young LLP as Auditors of the Company and to authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration. (Resolution 7)

# AS SPECIAL BUSINESS:

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

#### General Share Issue Mandate 7.

- "That, authority be and is hereby given to the Directors of the Company to:
  - (i) (aa) allot and issue shares, whether by way of rights, bonus or otherwise; and/or
    - (bb) make or grant offers, agreements or options (collectively, "Instruments") that might or would require Shares to be issued during the continuance of such authority or thereafter, including but not limited to the creation and issue of (as well as adjustments to) warrants, debentures or other instruments convertible into Shares,

at any time and upon such terms and conditions and for such purposes and to such persons as the Board may, in their absolute discretion, deem fit; and

issue Shares in pursuance of any Instrument made or granted by the Board while such authority was in force (notwithstanding that such issue of the Shares pursuant to the Instruments may occur after the expiration of the authority contained in this (ii) Resolution);

provided that

- (1) the aggregate number of shares to be issued pursuant to this Resolution (including shares to be issued in pursuance of instruments made or granted pursuant to this Resolution) does not exceed 50% of the issued shares in the capital of the Company (excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings) (as calculated in accordance with sub-paragraph 2 below) of which the aggregate number of shares to be issued other than on a pro rata basis to shareholders of the Company (including shares to be issued in pursuance of Instruments made or granted pursuant to this Resolution) does not exceed 20% of the issued shares (excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings) in the capital of the Company (as calculated in accordance with sub-paragraph 2 below);
- (subject to such manner of calculation as may be prescribed by the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (the "SGX-ST")) for the purpose of determining the aggregate number of shares that may be issued under sub-paragraph 1 (2)above, the percentage of issued shares shall be based on the number of issued shares (excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings) in the capital of the Company at the time of the passing of this Resolution, after adjusting for:
  - new shares arising from the conversion or exercise of any convertible securities or share options or vesting of share (aa) awards which are outstanding or subsisting at the time this Resolution is passed; and
  - (bb) any subsequent consolidation or subdivision of shares;
- in exercising the authority conferred by this Resolution, the Company shall comply with the provisions of the Listing Manual (3)of the SGX-ST for the time being in force (unless such compliance has been waived by the SGX-ST) and the Constitution for the time being of the Company;
- (4)unless revoked or varied by the Company in general meeting, such authority conferred by this Resolution shall continue in force until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of the Company or the date by which the next AGM of the Company is required by law to be held, whichever is the earlier." [see explanatory note 4]

# Renewal of Share Buy Back Mandate

### "That:

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- (a) for the purposes of Sections 76C and 76E of the Companies Act, Chapter 50 of Singapore (the "Companies Act"), the Directors of the Company be and are hereby authorised to exercise all the powers of the Company to purchase or otherwise acquire ordinary shares in the capital of the Company ("Shares") not exceeding in aggregate the Prescribed Limit (as hereinafter defined), at such price(s) as may be determined by the Directors of the Company from time to time up to the Maximum Price (as hereinafter defined), whether by way of:
  - market purchases (each a "Market Purchase") on the SGX-ST; and/or (i)
  - off-market purchases (each an "Off-Market Purchase") effected otherwise than on the SGX-ST in accordance with any (ii) equal access schemes as may be determined or formulated by the Directors of the Company as they consider fit, which schemes shall satisfy all the conditions prescribed by the Companies Act,

and otherwise in accordance with all other provisions of the Companies Act and the Listing Manual of the SGX-ST as may for the time being be applicable (the "Share Buy Back Mandate");

- any Share that is purchased or otherwise acquired by the Company pursuant to the Share Buy Back Mandate shall, at the discretion of the Directors of the Company, either be cancelled or held in treasury and dealt with in accordance with the Companies Act;
- unless varied or revoked by the Company in general meeting, the authority conferred on the Directors of the Company pursuant to the Share Buy Back Mandate may be exercised by the Directors at any time and from time to time during the period commencing from the passing of this Resolution and expiring on the earlier of:
  - (i) the date on which the next AGM of the Company is held or is required by law to be held;
  - (ii) the date on which the share buy back is carried out to the full extent mandated; or
  - (iii) the date on which the authority contained in the Share Buy Back Mandate is varied or revoked;
- (d) for purposes of this Resolution:

"Prescribed Limit" means 10% of the issued ordinary share capital of the Company as at the date of passing of this Resolution unless the Company has effected a reduction of the share capital of the Company in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, at any time during the Relevant Period, in which event the issued ordinary share capital of the Company shall be taken to be the amount of the issued ordinary share capital of the company as altered (excluding any treasury shares that may be held by the Company from time to time);

"Relevant Period" means the period commencing from the date on which the last AGM was held and expiring on the date the next AGM is held or is required by law to be held, whichever is the earlier, after the date of this Resolution; and

"Maximum Price" in relation to a Share to be purchased, means an amount (excluding brokerage, commission, stamp duties, applicable goods and services tax, clearance fees and other related expenses) not exceeding:

- (i) in the case of a Market Purchase: 105% of the Average Closing Price; and
- (ii) in the case of an Off-Market Purchase: 120% of the Average Closing Price, where:

"Average Closing Price" means the average of the closing market prices of a Share over the last five market days, on which transactions in the Shares were recorded, preceding the day of the Market Purchase by the Company or, as the case may be, the day of the making of the offer pursuant to the Off-Market Purchase, and deemed to be adjusted for any corporate action that occurs after the relevant 5-day period;

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Company annound purchase of Shares from shareholders of the Company stating the purchase price (which shall not be more than the Maximum Price calculated on the foregoing basis) for each Share and the relevant terms of the equal access scheme for effecting the Off-Market Purchase; and

"market day" means a day on which the SGX-ST is open for trading in securities:

- any of the Directors of the Company be and are hereby authorised to complete and do all such acts and things (including without limitation, to execute all such documents as may be required and to approve any amendments, alterations or modifications to any documents), as they or he may consider desirable, expedient or necessary to give effect to the transactions contemplated by this Resolution; and
- Shareholders by voting to approve the Share Buy Back Mandate are waiving their rights to a general offer at a required price from Ong Directors (as defined in the Addendum) and parties acting in concert with them." [see explanatory note 5]
- To transact any other business that may be properly transacted at the AGM of the Company. 9.

### BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

# Wee Woon Hong

### Srikanth Rayaprolu

**Company Secretaries** Singapore

11 September 2018

# **EXPLANATORY NOTES:**

- 1. Ms Ong Lay Koon will, upon re-election as a Director of the Company, remain as Executive Director of the Company. Further information on Ms Ong Lay Koon can be found in the Company's Annual Report 2018.
- Mr Low Beng Tin will, upon re-election as a Director of the Company, remain as Independent Director of the Company and the Chairman of the Audit Committee and Nominating Committee and a member of the Remuneration Committee of the Company. Mr Low Beng Tin holds 900,000 2. ordinary shares of the Company registered in the name of a nominee account. Mr Low Beng Tin is considered by the Board to be independent for the purpose of Rule 704(8) of the Listing Manual of the SGX-ST. Mr Low Beng Tin does not have any relationships including immediate family relationships between himself and the Directors, the Company, its related corporations, its 10% shareholders or its officers. Further information on Mr Low Beng Tin can be found in the Company's Annual Report 2018.
- 3. The proposed Ordinary Resolution 6 proposed in item 5 above is to seek approval for the payment of up to \$\$170,000 as directors' fees on a current year basis, that is for the financial year ending 31 May 2019. In the event that the amount proposed is insufficient, approval will be sought at the next year's annual general meeting for payments to meet the shortfall.
- The proposed Ordinary Resolution 8, if passed, will empower the Directors of the Company to issue shares up to 50% of the Company's issued share 4. capital, with an aggregate sub-limit of 20% of the Company's share capital for any issue of shares not made on a pro-rata basis to shareholders of the Company.
- The proposed Ordinary Resolution 9, if passed, will empower the Directors of the Company from the date of the AGM until the date of the next annual general meeting is to be held or is required by law to be held, whichever is the earlier, to make purchases (whether by way of Market Purchases or 5. Off-Market Purchases on an equal access scheme) from time to time of up to ten per cent (10%) of the total number of Shares (excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings) at prices up to but not exceeding the Maximum Price. The rationale for, the authority and limitation on, the source of funds to be used for the purchase or acquisition including the amount of financing and the financial effects of the purchase or acquisition of Shares by the Company pursuant to the Share Buy Back Mandate are set out in greater detail in the Addendum accompanying this Annual Report.

### NOTES:

- A member of the Company entitled to attend and vote at the above Meeting may appoint not more than two (2) proxies to attend and vote instead of (i) him.
- Where a member appoints two (2) proxies, he shall specify the proportion of his shareholding to be represented by each proxy in the instrument (ii) appointing the proxies. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.
- (iii) Intermediaries such as banks and capital markets services licence holders which provide custodial services and are members of the Company may appoint more than two proxies provided that each proxy is appointed to exercise the rights attached to different shares held by the member. Where such member appoints more than two (2) proxies, the number and class of shares to be represented by each proxy must be stated.
- (iv) If the member is a corporation, the instrument appointing the proxy must be under seal or the hand of an officer or attorney duly authorised.
- The instrument appointing a proxy must be deposited at the Registered Office of the Company at 29 Harrison Road, Lian Beng Building, (v) Singapore 369648 not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the above Meeting.
- (vi) All resolutions put to vote at the AGM shall be decided by way of poll.
- (vii) A Depositor's name must appear on the Depositor Register maintained by The Central Depository (Pte) Limited as at 72 hours before the time fixed for holding the above Meeting in order for the Depositor to be entitled to attend and vote at the above Meeting.

### Personal data privacy:

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