Dah Sing Financial Holdings Limited



大新金融集團有限公司 DahSingFinancialHoldingsLimited

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Seventeenth Annual General Meeting of Dah Sing Financial Holdings Limited (the "Company") will be held at 36th Floor, Dah Sing Financial Centre, 108 Gloucester Road, Hong Kong on Wednesday, 28th April 2004 at 12:00 noon for the following purposes:-

As ordinary business:

- 1 To receive and consider the audited financial statements together with the Reports of the Directors and Auditors for the year ended 31st December 2003.
- 2 To declare a final dividend.
- To elect Directors. 3.
- 4. To fix the fees of the Directors for the year ended 31st December 2003.
- 5. To appoint PricewaterhouseCoopers as auditors and to authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration.

As special business:

To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolutions as ordinary resolutions:

- "THAT:-6.
 - (a) subject to the following provisions of this resolution and pursuant to section 57B of the Companies Ordinance, 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 in the capital of the Company and to make or grant offers, agreements and options which might require the exercise of such power be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
 - (b) the approval in paragraph (a) of this resolution shall authorise the Directors of the Company during the Relevant Period to make or grant offers, agreements and options, which might require the exercise of such power after the end of the Relevant Period;
 - the aggregate nominal amount of share capital allotted, issued and dealt with or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be (c) allotted, issued and dealt with (whether pursuant to an option or otherwise) by the Directors of the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) of this resolution, otherwise than pursuant to a Rights Issue (as hereinafter defined) or pursuant to any existing specific authority shall not exceed 20 per cent of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue as at the date of the passing of this resolution and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and
 - (d) for the purpose of this resolution:

"Relevant Period" means the period from the passing of this resolution until whichever is the earliest of:-

- the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company; (i)
- (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the Companies Ordinance to be held; and
- the revocation or variation of the authority given under this resolution by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of (iii) 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 shares on the register of members of the Company on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of such shares (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)."

"THAT:-

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- subject to paragraph (b) of this resolution, the exercise by the Directors of the Company during the Relevant Period (as (a) hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to repurchase shares in the capital of the Company ("Shares") on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("Stock Exchange") or on 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 any other applicable stock exchange as amended from time to time, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- the aggregate nominal amount of the securities of the Company which the Company is authorised to repurchase pursuant to the (b) approval in paragraph (a) of this resolution shall not exceed 10 per cent of the Shares of the Company in issue as at the date of the passing of this resolution and the authority pursuant to paragraph (a) of this resolution shall be limited accordingly; and
- (c) for the purpose of this resolution:

"Relevant Period" means the period from the passing of this resolution until whichever is the earliest of:-

- the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company; (i)
- (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the Companies Ordinance to be held; and
- (iii) the revocation or variation of the authority given under this resolution by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting."

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8. "THAT conditional upon resolutions numbered 6 and 7 set out in this notice of annual general meeting being duly passed, the general mandate granted to the Directors of the Company to exercise the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with additional shares in the capital of the Company pursuant to resolution numbered 6 set out in this notice of annual general meeting be and is hereby extended by the addition to the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital which may be allotted, issued and dealt with or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted, issued and dealt with by the Directors of the Company pursuant to such general mandate of an amount representing the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company repurchased by the Company under the authority granted pursuant to resolution numbered 7 set out in this notice of annual general meeting, provided that such an amount shall not exceed 10 per cent of the aggregate nominal value of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of the passing of this resolution."

By Order of the Board H L Soo Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 16th March 2004

Notes:

- (a) A member entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting is entitled to appoint one or, under particular case, more proxies to attend and vote on his behalf. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.
- (b) In order to be valid, the instrument appointing a proxy and the power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which it is signed must be lodged at the registered office of the Company, 36th Floor, Dah Sing Financial Centre, 108 Gloucester Road, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the Meeting (or the adjourned meeting as the case may be).

Please also refer to the published version of this announcement in South China Morning Post dated 17 March 2004.