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The Sponsor has also not drawn on any specific technical expertise in its review of this Circular.

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CNMC GOLDMINE HOLDINGS LIMITED

中色金礦有限公司

(Incorporated in the Republic of Singapore)
(Company Registration No.201119104K)

**CIRCULAR TO SHAREHOLDERS
in relation to
THE PROPOSED RENEWAL OF SHARE PURCHASE MANDATE**

IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES:

Last date and time for lodgment of Proxy Form	:	27 April 2024 at 3.00 p.m.
Date and time of Annual General Meeting	:	30 April 2024 at 3.00 p.m.
Venue of Annual General Meeting	:	80 Jurong East Street 21 Devan Nair Institute for Employment and Employability Level 1, Hall 2 Singapore 609607

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DEFINITIONS

In this Circular, the following definitions apply throughout unless otherwise stated:

“2024 AGM”	:	The annual general meeting of the Company to be held on 30 April 2024 at 3.00 p.m.
“AGM”	:	The annual general meeting of the Company
“Annual Report”	:	The Company’s annual report for FY2023
“Board”	:	The board of Directors of the Company for the time being
“Catalist”	:	The sponsor-supervised listing platform of the SGX-ST
“Catalist Rules”	:	The SGX-ST Listing Manual Section B: Rules of Catalist, as amended or modified from time to time
“CDP”	:	The Central Depository (Pte) Limited
“Circular”	:	This circular to Shareholders dated 15 April 2024
“Companies Act”	:	Companies Act 1967 of Singapore, as amended or modified from time to time
“Company”	:	CNMC Goldmine Holdings Limited
“Constitution”	:	The constitution of the Company, as amended or modified from time to time
“Directors”	:	The directors of the Company for the time being
“EPS”	:	Earnings per Share
“FY”	:	Financial year ended, or as the case may be, ending 31 December
“Group”	:	The Company and its subsidiaries
“Latest Practicable Date”	:	3 April 2024, being the latest practicable date prior to the printing of this Circular
“Market Day”	:	A day on which the SGX-ST is open for trading in securities
“Relevant Period”	:	The period commencing from the date on which the renewal of the Share Purchase Mandate is approved and expiring on the date on which the next AGM of the Company is held or required by law to be held, whichever is the earlier
“SGX-ST”	:	Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited
“Share Purchase Mandate”	:	The general mandate given by Shareholders to authorise the Directors to purchase or otherwise acquire Shares on behalf of the Company in accordance with the terms set out in this Circular and the rules and regulations set forth in the Companies Act and the Catalist Rules

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“Shareholders”	:	Registered holders of Shares except that where the registered holder is CDP, the term “Shareholders” shall, in relation to such Shares, mean the persons to whose securities accounts maintained with CDP are credited with the Shares
“Shares”	:	Ordinary shares in the capital of the Company
“SIC”	:	The Securities Industry Council of Singapore
“Substantial Shareholder”	:	A person who has an interest in the Shares of the Company, and the total votes attached thereto are not less than 5.0% of the total votes attached to all the voting Shares of the Company
“Take-over Code”	:	The Singapore Code on Take-overs and Mergers, as amended or modified from time to time
“treasury shares”	:	Issued Shares of the Company which were (or are treated as having been) purchased by the Company in circumstances which Section 76H of the Companies Act applies and have since purchase been continuously held by the Company
“\$” and “cents”	:	Singapore dollars and cents respectively
“%” or “percent”	:	Percentage or per centum

The terms “**Depositor**”, “**Depository Agent**” and “**Depository Register**” shall have the meanings ascribed to them respectively in Section 81SF of the Securities and Futures Act 2001 of Singapore (as amended or modified from time to time).

The term “**subsidiary**” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 5 of the Companies Act. The term “**subsidiary holdings**” shall mean shares referred to in Sections 21(4), 21(4B), 21(6A) and 21(6C) of the Companies Act.

Words importing the singular shall, where applicable, include the plural and *vice versa*. Words importing the masculine gender shall, where applicable, include the feminine and neuter genders.

References to persons shall include corporations.

The headings in this Circular are inserted for convenience only and shall be ignored in construing this Circular.

Any reference in this Circular to any enactment is a reference to that enactment as for the time being amended or re-enacted. Any word defined under the Companies Act or any statutory modification thereof and not otherwise defined in this Circular shall have the same meaning assigned to it under the Companies Act or any statutory modification thereof, as the case may be. Summaries of the provisions of any laws or regulations contained in this Circular are of such laws or regulations as at the Latest Practicable Date.

Any reference to a time of day in this Circular is made by reference to Singapore time unless otherwise stated.

Any discrepancies in the tables in this Circular between the sum of listed amounts and the totals thereof shown are due to rounding. Accordingly, figures shown as totals in certain tables may not be an arithmetic aggregation of the figures which precede them.

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Mr Choo Chee Kong (Executive Vice Chairman)
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15 April 2024

To: The Shareholders of CNMC Goldmine Holdings Limited

Dear Sir/Madam

THE PROPOSED RENEWAL OF THE SHARE PURCHASE MANDATE

We refer to the notice of annual general meeting of the Company dated 15 April 2024 (“**Notice of AGM**”) in respect of the 2024 AGM and Resolution 11 set out under “Special Business” in the Notice of AGM.

1. THE PROPOSED RENEWAL OF THE SHARE PURCHASE MANDATE

The Companies Act allows a Singapore-incorporated company to purchase or otherwise acquire its issued ordinary shares, stocks and preference shares if such purchase or acquisition is permitted under its constitution. Any purchase or acquisition of shares by the company would also have to be made in accordance with, and in the manner prescribed by, the Companies Act and the Catalist Rules (in particular Part XI of Chapter 8 of the Catalist Rules which relates to the purchase or acquisition by an issuer of its own shares) and such other laws and regulations as may for the time being be applicable. Article 6 of the Company’s Constitution expressly permits the Company to carry out a purchase or acquisition of its issued Shares.

Under the Companies Act and the Catalist Rules, a company that wishes to purchase or otherwise acquire its own shares must obtain the approval of its shareholders to do so at a general meeting. Accordingly, the Shareholders had approved the adoption of the Share Purchase Mandate at the extraordinary general meeting of the Company held on 26 June 2020 to enable the Company to purchase or otherwise acquire issued Shares in the capital of the Company. The Share Purchase Mandate was renewed at subsequent annual general meetings. The authority conferred on the Directors under the current Share Purchase Mandate will expire on the date of the forthcoming 2024 AGM.

Accordingly, the Directors propose to seek the approval of Shareholders for the renewal of the Share Purchase Mandate. The purpose of this Circular is to explain the reasons for and to provide Shareholders with information relating to the proposed renewal of the Share Purchase Mandate.

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2. RATIONALE FOR THE SHARE PURCHASE MANDATE

The rationale for the Share Purchase Mandate includes the following:

- (a) The Share Purchase Mandate would give the Company the flexibility to undertake purchases or acquisitions of its Shares at any time, subject to market conditions, during the period when the Share Purchase Mandate is in force. Share purchases or acquisitions provide the Company with a mechanism to return surplus cash over and above its ordinary capital requirements and investment needs to its Shareholders in an expedient and cost-efficient manner.
- (b) The purchase or acquisition of Shares under the Share Purchase Mandate is one of the ways in which the return on equity of the Company may be enhanced, thereby increasing shareholder value.
- (c) The Share Purchase Mandate will allow the Directors to exercise greater control over the Company's share capital structure, dividend policy and cash reserves, with a view to enhancing the net tangible assets and/or earnings per Share.
- (d) The purchase or acquisition of Shares under the Share Purchase Mandate will help to mitigate short-term share price volatility by stabilising the supply and demand of issued Shares and offset the effects of short-term share price speculation, thereby supporting the fundamental value of the issued Shares and bolstering Shareholders' confidence.
- (e) The Share Purchase Mandate will allow the Directors to effectively manage and minimise any dilution impact associated with any share-based incentive scheme of the Company.

The purchase or acquisition of Shares will only be undertaken if the Directors believe that it can benefit the Company and Shareholders. Shareholders should note that, assuming that the Share Purchase Mandate is passed, purchases or acquisitions of Shares pursuant to the Share Purchase Mandate may not be carried out to the full 10% limit as authorised. No purchase or acquisition of Shares will be made in circumstances which would have or may have a material adverse effect on the liquidity of Shares or the financial position of the Company and the Group or result in the Company being delisted. The Directors will use their best efforts to ensure that after a purchase or acquisition of Shares pursuant to the Share Purchase Mandate, the number of Shares remaining in the hands of the public will not fall to such a level as to cause market illiquidity or adversely affect the orderly trading and listing status of the Shares on the SGX-ST.

3. AUTHORITY AND LIMITS OF THE SHARE PURCHASE MANDATE

The authority and limitations placed on purchases or acquisitions of Shares by the Company under the Share Purchase Mandate, if renewed at the 2024 AGM, are summarised below:

(a) Maximum Number of Shares

The Company may purchase only Shares which are issued and fully paid-up. The total number of Shares that may be purchased or acquired is limited to that number of Shares representing not more than 10% of the total number of issued Shares as at the date of the AGM at which the resolution renewing the Share Purchase Mandate is passed (the "**Approval Date**"), unless the Company has thereafter, at any time during the Relevant Period, reduced its share capital in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, in which event the total number of issued Shares of the Company shall be taken to be the total number of issued Shares as altered. Any Shares which are held as treasury shares and subsidiary holdings will be disregarded for purposes of computing the 10% limit.

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For illustrative purposes only, based on the issued share capital of the Company as at the Latest Practicable Date of 405,289,100 Shares (excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings held by the Company), and assuming that no new Shares are issued on or prior to the date of the 2024 AGM, not more than 40,528,910 Shares, representing 10% of the total number of issued Shares (excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings) as at that date, may be purchased or acquired by the Company pursuant to the Share Purchase Mandate.

While the Share Purchase Mandate would authorise the purchase or acquisition of Shares up to the 10% limit, Shareholders should note that purchases or acquisitions of Shares pursuant to the Share Purchase Mandate may not be carried out up to the full 10% limit as authorised, or at all. In particular, no purchase or acquisition of Shares would be made in circumstances which would have or may have a material adverse effect on the float, liquidity or orderly trading of the Shares and/or financial position of the Group.

(b) Duration of Authority

Purchases or acquisitions of Shares may be made, at any time and from time to time, from the Approval Date up to the earliest of:-

- (i) the date on which the next annual general meeting of the Company is held or is required by law to be held;
- (ii) the date on which the purchase or acquisition of Shares have been carried out to the full extent of the Share Purchase Mandate; or
- (iii) the date on which the authority conferred by the Share Purchase Mandate is varied or revoked by an ordinary resolution of Shareholders in a general meeting.

The Share Purchase Mandate may be renewed at each subsequent annual general meeting or other general meeting of the Company. When seeking the approval of the Shareholders for the renewal of the Share Purchase Mandate, the Company is required to disclose details pertaining to purchases or acquisitions of Shares made pursuant to the Share Purchase Mandate during the previous 12 months, including the total number of Shares purchased, the purchase price per Share or the highest and lowest prices paid for such purchases or acquisitions of Shares, where relevant, and the total consideration paid for such purchases or acquisitions.

(c) Manner of Purchase or Acquisitions of Shares

Purchases or acquisitions of Shares may be made on the SGX-ST ("**Market Purchases**") and/or otherwise than on the SGX-ST, in accordance with an equal access scheme (as defined in Section 76C (6) of the Companies Act) ("**Off-Market Purchases**").

Market Purchases refer to purchases or acquisitions of Shares by the Company effected on the SGX-ST, through one or more duly licensed stockbrokers appointed by the Company for the purpose.

Off-Market Purchases refer to purchases or acquisitions of Shares by the Company made under an equal access scheme or schemes for the purchase or acquisition of Shares from Shareholders. The Directors may impose such terms and conditions, which are not inconsistent with the Share Purchase Mandate and the Companies Act, as they consider fit in the interests of the Company in connection with or in relation to an equal access scheme or schemes. Under the Companies Act, an equal access scheme must satisfy all the following conditions:

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- (i) offers for the purchase or acquisition of issued Shares shall be made to every person who holds issued Shares to purchase or acquire the same percentage of their issued Shares;
- (ii) all of those persons shall be given a reasonable opportunity to accept the offers made; and
- (iii) the terms of all the offers are the same, except that there shall be disregarded, where applicable:-
 - (aa) differences in consideration attributable to the fact that offers may relate to Shares with different accrued dividend entitlements;
 - (bb) differences in consideration attributable to the fact that offers relate to Shares with different amounts remaining unpaid; and
 - (cc) differences in the offers introduced solely to ensure that each person is left with a whole number of Shares.

In addition, the Catalist Rules provide that, in making an Off-Market Purchase, the Company must issue an offer document to all Shareholders, which must contain at least the following information:-

- (i) the terms and conditions of the offer;
 - (ii) the period and procedures for acceptances;
 - (iii) the reasons for the proposed Share purchase;
 - (iv) the consequences, if any, of Share purchases by the Company that will arise under the Take-over Code or other applicable take-over rules;
 - (v) whether the Share purchase, if made, would have any effect on the listing of the Shares on the SGX-ST;
 - (vi) details of any Share purchases or acquisitions made by the Company in the previous 12 months (whether Market Purchases or Off-Market Purchases in accordance with an equal access scheme), giving the total number of Shares purchased or acquired, the purchase price per Share or the highest and lowest prices paid for the purchases or acquisitions, where relevant, and the total consideration paid for the purchases or acquisitions; and
 - (vii) whether the Shares purchased or acquired by the Company will be cancelled or kept as treasury shares.
- (d) Maximum Purchase Price

The purchase price (excluding brokerage, stamp duties, commissions, applicable goods and services tax, clearance fees and other related expenses) to be paid for the Shares will be determined by the Directors.

However, the purchase price paid for the Shares must not exceed:

- (i) in the case of a Market Purchase, 105% of the Average Closing Price (as defined below); and
- (ii) in the case of an Off-Market Purchase pursuant to an equal access scheme, 120% of the Average Closing Price (as defined below),

(the “**Maximum Price**”) in either case, excluding related expenses of the purchase or acquisition.

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For the above purposes of determining the Maximum Price:

“**Average Closing Price**” means the average of the closing market prices of a Share over the last five Market Days on which transactions in Shares were recorded, immediately 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 during such five-Market Day period and the day on which the Market Purchase is made or, as the case may be, the day of the making of the offer pursuant to the Off-Market Purchase; and

“**day of the making of the offer**” means the day on which the Company announces its intention to make an offer for the purchase or acquisition of Shares from Shareholders, 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.

4. STATUS OF PURCHASED OR ACQUIRED SHARES

Any Share which is purchased or acquired by the Company is deemed cancelled immediately on purchase or acquisition (and all rights and privileges attached to that Share will expire on cancellation) unless such Share is held by the Company as a treasury share in accordance with the Companies Act. At the time of each purchase or acquisition of Shares by the Company, the Directors will decide whether the Shares purchased or acquired will be cancelled or kept as treasury shares, or partly cancelled and partly kept as treasury shares, as the Directors deem fit in the interests of the Company at that time.

(a) Cancelled Shares

Shares which are cancelled will be automatically delisted by the SGX-ST, and certificates in respect thereof will be cancelled and destroyed by the Company as soon as reasonably practicable following such cancellation. The total number of issued Shares will be diminished by the number of Shares purchased or acquired by the Company which are cancelled and not held as treasury shares.

(b) Treasury Shares

Under the Companies Act, Shares purchased or acquired by the Company may be held or dealt with as treasury shares. According to the key provisions on treasury shares under the Companies Act:

(i) *Maximum Holdings*

The number of Shares held as treasury shares cannot at any time exceed 10% of the total number of issued Shares. Any Shares in excess of this limit shall be disposed of or cancelled in accordance with Section 76K of the Companies Act within six months or such further period as the Registrar of Companies may allow.

(ii) *Voting and other Rights*

The Company shall not exercise any right in respect of the treasury shares and any purported exercise of such right is void. In particular, the Company will not have the right to attend or vote at meetings and for the purposes of the Companies Act, the Company shall be treated as having no right to vote and the treasury shares shall be treated as having no voting rights.

In addition, no dividend shall be paid, and no other distribution (whether in cash or otherwise) of the Company's assets may be made, to the Company in respect of treasury shares. However, the allotment of treasury shares as fully paid bonus shares is allowed. Also, a subdivision or consolidation of any treasury share is allowed so long as the total value of the treasury shares after the subdivision or consolidation is the same as before.

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(iii) *Disposal and Cancellation*

The Company may dispose of treasury shares at any time in the following ways:

- (aa) sell the treasury shares for cash;
- (bb) transfer the treasury shares for the purposes of or pursuant to any share scheme, whether for employees, directors or other persons;
- (cc) transfer the treasury shares as consideration for the acquisition of shares in or assets of another company or assets of a person;
- (dd) cancel the treasury shares; or
- (ee) sell, transfer or otherwise use the treasury shares for such other purposes as may be prescribed by the Minister for Finance.

Under Rule 704(31) of the Catalist Rules, an immediate announcement must be made of any sale, transfer, cancellation and/or use of treasury shares (in each case, the “usage”). Such announcement must include details such as the date of the usage, the purpose of the usage, the number of treasury shares comprised in the usage, the number of treasury shares before and after the usage, the percentage of the number of treasury shares comprised in the usage against the total number of issued shares outstanding (of the same class as the treasury shares) which are listed on the SGX-ST before and after the usage, and the value of the treasury shares if they are used for a sale or transfer or cancelled.

5. SOURCE OF FUNDS

The Company may only apply funds for the purchase or acquisition of the Shares as provided in the Constitution and in accordance with the applicable laws of Singapore. The Company may not purchase or acquire its Shares for a consideration other than cash or for settlement otherwise than in accordance with the trading rules of the SGX-ST.

The Companies Act permits the Company to purchase or acquire its Shares out of capital or distributable profits so long as the Company is solvent. For this purpose, the Company is solvent if at the date of payment for the Shares purchased or acquired, the following conditions are satisfied:

- (a) there is no ground on which the Company could be found to be unable to pay its debts;
- (b) if (i) it is intended to commence winding up of the Company within the period of 12 months immediately after the date of the payment, the Company will be able to pay its debts in full within the period of 12 months after the date of commencement of the winding up; or (ii) it is not intended so to commence winding up, the Company will be able to pay its debts as they fall due during the period of 12 months immediately after the date of the payment; and
- (c) the value of the Company’s assets is not less than the value of its liabilities (including contingent liabilities) and will not, after the purchase or acquisition of Shares, become less than the value of its liabilities (including contingent liabilities).

The Directors do not propose to exercise the proposed Share Buy Back Mandate to such an extent that it would materially affect the working capital requirements or investment ability of the Group.

The Company will use internal sources of funds, or a combination of internal resources and external borrowings, to finance purchases or acquisition of its Shares. However, in considering the option of external borrowings, the Directors will consider in particular the prevailing gearing level of the Company and the costs of such financing.

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6. FINANCIAL EFFECTS

It is not possible for the Company to realistically calculate or quantify the impact of purchases that may be made pursuant to the Share Purchase Mandate on the net tangible asset value or earnings per Share as the resultant effect would depend on factors such as the aggregate numbers of Shares purchased, the purchase prices paid at the relevant times, whether the Shares purchased or acquired are held in treasury or immediately cancelled on purchase or acquisition, how the Shares held in treasury are subsequently dealt with by the Company in accordance with Section 76K of the Companies Act, and the amounts (if any) borrowed by the Company to fund the purchase of shares.

Where the purchase of Shares is made out of distributable profits, such purchase (including costs incidental to the purchase) will correspondingly reduce the amount available for the distribution of cash dividends by the Company. Where the purchase of Shares is made out of capital, the amount available for the distribution of cash dividends by the Company will not be reduced.

Where the purchase of Shares is financed through internal resources, it will reduce the cash reserves of the Group and the Company, and thus the current assets and shareholders' funds of the Group and the Company. This will result in an increase in the gearing ratios of the Group and the Company and a decline in the current ratios of the Group and the Company. The actual impact on the gearing and current ratios will depend on the number of Shares purchased and the prices at which the Shares are purchased.

Where the purchase or acquisition of Shares is financed through external borrowings or financing, there would be an increase in the gearing ratios of the Group and the Company, and a decline in the current ratios and shareholders' funds of the Group and the Company, with the actual impact dependent on the number of Shares purchased and the prices at which the Shares are purchased.

For illustrative purposes only, and on the basis of the following assumptions:

- (a) that the purchase or acquisition by the Company of 38,125,010 Shares representing 10% of its issued Shares (excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings held by the Company) and less 2,403,900 Shares held by the Company as treasury shares, was made on the Latest Practicable Date;
- (b) that, in the case of Market Purchases, the Company purchased or acquired Shares at the Maximum Price of S\$0.2205 for each Share (being 105% of the Average Closing Price of the Shares for the five Market Days on which transactions in the Shares were recorded immediately preceding the Latest Practicable Date of S\$0.2100 per Share), and, in the case of Off-Market Purchases, the Company purchased or acquired Shares at the Maximum Price of S\$0.2520 for each Share (being 120% of the Average Closing Price of the Shares for the five Market Days on which transactions in the Shares were recorded immediately preceding the Latest Practicable Date);
- (c) that the purchase or acquisition of Shares by the Company, which required funds amounting to, in the case of Market Purchases, approximately US\$6,373,000⁽¹⁾, and in the case of Off-Market Purchases, approximately US\$7,283,000⁽¹⁾, was financed using its internal sources of funds or a combination of internal resources of funds, and
- (d) dividend of US\$7,500,000 had been declared and paid from the subsidiaries to the Company prior to the purchase of Shares; and
- (e) if the purchase of Shares results in the maximum allowable limit of Shares held as treasury shares to exceed 10%, the excess shares shall be disposed or cancelled within a period of 6 months as per section 76K of the Act;

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the financial effects of Share purchases by the Company pursuant to the Share Purchase Mandate on the audited consolidated financial statements of the Group for FY2023, are set out below assuming that the Share Purchase Mandate had been effective on 1 January 2023 and transaction costs incurred for the Share purchases were insignificant and have been ignored for the purposes of computing the financial effects.

The financial effects of the Share purchases by the Company pursuant to the Share Purchase Mandate made entirely out of profits are similar to that of made entirely out of capital. Therefore, only the financial effects of the Share purchases by the Company pursuant to the Shares Purchase Mandate made entirely out of capital are set out below.

Note:

(1) Maximum price per Share translated at an exchange rate of USD/SGD1.3191, rounded up to the nearest thousand.

Scenarios 1(a) and (b)

Market Purchase or acquisition of 38,125,010 Shares by the Company pursuant to the Share Purchase Mandate made entirely out of capital and (a) held as treasury shares; or (b) cancelled

	Group			Company		
	Before Share Purchase	After Share Purchase		Before Share Purchase	After Share Purchase	
		Held as Treasury Shares	Cancelled		Held as Treasury Shares	Cancelled
As at 31 December 2023	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Share capital	18,032	18,032	11,659	18,032	18,032	11,659
Preference shares	3	3	3	-	-	-
Reserves	23,812	23,812	23,812	(2,042)	5,458	5,458
Treasury shares	(357)	(6,730)	(357)	(357)	(6,730)	(357)
Shareholders' funds / NTA ⁽¹⁾	41,490	35,117	35,117	15,633	16,760	16,760
Current assets	19,462	13,089	13,089	14,724	15,851	15,851
Current liabilities	9,151	9,151	9,151	7,479	7,479	7,479
Working capital	10,311	3,938	3,938	7,245	8,372	8,372
Net cash/(debt) ⁽⁴⁾	8,927	2,554	2,554	(160)	967	967
Profit attributable to shareholders	4,099	4,099	4,099	3,096	3,096	3,096
Number of Shares ('000)	405,289	367,164	367,164	405,289	367,164	367,164

Financial Ratios

NTA per share⁽²⁾

- US cents	10.24	9.56	9.56	3.86	4.56	4.56
- SG cents ⁽³⁾	13.51	12.61	12.61	5.09	6.02	6.02
Gearing ⁽⁵⁾ (times)	0.22	0.07	0.07	(0.01)	0.06	0.06
Current ratio ⁽⁶⁾ (times)	2.13	1.43	1.43	1.97	2.12	2.12
Basic EPS ⁽⁷⁾						
- US cents	1.01	1.12	1.12	0.76	0.84	0.84
- SG cents ⁽⁸⁾	1.36	1.50	1.50	1.02	1.13	1.13

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Notes:-

- (1) NTA represents total assets less total liabilities and non-controlling interests.
- (2) NTA per share is based on 405,289,100 Shares and 367,164,090 Shares for Before Share Purchase and After Share Purchase respectively.
- (3) NTA per share translated at an exchange rate of USD/SGD1.3191.
- (4) Net cash/(debt) represents total cash and cash equivalents less total loans and borrowings.
- (5) Gearing (times) is computed by dividing net debt/(cash) with NTA.
- (6) Current Ratio is computed by dividing current assets with current liabilities.
- (7) EPS is based on 405,289,100 Shares and 367,164,090 Shares for Before Share Purchase and After Share Purchase.
- (8) EPS translated at an exchange rate of USD/SGD1.3428.

Scenarios 2(a) and (b)

Off-Market Purchase or acquisition of 38,125,010 Shares by the Company pursuant to the Share Purchase Mandate made entirely out of capital and (a) held as treasury shares; or (b) cancelled

	Group			Company		
	Before Share Purchase	After Share Purchase		Before Share Purchase	After Share Purchase	
		Held as Treasury Shares	Cancelled		Held as Treasury Shares	Cancelled
As at 31 December 2023	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Share capital	18,032	18,032	10,749	18,032	18,032	10,749
Preference shares	3	3	3	-	-	-
Reserves	23,812	23,812	23,812	(2,042)	5,458	5,458
Treasury shares	(357)	(7,640)	(357)	(357)	(7,640)	(357)
Shareholders' funds / NTA ⁽¹⁾	41,490	34,207	34,207	15,633	15,850	15,850
Current assets	19,462	12,179	12,179	14,724	14,941	14,941
Current liabilities	9,151	9,151	9,151	7,479	7,479	7,479
Working capital	10,311	3,028	3,028	7,245	7,462	7,462
Net cash/(debt) ⁽⁴⁾	8,927	1,644	1,644	(160)	57	57
Profit attributable to shareholders	4,099	4,099	4,099	3,096	3,096	3,096
Number of Shares ('000)	405,289	367,164	367,164	405,289	367,164	367,164

Financial Ratios

NTA per share⁽²⁾

- US cents	10.24	9.32	9.32	3.86	4.32	4.32
- SG cents ⁽³⁾	13.51	12.29	12.29	5.09	5.70	5.70
Gearing ⁽⁵⁾ (times)	0.22	0.05	0.05	(0.01)	-	-
Current ratio ⁽⁶⁾ (times)	2.13	1.33	1.33	1.97	2.00	2.00
Basic EPS ⁽⁷⁾						
- US cents	1.01	1.12	1.12	0.76	0.84	0.84
- SG cents ⁽⁸⁾	1.36	1.50	1.50	1.02	1.13	1.13

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Notes:-

- (1) NTA represents total assets less total liabilities and non-controlling interests.
- (2) NTA per share is based on 405,289,100 Shares and 367,164,090 Shares for Before Share Purchase and After Share Purchase respectively.
- (3) NTA per share translated at an exchange rate of USD/SGD1.3191.
- (4) Net cash/(debt) represents total cash and cash equivalents less total loans and borrowings.
- (5) Gearing (times) is computed by dividing net debt with NTA.
- (6) Current Ratio is computed by dividing current assets with current liabilities.
- (7) EPS is based on 405,289,100 Shares and 367,164,090 Shares for Before Share Purchase and After Share Purchase.
- (8) EPS translated at an exchange rate of USD/SGD1.3428.

Shareholders should note that the financial effects set out above are purely for illustrative purposes only. In particular, it is important to note that the above analysis is based on historical FY2023 audited numbers and is not necessarily reflective of the future financial performance of the Company and the Group. Although the Share Purchase Mandate would authorise the Company to purchase or acquire up to 10% of the issued Shares (excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings), the Company may not purchase or acquire or be able to purchase or acquire such amount in full. In addition, the Company may cancel all or part of the Shares purchased or acquired, or hold all or part of the Shares purchased in treasury, provided that the number of Shares held as treasury shares does not at any time exceed 10% of the total number of issued Shares.

The Company will take into account both financial and non-financial factors (for example, share market conditions and the performance of the Shares) in assessing the relative impact of a Share purchase before execution.

7. CATALIST RULES

Under the Catalist Rules, a listed company may purchase shares by way of Market Purchases at a price per share which is not more than 5% above the average of the closing market prices of the shares over the last five Market Days, on which transactions in the shares were recorded, before the day on which the purchases were made and deemed to be adjusted for any corporate action that occurs during the relevant five-day period and the day on which the purchases were made. The Maximum Price for a Share in relation to Market Purchases by the Company, referred to in Section 3(d) above, conforms to this restriction.

The Catalist Rules specify that a listed company shall announce all purchases or acquisitions of its shares to the SGX-ST not later than 9.00 a.m. (a) in the case of a Market Purchase, on the Market Day following the day of purchase or acquisition of any of its shares and (b) in the case of an Off-Market Purchase under an equal access scheme, on the second Market Day after the close of acceptances of the offer. Such announcement must include details of the date of the purchases of the shares, the total number of shares purchased, the number of shares cancelled, the number of shares held as treasury shares, the purchase price per share or the highest and lowest prices paid for such shares (as applicable), the total consideration (including stamp duties and clearing charges) paid or payable for the shares, and the cumulative number of shares purchased. Such announcement will be made in the form prescribed by Appendix 8D of the Catalist Rules. The Company shall make arrangements with its stockbrokers to ensure that they provide to the Company in a timely fashion the necessary information which will enable the Company to make the necessary notifications to the SGX-ST.

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While the Catalist Rules do not expressly prohibit any purchase of shares by a listed company during any particular time or times, because the listed company would be regarded as an “insider” in relation to any proposed purchase or acquisition of its issued shares, the Company will not undertake any purchase or acquisition of Shares pursuant to the Share Purchase Mandate at any time after a price sensitive development has occurred or has been the subject of a decision until the price sensitive information has been publicly announced. In particular, in observing the best practices recommended in the Catalist Rules on securities dealings, the Company will not purchase or acquire any Shares during the period of one month immediately preceding the announcement of the Company’s half year and full-year results, as the case may be, and ending on the date of announcement of the relevant results.

8. LISTING STATUS ON THE SGX-ST

The Company is required under Rule 723 of the Catalist Rules to ensure that at least 10% of its issued Shares (excluding preference shares, convertible equity securities and treasury shares) are in the hands of the public at all times. The “public”, as defined in the Catalist Rules, are persons other than the Directors, Chief Executive Officer, substantial shareholders or controlling shareholders of the Company and its subsidiaries, as well as the associates (as defined in the Catalist Rules) of such persons.

The Company does not have any individual shareholding limit or foreign shareholding limit.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, there were approximately 250,989,100 issued Shares in the hands of the public (as defined above), representing approximately 61.93% of the total number of issued Shares of the Company. Assuming that the Company purchases its Shares through Market Purchases up to the full 10% limit pursuant to the Share Purchase Mandate and holds the purchased Shares as treasury shares, the number of issued Shares in the hands of the public would be reduced to 210,460,190 Shares, representing approximately 57.70% of the total number of issued Shares (excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings, if any) of the Company. As at the Latest Practicable Date, the Company held 2,403,900 Shares as treasury shares.

In view of the foregoing, the Company is of the view that there is, at present, a sufficient number of Shares in public hands that would permit the Company to potentially undertake purchases of its Shares up to the full 10% limit pursuant to the Share Purchase Mandate without:

- (a) affecting adversely the listing status of the Shares on the SGX-ST;
- (b) causing market illiquidity; or
- (c) affecting adversely the orderly trading of Shares.

9. TAX IMPLICATIONS FOR SHAREHOLDERS

Shareholders who are in doubt as to their respective tax positions or the tax implications of Share purchases or acquisitions by the Company, or, who may be subject to tax whether in or outside Singapore, should consult their own professional advisers.

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10. IMPLICATIONS OF TAKE-OVER CODE

10.1 Obligation to Make a Take-over Offer

If as a result of any purchase or acquisition by the Company of its Shares, a Shareholder's proportionate interest in the voting shares of the Company increases, such increase will be treated as an acquisition for the purposes of the Take-over Code. If such increase results in a change in control, or as a result of such increase a Shareholder or group of Shareholders acting in concert obtain or consolidate control, it may in certain circumstances give rise to an obligation on the part of such Shareholder or Shareholders to make a take-over offer under Rule 14 of the Take-over Code ("**Rule 14**").

The circumstances under which Shareholders, including Directors and persons acting in concert with them respectively will incur an obligation to make a take-over offer under Rule 14 after a purchase of Shares by the Company are set out in Appendix 2 of the Take-over Code ("**TOC Appendix 2**").

In relation to Directors and persons acting in concert with them, Rule 14 provides that unless exempted (or if exempted, such exemption is subsequently revoked), Directors and persons acting in concert with them will incur an obligation to make a take-over offer if, as a result of a purchase of Shares by the Company:-

- (a) the percentage of voting rights held by such Directors and their concert parties in the Company increases to 30% or more; or
- (b) if they together hold between 30% and 50% of the Company's voting rights, their voting rights increase by more than 1% in any period of six months.

Under TOC Appendix 2, a Shareholder not acting in concert with the Directors will not be required to make a take-over offer under Rule 14 if, as a result of the Company purchasing its Shares, the voting rights of such Shareholder would increase to 30% or more, or, if such Shareholder holds between 30% and 50% of the Company's voting rights, the voting rights of such Shareholder would increase by more than 1% in any period of six months. Such Shareholder need not abstain from voting in respect of the resolution authorising the Share Purchase Mandate.

10.2 Persons Acting in Concert

Under the Take-over Code, persons acting in concert comprise individuals or companies who, pursuant to an agreement or understanding (whether formal or informal) co-operate, through the acquisition by any of them of shares in a company to obtain or consolidate control of that company. Unless the contrary is established, the following persons, *inter alia*, will be presumed to be acting in concert: (i) a company with any of its directors, together with their close relatives, related trusts as well as companies controlled by any of the directors, their close relatives and related trusts; and (ii) a company, its parent company, subsidiaries and fellow subsidiaries, and their associated companies, and companies of which such companies are associated companies, all with each other. For this purpose, ownership or control of 20% or more but not more than 50% of the voting rights of a company will be regarded as the test of associated company status.

10.3 Effect of Rule 14 and Appendix 2 of the Take-over Code

In general terms, the effect of Rule 14 and TOC Appendix 2 is that, unless exempted, Directors and persons acting in concert with them will incur an obligation to make a take-over offer for the Company under Rule 14 of the Take-over Code if, as a result of the Company purchasing or acquiring its Shares, the voting rights of such Directors and their concert parties would increase to 30% or more, or in the event that such Directors and their concert parties hold voting rights between 30% and 50% of the Company's voting rights, the voting rights of such Directors and their concert parties would increase by more than 1% in any period of six months. In calculating the percentages of voting rights of such Directors and their concert parties, treasury shares shall be excluded.

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Pursuant to TOC Appendix 2, such Directors and persons acting in concert with them will be exempted from the requirement to make a takeover offer under Rule 14 of the Take-over Code, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) the circular to Shareholders on the resolution to authorise the proposed renewal of the Share Purchase Mandate to contain advice to the effect that by voting for such resolution, Shareholders are waiving their right to a general offer at the required price from Directors and parties acting in concert with them who, as a result of the Company buying back its Shares, would increase their voting rights to 30% or more, or, if they together hold between 30% and 50% of the Company's voting rights, would increase their voting rights by more than 1% in any period of six months; and the names of such Directors and persons acting in concert with them, their voting rights at the time of the resolution and after the proposed Share purchase to be disclosed in the same circular;
- (b) the resolution to authorise the proposed renewal of the Share Purchase Mandate to be approved by a majority of those Shareholders present and voting at the meeting on a poll who could not become obliged to make an offer as a result of the proposed Share purchase;
- (c) Directors and/or persons acting in concert with them to abstain from voting for and/or recommending Shareholders to vote in favour of the resolution to authorise the proposed renewal of the Share Purchase Mandate;
- (d) within seven days after the passing of the resolution to authorise the proposed renewal of the Share Purchase Mandate, each of the Directors to submit to the SIC a duly signed form as prescribed by the SIC;
- (e) Directors and/or persons acting in concert with them not to have acquired and not to acquire any Shares between the date on which they know that the announcement of the proposed renewal of the Share Purchase Mandate is imminent and the earlier of:
 - (1) the date on which the authority of the proposed renewal of the Share Purchase Mandate expires; and
 - (2) the date on which the Company announces it has bought back such number of Shares as authorised by Shareholders at the latest general meeting or it has decided to cease buying back its Shares, as the case may be,if such acquisitions, taken together with the Share purchases, would cause their aggregate voting rights to increase to 30% or more; and
- (f) Directors and/or persons acting in concert with them, together holding between 30% and 50% of the Company's voting rights, not to have acquired and not to acquire any Shares between the date on which they know that the announcement of the proposed renewal of the Share Purchase Mandate is imminent and the earlier of:
 - (1) the date on which the authority of the proposed renewal of the Share Purchase Mandate expires; and
 - (2) the date on which the Company announces it has bought back such number of Shares as authorised by Shareholders at the latest general meeting or it has decided to cease buying back its Shares, as the case may be,if such acquisitions, taken together with the Share purchases, would cause their aggregate voting rights to increase by more than 1% in the preceding six months.

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It follows that where the aggregate voting rights held by a Director and persons acting in concert with him increase by more than 1% solely as a result of the Share purchases and none of them has acquired any Shares during the relevant period defined above, then such Director and/or persons acting in concert with him would be eligible for the SIC's exemption from the requirement to make a general offer under Rule 14, or where such exemption had been granted, would continue to enjoy the exemption.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the aggregate shareholdings and voting rights of the Directors and Substantial Shareholders and in the event of Share Purchases up to the maximum of 10% of the issued share capital of the Company as permitted by the Share Purchase Mandate are as follows:

	Percentage of Shares and voting rights as at the Latest Practicable Date			Percentage of Shares and voting rights after the maximum Share purchases permitted under the Share Purchase Mandate		
	Direct Interest	Deemed Interest	Total Interest	Direct Interest	Deemed Interest	Total Interest
	Number of Shares	Number of Shares	%	Number of Shares	Number of Shares	%
Directors						
Professor Lin Xiang Xiong @ Lin Ye ⁽¹⁾	2,923,800	106,987,500	27.12	2,923,800	106,987,500	30.13
Choo Chee Kong ⁽²⁾	205,000	44,113,700	10.94	205,000	44,113,700	12.15
Lim Kuoh Yang ⁽¹⁾	20,000	109,911,300	27.124	20,000	109,911,300	30.14
Kuan Cheng Tuck	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tan Poh Chye Allan	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gan Siew Lian	-	-	-	-	-	-
Substantial Shareholders (other than Directors)						
Innovation (China) Limited ⁽¹⁾	106,987,500	-	26.40	106,987,500	-	29.33
Messiah Limited ⁽²⁾	44,113,700	-	10.88	44,113,700	-	12.09
Tan Swee Ngin ⁽¹⁾	-	106,987,500	26.40	-	106,987,500	29.33
Lim Sok Cheng Julie ⁽²⁾	-	44,113,700	10.88	-	44,113,700	12.09

Notes:

- (1) Innovation (China) Limited is a private investment holding company incorporated in Hong Kong whose shareholders are Professor Lin Xiang Xiong @ Lin Ye (65%) and his wife, Tan Swee Ngin (35%). Lim Kuoh Yang is the son of Professor Lin Xiang Xiong @ Lin Ye and Tan Swee Ngin. As such, Professor Lin Xiang Xiong @ Lin Ye and Tan Swee Ngin are deemed interested in all the shares held by Innovation (China) Limited by virtue of their respective interests in Innovation (China) Limited and Lim Kuoh Yang is deemed interested in all the shares held by Professor Lin Xiang Xiong @ Lin Ye and Tan Swee Ngin under Section 7 of the Companies Act.
- (2) Messiah Limited is a private investment holding company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands whose shareholders are Choo Chee Kong (51%) and his wife, Lim Sok Cheng Julie (49%). As such, Choo Chee Kong and Lim Sok Cheng Julie are deemed to be interested in all the shares held by Messiah Limited under Section 7 of the Companies Act. The shares of Messiah Limited are registered in the name of Citibank Nominees Singapore Pte Ltd.

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Based on the above illustration, in the event that the Company undertakes Share purchases of up to the maximum limit of 10% of its issued Shares as permitted by the Share Purchase Mandate, the aggregate shareholdings and voting rights of the Directors, Professor Lin Xiang Xiong @ Lin Ye, Choo Chee Kong and Lim Kuoh Yang, and persons acting in concert with them, namely, Innovation (China) Limited, Messiah Limited, Tan Swee Ngin and Lim Sok Cheng Julie (the “**Concert Party Group**”), will increase from approximately 38.06% to 42.28% of the issued and paid-up share capital of the Company. Accordingly, the shareholding of the Concert Party Group would have increased by more than 1% in any six-month period and they would be required to make a general offer under the Take-over Code for the Shares not owned by them.

Shareholders should therefore note that by voting in favour of the resolution to approve the Share Purchase Mandate, they will be waiving their rights to a general offer at the required price from the Concert Party Group, who, as a result of the purchase of Shares by the Company pursuant to the Share Purchase Mandate, would increase their voting rights in the Company by more than 1% in any period of six months.

TOC Appendix 2 requires that the resolution to authorise the Share Purchase Mandate to be approved by a majority of those Shareholders present and voting at the meeting on a poll who could not become obliged to make an offer under the Take-over Code as a result of the Share purchase. Accordingly, the said resolution is proposed to be taken on a poll and the Concert Party Group shall abstain from voting on such resolution. Other than the foregoing, the Directors are not aware of any facts or factors which suggest or imply that any particular person(s) and/or Shareholder(s) are, or may be regarded as parties acting in concert such that their respective interests in voting shares in the capital of the Company should or ought to be consolidated, and consequences under the Take-over Code would ensue as a result of a purchase of Shares by the Company pursuant to the Share Purchase Mandate.

Shareholders who are in any doubt as to whether they would incur any obligation to make a take-over offer as a result of any purchase of Shares by the Company pursuant to the Share Purchase Mandate are advised to consult their professional advisers and/or the SIC and/or other relevant authorities at the earliest opportunity before they acquire any Shares during the period when the Share Purchase Mandate is in force.

11. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Within 30 days of the passing of the Shareholders’ resolution to renew the Share Purchase Mandate, the Directors shall lodge a copy of such resolution with the Registrar of Companies.

The Directors shall lodge with the Registrar of Companies a notice of share purchase within 30 days of a share purchase. Such notification shall include the date of the purchase, the number of Shares purchased by the Company, the number of Shares cancelled, the number of Shares held as treasury shares, the Company’s issued share capital before and after the purchase, the amount of consideration paid by the Company for the purchase, whether the Shares were purchased out of the profit or the capital of the Company, and such other particulars as may be required in the prescribed form.

Within 30 days of the cancellation or disposal of treasury shares in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act, the Directors shall lodge with the Registrar of Companies the notice of cancellation or disposal of treasury shares in the prescribed form.

12. SHARE PURCHASES IN THE PREVIOUS 12 MONTHS

No purchases of Shares have been made by the Company in the 12 months preceding the Latest Practicable Date.

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13. DIRECTORS' AND SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' INTERESTS

The interests of the Directors and Substantial Shareholders in the Shares of the Company as at the Latest Practicable Date are, as follows:

	Direct Interest		Deemed Interest	
	Number of Shares	%	Number of Shares	%
Directors				
Professor Lin Xiang Xiong @ Lin Ye ⁽¹⁾	2,923,800	0.72	106,987,500	26.40
Choo Chee Kong ⁽²⁾	205,000	0.05	44,113,700	10.88
Lim Kuoh Yang ⁽¹⁾	20,000	0.005	109,911,300	27.12
Kuan Cheng Tuck	-	-	-	-
Tan Poh Chye Allan	-	-	-	-
Gan Siew Lian	-	-	-	-
Substantial Shareholders (other than Directors)				
Innovation (China) Limited ⁽¹⁾	106,987,500	26.40	-	-
Messiah Limited ⁽²⁾	44,113,700	10.88	-	-
Tan Swee Ngin ⁽¹⁾	-	-	106,987,500	26.40
Lim Sok Cheng Julie ⁽²⁾	-	-	44,113,700	10.88

Notes:

- (1) Innovation (China) Limited is a private investment holding company incorporated in Hong Kong whose shareholders are Professor Lin Xiang Xiong @ Lin Ye (65%) and his wife, Tan Swee Ngin (35%). Lim Kuoh Yang is the son of Professor Lin Xiang Xiong @ Lin Ye and Tan Swee Ngin. As such, Professor Lin Xiang Xiong @ Lin Ye and Tan Swee Ngin are deemed interested in all the shares held by Innovation (China) Limited by virtue of their respective interests in Innovation (China) Limited and Lim Kuoh Yang is deemed interested in all the shares held by Professor Lin Xiang Xiong @ Lin Ye and Tan Swee Ngin under Section 7 of the Companies Act.
- (2) Messiah Limited is a private investment holding company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands whose shareholders are Choo Chee Kong (51%) and his wife, Lim Sok Cheng Julie (49%). As such, Choo Chee Kong and Lim Sok Cheng Julie are deemed to be interested in all the shares held by Messiah Limited under Section 7 of the Companies Act. The shares of Messiah Limited are registered in the name of Citibank Nominees Singapore Pte Ltd.

None of the Directors or Substantial Shareholders of the Company has any interest, direct or indirect, in the proposed renewal of the Share Purchase Mandate, other than through their respective shareholdings in the Company (if any).

14. ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

Innovation (China) Limited, Messiah Limited, Professor Lin Xiang Xiong @ Lin Ye, Choo Chee Kong, Lim Kuoh Yang, Tan Swee Ngin and Lim Sok Cheng Julie and persons acting in concert with them (if any) will abstain from voting at the AGM in respect of the ordinary Resolution 11 relating to the renewal of the Share Purchase Mandate pursuant to the conditions under TOC Appendix 2 as set out in Section 10.3 of this Circular. They will also decline to accept any appointment as proxy for any Shareholder to vote in respect of such ordinary resolution unless the Shareholder concerned shall have given specific instructions in his Proxy Form as to the manner in which his votes are to be cast in respect of such resolution.

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15. DIRECTORS' RECOMMENDATIONS

Professor Lin Xiang Xiong @ Lin Ye, Choo Chee Kong and Lim Kuoh Yang will abstain from making any recommendations to Shareholders in respect of the ordinary resolution relating to the proposed renewal of the Share Purchase Mandate pursuant to the conditions under TOC Appendix 2 as set out in Section 10.3 of this Circular.

Having fully considered the rationale for the proposed renewal of the Share Purchase Mandate as set out in this Circular, the Board (other than Professor Lin Xiang Xiong @ Lin Ye, Choo Chee Kong and Lim Kuoh Yang) believes that the renewal of the Share Purchase Mandate is in the best interest of the Company and accordingly recommends that Shareholders vote in favour of Resolution 11, being the ordinary resolution relating to the renewal of the Share Purchase Mandate to be tabled at the 2024 AGM.

16. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2024 AGM, notice of which has been made available on SGXNet and the Company's corporate website at <http://www.cnmc.com.hk> together with the Annual Report and this Circular, will be held at 80 Jurong East Street 21, Devan Nair Institute for Employment and Employability, Level 1, Hall 2, Singapore 609607, on 30 April 2024 at 3.00 p.m., for the purpose, *inter alia*, of considering and, if thought fit, passing with or without modifications Resolution 11 as set out in the Notice of AGM.

17. DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

The Board collectively and individually accepts full responsibility for the accuracy of the information given in this Circular and confirm after making all reasonable enquiries, that to the best of their knowledge and belief, this Circular constitutes full and true disclosure of all material facts about the proposed renewal of the Share Purchase Mandate, the Company and its subsidiaries, and the Board is not aware of any facts the omission of which would make any statement in this Circular misleading. Where information in this Circular has been extracted from published or otherwise publicly available sources or obtained from a named source, the sole responsibility of the Board has been to ensure that such information has been accurately and correctly extracted from those sources and/or reproduced in this Circular in its proper form and context.

18. DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION

The following documents are available for inspection at the registered office of the Company at 47 Scotts Road, #03-03 Goldbell Towers, Singapore 228233 during normal business hours from the date of this Circular up to the date of the 2024 AGM:

- (a) the Constitution of the Company; and
- (b) the Annual Report of the Company for the financial year ended 31 December 2023.

Yours faithfully

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors of
CNMC GOLDMINE HOLDINGS LIMITED

Lim Kuoh Yang
Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer