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### SINOFERT HOLDINGS LIMITED

中化化肥控股有限公司\*

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 297)

# PROPOSALS INVOLVING GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE AND BUY BACK SHARES FINAL DIVIDEND RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A notice convening an annual general meeting of Sinofert Holdings Limited to be held at Salon II, Mezzanine Floor, Grand Hyatt Hong Kong, 1 Harbour Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong on 18 June 2019 at 10:00 a.m. is set out on pages 15 to 19 of this circular. Whether or not you are able to attend and vote at the meeting, you are requested to complete the accompanying form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return it to the branch share registrar and transfer office of the Company in Hong Kong, Tricor Secretaries Limited, Level 22, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong, as soon as possible and in any event not later than 48 hours (excluding any part of a day that is a public holiday) before the time appointed for the holding of the meeting or any adjournment thereof. Completion and return of the form of proxy as instructed will not preclude you from subsequently attending and voting at the meeting or any adjourned meeting if you so wish.

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#### **DEFINITIONS**

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

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

at Salon II, Mezzanine Floor, Grand Hyatt Hong Kong, 1 Harbour Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong on 18 June 2019 at 10:00 a.m., the notice of which is set out on pages 15 to 19 of this circular, or any adjournment

thereof

"Board" the board of Directors of the Company

"Bye-law(s)" the bye-law(s) of the Company, as amended, modified

or otherwise supplemented from time to time

"close associate(s)" has the meaning ascribed to it in the Listing Rules

"Company" Sinofert Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in

Bermuda with limited liability, the ordinary shares of

which are listed on the Stock Exchange

"controlling shareholder(s)" has the meaning ascribed to it in the Listing Rules

"core connected person(s)" has the meaning ascribed to it in the Listing Rules

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

"Existing Issue Mandate" a general mandate granted to the Directors at the

annual general meeting of the Company held on 7 June 2018 to allot, issue and deal with Shares of up to 20% of the aggregate nominal amount of Shares in issue as

at that date

"Existing Buy-back Mandate" a general mandate granted to the Directors at the

annual general meeting of the Company held on 7 June 2018 to buy back Shares not exceeding 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of Shares in issue as at that

date

"Group" the Company and its subsidiaries

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

"Hong Kong" the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the

**PRC** 

	DEFINITIONS
"Latest Practicable Date"	10 May 2019, being the latest practicable date prior to the printing of this circular for ascertaining certain information contained herein
"Listing Rules"	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange
"New Issue Mandate"	a general mandate to the Directors to allot, issue and deal with Shares of up to 20% of the aggregate nominal amount of Shares in issue as at the date of passing of the relevant resolution
"New Buy-back Mandate"	a general mandate to the Directors to buy back Shares not exceeding 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of Shares in issue as at the date of passing of the relevant resolution
"PCS Barbados"	PCS (Barbados) Investment Company Limited, a company incorporated in Barbados and a substantial shareholder of the Company
"PRC"	the People's Republic of China, which for the purposes of this circular only, excludes Hong Kong, Macao Special Administrative Region and Taiwan
"RMB"	Renminbi, the lawful currency of the PRC
"SFO"	the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong)
"Share(s)"	ordinary share(s) of HK\$0.10 each in the capital of the Company
"Shareholder(s)"	registered holder(s) of Share(s)
"Sinochem Group"	中國中化集團有限公司 (Sinochem Group Co., Ltd.), a state-owned enterprise established in the PRC and the ultimate controlling shareholder of the Company
"Sinochem HK"	中化香港(集團)有限公司 (Sinochem Hong Kong (Group) Company Limited), a company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability and the immediate controlling shareholder of the Company
"Stock Exchange"	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
"subsidiary(ies)"	has the meaning ascribed to it in the Listing Rules

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"substantial shareholder(s)"	has the meaning ascribed to it in the Listing Rules
"Takeovers Code"	the Codes on Takeovers and Mergers and Share Buy-backs issued by the Securities and Futures Commission
"%"	per cent



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QIN Hengde (Chief Executive Officer)

Harry YANG

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YANG Lin

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LU Xin

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17 May 2019

To the Shareholders

Dear Sir or Madam,

# PROPOSALS INVOLVING GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE AND BUY BACK SHARES FINAL DIVIDEND RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this circular is to provide you with information concerning the resolutions to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting. These include (a) the granting to the Directors of the New Issue Mandate; (b) the granting to the Directors of the New Buy-back Mandate; (c) the extension of the New Issue Mandate to the Directors to allot,

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issue and deal with Shares by adding to it the aggregate number of Shares bought back under the New Buy-back Mandate; (d) approving the payment of final dividend; and (e) approving the re-election of Directors.

#### GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE AND BUY BACK SHARES

At the annual general meeting of the Company held on 7 June 2018, ordinary resolutions were passed by the Shareholders granting to the Directors the Existing Issue Mandate and the Existing Buy-back Mandate.

In accordance with the Listing Rules and the terms of the Existing Issue Mandate and the Existing Buy-back Mandate, the Existing Issue Mandate and the Existing Buy-back Mandate will lapse on the earlier 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 law or the Bye-laws to be held; and (iii) the date on which they are revoked or varied by ordinary resolution of the Shareholders in general meeting.

In order to renew the above mandates, the New Issue Mandate, the New Buy-back Mandate and an extension of the New Issue Mandate by adding to it the aggregate number of Shares bought back under the New Buy-back Mandate (as respectively set out in the resolutions numbered 6, 7 and 8 in the Notice of Annual General Meeting as set out on pages 15 to 19 of this circular) will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting. With respect to the proposed new mandates, the Directors wish to state that they have no immediate plans to allot, issue or buy back any Shares.

An explanatory statement required by the Listing Rules to be sent to the Shareholders in connection with the New Buy-back Mandate is set out in Appendix I to this circular. The explanatory statement contains all information reasonably necessary to enable the Shareholders to make an informed decision on whether to vote for or against the relevant resolution at the Annual General Meeting.

#### FINAL DIVIDEND

The Board has recommended a final dividend of HK\$\$0.0224 per Share for the year ended 31 December 2018 to be paid out of the contributed surplus of the Company subject to the approval of the Shareholders at the Annual General Meeting. It is expected that the relevant dividend will be payable to those entitled on or about 10 July 2019, subject to Shareholders' approval at the Annual General Meeting.

#### RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Pursuant to Bye-law 87(1), at each annual general meeting of the Company, 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 from office by rotation, provided that every Director (including those appointed for a specific term) shall be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years. A retiring Director shall be eligible for re-election and shall continue to act as a Director throughout the meeting at which he retires.

Accordingly, the Directors who will retire by rotation at the Annual General Meeting pursuant to the Bye-laws are Mr. QIN Hengde and Mr. LU Xin. Both of the retiring Directors will offer themselves for re-election at the Annual General Meeting.

Pursuant to code provision A.5.5 of the Corporate Governance Code and Corporate Governance Report in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules, where the board proposes a resolution to elect an individual as an independent non-executive director at the general meeting, it should set out in the circular (among others): (i) the process used for identifying the individual and why the board believes the individual should be elected and the reasons why it considers the individual to be independent; (ii) the perspectives, skills and experience that the individual can bring to the board; and (iii) how the individual contributes to diversity of the board.

In reviewing the structure of the Board, the Nomination Committee of the Company will consider the Board diversity from a number of aspects, including but not limited to gender, age, cultural and educational background, professional experience, skills and knowledge. All Board appointments will be based on meritocracy, and candidates will be considered against criteria including talents, skills and experience as may be necessary for the operation of the Board as a whole, with a view to maintaining a sound balance of the Board's composition.

The Nomination Committee is of the view that Mr. LU Xin has over 26 years of experience in finance, investment and corporate management with extensive knowledge about economic activities of Hong Kong and Mainland China, and is able to devote sufficient time and attention to perform the duties as an Independent Non-executive Director. The re-election of Mr. LU Xin as an Independent Non-executive Director may replenish the professional knowledge of the Board in overall economies, banking and financial related matters. Mr. LU Xin has been serving as an Independent Non-executive Director of the Company since February 2015. During his term of office, Mr. LU Xin has demonstrated his ability to provide an independent view to the Company's matters. As such, on 27 March 2019, the Nomination Committee nominated Mr. LU Xin to the Board for it to recommend to the Shareholders for re-election at the Annual General Meeting.

The Board considers that Mr. LU Xin possesses the basic knowledge of operations of listed companies, is familiar with the relevant laws and regulations, and has the relevant working experiences in economics, finance, management or other experiences necessary for serving as an Independent Non-executive Director. In addition, Mr. LU Xin has declared his independence by submitting an annual written confirmation of independence to the Board pursuant to Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules. The Board believes that Mr. LU Xin is independent from the Company and complies with the independence requirements of Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules.

Biographies of the Directors proposed for re-election at the Annual General Meeting are set out in Appendix II to this circular.

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A notice convening the Annual General Meeting to be held at Salon II, Mezzanine Floor, Grand Hyatt Hong Kong, 1 Harbour Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong on 18 June 2019 at 10:00 a.m. is set out on pages 15 to 19 of this circular. At the Annual General Meeting, all resolutions put to the vote will be decided by way of poll pursuant to Bye-law 66 of the Company.

A form of proxy for the Annual General Meeting is enclosed herewith. Whether or not Shareholders are able to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting, they are requested to complete the enclosed form of proxy and return the same to the branch share registrar and transfer office of the Company in Hong Kong, Tricor Secretaries Limited, Level 22, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong in accordance with the instructions printed thereon as soon as possible and in any event not later than 48 hours (excluding any part of a day that is a public holiday) before the time appointed for the holding of the Annual General Meeting or any adjournment thereof. Completion and return of the form of proxy as instructed will not prevent Shareholders from subsequently attending and voting at the Annual General Meeting or any adjourned meeting if they so wish.

#### CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

For the purpose of determining Shareholders' entitlement to attend the Annual General Meeting, the register of members of the Company will be closed from 13 June 2019 to 18 June 2019, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of Shares will be registered. In order to qualify for attending and voting at the Annual General Meeting, all transfers of Shares accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged for registration with the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Secretaries Limited, Level 22, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong by not later than 4:30 p.m. on 12 June 2019.

For the purpose of determining Shareholders' entitlement to the final dividend, the register of members of the Company will be closed on 24 June 2019, on which date no transfer of Shares will be registered. In order to qualify for the final dividend to be approved at the Annual General Meeting, all transfers of Shares accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged for registration with the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Secretaries Limited, Level 22, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong by not later than 4:30 p.m. on 21 June 2019.

#### RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

This circular, for which the Directors collectively and individually accept full responsibility, includes particulars given in compliance with the Listing Rules for the purpose of giving information with regard to the Company. The Directors, having made all reasonable enquiries, confirm that to the best of their knowledge and belief the information contained in this circular is accurate and complete in all material aspects and not misleading or deceptive, and there are no other matters the omission of which would make any statement herein or this circular misleading.

#### RECOMMENDATION

The Directors consider that the proposed resolutions set out in the notice of the Annual General Meeting are in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole. The Directors therefore recommend Shareholders to vote in favour of all the resolutions.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Your attention is drawn to the additional information set out in the Appendices to this circular.

Yours faithfully,
For and on behalf of the Board
QIN Hengde
Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT ON THE PROPOSED BUY-BACK MANDATE

This explanatory statement contains the particulars required by the Listing Rules to enable Shareholders to make an informed view on whether to vote for or against the resolution to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting in relation to the New Buy-back Mandate.

#### LISTING RULES FOR BUY-BACK OF SHARES

Pursuant to the Listing Rules, companies with primary listing on the Stock Exchange are permitted to buy back their shares on the Stock Exchange subject to certain restrictions.

#### FUNDING OF SHARE BUY-BACKS

Buy-backs of Shares must be funded out of funds legally available for such purpose and in accordance with the Company's constitutive documents and the laws of the jurisdiction in which the Company is incorporated or otherwise established. Bermuda laws provide that funds used for a share buy-back may only be paid out of the capital paid up on the relevant shares, or the funds of the Company that would otherwise be available for dividend or distribution, or the proceeds of a fresh issue of shares made for the purpose. The amount of premium, if any, payable on a buy-back may only be paid out of the funds of the Company that would otherwise be available for dividend or distribution, or out of the share premium account of the Company before the Shares are bought back.

#### SHARE CAPITAL

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the issued ordinary share capital of the Company comprised 7,024,455,733 Shares. Subject to the passing of the resolution granting the New Buy-back Mandate and on the basis that no further Shares are issued or bought back before the Annual General Meeting, the Company would be allowed to buy back a maximum of 702,445,573 Shares during the period ending on the earlier of the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company, or the date by which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required to be held by law or the Bye-laws, or the date on which such authority is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders in general meeting.

#### REASONS FOR SHARE BUY-BACKS

The Directors believe that it is in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole to seek a general authority from Shareholders to enable the Company to buy back its Shares on the Stock Exchange. Such buy-backs may, depending on market conditions and funding arrangements at the time, lead to an enhancement of the net asset value of the Company and/or its earnings per Share and will only be made when the Directors believe that such buy-back will benefit the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

The Directors have no present intention to buy back any Shares and they would only exercise the power to buy back in circumstances where they consider that the buy-back would be in the best interests of the Company. The Directors consider that there would not

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT ON THE PROPOSED BUY-BACK MANDATE

be a material adverse impact on the working capital or gearing position of the Company, as compared with the positions disclosed in the audited consolidated financial statements of the Group contained in the annual report of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2018, in the event that the New Buy-back Mandate were to be exercised in full at any time during the proposed buy-back period. In any event, the Directors do not propose to exercise the New Buy-back Mandate to such an extent as would, in the circumstances, have a material adverse impact on the working capital or gearing positions of the Company which, in the opinion of the Directors, are from time to time appropriate for the Company.

#### SHARE PRICES

The following table shows the highest and lowest prices per Share at which the Shares were traded on the Stock Exchange in each of the last twelve months prior to the Latest Practicable Date.

	Price per	Price per Share	
	Highest	Lowest	
	HK\$	HK\$	
2018			
May	1.07	0.95	
June	1.07	0.92	
July	0.98	0.94	
August	0.99	0.83	
September	1.01	0.90	
October	0.98	0.84	
November	0.93	0.87	
December	0.92	0.88	
2019			
January	0.92	0.86	
February	1.06	0.92	
March	1.08	0.98	
April	1.05	0.97	
May (up to the Latest Practicable Date)	0.98	0.91	

#### **TAKEOVERS CODE**

If as a result of a buy-back of Shares, a Shareholder's proportionate interest in the voting rights of the Company increases, such increase will be treated as an acquisition for the purposes of the Takeovers Code. Accordingly, a Shareholder, or group of Shareholders acting in concert, depending on the level of increase of the Shareholders' interest, could obtain or consolidate control of the Company and may become obliged to make a mandatory offer in accordance with Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code.

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT ON THE PROPOSED BUY-BACK MANDATE

According to the register of interests maintained by the Company under section 336 of the SFO and so far as was known to the Directors, as at the Latest Practicable Date, Sinochem HK and PCS Barbados held 3,698,660,874 Shares and 1,563,312,141 Shares, representing approximately 52.65% and 22.26% of the issued ordinary share capital of the Company respectively. On the basis that no further Shares are issued or bought back after the Latest Practicable Date, in the event that the Directors exercise the New Buy-back Mandate in full, the shareholdings of Sinochem HK and PCS Barbados would be increased to approximately 58.50% and 24.73% of the entire issued ordinary share capital of the Company, respectively. Such increases would not trigger any obligation to make a mandatory offer for Shares under Rule 26.1 of the Takeovers Code. The Directors are not aware of any consequences under the Takeovers Code in the event of a buy-back of Shares pursuant to the New Buy-back Mandate.

#### **GENERAL**

None of the Directors and, to the best of their knowledge having made all reasonable enquiries, none of their close associates has any present intention to sell any Shares to the Company in the event that the New Buy-back Mandate is approved by the Shareholders.

The Directors have undertaken to the Stock Exchange that, so far as the same may be applicable, they will exercise the New Buy-back Mandate in accordance with the Listing Rules and all applicable laws of Bermuda.

No core connected person of the Company has notified the Company that he/she has a present intention to sell any Shares to the Company, or has undertaken not to do so, in the event that the New Buy-back Mandate is approved by the Shareholders.

On the basis that no further Shares are issued or bought back after the Latest Practicable Date, in the event that the Directors exercise the New Buy-back Mandate in full, the aggregate shareholdings of Sinochem HK and PCS Barbados would be increased to approximately 83.23% of the entire issued ordinary share capital of the Company, resulting in less than 25% of the issued Shares being held in public hands. The Directors however do not propose to buy back Shares to such an extent as will result in less than the prescribed minimum percentage of Shares being held by the public.

The Company has not bought back any Shares, whether on the Stock Exchange or otherwise, in the six months preceding the Latest Practicable Date.

# BIOGRAPHIES OF DIRECTORS PROPOSED FOR RE-ELECTION

Set out below are the biographies of Directors proposed for re-election at the Annual General Meeting.

## Mr. QIN Hengde – Executive Director, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of Corporate Governance Committee

Mr. QIN Hengde, aged 49, was appointed as an Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Company in December 2016, in charge of the Company's overall operation. Currently he is also the Chairman of Corporate Governance Committee of the Company, Mr. Oin graduated from the Economic Management Department of East China Institute of Technology with a bachelor's degree in accounting in 1991, from Huazhong University of Science and Technology with a master's degree in industrial engineering in 2002, and obtained an EMBA from China Europe International Business School in 2011. From November 1991 to March 2000, Mr. Qin worked in Hubei Hongqi Cable Factory, holding various positions, including assistant to the director of the finance department, director of the finance department, and deputy chief accountant. From March 2000 to September 2002, Mr. Qin served as the chief accountant of SDIC Yuanyi Industry Co., Ltd., and from September 2002 to July 2004, Mr. Qin was the deputy general manager of the investment management department of D'Long International Strategic Investment Co., Ltd.. Mr. Qin joined Sinochem International Corporation (a company listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange, stock code: 600500) in July 2004, and served successively as the general manager of the business development department, financial controller, vice president, executive vice president and president of the company. From November 2016 to January 2017, Mr. Qin was a director and the non-executive chairman of Halcyon Agri Corporation Ltd. (a company listed on the Singapore Stock Exchange). He was a director of GMG Global Ltd. from September 2008 to November 2016, and the non-executive chairman of the same company from January 2015 to November 2016. Mr. Qin has been an executive director of China National Seed Co., Ltd. (a subsidiary of Sinochem Group) since December 2016, the deputy chairman of the board of directors of Qinghai Salt Lake Industry Co., Ltd. (a company listed on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange, stock code: 000792) since May 2017, and a non-independent director and the chairman of the board of directors of Win-all Hi-tech Seed Co., Ltd. (a company listed on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange, stock code: 300087) since January 2019. Mr. Oin is a senior accountant, and has rich experience in strategy and investment, merger and acquisition management and financial management.

Save as described above, Mr. Qin has no relationship with any Directors, senior management or substantial or controlling Shareholders of the Company, has not held any other position in the Company or any of its subsidiaries, and has not held any directorship in any Hong Kong or overseas listed public companies in the last three years.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Qin did not have any interest in the securities of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Mr. Qin has entered into a director's service contract with the Company for a term of three years, subject to early termination (i) by either party serving a written notice of not less than two months to the other or (ii) by the Company in case of bankruptcy, disease or other significant faults of the Director as described in the service contract. In addition, Mr.

# BIOGRAPHIES OF DIRECTORS PROPOSED FOR RE-ELECTION

Qin is subject to retirement by rotation and is eligible for re-election at annual general meetings of the Company in accordance with the Bye-laws. Currently, Mr. Qin receives from the Company a fixed fee of RMB1,892,900 per annum and housing allowance of not more than HK\$1,200,000 per annum (payable to the extent of accommodation expenses actually incurred by him) pursuant to his service contract. The fee and the housing allowance are determined by, and subject to annual review of, the Remuneration Committee of the Company. As at the Latest Practicable Date, the accommodation expenses actually incurred by Mr. Oin is RMB32,200 per month. Mr. Oin may also receive end-of-year bonus, which will be determined by reference to the operating results of the Group, individual performance and relevant comparable market statistics for the relevant year. According to the service contract, if the Company terminates the service contract with Mr. Oin prior to its expiry other than in circumstances described in (ii) above, Mr. Qin will be entitled to a cash compensation equivalent to 11 months of the annual fixed fee then payable to him. Mr. Oin's remuneration was approved by the Remuneration Committee of the Company and determined with reference to his experience and responsibilities and the prevailing market standards.

Save as described above, the Board is not aware of any matter in relation to Mr. Qin that is required to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules or any other matter that needs to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders in relation to his re-election.

## Mr. LU Xin - Independent Non-executive Director and Chairman of Remuneration Committee

Mr. LU Xin, aged 55, was appointed as an Independent Non-executive Director of the Company in February 2015. Mr. Lu was re-designated from a member to the Chairman of the Remuneration Committee of the Company on 28 March 2018. He is also a member of the Audit Committee and the Nomination Committee of the Company. Mr. Lu graduated from Dongbei University of Finance and Economics in China in 1987 with a bachelor's degree in economics, and has been awarded a master of business administration by the University of South Australia in 2006. Mr. Lu worked for the Ministry of Finance of the PRC from 1987 to 1992, and China Trust and Investment Corporation for Economic Development from 1992 to 1995. Since 1995, Mr. Lu has successively served as the assistant general manager, deputy general manager and managing director of Golden Sino (Holdings) Limited. From 2001 to 2004, Mr. Lu was the executive director and deputy chairman of the Board and the managing director of the Company (formerly known as Wah Tak Fung Holdings Limited). From 2008 to 2010, Mr. Lu was an independent non-executive director of Sino Resources Group Limited, and currently he is an investment consultant of Wai Chun Group Holdings Limited (both companies are listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange). At present, Mr. Lu is also the chairman of the board of directors of World International Consulting Limited. Mr. Lu has over 26 years of experience in finance, investment and corporate management with extensive knowledge about economic activities of Hong Kong and Mainland China.

# BIOGRAPHIES OF DIRECTORS PROPOSED FOR RE-ELECTION

Save as described above, Mr. Lu has no relationship with any Directors, senior management or substantial or controlling Shareholders of the Company, has not held any other position in the Company or any of its subsidiaries, and has not held any directorship in any Hong Kong or overseas listed public companies in the last three years.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Lu was interested in 2,900,000 Shares. Saved as disclosed, Mr. Lu did not have any interest in the securities of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

The Company has issued a formal letter of appointment to Mr. Lu, setting out key terms and conditions of his appointment. It is proposed that the term of office of Mr. Lu will be extended for three years with effect from the date of the Annual General Meeting, upon his successful re-election as an Independent Non-executive Director of the Company. In addition, Mr. Lu is subject to retirement by rotation and is eligible for re-election at annual general meetings of the Company in accordance with the Bye-laws. Mr. Lu will not enter into any director's service contract with the Company but is entitled to a director's fee of HK\$538,000 per annum (comprising a fee of HK\$443,000 for his service as a Director for the year 2019 and an additional remuneration of HK\$95,000 for his position as the Chairman of the Remuneration Committee), which was approved by the Board and determined with reference to his duties and responsibilities.

Save as described above, the Board is not aware of any matter in relation to Mr. Lu that is required to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules or any other matter that needs to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders in relation to his re-election.



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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that an annual general meeting of Sinofert Holdings Limited (the "Company") will be held at Salon II, Mezzanine Floor, Grand Hyatt Hong Kong, 1 Harbour Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong on 18 June 2019 at 10:00 a.m. (or any adjournment thereof) for the following purposes:

#### ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS

- 1. To receive and adopt the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company and the reports of the directors and the auditors of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2018.
- 2. To approve and declare a final dividend for the year ended 31 December 2018 to be paid out of the contributed surplus of the Company.
- 3. (A) To re-elect Mr. QIN Hengde as an executive director of the Company.
  - (B) To re-elect Mr. LU Xin as an independent non-executive director of the Company.
- 4. To authorize the board of directors of the Company to fix the remuneration for all directors.
- 5. To re-appoint KPMG as auditors of the Company to hold office until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company and to authorize the board of directors of the Company to fix their remuneration.
- 6. As special business, to consider and, if thought fit, pass, with or without modifications, the following resolution as an ordinary resolution of the Company:

#### "THAT:

(a) subject to paragraph (c) of this resolution, the exercise by the directors of the Company ("Directors") during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and otherwise deal

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with additional ordinary shares of the Company ("Shares") or securities convertible into Shares, or options, warrants or similar rights to subscribe for Shares or such convertible securities, and to make or grant offers, agreements and options which would or 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 be in addition to any other authorizations given to the Directors and shall authorize the Directors during the Relevant Period to make or grant offers, agreements and options (including bonds, warrants, debentures and other securities convertible into Shares) which would or might require the exercise of such power after the end of the Relevant Period;
- (c) the aggregate nominal amount of the ordinary share capital allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted (whether pursuant to an option or otherwise) and issued by the Directors pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above, otherwise than pursuant to:
  - (i) a Rights Issue (as hereinafter defined);
  - (ii) the exercise of rights of subscription or conversion under the terms of any warrants issued by the Company or any securities which are convertible into Shares:
  - (iii) the exercise of any option granted under any option scheme or similar arrangement for the time being adopted for the grant or issue to officers and/or employees of the Company and/or any of its subsidiaries of Shares or right to acquire Shares; or
  - (iv) any scrip dividend or similar arrangement providing for the allotment of Shares in lieu of the whole or part of a dividend on the Shares in accordance with the bye-laws of the Company from time to time;

shall not exceed 20 per cent. of the aggregate nominal amount of the ordinary share capital of the Company in issue as at the date of passing of this resolution and the said approval shall be limited accordingly;

- (d) subject to the passing of each of paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of this resolution, any prior approvals of the kind referred to in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of this resolution which had been granted to the Directors and which are still in effect be and are hereby revoked; and
- (e) for the purpose of this resolution:

"Relevant Period" means the period from the passing of this resolution until whichever is the earlier 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 law or the bye-laws of the Company to be held; or
- (iii) the date on which the authority given under this resolution is revoked or varied by ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting.

"Rights Issue" means the allotment, issue or grant of Shares or securities convertible into Shares pursuant to an offer open for a period fixed by the Directors to holders of Shares or of such securities or any class thereof on the register on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of Shares or of such securities or class thereof (subject to such exclusion 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, or the requirements of any recognized regulatory body or any stock exchange in, any territory outside Hong Kong)."

7. As special business, to consider and, if thought fit, pass, with or without modifications, the following resolution as an ordinary resolution of the Company:

#### "THAT:

- (a) subject to paragraph (b) of this resolution, the exercise by the directors of Company ("Directors") during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to buy back ordinary shares of the Company ("Shares") on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited or on any other stock exchange on which the Shares may be listed and recognized by the Securities and Futures Commission and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited for this purpose, and subject to and in accordance with all applicable laws and the requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited or of any other stock exchange as amended from time to time, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the aggregate nominal amount of Shares which may be bought back pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) of this resolution shall not exceed 10 per cent. of the aggregate nominal amount of the ordinary share capital of the Company in issue as at the date of passing of this resolution and the said approval shall be limited accordingly;
- (c) subject to the passing of each of paragraphs (a) and (b) of this resolution, any prior approvals of the kind referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this resolution which had been granted to the Directors and which are still in effect be and are hereby revoked; and

- (d) for the purpose of this resolution, "Relevant Period" means the period from the passing of this resolution until whichever is the earlier 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 law or the bye-laws of the Company to be held; or
  - (iii) the date on which the authority given under this resolution is revoked or varied by ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting."
- 8. As special business, to consider and, if thought fit, pass, with or without modifications, the following resolution as an ordinary resolution of the Company:

"THAT, subject to the passing of resolutions numbered 6 and 7 as set out in the notice of this meeting, the general mandate granted to the directors of the Company ("Directors") to exercise the powers of the Company to allot, issue and otherwise deal with ordinary shares of the Company pursuant to the resolution numbered 6 set out in the notice of this meeting be and is hereby extended by the addition to the aggregate nominal amount of the ordinary share capital of the Company which may be allotted by the Directors pursuant to such general mandate, an amount representing the aggregate nominal amount of the ordinary share capital of the Company bought back by the Company under the authority granted pursuant to the resolution numbered 7 set out in the notice of this meeting, provided that such amount shall not exceed 10 per cent. of the aggregate nominal amount of the ordinary share capital of the Company in issue as at the date of passing of this resolution."

For and on behalf of the Board QIN Hengde

Executive Directors and Chief Executive Officer

Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China

17 May 2019

Notes:

- 1. At the annual general meeting, all resolutions put to the vote will be decided by way of poll pursuant to Bye-law 66 of the Company.
- 2. For the purpose of determining shareholders' entitlement to attend the annual general meeting, the register of members of the Company will be closed from 13 June 2019 to 18 June 2019, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of Shares will be registered. In order to qualify for attending and voting at the annual general meeting, all transfers of Shares accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged for registration with the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Secretaries Limited, Level 22, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong by not later than 4:30 p.m. on 12 June 2019.

For the purpose of determining Shareholders' entitlement to the final dividend, the register of members of the Company will be closed on 24 June 2019, on which date no transfer of Shares will be registered. In order to qualify for the final dividend to be approved at the Annual General Meeting, all transfers of Shares accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged for registration with the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Secretaries Limited, Level 22, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong by not later than 4:30 p.m. on 21 June 2019.

- Any member of the Company entitled to attend and vote at the meeting is entitled to appoint one or more
  proxies to attend and vote on his behalf. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.
- 4. 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 notarially certified copy of that power or authority, must be deposited at the branch share registrar and transfer office of the Company in Hong Kong, Tricor Secretaries Limited, Level 22, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong, as soon as possible and in any event not later than 48 hours (excluding any part of a day that is a public holiday) before the time appointed for the holding of the meeting or any adjournment thereof.
- 5. Where there are joint holders of any Share of the Company, any one of such holders may vote at the meeting, either personally or by proxy, in respect of such Share as if he were solely entitled thereto, but if more than one of such holders be present at the meeting personally or by proxy, that one of such holders so present whose name stands first on the register of members of the Company in respect of such Share shall alone be entitled to vote in respect thereof.
- 6. The biographies of the directors proposed for re-election are set out in Appendix II of the circular of which this notice forms part.
- 7. As at the date of this notice, the executive directors of the Company are Mr. Qin Hengde (Chief Executive Officer) and Mr. Harry Yang; the non-executive director of the Company is Mr. Yang Lin; and the independent non-executive directors of the Company are Mr. Ko Ming Tung, Edward, Mr. Lu Xin and Mr. Tse Hau Yin, Aloysius.
- 8. If Typhoon Signal No. 8 or above, or a "black" rainstorm warning is in effect any time after 7:00 a.m. on the date of the above meeting, the meeting will be postponed. The Company will post an announcement on the website of the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited and website of the Company to notify shareholders of the date, time and place of the rescheduled meeting.