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**HUA LIEN INTERNATIONAL (HOLDING) COMPANY LIMITED**

**華聯國際（控股）有限公司\***

*(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)*

**(Stock Code: 969)**

**GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE SHARES  
AND TO REPURCHASE SHARES,  
EXTENSION OF GENERAL MANDATE TO ISSUE SHARES,  
RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS  
AND  
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

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Resolutions will be proposed at the annual general meeting (the “AGM”) of Hua Lien International (Holding) Company Limited to be held at Room 901-905, China Insurance Group Building, 141 Des Voeux Road Central, Central, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, 29 June 2021 at 10:30 a.m. to approve the matters referred to in this circular. A notice convening the AGM is set out on pages 16 to 19 of this circular. Whether or not you are able to attend the AGM in person, you are requested to complete the form of proxy enclosed with this circular in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return it to the Company’s Hong Kong branch share registrar and transfer office, Union Registrars Limited, at Suites 3301-04, 33/F., Two Chinachem Exchange Square, 338 King’s Road, North Point, Hong Kong as soon as possible and in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the AGM or any adjournment thereof. Completion and delivery of the form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting in person at the AGM or any adjournment thereof should you so wish.

26 May 2021

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## PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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In view of the ongoing Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) epidemic and recent requirements for prevention and control of its spread, the Company will implement the following preventive measures at the AGM to protect attending Shareholders, staff and other stakeholders from the risk of infection:

- (i) Compulsory body temperature checks will be conducted on every Shareholder, proxy and other attendee at the entrance of the AGM venue. Any person with a body temperature of over 37.4 degrees Celsius or any person wearing an electronic tracking wristband under quarantine order may be denied entry into the AGM venue or be required to leave the AGM venue.
- (ii) Attendees are required to wear surgical face masks inside the AGM venue at all times, and to maintain a safe distance between seats.
- (iii) No refreshments will be served, and there will be no corporate gifts.

To the extent permitted under law, the Company reserves the right to deny entry into the AGM venue or require any person to leave the AGM venue in order to ensure the safety of the attendees at the AGM.

In the interest of all stakeholders' health and safety and consistent with recent COVID-19 guidelines for prevention and control, the Company reminds all Shareholders that physical attendance in person at the AGM is not necessary for the purpose of exercising voting rights. As an alternative, by using forms of proxy with voting instructions inserted, Shareholders may appoint the chairman of the AGM as their proxy to vote on the relevant resolutions at the AGM instead of attending the AGM in person.

The form of proxy is attached to this circular for Shareholders. If you are not a registered Shareholder (if your Shares are held via banks, brokers, custodians or Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited), you should consult directly with your banks or brokers or custodians (as the case may be) to assist you in the appointment of proxy.

If Shareholders have any questions relating to the AGM, please contact Union Registrars Limited, the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar and transfer office as follows:

Union Registrars Limited  
Suites 3301-04, 33/F.  
Two Chinachem Exchange Square  
338 King's Road, North Point, Hong Kong  
Tel. No.: (852) 2849 3399  
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## DEFINITIONS

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

“AGM”	the annual general meeting of the Company to be held at Room 901-905, China Insurance Group Building, 141 Des Voeux Road Central, Central, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, 29 June 2021 at 10:30 a.m. to consider and, if appropriate, to approve the resolutions as set out in the notice of the meeting which is set out on pages 16 to 19 of this circular or any adjournment thereof;
“Articles of Association”	the articles of association of the Company as amended from time to time;
“Board”	the board of Directors;
“Company”	Hua Lien International (Holding) Company Limited, a company incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability and the shares of which are listed on the Stock Exchange;
“Director(s)”	director(s) of the Company;
“Group”	the Company and its subsidiaries;
“HK\$”	Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong;
“Hong Kong”	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC;
“Issue Mandate”	the proposed issue mandate to be granted to the Directors to allot, issue and deal with Shares not exceeding 20% of the total number of Shares in issue as at the date of resolution approving this issue mandate;
“Latest Practicable Date”	21 May 2021, being the latest practicable date prior to the printing of this circular;
“Listing Rules”	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange;
“PRC”	the People’s Republic of China;

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“Repurchase Mandate”	the proposed mandate to be granted to the Directors at the AGM to exercise the power of the Company to repurchase Shares up to a maximum of 10% of the total number of the Shares in issue as at the date of the resolution approving this repurchase mandate;
“SFO”	the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong);
“Share(s)”	ordinary share(s) of HK\$0.10 each in the share capital of the Company;
“Shareholder(s)”	holder(s) of Share(s);
“Stock Exchange”	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited;
“Takeovers Code”	The Codes on Takeovers and Mergers and Share Buy-backs of Hong Kong approved by the Securities and Futures Commission as amended from time to time; and
“%”	per cent.

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LETTER FROM THE BOARD

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*Executive Directors:*

Mr. LIU Xueyi  
Mr. HAN Hong  
Mr. WANG Zhaohui

*Non-executive Directors:*

Ms. LIU Yan (*Chairman*)  
Mr. ZHANG Jian

*Independent Non-executive Directors:*

Mr. CHENG Tai Kwan Sunny  
Mr. SHI Zhu  
Dr. LU Heng Henry

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Central,  
Hong Kong

26 May 2021

*To the Shareholders*

Dear Sir or Madam,

**GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE SHARES  
AND TO REPURCHASE SHARES,  
EXTENSION OF GENERAL MANDATE TO ISSUE SHARES,  
RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS  
AND  
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this circular is to provide the Shareholders with information in respect of the resolutions to be proposed at the AGM for (i) the granting of the Issue Mandate and the Repurchase Mandate to the Directors; (ii) the extension of the Issue Mandate by adding to it the total number of the Shares in issue repurchased by the Company under the Repurchase Mandate; (iii) the re-election of retiring Directors; and (iv) give you the notice of the AGM.

*\* For identification purpose only*

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### PROPOSED GRANTING OF THE ISSUE AND THE REPURCHASE MANDATES

Ordinary resolutions will be proposed at the AGM to approve:

- (a) the granting to the Directors the Issue Mandate to allot, issue and otherwise deal with Shares not exceeding 438,236,000 Shares, being 20% of the total number of the Shares in issue as at the Latest Practicable Date, assuming no further Share will be issued or repurchased after the Latest Practicable Date and up to the date of passing such resolution;
- (b) the granting to the Directors the Repurchase Mandate to repurchase not exceeding 10% of the total number of Shares in issue as at the date of passing of such resolution; and
- (c) the granting to the Directors a general mandate to extend the Issue Mandate representing the total number of Shares repurchased by the Company pursuant to and in accordance with the Repurchase Mandate (if granted to the Directors at the AGM) during the period from the date of the AGM up to the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company.

These general mandates will remain in effect until whichever is the earliest of (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company; (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required to be held by the Articles of Association or any applicable laws of the Cayman Islands; and (iii) the date upon which such authority is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders in a general meeting of the Company. The Directors wish to state that they have no present intention to repurchase any Shares or issue any new Shares in the event that these general mandates are approved.

An explanatory statement contains all the information as required pursuant to the Rule 10.06(1)(b) of the Listing Rules, giving certain information regarding the Repurchase Mandate, is set out in Appendix I to this circular.

### RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS

In relation to the ordinary resolution numbered 2 in the notice of AGM regarding the re-election of retiring Directors, Mr. Liu Xueyi, Mr. Han Hong and Mr. Shi Zhu, who shall retire as Directors by rotation at the AGM pursuant to Article 116 of the Articles of Association and, being eligible, will offer themselves for re-election. Biographical details of the retiring Directors are set out in Appendix II to this circular.

The nomination committee has reviewed the structure and composition of the Board, the confirmations and disclosures given by the Directors, the qualifications, skills and experience, time commitment and contribution of the Directors with reference to the nomination principles and criteria set out in the Company's board diversity policy and director nomination policy, as well as the Company's corporate strategy, and the independence of all independent non-executive Directors. The nomination committee has recommended to the Board on re-election of all the above-mentioned Directors, who are due to retire at the AGM.

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Mr. Shi Zhu (“**Mr. Shi**”), the independent non-executive Director, who will offer himself for re-election at the AGM, has demonstrated his ability to provide an independent view to the Company’s matters during his years of appointment. The Board is of the view that Mr. Shi meets the independence guidelines set out in Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules based on reviewing his annual written confirmation of independence to the Company that he is independent in accordance with the terms of the guidelines. In addition, the Board is of the view that he has provided valuable contributions to the Company and has demonstrated his abilities to provide independent balanced and objective view to the Company’s affairs.

In proposing Mr. Shi to be re-elected as an independent non-executive Director at the AGM, the Board has considered, among others, the valuable business experience, knowledge and professionalism of Mr. Shi, as further described in details in Appendix II to this circular.

With his unique background, the Board considers that Mr. Shi is a highly valued and respected member of the Board, and can contribute to the diversity of the Board, in particular, with his strong and diversified educational background and professional experience in his expertise, including his in-depth knowledge in commercial and general management investment and investment consultancy.

In view of his integrity, extensive knowledge and experience, the Company recommends Mr. Shi to be re-elected and considers the election of Mr. Shi as an independent non-executive Director will promote the diversity of the Board.

Biographical information of the Directors proposed for re-election at the AGM are set out in Appendix II to this circular.

### **DEMAND FOR POLL AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Pursuant to Article 80 of the Articles of Association, at any general meeting, a resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided on a show of hands unless voting by way of a poll is required by the Listing Rules or a poll (before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands or on the withdrawal of any other demand for a poll) is duly demanded:

- (a) by the chairman of the meeting; or
- (b) by at least five Shareholders present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote; or
- (c) by any Shareholder or Shareholders present in person or by proxy and representing in the aggregate not less than one-tenth of the total voting rights of all Shareholders having the right to attend and vote at the meeting; or

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- (d) by any Shareholder or Shareholders present in person or by proxy and holding Shares conferring a right to attend and vote at the meeting on which there have been paid up sums in the aggregate equal to not less than one-tenth of the total sum paid up on all Shares conferring that right; or
- (e) if required by the Listing Rules, by the chairman of such meeting and/or any Director or Directors who, individually or collectively, hold proxies in respect of Shares representing 5% or more of the total voting rights of all Shareholders having right to vote at such meeting.

Unless a poll is so required or demanded and, in the latter case, not withdrawn, the chairman of the meeting should indicate to the meeting of the Company the level of proxies lodged on each resolution and the balance for and against the resolution, after it has been dealt with on a show of hands.

Pursuant to Rule 13.39(4) of the Listing Rules, any resolution put to the vote at a general meeting must be taken by poll except where the chairman, in good faith, decides to allow a resolution which relates purely to a procedural or administrative matter to be voted on by a show of hands. Therefore, the chairman of the AGM will exercise his right pursuant to Article 80 of the Articles of Association to demand poll voting on all the resolutions as set out in the notice of the AGM. An announcement on the poll vote results will be made by the Company after the AGM in the manner prescribed under Rule 13.39(5) of the Listing Rules.

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The notice of AGM is set out on pages 16 to 19 of this circular.

There is enclosed a form of proxy for use at the AGM and such form of proxy is also published on the websites of the Stock Exchange and the Company. At the AGM, resolutions will be proposed to approve, inter alia, the granting of the Issue Mandate and Repurchase Mandate, the extension of the Issue Mandate by the addition thereto of the number of Shares repurchased pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate and the re-election of retiring Directors.

Whether or not you are able to attend the AGM in person, you are requested to complete the form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return it to the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar and transfer office, Union Registrars Limited, at Suites 3301-04, 33/F., Two Chinachem Exchange Square, 338 King's Road, North Point, Hong Kong as soon as possible and in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the AGM or any adjournment thereof. Completion and delivery of the form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting at the AGM or any adjournment thereof should you so wish.

In order to qualify for attending and voting at the AGM, all transfers accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar and transfer office, Union Registrars Limited at Suites 3301-04, 33/F., Two Chinachem Exchange Square, 338 King's Road, North Point, Hong Kong, for registration no later than 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 23 June 2021.



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### 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 respects 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 Issue Mandate, the Repurchase Mandate, the extension of the Issue Mandate and the re-election of the retiring Directors are in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole. The Directors therefore recommend you to vote in favour of the resolutions at the AGM.

Yours faithfully,  
For and on behalf of the Board of  
**Hua Lien International (Holding) Company Limited**  
**Liu Yan**  
*Chairman*

*The following explanatory statement contains all the information required pursuant to Rule 10.06(1) (b) of the Listing Rules to be given to all Shareholders relating to the resolution to be proposed at the AGM authorising the Repurchase Mandate.*

### **1. EXERCISE OF THE REPURCHASE MANDATE**

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the issued ordinary share capital of the Company comprised 2,191,180,000 Shares. Subject to the passing of the ordinary resolution approving the Repurchase Mandate and on the basis that no further Shares will be issued or repurchased after the Latest Practicable Date and up to the date of passing of such resolution, the Directors would be authorised to repurchase up to 219,118,000 Shares (being 10% of the total number of the Shares in issue) during the period from the date of the passing such resolution up to the conclusion of the next annual general meeting in 2022 or the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by law to be held or the revocation or variation of the Repurchase Mandate by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders in a general meeting of the Company, whichever occurs first.

### **2. REASON FOR REPURCHASES**

The Directors have no present intention to repurchase any Shares but consider that the mandate will provide the Company the flexibility to make such repurchases when appropriate and beneficial to the Company and the Shareholders as a whole. Such repurchases may, depending on market conditions and funding arrangements at the time, lead to an enhancement of the value of the net assets and/or earnings per Share and will be made only when the Directors believe that such repurchases will benefit the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

### **3. IMPACT OF REPURCHASES**

As compared with the financial position of the Company as disclosed in its most recent published audited consolidated accounts as at 31 December 2020, the Directors consider that there might be a material adverse impact on the working capital and gearing position of the Company in the event that the Repurchase Mandate was to be exercised in full at any time during the proposed purchase period. The Directors do not propose to exercise the Repurchase Mandate to such an extent as would, in the circumstances, have a material adverse effect on the working capital or gearing position of the Company.

**4. FUNDING OF REPURCHASES**

The Directors recognized that the repurchase of Shares must be made out of the funds legally available for such purpose in accordance with the memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company, the applicable laws of the Cayman Islands and Hong Kong and the Listing Rules. The Companies Laws (2004 Revision) of the Cayman Islands (the “**Laws**”) provide that a share repurchase by the Company may only be made out of profits of the Company or out of the proceeds of a fresh issue of shares made for the purpose or, if so authorised by the Articles of Association and subject to the provisions of the Laws, out of capital of the Company. Any premium payable on a repurchase over the par value of the Shares repurchased or conditionally or unconditionally to be purchased must be provided for out of profits of the Company or out of the Company’s share premium account or, if so authorised by the Articles of Association and subject to the provisions of the Laws, out of capital.

**5. DIRECTORS, THEIR CLOSE ASSOCIATES AND CORE CONNECTED PERSONS**

None of the Directors nor, to the best of their knowledge having made all reasonable enquiries, any of their respective close associates (as defined in the Listing Rules), has any present intention, in the event that the proposed Repurchase Mandate is approved by the Shareholders, to sell Shares to the Company or its subsidiaries.

No core connected person (as defined in the Listing Rules) of the Company has notified the Company of a present intention to sell Shares to the Company or its subsidiaries, or has undertaken not to do so in the event that the proposed Repurchase Mandate is approved by the Shareholders.

The Directors have undertaken to the Stock Exchange that they will exercise the power of the Company to make repurchases of its Shares pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate and in accordance with the Listing Rules and all applicable laws of the Cayman Islands, and in accordance with the regulations set out in the memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company.

**6. EFFECT OF TAKEOVERS CODE**

If on exercise of the power to repurchase Shares pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate, a Shareholder’s proportionate interest in the voting rights of the Company increases, such an increase will be treated as an acquisition for the purpose of Rule 32 of the Takeovers Code. Accordingly, a Shareholder or a group of Shareholders acting in concert could obtain or consolidate control of the Company and become obliged to make a mandatory offer in accordance with Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, so far as the Directors are aware, the shareholding of the substantial Shareholders would be as follows:

Name	Number of Shares	Approximate percentage of the total number of the Shares in issue as at the Latest Practicable Date	Approximate percentage of the total number of the Shares in issue upon full exercise of Repurchase Mandate
COMPLANT International Sugar Industry Co., Ltd. ("Complant Sugar") (Note 1)	300,000,000	13.69%	15.21%
China National Complete Plant Import & Export Group Corporation Limited ("China Complant") (Note 1)	1,100,000,000	50.20%	55.78%
State Development & Investment Corp. Ltd. ("SDIC") (Note 1)	1,100,000,000	50.20%	55.78%
State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the State Council (Note 1)	1,100,000,000	50.20%	55.78%
Xinjiang Botai Energy Company Limited ("Xinjiang Botai") (Note 2)	300,000,000	13.69%	15.21%
Zeng Wei (Note 2)	300,000,000	13.69%	15.21%
Hollyview International Limited ("Hollyview") (Note 3)	212,495,083	9.70%	10.78%
Hu Yebi (Note 3)	215,943,083	9.86%	10.95%
Li Ling Xiu (Note 3)	215,943,083	9.86%	10.95%

The above are calculated based on the total number of Shares in issue of 2,191,180,000 Shares as at the Latest Practicable Date.

*Notes :*

1. Besides these 300,000,000 Shares, Complant Sugar also holds convertible notes of principal amount of HK\$533,700,000 convertible into 889,500,000 Shares during its conversion period (the “**Outstanding Convertible Note**”) which were charged in favour of China Complant on 21st January 2019. Xinjiang Botai charged 40% shares of Complant Sugar in favour of China Complant on 21st January 2019. The Outstanding Convertible Note has matured on 27th February 2019 and it was an amount payable on demand with Complant Sugar as at the Latest Practicable Date. China Complant, which beneficially owns 800,000,000 Shares, is deemed to be interested in the Shares held by Complant Sugar by virtue of the SFO. State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the State Council wholly owns SDIC which wholly owns China Complant. Each of State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the State Council and SDIC is deemed to be interested in the Shares interested by China Complant by virtue of the SFO.
2. Mr. Zeng Wei holds 70% shares in Xinjiang Botai which holds 40% shares in Complant Sugar. Mr. Zeng Wei and Xinjiang Botai are deemed to be interested in the 300,000,000 Shares and the Outstanding Convertible Note by virtue of the SFO. Xinjiang Botai charged its 40% interest in Complant Sugar to China Complant.
3. Mr. Hu Yebi and Ms. Li Ling Xiu are deemed to be interested in 215,943,083 Shares. Hollyview is beneficially and wholly owned by Mr. Hu Yebi and so Mr. Hu Yebi is deemed to be interested in the 212,495,083 Shares held by Hollyview by virtue of the SFO. Mr. Hu Yebi is also deemed to be interested in the Shares held by Ms. Li Ling Xiu, his spouse, by virtue of the SFO. Among these 215,943,083 Shares, 3,448,000 Shares are beneficially owned by Ms. Li Ling Xiu.

On the basis of the shareholding held by the Shareholders named above and assuming no conversion of the convertible notes, an exercise of the Repurchase Mandate in full would not result in any Shareholder, or group of Shareholders acting in concert, becoming obliged to make a mandatory offer under Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code. Moreover, in any event, the Directors do not intend to exercise the Repurchase Mandate to an extent which will trigger off the mandatory offer requirement pursuant to the rules of the Takeovers Code or which will reduce the total number of the Shares in issue in public hands to below 25%.

**7. SHARE REPURCHASE MADE BY THE COMPANY**

The Company has not repurchased any of its Shares during the six months period preceding the Latest Practicable Date.

## 8. SHARE PRICES

During each of the previous twelve months preceding the Latest Practicable Date, the highest and lowest prices at which the Shares were traded on the Stock Exchange were as follows:

Months	Price per Share	
	Highest <i>HK\$</i>	Lowest <i>HK\$</i>
<b>2020</b>		
May	0.077	0.054
June	0.072	0.053
July	0.084	0.055
August	0.064	0.050
September	0.055	0.040
October	0.060	0.048
November	0.066	0.048
December	0.059	0.040
<b>2021</b>		
January	0.057	0.040
February	0.078	0.046
March	0.085	0.046
April	0.068	0.043
May*	0.054	0.043

\* Up to and including the Latest Practicable Date

*The following are the particulars of the Directors who will retire from their office at the AGM pursuant to the Articles of Association and, being eligible, have offered themselves for re-elections.*

**Mr. Liu Xueyi** (“**Mr. Liu**”), aged 65, was appointed as executive Director in January 2014 and served as the chairman of the Board from in January 2014 to December 2017. Mr. Liu holds a Bachelor of Engineering in Salt Manufacturing Machinery from Tianjin University of Science & Technology. Mr. Liu is qualified as a senior engineer conferred by China Development Bank. Mr. Liu has accumulated more than 38 years of experience in project planning and corporate management from various corporations. Mr. Liu joined SDIC to work for its various affiliated companies when restructuring of the former six state investment corporations (including the State Electromechanical Textile Investment Corporation) formed SDIC in May 1995. Mr. Liu began his career at Ministry of Light Industry of People’s Republic of China and was the cadre of Ministry of Light Industry of People’s Republic of China from July 1982 to August 1990. Mr. Liu was the deputy division chief of State Electromechanical Textile Investment Corporation from August 1990 to December 1993, the general manager of Hainan Zhonghai Industrial Investment Co., Ltd. from January 1994 to December 1997, the chairman of the Board and general manager of Shenzhen Xianke Electron Co., Ltd. and Shenzhen Publishing Co., Ltd. from January 1998 to July 2001, the general manager of SDIC Electron Co., Ltd. from July 2001 to October 2002, the general manager of SDIC High-tech Investment Co., Ltd. (previously known as SDIC Venture Capital Co., Ltd.) from October 2002 to August 2006 and the president assistant of SDIC since August 2006. Mr. Liu was concurrently the chairman of the board of SDIC Zhonglu Fruit Juice Co., Ltd. (a company listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange, Stock Code: 600962) from June 2004 to April 2010. Mr. Liu was appointed as the director and chairman of board of China Complant, a controlling shareholder of the Company, from July 2012 to July 2016. Under China Complant group, Mr. Liu was served as the director and chairman of the board of China National Complete Plant Import & Export Corporation Limited (a company listed on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange, Stock Code: 000151) from April 2013 to August 2016 and as the director of Complant Sugar, a substantial shareholder of the Company, from November 2013 to April 2015.

There is no service contract entered into between Mr. Liu and the Company. Mr. Liu is not appointed for a specific term but is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association. Mr. Liu is not entitled to emolument in his capacity as executive Director.

**Mr. Han Hong** (“**Mr. Han**”), aged 57, was appointed as executive Director in May 2009. Mr. Han is also the director of Pan Caribbean Sugar Company Limited (a 70% owned subsidiary of the Company) since June 2013. Mr. Han holds a Bachelor of Engineering from Anhui Institute of Technology majored in Mechanical Technology and Equipment. Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation of the People’s Republic of China granted Mr. Han the title of senior engineer in International Commercial Project in December 1996. Mr. Han has over 37 years’ experience in project engineering, investment and general management. Mr. Han began his career at China Complant as a project manager in Spare Parts Department in August 1984. Later, Mr. Han promoted as the deputy division chief in China Complant from January 1993 to November 1994. After, Mr. Han seconded to Zina Enterprise (PVT) Ltd. in Zimbabwe, a subsidiary of China Complant, as the managing director from November 1994 to January 1998. Thereafter, Mr. Han transferred back to China Complant as the general manager in Investment Management Department from April 1998 to November 2007 and also appointed as the chairman of Yunnan Yuanjiang Ever Green Biology (Group) Co., Ltd., a subsidiary of China Complant, from March 2000 to January 2004. Mr. Han was also appointed as director of Complant Sugar since September 2012 and as director and vice president of China Complant since March 2013.

There is no service contract entered into between Mr. Han and the Company. Mr. Han is not appointed for a specific term but is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association. Mr. Han is not entitled to emolument in his capacity as executive Director and director of a subsidiary of the Company.



**Mr. Shi Zhu** (“**Mr. Shi**”), aged 53, was appointed as independent non-executive Director, chairman of remuneration committee and members of audit committee and nomination committee of the Company in December 2017. Mr. Shi obtained his first degree in Bachelor of Arts, majoring in English, from the Anhui Fuyang Teacher’s University in the PRC in July 1989 and his second degree in Bachelor of law, majoring in Journalism, from the Communication University of China in July 1993. Mr. Shi worked at the Ministry of Commerce of the PRC for over 15 years. From November 1993 to May 2000, Mr. Shi served various positions including front-page editor as well as deputy chief editor and chief editor of the English version of International Business Monthly under International Business Daily, a publishing entity under the Ministry of Commerce of the PRC. Mr. Shi was appointed by the Ministry of Commerce of the PRC to work at the Embassy of the PRC in New Zealand where he acted as the Commercial Consul and was in charge of economic and commercial affairs from June 2000 to December 2000 and Mr. Shi subsequently returned to International Business Daily and served various positions including chief editor of Important News, director of general office, chief editor of China-ASEAN Business Week, chief editor of Features from January 2001 to February 2008. After that, Mr. Shi migrated to Hong Kong under the Quality Migrant Admission Scheme in February 2008. Mr. Shi was the director of BOCHK Wealth Achieve Fund Series SPC, a serial investment fund company wholly owned by BOCHK Asset Management Limited from May 2017 to January 2021. Mr. Shi was also the director and general manager of Shenzhen Sanhong Asset Management Limited, a private equity company incorporated in the PRC which principally engaged in equity investment and supply chain finance in the PRC and South East Asia, from September 2015 to January 2021. In addition, Mr. Shi is a director of Joyful Capital Limited, a company incorporated in Hong Kong which principally engaged in investment and investment consultancy in Hong Kong and the PRC, since May 2008.

Mr. Shi has executed a service contract as an independent non-executive Director with the Company for an initial fixed term of three years commencing from December 2017 and the service contract shall continue unless and until terminated by not less than three months’ notice in writing served by either party to another. Mr. Shi is also subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years at the annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the Listing Rules and the Articles of Association. Pursuant to his service contract with the Company, Mr. Shi is entitled to receive an annual directors’ fee of HK\$80,000. The emoluments of Mr. Shi are determined by the Board with reference to his duties and responsibilities with the Company and are subject to review by the remuneration committee from time to time with reference to the Company’s performance and profitability, as well as remuneration benchmark in the industry and the prevailing market condition.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Liu, Mr. Han and Mr. Shi, did not (i) hold any directorships in other public companies the securities of which are listed on any security market in Hong Kong or overseas in the last three years; (ii) hold any other position in the Group; (iii) have any relationship with any Directors, senior management or substantial or controlling Shareholders; and (iv) hold any other major appointment or professional qualification. As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Liu, Mr. Han and Mr. Shi do not have any interests in the Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, there is no information to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules or any other matter concerning Mr. Liu, Mr. Han and Mr. Shi that needs to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

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### HUA LIEN INTERNATIONAL (HOLDING) COMPANY LIMITED

華聯國際（控股）有限公司\*

*(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)*

(Stock Code: 969)

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the annual general meeting (the “AGM”) of Hua Lien International (Holding) Company Limited (the “Company”) will be held at Room 901-905, China Insurance Group Building, 141 Des Voeux Road Central, Central, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, 29 June 2021 at 10:30 a.m. for the following purposes:

#### ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS

1. To receive and consider the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries and the reports of the directors and the auditor of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2020.
2.
  - (a) To re-elect Mr. Liu Xueyi as an executive director of the Company.
  - (b) To re-elect Mr. Han Hong as an executive director of the Company.
  - (c) To re-elect Mr. Shi Zhu as an independent non-executive director of the Company.
  - (d) To authorise the board of directors of the Company to fix the remuneration of the directors of the Company.
3. To re-appoint BDO Limited as the auditor of the Company to hold office until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Company, and to authorise the directors of the Company to fix its remuneration.

As special business, to consider, and if thought fit, pass the following resolutions as ordinary resolutions:

4. **“THAT**
  - (a) subject to paragraph (c) below, the exercise by the directors of the Company during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with additional shares in the capital of the Company and to make or grant offers, agreements and options which might require the exercise of such power be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;

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- (b) the approval in paragraph (a) above shall authorize the directors of the Company during the Relevant Period to make or grant offers, agreements and options which might require the exercise of such power after the end of the Relevant Period;
- (c) the total number of shares of the Company allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted (whether pursuant to an option or otherwise) by the directors of the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above, otherwise than pursuant to (i) a Rights Issue (as hereinafter defined) or (ii) the exercise of the subscription or conversion rights attaching to any warrants, convertible notes or other securities issued by the Company which are convertible into shares of the Company or (iii) any share option scheme or similar arrangement for the time being adopted for grant or issue to the eligible participants of the shares or rights to acquire shares in the capital of the Company or (iv) an issue of shares as scrip dividends pursuant to the memorandum and articles of association of the Company from time to time, shall not exceed 20% of the total number of the shares of the Company in issue as at the date of this resolution and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and
- (d) for the purposes of this resolution:—

“Relevant Period” means the period from the passing of this resolution until whichever is the earliest of:—

- (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
- (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the memorandum and articles of association of the Company or any applicable law of the Cayman Islands to be held; and
- (iii) the revocation or variation of this resolution by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting.

“Rights Issue” means an offer of shares open for a period fixed by the directors of the Company to holders of shares on the register on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of such shares (subject to such exclusion or other arrangements as the directors of the Company may deem necessary or expedient in relation to fractional entitlements or having regard to any restrictions or obligations under the law of, or the requirements of any recognized regulatory body or any stock exchange in any territory applicable to the Company).”

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5. “**THAT**

- (a) the exercise by the directors of the Company during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all powers of the Company to purchase its own shares, subject to and in accordance with all applicable laws, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the total number of shares of the Company purchased by the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above during the Relevant Period shall not exceed 10% of the total number of shares of the Company in issue as at the date of this resolution and the said approval be limited accordingly; and
- (c) for the purposes of this resolution:—

“Relevant Period” means the period from the passing of this resolution until whichever is the earliest of:—

- (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
- (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the memorandum and articles of association of the Company or any applicable law of the Cayman Islands to be held; and
- (iii) the revocation or variation of this resolution by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting.”

6. “**THAT**

conditional upon resolution nos. 4 and 5 above being passed, the total number of shares of the Company which are repurchased by the Company under the authority granted to the Directors as mentioned in resolution no. 5 above shall be added to the total number of shares that may be allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted by the directors of the Company pursuant to resolution no. 4 above.”

For and on behalf of the Board of  
**Hua Lien International (Holding) Company Limited**

**Liu Yan**  
*Chairman*

Hong Kong, 26 May 2021

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*Principal Place of Business in Hong Kong:*  
Room 1701, 17/F., World-wide House,  
19 Des Voeux Road Central,  
Central,  
Hong Kong

*Registered Office:*  
P.O. Box 309  
Ugland House  
South Church Street  
George Town  
Grand Cayman  
Cayman Islands  
British West Indies

*Notes:—*

- (1) A member entitled to attend and vote at the AGM convened by the above notice is entitled to appoint proxies to attend and, in the event of a poll, vote in his stead. A proxy need not be a member of the Company. In order to be valid, the form of proxy must be deposited at the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar and transfer office, Union Registrars Limited, at Suites 3301-04, 33/F., Two Chinachem Exchange Square, 338 King's Road, North Point, Hong Kong together with a power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which it is signed or a notarially certified copy of that power or authority, not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the AGM or any adjournment thereof. Completion and delivery of the form of proxy will not preclude a shareholder of the Company from attending and voting in person if he is subsequently able to present and, in such event, the instrument appointing a proxy shall be deemed to be revoked.

In order to qualify for attending and voting at the AGM, all transfers accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar and transfer office, Union Registrars Limited at Suites 3301-04, 33/F., Two Chinachem Exchange Square, 338 King's Road, North Point, Hong Kong, for registration no later than 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 23 June 2021.

- (2) In the case of joint holders of a share, any one of such joint holders may vote, either in person or by proxy, in respect of such share as if he/she were solely entitled thereto. But if more than one of such joint holders are present at the above meeting, the vote of the senior who tenders a vote, whether in person or by proxy, shall be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint holders. For this purpose, seniority shall be determined by the order in which the names stand in the register of members of the Company in respect of the joint holding.
- (3) As at the date of this notice, the board of directors comprises eight directors, of which three are executive directors, namely Mr. Liu Xueyi, Mr. Han Hong, and Mr. Wang Zhaohui, two are non-executive directors, namely Ms. Liu Yan and Mr. Zhang Jian, and three are independent non-executive directors, namely Mr. Cheng Tai Kwan Sunny, Mr. Shi Zhu and Dr. Lu Heng Henry.
- (4) If Typhoon Signal No. 8 or above, or a "black" rainstorm warning or extreme conditions caused by super typhoons is in effect in Hong Kong any time after 7:00 a.m. on the date of the AGM, the AGM will be postponed. The Company will post an announcement on the websites of the Company at <http://www.irasia.com/listco/hk/hualien/index.htm> and the Stock Exchange at <http://www.hkexnews.hk> to notify members of the date, time and place of the rescheduled meeting.