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中國水務集團有限公司<sup>\*</sup> China Water Affairs Group Limited

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands and continued in Bermuda with limited liability) (Stock Code: 855)

# PROPOSALS RELATING TO GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE AND REPURCHASE SHARES OF THE COMPANY, RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS AND

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE COMPANY

A notice convening the annual general meeting of China Water Affairs Group Limited (the "Company") to be held at Suite 6408, 64/F, Central Plaza, 18 Harbour Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong on 6 September 2024 at 10:00 a.m. or any adjournment thereof is set out on pages 14 to 17 of this circular. Whether or not you intend to attend the annual general meeting of the Company, you are advised to complete the accompanying proxy form in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return the same to the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Tengis Limited, at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Admiralty, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time fixed for holding of the meeting or any adjournment thereof. Completion and delivery of the proxy form will not preclude Shareholders from attending and voting in person at the meeting if they so wish.

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# DEFINITIONS

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 Suite 6408, 64/F, Central Plaza, 18 Harbour Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong on 6 September 2024 at 10:00 a.m. (or, in the event that a black rainstorm warning signal, a tropical cyclone warning signal no. 8 or above, or "extreme conditions" announced by the Hong Kong Government is/are in force in Hong Kong at 9:00 am on that day, at the same time and place on 9 September 2024)
"AGM Notice"	the notice convening the AGM as set out in pages 14 to 17 of this circular
"Asset Full"	Asset Full Resources Limited, a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands, whose entire issued share capital is wholly and beneficially owned by Mr. Duan Chuan Liang, the chairman and executive director of the Company
"associated company"	has the meaning ascribed to it under the Takeovers Code
"Board" or "Directors"	the board of Directors of the Company or a duly authorised committee thereof for the time being
"Business Day(s)"	a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which banks are open for business in Hong Kong
"Bye-laws"	the existing Bye-laws of the Company
"close associates"	has the meaning ascribed to it in the Listing Rules
"Company"	China Water Affairs Group Limited, a company incorporated in Cayman Islands and continued in Bermuda with limited liability
"core connected persons"	has the meaning ascribed to it in the Listing Rules
"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 People's Republic of China

# DEFINITIONS

"Issue Mandate"	a general mandate to the Directors to exercise the powers of the Company to issue and allot new Shares during the period as set out in the AGM Notice up to 20% of the number of issued Shares of the Company as at the date of passing the resolution
"Latest Practicable Date"	24 July 2024, 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
"PRC"	The People's Republic of China which, for the purpose of this circular, excludes Hong Kong, the Macau Special Administrative Region and Taiwan
"Repurchase Mandate"	a general mandate to the Board to exercise the powers of the Company to repurchase Shares during the period as set out in the AGM Notice up to 10% of the number of issued Share of the Company as at the date of passing the resolution
"SFO"	The Securities and Future Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong)
"Shareholder(s)"	the holder(s) of the Shares
"Share(s)"	Share(s) of HK\$0.01 each in the capital of the Company
"Stock Exchange"	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
"Takeovers Code"	the Hong Kong Code on Takeovers and Mergers
"Treasury Shares"	has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules
"%"	per cent.

# LETTER FROM THE BOARD



中國水務集團有限公司\*

**China Water Affairs Group Limited** 

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Executive Directors: Mr. Duan Chuan Liang (Chairman) Ms. Ding Bin Mr. Li Zhong Mr. Duan Jerry Linnan

Non-executive Directors: Mr. Li Hao Ms. Wang Xiaoqin Ms. Liu Yu Jie

Independent non-executive Directors: Mr. Chau Kam Wing Mr. Siu Chi Ming Ms. Ho Ping Mr. Xiao Zhe Registered office: Clarendon House 2 Church Street Hamilton HM 11 Bermuda

Head Office and Principal place of business in Hong Kong:Suite 6408, 64/F, Central Plaza, 18 Harbour Road,Wanchai, Hong Kong

30 July 2024

To the Shareholders

Dear Sir/Madam,

# PROPOSALS RELATING TO GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE AND REPURCHASE SHARES OF THE COMPANY, RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE COMPANY

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this circular is to seek your approval of proposals on the grant of general mandates to issue and repurchase shares of the Company and re-election of retiring directors as well as to provide you with information in connection with such proposals. Your approval will be sought at the general meeting of the Company to be held at the AGM.

\* For identification purpose only

#### GENERAL MANDATE FOR REPURCHASE BY THE COMPANY OF ITS OWN SECURITIES

It will be proposed at the AGM an ordinary resolution as set out in the AGM Notice for granting to the Board the Repurchase Mandate. At the Latest Practicable Date, there were 1,632,322,346 Shares in issue and subject to the passing of the necessary ordinary resolution and on the basis that no further Shares are issued or repurchased prior to the AGM, exercise in full of the Repurchase Mandate could accordingly result in up to 163,232,234 Shares being repurchased by the Company, representing 10% of the number of issued Shares of the Company at the Latest Practicable Date, during the course of the period prior to the next annual general meeting to be held in 2025. Subject to approval of Shareholders at the AGM, the Repurchase Mandate would continue in force until the next annual general meeting in 2025.

An explanation statement, as required under the relevant rules set out in Listing Rules of the Stock Exchange regulating the repurchase by companies with primary listings on the Stock Exchange of their own securities on the Stock Exchange, to provide the requisite information for your consideration of the Repurchase Mandate is set out in the Explanatory Statement in Appendix II hereto.

#### GENERAL MANDATE TO ISSUE NEW SECURITIES OF THE COMPANY

It will be proposed at the AGM the ordinary resolutions as set out in the AGM Notice for granting to the Board the Issue Mandate and to extend the Issue Mandate by adding to it the aggregate number of Shares repurchased by the Company under the Repurchase Mandate.

At the Latest Practicable Date, there were 1,632,322,346 Shares in issue and subject to the passing of the necessary ordinary resolution and on the basis that no further Shares are issued or repurchased prior to the AGM, exercise in full of the Issue Mandate could accordingly result in up to 326,464,469 Shares being issued by the Company, representing 20% of the number of issued Shares of the Company at the Latest Practicable Date, during the course of the period prior to the next annual general meeting to be held in 2025. Subject to approval of Shareholders at the AGM, the Issue Mandate would continue in force until the next annual general meeting in 2025.

At the Latest Practicable Date, the Directors have no immediate plan to use the Issue Mandate to issue shares of the Company but consider the Issue Mandate to be in the interests of the Company in order to provide itself with flexibility.

### LETTER FROM THE BOARD

#### **RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS**

Pursuant to clause 86(2) of the Bye-laws, any Director appointed by the Board shall hold office until the next following annual general meeting of the Company and shall then be eligible for re-election at that meeting.

Therefore Mr. Li Hao and Mr. Xiao Zhe, being Directors appointed by the Board, shall retire at the AGM and being eligible shall offer themselves for re-election.

Pursuant to clause 87 of Bye-laws, at each annual general meeting one-third of the Directors for the time being (or, if their number is not a multiple of three (3), the number nearest to but not greater than one-third) shall retire from office by rotation. A retiring Director shall be eligible for re-election. The Directors to retire by rotation shall include (so far as necessary to ascertain the number of Directors to retire by rotation) any Director who wishes to retire and not to offer himself for re-election. Any further Directors so to retire shall be those of the other Directors subject to retirement by rotation who have been longest in office since their last re-election or appointment and so that as between persons who became or were last re-elected Directors on the same day those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree among themselves) be determined by lot.

In accordance with clause 87 of Bye-laws, the Directors to retire at the AGM are Mr. Li Zhong, Ms. Wang Xiaoqin, Ms. Liu Yu Jie and Mr. Chau Kam Wing. All of them being eligible offer themselves for re-election at the AGM.

Mr. Chau Kam Wing and Mr. Xiao Zhe have confirmed in writing their independence as regards each of the factors referred to in Rule 3.13(1) to (8) of the Listing Rules which also cover their immediate family members. Both the Nomination Committee and the Board are satisfied with their independence. Mr. Chau Kam Wing and Mr. Xiao Zhe have provided valuable contributions and insights to the Board. The Nomination Committee has considered the experience, skills and expertise of Mr. Chau Kam Wing and Mr. Xiao Zhe as well as the overall board diversity according to the Board's diversity policy. The Board, based on the recommendation of the Nomination Committee, believes that Mr. Chau Kam Wing and Mr. Xiao Zhe will continue to provide valuable insights and contribute to diversity to the Board and should be re-elected.

Mr. Chau Kam Wing has served as the Company's independent non-executive Director for more than 9 years. His appointment is subject to a separate resolution to be approved by Shareholders pursuant to Code B.2.3 of Part 2 of Appendix C1 of the Listing Rules. Over the years, Mr. Chau Kam Wing has gained an in-depth understanding of the Company's operations and business and has been providing objective views and independent guidance to the Company. The Board considers that the long services of Mr. Chau Kam Wing would not affect his exercise of independent judgment and is satisfied that he has the required integrity, skills and experience to continue to contribute meaningfully and objectively as an independent non-executive Director. The Board considers that the re-election of Mr. Chau Kam Wing as an independent non-executive Director is in the interest of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

The biographical details of the Directors to be re-elected at the AGM are set out in Appendix I of this circular.

### LETTER FROM THE BOARD

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Set out on pages 14 to 17 of this circular is the AGM Notice at which ordinary resolutions will be proposed to approve, among others, the Issue Mandate, Repurchase Mandate and re-election of retiring directors.

To the best of the Directors' knowledge, information and belief, having made all reasonable enquiries, no Shareholder is required to abstain from voting on the resolutions to be proposed at the AGM.

#### ACTION TO BE TAKEN

A Proxy form for use at the AGM is enclosed with this circular. Whether or not you intend to attend the AGM, you are advised to complete the proxy form and return it to the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Tengis Limited, at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Admiralty, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time fixed for holding the meeting or any adjournment thereof. Completion and delivery of the proxy form will not preclude Shareholders from attending and voting in person at the AGM if they so wish.

The register of members will be closed from Tuesday, 3 September 2024 to Friday, 6 September 2024 (or to Monday, 9 September 2024, in the event that the AGM is to be held on Monday, 9 September 2024 because of a black rainstorm warning signal, a tropical cyclone warning signal no. 8 or above, or "extreme conditions" announced by the Hong Kong Government) (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares will be registered. In order to qualify for attending and voting at the AGM, all transfers of shares accompanied by the relevant share certificates and appropriate transfer forms must be lodged with the office of the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Tengis Limited, at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Admiralty, Hong Kong, for registration not later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, 2 September 2024.

#### **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 Board considers that the Issue Mandate, the Repurchase Mandate and the re-election of retiring Directors as set out in the AGM Notice are all in the interests of the Company and its Shareholders as a whole. Accordingly, the Directors recommend that all Shareholders should vote in favour of the relevant resolutions to be proposed at the AGM.

Yours faithfully By order of the Board China Water Affairs Group Limited DUAN CHUAN LIANG Chairman

The following are the particulars of the retiring Directors proposed to be re-elected at the AGM:

#### **Executive Director**

**Mr. Li Zhong**, JP, aged 55, executive director of the Company and directors of certain subsidiaries of the Company. Mr. Li was graduated from the Beijing University of Chemical Technology with a major in Polymer Materials, and obtained a Master Degree in Business Administration from Saint Mary's University of Canada in 1998. He held various key positions with central state-owned enterprises and well-known multinational enterprises. Since 2002, he has dedicated himself to urban public utilities with a focus on water affairs, as well as the investment, management and operation of infrastructure projects. Since 2004, he has been a director of Shenzhen Bus Group Co., Ltd. Mr. Li also serves as executive director of the China Overseas Friendship Association, the honorary chairman of the Hong Kong Volunteers Association and a Hong Kong member of the standing committee of the Beijing Municipal Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference. He joined the Group in 2015. Mr. Li is also the co-chairman and executive director of Kangda International Environmental Company Limited (stock code: 6136), which is listed on the main board of the Stock Exchange. Save as aforesaid, Mr. Li did not hold any other directorship in any public listed companies in the last three years.

Mr. Li and the Company have entered into a service contract. His appointment has no fixed term and is subject to retirement and re-election at the annual general meeting of the Company. Mr. Li is entitled to an annual remuneration of HK\$2,428,000 which was determined based on market rate and the time, effort and expertise to be exercised on the Group's affairs. Mr. Li has no relationship with any director, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholder of the Company. As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Li was interested in 37,813,457 Shares of which 29,207,457 Shares were held through his spouse and 8,606,000 Shares were held by Mr. Li personally. Save as aforesaid, Mr. Li has no interest in the shares of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO. Save as aforesaid, Mr. Li does not hold any other position with the Company or any of its subsidiaries. There is no information to be disclosed by Mr. Li pursuant to Rule 13.51(2) (h) to (v) of the Listing Rules and there is no other information that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

#### **Non-Executive Directors**

**Mr. Li Hao**, aged 42, non-executive director of the Company. Mr. Li holds a Bachelor degree from Dalian University of Technology and a Master of Business Administration degree in Finance from Waseda University, Japan. Mr. Li has been with ORIX Corporation ("ORIX", a substantial shareholder of the Company) since October 2007. He is currently the executive officer (responsible for Greater China Group) and general manager of Greater China Group at ORIX, a diversified financial services company and whose shares are listed on both Tokyo Stock Exchange and New York Stock Exchange. Mr. Li also serves as the director and president of each of ORIX (China) Investment Company Limited and ORIX Asia Capital Limited, both of which are wholly-owned subsidiaries of ORIX, and the director and the chief executive officer of ORIX China Industrial Holdings Limited, which is an affiliate of ORIX. He is also a non-executive director of Beijing Energy International Holding Co., Ltd. (stock code: 686), a non-executive director and the vice chairman of the board of directors of Shoucheng Holdings Limited (stock code: 697), whose shares are both listed on the Stock Exchange. He was a non-executive director (resigned on 3 July 2023) of Haichang Ocean Park Holdings Ltd. (stock code: 2255), a company listed on the Stock Exchange. Save as disclosed, Mr. Li did not hold any other directorship in any public listed companies in the last three years.

There is no service contract between Mr. Li and the Company. His appointment has no fixed term and is subject to retirement and re-election at the annual general meeting of the Company. Mr. Li is entitled to an annual remuneration of HK\$60,000 which was determined based on market rate and the time, effort and expertise to be exercised on the Group's affairs. Save as disclosed above, Mr. Li has no relationship with any director, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholder of the Company. As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Li has no interest in the shares of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO. Save as aforesaid, Mr. Li does not hold any other position with the Company or any of its subsidiaries. There is no information to be disclosed by Mr. Li pursuant to Rule 13.51(2) (h) to (v) of the Listing Rules and there is no other information that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

**Ms. Wang Xiaoqin**, aged 51, non-executive director of the Company and directors of certain subsidiaries of the Company. Ms. Wang was graduated from the Shenzhen University majoring in International Finance, and obtained a Master Degree in Business Administration from the University of Ballarat in Australia. She has held senior management position in finance and technology companies, and has extensive experience in such fields. She joined the Group in 2004. Ms. Wang did not hold any other directorship in any public listed companies in the last three years.

There is no service contract between Ms. Wang and the Company. Her appointment will be for a term of three years and is subject to retirement and re-election at the annual general meeting of the Company. Ms. Wang is entitled to an annual remuneration of HK\$2,408,000 which was determined based on market rate and the time, effort and expertise to be exercised on the Group's affairs. Ms. Wang has no relationship with any director, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholder of the Company. As at the Latest Practicable Date, Ms. Wang was interested in 8,950,000 Shares. Save as aforesaid, Ms. Wang has no interest in the shares of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO. Save as aforesaid, Ms. Wang does not hold any other position with the Company or any of its subsidiaries. There is no information to be disclosed by Ms. Wang pursuant to Rule 13.51(2) (h) to (v) of the Listing Rules and there is no other information that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

**Ms. Liu Yu Jie**, aged 60, non-executive director of the Company. Ms. Liu was graduated from University of International Business and Economic in Beijing and obtained a Master Degree in Business Administration. Ms. Liu has been working in Hong Kong, Singapore and the PRC for over 20 years in total and is familiar with the business environment and regulatory system of the three places. She has comprehensive experience in capital market, business promotion and corporate management; participated in IPO and underwriting of over 30 companies on the Stock Exchange; led and completed merger and acquisition of three companies in Hong Kong and Singapore; assisted capital raising and management of large-scale industrial fund for investment in China; acted as executive directors of listed companies in Hong Kong and Singapore which engage in utilities and infrastructure investment. She joined the Group in 2014. Currently, she is also the executive director of New Universe Environmental Group Limited (stock code: 436) and Kangda International Environmental Company Limited (stock code: 6136), and an independent non-executive director of Zhongyu Energy Holdings Limited (stock code: 3633), which are listed on the main board of the Stock Exchange. Save as aforesaid, Ms. Liu did not hold any other directorship in any public listed companies in the last three years.

There is no service contract between Ms. Liu and the Company. Her appointment has no fixed term and is subject to retirement and re-election at the annual general meeting of the Company. Ms. Liu is entitled to an annual remuneration of HK\$2,418,000 which was determined based on market rate and the time, effort and expertise to be exercised on the Group's affairs. Ms. Liu has no relationship with any director, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholder of the Company. As at the Latest Practicable Date, Ms. Liu was interested in 12,000,000 Shares. Save as aforesaid, Ms. Liu has no interest in the shares of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO. Save as aforesaid, Ms. Liu does not hold any other position with the Company or any of its subsidiaries. There is no information to be disclosed by Ms. Liu pursuant to Rule 13.51(2) (h) to (v) of the Listing Rules and there is no other information that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

#### **Independent Non-executive Directors**

**Mr. Chau Kam Wing**, aged 61, independent non-executive director of the Company, the chairman of the audit committee and remuneration committee and a member of the nomination committee of the Company. Mr. Chau has over 30 years of experience in auditing, taxation and financial management and had been appointed as financial controller of a number of companies listed in Hong Kong. Mr. Chau obtained a Master Degree in Business Administration from the University of San Francisco, United States of America ("USA") in 2000. He is also a fellow member of The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and a practicing member of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He joined the Group in 2007. Mr. Chau is currently the finance director of Winox Holdings Limited (stock code: 6838), an independent non-executive director of Carpenter Tan Holdings Limited (stock code: 837), Kangda International Environmental Company Limited (stock code: 6136) and Ching Lee Holdings Limited (stock code: 3728), all of which are listed on the main board of the Stock Exchange. Mr. Chau is also an independent non-executive director of Eco-Tek Holdings Limited (stock code: 8169) which is listed on the GEM of the Stock Exchange. Save as aforesaid, Mr. Chau did not hold any other directorship in any public listed companies in the last three years.

There is no service contract between Mr. Chau and the Company. His appointment has no fixed term and is subject to retirement and re-election at the annual general meeting of the Company. Mr. Chau is entitled to an annual remuneration of HK\$348,000 which was determined based on market rate and the time, effort and expertise to be exercised on the Group's affairs. Mr. Chau has no relationship with any director, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholder of the Company. As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Chau has no interest in the shares of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO. Save as aforesaid, Mr. Chau does not hold any other position with the Company or any of its subsidiaries. There is no information to be disclosed by Mr. Chau pursuant to Rule 13.51(2) (h) to (v) of the Listing Rules and there is no other information that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

**Mr. Xiao Zhe**, aged 38, independent non-executive director of the Company, the member of the audit committee and remuneration committee of the Company. Mr. Xiao has over 10 years of working experience in finance and investment. From March 2015 to December 2018, he worked as an investment manager in China Minsheng Investment Group, where he was responsible for investment management. From May 2013 to March 2015, he worked as an analyst in securities research department of Shenwan Hongyuan Securities Co., Ltd. From March 2010 to May 2013, he worked as an analyst in securities research department of Sinolink Securities Co., Ltd. Mr. Xiao obtained a bachelor's degree in Materials Science and Engineering in July 2007 and a master's degree in Finance in March 2010 from Shanghai Jiao Tong University in the PRC, respectively. Mr. Xiao did not hold any directorship in any public listed companies in the last three years.

There is no service contract between Mr. Xiao and the Company. His appointment has no fixed term and is subject to retirement and re-election at the annual general meeting of the Company. Mr. Xiao is entitled to an annual remuneration of HK\$300,000 which was determined based on market rate and the time, effort and expertise to be exercised on the Group's affairs. Mr. Xiao has no relationship with any director, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholder of the Company. As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Xiao has no interest in the shares of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO. Save as aforesaid, Mr. Xiao does not hold any other position with the Company or any of its subsidiaries. There is no information to be disclosed by Mr. Xiao pursuant to Rule 13.51(2) (h) to (v) of the Listing Rules and there is no other information that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

### **APPENDIX II**

The Appendix serves as an explanatory statement, as required by the Listing Rules, to provide information to you with regard to the Repurchase Mandate.

#### 1. STOCK EXCHANGE RULES FOR REPURCHASES OF SHARES

The Listing Rules permit companies with a primary listing on the Stock Exchange to repurchase their shares on the Stock Exchange subject to certain restrictions.

The Listing Rules provide that all proposed repurchases of shares by a company with a primary listing on the Stock Exchange must be approved by shareholders in advance by an ordinary resolution, either by way of a general mandate or by a specific approval of a particular transaction and that the shares to be repurchased must be fully paid up. A maximum of 10% of the number of issued Shares as to the date of passing the relevant resolution may be repurchased on the Stock Exchange.

#### 2. FUNDING OF REPURCHASES

Any repurchase will be funded entirely from the Company's available cashflow or working capital facilities and will, in any event, be made out of funds which are legally available for the repurchase in accordance with the memorandum and Bye-laws of the Company and the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda. Any repurchases will be made out of funds of the Company legally permitted to be utilised in this connection. Such fund may include profits available for distribution and proceeds of a new issue of Shares made for the purpose of the repurchases. In addition, under the laws of Bermuda and other applicable laws and regulations, no repurchase of the Company's Shares may be effected if, on the date on which the repurchase is to be effected, there are reasonable grounds for believing that the Company is, or after the repurchase would be, unable to pay its liabilities as they become due.

As compared with the financial position of the Company as at 31 March 2024 (being the date of its latest audited accounts), the Directors consider that there should not be any material adverse impact on the working capital and on the gearing position of the Company in the event that the proposed repurchases were to be carried out in full during the proposed repurchase period. The Directors do not propose to exercise the Repurchase Mandate to such extent as would, in the circumstances, have a material adverse effect on the working capital of the Company or the gearing position which in the opinion of the Directors are from time to time appropriate for the Company.

#### **3.** SHARE CAPITAL

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the issued share capital of the Company comprised 1,632,322,346 Shares. Subject to the passing of the relevant ordinary resolutions to approve the general mandates to repurchase Shares and on the basis that no further Shares are issued or repurchased between the Latest Practicable Date and the AGM, the Company would be allowed under the Repurchase Mandate to repurchase a maximum of 163,232,234 Shares representing 10% of the number of issued Shares of the Company at the Latest Practicable Date.

### **APPENDIX II**

#### 4. REASONS FOR REPURCHASES

The Directors believe that it is in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders to have a general authority from Shareholders to enable the Directors to repurchase Shares in the market. Such repurchases 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 repurchases will benefit the Company and its Shareholders.

The Company may cancel any Shares it repurchased and/or hold them as Treasury Shares subject to market conditions and the Group's capital management needs at the relevant time of the repurchases.

#### 5. COMPLIANCE BY THE DIRECTORS

The Directors will exercise the Repurchase Mandate in accordance with the Listing Rules, the applicable laws of Bermuda and in accordance with the memorandum and Bye-laws of the Company. The Directors confirm that neither this Explanatory Statement nor the proposed share repurchase has unusual features.

#### 6. EFFECT OF THE TAKEOVERS CODE

If as a result of the repurchases of Shares, a Shareholder's proportionate interest in the voting rights of the Company increase, such increase will be treated as an acquisition of voting rights for the purpose of the Rule 32 of the Takeovers Code. As a result, a shareholder or a group of shareholders acting in concert, depending on the level of increase of the shareholder's interest, could obtain or consolidate control of the Company and become obliged to make a mandatory offer in accordance with Rule 26 and Rule 32 of the Takeovers Code. As at the Latest Practicable Date, Asset Full and Mr. Duan Chuan Liang, which together held 471,036,301 Shares of the Company representing approximately 28.86% of the total number of issued Shares of the Company, is the single largest substantial Shareholder. In the event that the Repurchase Mandate is exercised in full, Mr. Duan Chuan Liang's interest would be increased to approximately 32.06% of the total number of essued shares of the Company. Accordingly, the Directors consider that the exercise in full of the power to repurchase Shares under the Repurchase Mandate will give rise to an obligation to make a mandatory offer for Asset Full and Mr. Duan Chuan Liang in accordance with Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code. The Directors have no present intention to repurchase Shares to an extent that will trigger the obligations under the Takeovers Code to make a mandatory offer.

#### 7. DIRECTORS, THEIR CLOSE ASSOCIATES AND CORE CONNECTED PERSONS

To the best of the Directors' knowledge and belief, after having made all reasonable enquiries, none of the Directors nor any of their respective close associates have any present intention, in the event that the proposed Repurchase Mandate is approved by the Shareholders, to sell any Shares to the Company.

No core connected person of the Company has notified the Company that he/she/it has a present intention to sell any Shares to the Company nor has he/she/it undertaken not to sell any of the Shares held by him/her/it to the Company in the event that the Repurchase Mandate is approved by the Shareholders.

# **APPENDIX II**

### 8. REPURCHASES OF SHARES BY THE COMPANY

No repurchase of Shares have been made by the Company (whether on the Stock Exchange or otherwise) in the six months preceding the Latest Practicable Date.

#### 9. THE SHARE PRICES

The highest and lowest prices at which the Shares have traded on the Stock Exchange during each of the previous twelve months and the current month (up to the Latest Practicable Date prior to the printing of this circular) were as follows:

	Share Prices	
	Highest	Lowest
	HK\$	HK\$
2023		
July	6.63	5.65
August	6.79	5.98
September	6.23	4.89
October	5.36	4.83
November	5.25	4.44
December	4.50	3.76
2024		
January	4.63	3.90
February	5.51	3.88
March	5.50	4.54
April	5.15	4.58
May	6.08	4.86
June	6.58	4.91
July (up to the Latest Practicable Date)	5.24	4.63

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



中國水務集團有限公司\* China Water Affairs Group Limited

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands and continued in Bermuda with limited liability) (Stock Code: 855)

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that an annual general meeting of China Water Affairs Group Limited (the "Company") will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, 6 September 2024 at Suite 6408, 64/F, Central Plaza, 18 Harbour Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong (or, in the event that a black rainstorm warning signal, a tropical cyclone warning signal no. 8 or above, or "extreme conditions" announced by the Hong Kong Government is/are in force in Hong Kong at 9:00 am on that day, at the same time and place on Monday, 9 September 2024) for the following purposes:

- 1. To receive and consider the Audited Financial Statements and the Reports of the Directors and the Auditors of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2024.
- 2. To declare a final dividend.
- 3. (i) To re-elect Mr. Li Zhong as executive director;
  - (ii) To re-elect Mr. Li Hao as non-executive director;
  - (iii) To re-elect Ms. Wang Xiaoqin as non-executive director;
  - (iv) To re-elect Ms. Liu Yu Jie as non-executive director;
  - (v) To re-elect Mr. Chau Kam Wing as independent non-executive director;
  - (vi) To re-elect Mr. Xiao Zhe as independent non-executive director; and
  - (vii) To authorise the board of directors to fix the Directors' remunerations.
- 4. To consider and, if thought fit, re-appoint PricewaterhouseCoopers as auditors and to authorise the board of directors of the Company to fix their remuneration.

As special business, to consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolutions, which will be proposed with or without amendments, as ordinary resolutions:

#### **ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS**

#### 5. **"THAT**

(A) subject to paragraph (C) of this resolution below, the exercise by the directors of the Company (the "Directors") during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with additional shares (including any sale or transfer of treasury shares) in the capital of the Company and to make or grant offers, agreements and options (including warrants, bonds and debentures convertible into shares of the Company) which might require the exercise of such powers be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;

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- (B) the Directors be and are hereby authorised during the Relevant Period to make or grant offers, agreements and options (including warrants, bonds and debentures convertible into shares of the Company) which might require the exercise of such powers during or after the end of the Relevant Period;
- (C) the aggregate number of shares allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted (whether pursuant to an option or otherwise) by the Directors pursuant to the approval in paragraphs (A) and (B) of this resolution above, otherwise than pursuant to a Rights Issue (as hereinafter defined) or pursuant to the exercise of any options granted under the share option scheme adopted by the Company or an issue of shares upon the exercise of subscription rights attached to the warrants which might be issued by the Company or an issue of shares in lieu of the whole or part of a dividend on shares or any scrip dividend scheme or similar arrangement in accordance with the bye-laws of the Company, shall not exceed 20% of the number of issued shares (excluding any treasury shares) of the Company at the time of passing this resolution; and
- (D) for the purposes of this resolution:

"Relevant Period" means the period from the time of 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 bye-laws of the Company or the applicable laws of Bermuda to be held; or
- (iii) the revocation or variation of the authority given under this resolution by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting.

"Rights Issue" means an offer of shares open for a period fixed by the Directors to holders of shares on the register of members on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of such shares (subject to such exclusions 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 any relevant jurisdiction, or the requirements of any recognised regulatory body or any stock exchange)."

#### 6. **"THAT**

- (A) subject to paragraph (C) of this resolution below, the exercise by the directors of the Company ("Directors") during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all powers of the Company to repurchase issued shares in the capital of the Company on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") or any other stock exchange on which the shares of the Company may be listed and recognised by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong and the Stock Exchange for this purpose, and that the exercise by the Directors of all powers of the Company to repurchase such shares are subject to and in accordance with all applicable laws and the requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange, be and is hereby, generally and unconditionally approved;
- (B) the approval in paragraph (A) of this resolution above shall be in addition to any other authorisation given to the Directors and shall authorise the Directors on behalf of the Company during the Relevant Period to procure the Company to repurchase its shares at a price determined by the Directors;
- (C) the aggregate number of shares of the Company repurchased or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be repurchased by the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (A) of this resolution above during the Relevant Period shall not exceed 10% of the number of issued shares (excluding any treasury shares) of the Company as at the time of passing this resolution; and
- (D) for the purposes of this resolution:

"Relevant Period" means the period from the time of 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 bye-laws of the Company or the applicable laws of Bermuda to be held; or
- (iii) the revocation or variation of the authority given under this resolution by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting."

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7. **"THAT** conditional upon the passing of the ordinary resolution nos. 5 and 6 in the notice convening the annual general meeting of the Company, the aggregate number of shares of the Company which are repurchased by the Company pursuant to and in accordance with the said ordinary resolution no. 6 shall be added to the aggregate number of shares of the Company that may be allotted, issued or dealt with or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted, issued or dealt with by the directors of the Company pursuant to and in accordance with ordinary resolution no. 5 as set out in the notice of the annual general meeting of the Company."

By Order of the Board China Water Affairs Group Limited Duan Chuan Liang Chairman

Hong Kong, 30 July 2024

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises four executive Directors, being Mr. Duan Chuan Liang, Ms. Ding Bin, Mr. Li Zhong and Mr. Duan Jerry Linnan, three non-executive Directors, being Mr. Li Hao, Ms. Wang Xiaoqin and Ms. Liu Yu Jie, and four independent non-executive Directors, being Mr. Chau Kam Wing, Mr. Siu Chi Ming, Ms. Ho Ping and Mr. Xiao Zhe.

Notes:

- 1. A member of the Company entitled to attend and vote at the meeting shall be entitled to appoint another person as his proxy to attend and vote instead of him. A proxy need not be a member of the Company. In addition, a proxy or proxies representing either an individual member or a member which is a corporation shall be entitled to exercise the same powers on behalf of the member which he or they represent as such member could exercise.
- 2. The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing under the hand of the appointer or of his attorney duly authorised in writing or, if the appointer is a corporation, either under its seal or under the hand of an officer, attorney or other person duly authorised.
- 3. The instrument appointing a proxy and the power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which it is signed or a certified copy of such power or authority shall be deposited to the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Tengis Limited, at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Admiralty, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time fixed for holding the meeting.
- 4. Delivery of an instrument appointing a proxy shall not preclude a member from attending and voting in person at the meeting convened or upon the poll concerned and in such event, the instrument appointing a proxy shall be deemed to be revoked.
- 5. Where there are joint registered holders of any Shares, any one of such joint holders may vote either personally or by proxy in respect of such Shares as if he/she was solely entitled thereto; but if more than one of such joint holders be present at the Meeting personally or by proxy, that one of the said persons so present whose name stands first on the register in respect of such Share shall alone be entitled to vote in respect thereof.
- 6. The register of members will be closed from Tuesday, 3 September 2024 to Friday, 6 September 2024 (or to Monday, 9 September 2024, in the event that the AGM is to be held on Monday, 9 September 2024 because of a black rainstorm warning signal, a tropical cyclone warning signal no. 8 or above, or "extreme conditions" announced by the Hong Kong Government) (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares will be registered. In order to qualify for attending and voting at the AGM, all transfers of shares accompanied by the relevant share certificates and appropriate transfer forms must be lodged with the office of the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Tengis Limited, at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Admiralty, Hong Kong, for registration not later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, 2 September 2024.
- \* For identification purpose only