

# VICTORY GROUP LIMITED

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 1139)

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that an Annual General Meeting of Victory Group Limited (the "Company") will be held at Garden Room, 2nd Floor, Hotel Nikko Hong Kong, 72 Mody Road, Tsimshatsui East, Kowloon, Hong Kong on Friday, 28 May 2004, at 2:00 p.m. for the following purposes:-

- 1. To receive and consider the audited financial statements and the reports of the directors and of the auditors for the year ended 31 December 2003;
- 2. To re-elect directors, to fix the maximum number of directors, and to authorise the board to appoint additional directors and fix the directors' remuneration;
- 3. To re-appoint auditors and to authorise the board to fix their remuneration;
- 4. To consider as special business and, if thought fit, pass with or without amendments the following resolution as a special resolution:

"THAT the Bye-laws of the Company be and are hereby amended in the following manner:-

## (a) Clause 1

- (i) By inserting the definition of "associate" immediately after the definition of "Act" as follows:
  - "associate" shall have the meaning attributed to it in the rules of the Designated Stock Exchange.
- (ii) By deleting the words "a recognised clearing house within the meaning of Section 2 of the Securities and Futures (Clearing Houses) Ordinance of Hong Kong or" in the definition of "clearing house";

#### (b) Clause 66

By re-numbering the existing clause 66 as clause 66. (1) and inserting the following new clause 66. (2) immediately after the new clause 66. (1):

"66. (2) Where the Company has knowledge that any Member is, under the rules of the Designated Stock Exchange, required to abstain from voting on any particular resolution of the Company or restricted to voting only for or only against any particular resolution of the Company, any votes cast by or on behalf of such Member in contravention of such requirement or restriction shall not be counted.";

#### (c) Clause 84

By deleting the existing clause 84 in its entirety and substituting therefore a new clause 84 as follows:

"84. Any corporation which is a Member may, by resolution of its directors or other governing body or by power of attorney, authorise such person or persons as it thinks fit to act as its corporate representative or representatives at any meeting of the Company or at any meeting of any class of members of the Company provided that, if more than one person is so authorised, the authority shall specify the number and class of shares held by the relevant member in respect of which each such person is authorised to act as such corporate representative. Each person so appointed under the provisions of this Bye-law shall be entitled to exercise the same

powers on behalf of the corporation which he represents as that corporation could exercise as if it were an individual Member including the right to vote individually on a show of hands notwithstanding the provisions of Bye-law 66(1). The number of persons a corporation may authorise to act as its corporate representative or representatives shall not exceed the number of shares held by that corporation (or its nominee), being shares in respect of which there is an entitlement to attend and vote at the relevant meeting.";

### (d) Clause 88

By deleting the existing clause 88 in its entirety and substituting therefore a new clause 88 as follows:

"88. No person other than a Director retiring at the meeting shall, unless recommended by the Board for election, be eligible for election to the office of Director at any general meeting unless a notice in writing of the intention to propose such person for election as a Director, signed by a Member (other than the person to be proposed for election as a Director) duly qualified to attend and vote at the meeting for which such notice is given, and a notice in writing signed by such person of his willingness to be elected shall have been lodged at the head office or at the Registration Office. The minimum length of the period during which such notices are given shall be at least seven (7) days and the period for lodgement of such notices shall commence no earlier than the day after the dispatch of the notice of the general meeting appointed for such election and end no later than seven (7) days prior to the date of such general meeting.";

# (e) Clause 103

By deleting the existing clause 103 in its entirety and substituting therefore a new clause 103 as follows:

- "103. (1) A Director shall not vote (nor be counted in the quorum) on any resolution of the Board approving any contract or arrangement or any other proposal in which he or any of his associates is materially interested, but this prohibition shall not apply to any of the following matters namely:
  - (i) any contract or arrangement for the giving to such Director or his associate(s) any security or indemnity in respect of money lent by him or any of his associates or obligations incurred or undertaken by him or any of his associates at the request of or for the benefit of the Company or any of its subsidiaries;
  - (ii) any contract or arrangement for the giving of any security or indemnity to a third party in respect of a debt or obligation of the Company or any of its subsidiaries for which the Director or his associate(s) has himself/themselves assumed responsibility in whole or in part whether alone or jointly under a guarantee or indemnity or by the giving of security;
  - (iii) any contract or arrangement concerning an offer of shares or debentures or other securities of or by the Company or any other company which the Company may promote or be interested in for subscription or purchase, where the Director or his associate(s) is/are or is/are to be interested as a participant in the underwriting or sub-underwriting of the offer;
  - (iv) any contract or arrangement in which the Director or his associate(s) is/are interested in the same manner as other holders of shares or debentures or other securities of the Company by virtue only of his/their interest in shares or debentures or other securities of the Company;
  - (v) any contract or arrangement concerning any other company in which the Director or his associate(s) is/are interested only, whether directly or indirectly, as an officer or executive or a shareholder or in which the Director of his associate(s) is/are beneficially interested in shares of that company or in which the Director and his associates are not in aggregate beneficially

- interested in five (5) per cent. or more of the issued shares or of the voting rights of any class of shares of such company (or of any third company through which his interest or that of any of his associate(s) is derived); or
- (vi) any proposal concerning the adoption, modification, or operation of a share option scheme, a pension fund or retirement, death or disability benefits scheme or other arrangement which relates both to directors, his associates and employees of the Company or of any of its subsidiaries and does not provide in respect of any Director, or his associate(s), as such any privilege or advantage not generally accorded to the class of persons to which such scheme or fund relates.
- (2) A company shall be deemed to be a company in which a Director and/ or his associate(s) own(s) five (5) per cent or more if and so long as (but only if and so long as) he and/or his associates (either directly or indirectly) is/are the holder(s) of or beneficially interested in five (5) per cent or more of any class of the equity share capital of such company or of the voting rights available to members of such company (or of any third company through which his interest or that of any of his associates is derived). For the purpose of this paragraph there shall be disregarded any shares held by a Director or his associate(s) as bare or custodian trustee and in which he or any of them has no beneficial interest, any shares comprised in a trust in which the interest of the Director and/or his associate(s) is/are in reversion or remainder if and so long as some other person is entitled to receive the income thereof, and any shares comprised in an authorized unit trust scheme in which the Director and/or his associate(s) is/are interested only as a unit holder and any shares which carry no voting right at general meetings and very restrictive dividend and return of capital right.
- (3) Where a company in which a Director and/or his associate(s) hold(s) five (5) per cent or more is materially interested in a transaction, then that Director and/or his associate(s) shall also be deemed materially interested in such transaction.
- (4) If any question shall arise at any meeting of the Board as to the materiality of the interest of a Director (other than the chairman of the meeting) or his associate(s) or as to the entitlement of any Director (other than such chairman) to vote and such question is not resolved by his voluntarily agreeing to abstain from voting, such question shall be referred to the chairman of the meeting and his ruling in relation to such other Director shall be final and conclusive except in a case where the nature or extent of the interest of the Director and/or his associate(s) concerned as known to such Director has not been fairly disclosed to the Board. If any question as aforesaid shall arise in respect of the chairman of the meeting such question shall be decided by a resolution of the Board (for which purpose such chairman shall not vote thereon) and such resolution shall be final and conclusive except in a case where the nature or extent of the interest of such chairman as known to such chairman has not been fairly disclosed to the Board.";

# (f) Clause 154(2)

By substituting the words "fourteen (14) days" with the words "twenty-one (21) days" in clause 154(2); and

#### (g) Clause 157

By deleting the existing clause 157 in its entirety and substituting therefore a new clause 157 as follows:

"157. If the office of auditor becomes vacant by the resignation or death of the Auditor, or by his becoming incapable of acting by reason of illness or other disability at a time when his services are required, the Directors may fill any casual vacancy in the office of auditor.";

5. To consider as special business and, if thought fit, pass with or without amendments, the following resolution as an ordinary resolution:

#### "THAT

- (a) subject to paragraph 5(c) below, the exercise by the directors during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to repurchase issued shares subject to and in accordance with all applicable laws, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the approval in paragraph 5(a) above shall be in addition to any other authorisation given to the directors;
- (c) the aggregate nominal amount of share capital purchased or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be purchased by the directors pursuant to the approval in paragraph 5(a) above during the Relevant Period shall be no more than 10 per cent. of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue as at the date of the passing of this Resolution, and the authority granted pursuant to paragraph 5(a) shall be limited accordingly; and
- (d) for the purpose of this Resolution:

"Relevant Period" means the period from the passing of this Resolution until whichever is the 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 revocation or variation of the authority given under this Resolution by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting.";
- 6. To consider as special business and, if thought fit, pass with or without amendments the following resolution as an ordinary resolution:

#### "THAT:

- (a) subject to paragraph 6(c) below, the exercise by the directors during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all 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 powers be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the approval in paragraph 6(a) above shall be in addition to any other authorisation given to the directors and shall authorise the directors during the Relevant Period to make or grant offers, agreements and options which might require the exercise of such powers after the end of the Relevant Period;
- (c) the aggregate nominal amount of share capital allotted and issued, or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted and issued (whether pursuant to an option or otherwise) by the directors pursuant to the approval in paragraph 6(a) above, otherwise than pursuant to a Rights Issue (as hereafter defined) or the exercise of options under the share option scheme of the Company, shall not exceed 20 per cent of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue as at the date of the passing of this Resolution, and the authority granted pursuant to paragraph 6(a) shall be limited accordingly; and
- (d) for the purpose of this Resolution:

"Relevant Period" means the period from the passing of this Resolution until whichever is the 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 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 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, or the requirements of any recognised regulatory body or any stock exchange in any territory outside Hong Kong)."; and

7. To consider as special business and, if thought fit, pass with or without amendments, the following resolution as an ordinary resolution:

"THAT conditional on the passing of the Ordinary Resolutions numbered 5 and 6 as set out in the notice of the Meeting of which this Resolution forms part, the aggregate nominal amount of the number of shares in the share capital of the Company that shall have been repurchased by the directors after the date of the passing of this Resolution pursuant to and in accordance with the said ordinary resolution numbered 5 shall be added to the aggregate nominal amount of share capital that may be allotted and issued or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted and issued by the directors pursuant to the general mandate to allot and issue shares granted to the directors by the said ordinary resolution numbered 6."

On behalf of the board **Chan Chun Choi** *Chairman* 

Hong Kong, 27 April 2004

Notes:

- 1. A member of the Company who is entitled to attend and vote at the meeting convened by the above notice is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote on his behalf. A proxy need not be a member of the Company. A member who is the holder of two or more shares may appoint more than one proxy to represent him and vote on his behalf. If more than one proxy is so appointed, the appointment shall specify the number and class of shares in respect of which each such proxy is so appointed.
- 2. Where there are joint holders of any share, any one of such joint holder may vote, either in person or by proxy, in respect of such share as if he were solely entitled thereto, but if more than one of such joint holders be present at any 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, and, for this purpose, seniority shall be determined by the order in which the names stand in the register in respect of the joint holding.
- 3. In order to be valid, the form of proxy together with any power of attorney or other authority under which it is signed or a notarially certified copy of such power of authority, must be deposited with the Company's Branch Share Registrar in Hong Kong, Tengis Limited, at Ground Floor, Bank of East Asia Harbour View Centre, 56 Gloucester Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time for holding the Meeting, or any adjournment thereof.
- 4. The register of members of the Company will be closed from 21 May 2004 to 28 May 2004 both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be effected. In order to qualify for attending the meeting convened by the above notice, all transfers accompanied by the relevant share certificate and transfer forms must be lodged with the Company's Branch Share Registrar in Hong Kong, Tengis Limited, at Ground Floor, Bank of East Asia Harbour View Centre, 56 Gloucester Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong not later than 4:30 p.m. on 20 May 2004.

As at the date of this notice, the Board comprises Mr. Chan Chun Choi, Ms. Lam Mo Kuen, Anna and Ms. Lu Su Hua, all of whom are executive Directors, Mr. Liu Kwok Fai Alvan, who is non-executive Director, Mr. Ng Chi Shing and Mr. Yuen Kwok Wah, Bernard, both of whom are independent non-executive Directors.

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