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# **QPL INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LIMITED**

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability) (Stock Code: 243)

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

A notice convening the annual general meeting of QPL International Holdings Limited to be held on Friday, 28 October 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at Portion 2, 12/F, The Center, 99 Queen's Road Central, Central, Hong Kong is set out on pages 15 to 19 of this circular.

Whether or not you are able to attend the annual general meeting, you are requested to complete and return the form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon as soon as possible and in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding of the annual general meeting or any adjournment thereof (as the case may be). Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting in person at the annual general meeting or any adjournment thereof should you so wish.

#### PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES FOR THE AGM

Please refer to page ii of this circular for the measures to be implemented at the AGM by the Company against the epidemic to protect the attendees from the risk of infection of the Novel Coronavirus ("COVID-19"), including:

- compulsory body temperature check
- compulsory wearing of surgical face mask
- no serving of refreshments

Any person who does not comply with the precautionary measures may be denied entry into the AGM venue. The Company wishes to advise Shareholders that you may appoint the chairman of the meeting as your proxy to vote on the relevant resolutions at the AGM as an alternative to attending the AGM in person.

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## PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

In view of the ongoing COVID-19 epidemic, the Company will implement necessary preventive measures at the AGM to protect attending Shareholders, proxy and other attendees from the risk of infection, including:

- (i) Compulsory body temperature check will be conducted on every Shareholder, proxy and other attendees at the entrance of the AGM venue. Any person with a body temperature of over 37.5 degrees Celsius may be denied entry into the AGM venue or be required to leave the AGM venue.
- (ii) Attendees are required to prepare his/her own surgical face masks and wear the same inside the AGM venue at all times.
- (iii) No refreshments will be served.

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 attendees' health and safety, the Company wishes to advise 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 proxy forms with voting instructions duly completed, 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 proxy form is enclosed to this circular. If you are not a registered Shareholder (i.e., 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.

# DEFINITIONS

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

"AGM"	the annual general meeting of the Company convened to be held on Friday, 28 October 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at Portion 2, 12/F, The Center, 99 Queen's Road Central, Central, Hong Kong, notice of which is set out on pages 15 to 19 of this circular;	
"Board"	the board of Directors;	
"Business Day"	means a day on which the Stock Exchange is open for the business of dealing in securities;	
"Bye-laws"	the bye-laws of the Company;	
"close associate(s)"	has the meaning ascribed thereto under the Listing Rules;	
"Company"	QPL International Holdings Limited, an exempted company incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability whose shares are listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange (Stock Code: 243);	
"core connected person(s)"	has the meaning ascribed thereto under the Listing Rules;	
"Director(s)"	the director(s) of the Company;	
"Existing Issue Mandate"	the general mandate granted to the Directors at the annual general meeting of the Company held on 28 October 2021 to allot or otherwise deal with the unissued shares of the Company;	
"Group"	the Company and its subsidiaries;	
"HK\$"	Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong;	
"Hong Kong"	Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China;	
"Issue Mandate"	the general and unconditional mandate to allot, issue and deal with Shares (and securities convertible into Shares) representing up to a maximum of 20% of the total number of issued shares of the Company as at the date of passing of the resolution;	

# DEFINITIONS

"Latest Practicable Date"	14 September 2022, 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;
"Repurchase Mandate"	the general and unconditional mandate to repurchase Shares up to 10% of the total number of issued share capital of the Company as at the date of the passing of the resolution;
"SFO"	the Securities and Futures Ordinance, (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong) as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time;
"Share(s)"	ordinary share(s) of HK\$0.01 each in the share capital of the Company or, if there has been a sub-division, reduction, consolidation, reclassification or reconstruction of the share capital of the Company, shares forming part of the ordinary share capital of the Company as a result from any such sub-division, reduction, consolidation, reclassification or reconstruction;
"Shareholder(s)"	holder(s) of the Shares;
"Stock Exchange"	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited;
"substantial shareholder"	has the meaning ascribed thereto under the Listing Rules;
"Takeovers Code"	the Code on Takeovers and Mergers issued by the Securities and Futures Commission; and
"%""	per cent.



# **QPL INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LIMITED**

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability) (Stock Code: 243)

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21 September 2022

To the Shareholders

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

### INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this circular is to give you information regarding the resolutions to be proposed at the AGM including ordinary resolutions for, *inter alia*, (i) the re-election of the retiring Directors; and (ii) granting to the Directors the Issue Mandate and the Repurchase Mandate upon the expiry of the current general mandates to issue Shares and repurchase Shares granted to the Directors at the last annual general meeting of the Company.

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

In accordance with bye-law 102A of the Bye-laws, Ms. Chung Hoi Yan, Mr. Chu Chun On, Franco and Mr. Liu Rongrui will retire by rotation and, being eligible, will respectively offer themselves for re-election at the AGM.

The Nomination Committee had evaluated the performance of Ms. Chung Hoi Yan, Mr. Chu Chun On, Franco and Mr. Liu Rongrui for the year ended 30 April 2022 and found their performance satisfactory. Therefore, the Nomination Committee nominated the retiring Directors to the Board for it to propose to Shareholders for re-election at the AGM.

Pursuant to the Company's own code on corporate governance practices, every non-executive Director should be appointed for a fixed term of not more than three years, subject to re-election. Accordingly, the term of appointment for the retiring non-executive Directors offering themselves for re-election shall be a fixed term of not more than three years, commencing on the date of their re-election (being the date of the AGM or the date to which it is adjourned, as the case may be) and ending on the earlier of (i) the day immediately preceding the third anniversary of their re-election; and (ii) the time of their retirement by rotation pursuant to the Bye-laws.

Ms. Chung Hoi Yan, Mr. Chu Chun On, Franco and Mr. Liu Rongrui, being independent non-executive Directors, have respectively confirmed their independence with reference to the factors set out in Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules. Having considered the requirements and obligations of each independent non-executive Director, including the factors to be taken into account in assessing their independence under Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules, the Board believes that Ms. Chung Hoi Yan, Mr. Chu Chun On, Franco and Mr. Liu Rongrui continue to be independent.

Biographical details of the retiring Directors who are proposed to be re-elected at the AGM as required to be disclosed under the Listing Rules are set out in Appendix I to this circular.

The re-election of the retiring Directors will be individually put to vote by the Shareholders at the AGM.

#### **ISSUE MANDATE AND REPURCHASE MANDATE**

At the annual general meeting of the Company held on 28 October 2021, ordinary resolutions were passed to grant general mandates to the Directors, *inter alia*, (a) to allot, issue and otherwise deal with additional Shares up to a maximum of 20% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing of the relevant resolution; and (b) to repurchase Shares in accordance with the Listing Rules up to 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the company as at the date of passing of the relevant resolution. These mandates will lapse at the conclusion of the AGM.

At the AGM, separate ordinary resolutions will be proposed to seek the approval of the Shareholders to grant the general and unconditional mandates to the Directors:

- (a) allot, issue and otherwise deal with additional Shares (and securities convertible into Shares) representing up to a maximum of 20% of the total number of issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing of the relevant resolution and authorising the addition to the mandate to allot, issue and deal with further Shares to include the total number of such Shares (if any) repurchased by the Company pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate referred to in paragraph (b) below; and
- (b) repurchase Shares up to 10% of the total number of issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing of the relevant resolution.

The Issue Mandate and the Repurchase Mandate will end on the earliest of:

- (a) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company; or
- (b) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by law or the Bye-laws to be held; or
- (c) the revocation or variation of the relevant resolution by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders in general meeting.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the issued share capital of the Company comprised 225,622,110 Shares. On the basis that no further Shares will be issued or repurchased following the Latest Practicable Date and prior to the date of the AGM, the Company will be allowed to issue a maximum of 45,124,422 Shares under the Issue Mandate and to repurchase a maximum of 22,562,211 Shares under the Repurchase Mandate, representing not more than 20% and 10% of issued share capital of the Company respectively as at the date of passing of such resolutions.

An explanatory statement in relation to the Repurchase Mandate is set out in Appendix II to this circular containing the particulars required by the Listing Rules to enable the Shareholders to make an informed view on whether to vote for or against the resolution to be proposed at the AGM in relation to the Repurchase Mandate.

#### AGM

The notice convening the AGM is set out on pages 15 to 19 of this circular. A form of proxy for use at the AGM is enclosed. Whether or not you are able to attend the AGM, you are requested to complete and return the form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and deposit it with the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Standard Limited, at 17/F Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harbour Road, Hong Kong as soon as possible and in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding of the AGM or any adjournment thereof (as the case may be). Completion and return 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.

Pursuant to Rule 13.39(4) of the Listing Rules, any vote of shareholders at a general meeting must be taken by poll except where the chairman of the meeting, 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. Accordingly, each of the resolutions set out in the notice of the AGM will be put to the vote by way of a poll.

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.

#### GENERAL

The English text of this circular shall prevail over the Chinese text.

#### **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 contained herein or this circular misleading.

### RECOMMENDATION

The Directors consider that the re-election of the retiring Directors, the granting of the Issue Mandate and the Repurchase Mandate are in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole. The Directors therefore recommend the Shareholders to vote in favour of each of the resolutions set out in the notice of the AGM.

By Order of the Board QPL International Holdings Limited Tung Siu Ching Executive Director

### APPENDIX I BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF RETIRING DIRECTORS

The following are the biographical details on the retiring Directors who have offered themselves for re-election at the AGM.

#### Ms. Chung Hoi Yan

Ms. Chung Hoi Yan ("Ms. Chung"), aged 40, has been appointed as an independent non-executive Director of the Company since 15 November 2016. Ms. Chung is a qualified member of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and hold a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting from the City University of Hong Kong. She has over 10 years experience in the auditing and finance and accounting field. She is currently a finance manager of a company of which is listed on the Main Board of Stock Exchange.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, save as Ms. Chung held an interest in 1,800,000 Options which were granted by the Company, Ms. Chung does not have any interests in the Shares or underlying Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO. She does not have any relationship with the Directors, senior management, or substantial/controlling Shareholders nor does she hold any other position with the Company or any member company of the Group. Save as disclosed above, Ms. Chung has not held any other directorship in the last three years in public companies the securities of which are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas.

The term of appointment for Ms. Chung as an independent non-executive Director will be a fixed term of not more than three years, commencing on the date of her re-election (being the date of the AGM or any adjournment thereof, as the case may be) and ending on the earlier of (i) the day immediately preceding the third anniversary of her re-election or (ii) the time of her retirement by rotation pursuant to the Bye-laws.

Ms. Chung is entitled to receive a director's fee of HK\$144,000 per annum which is determined by the Board with reference to her duties and responsibilities, as well as the remuneration benchmark from other companies and prevailing market conditions. Her remuneration is subject to review by the Remuneration Committee of the Company from time to time.

Save as disclosed above, there are no other matters concerning Ms. Chung that need to be brought to the attention of Shareholders not is there any information to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules.

### APPENDIX I BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF RETIRING DIRECTORS

#### Mr. Chu Chun On, Franco

Mr. Chu Chun On, Franco ("**Mr. Chu**"), aged 39, has been appointed as an independent non-executive Director since 15 September 2016. Mr. Chu is a Certified Financial Planner registered with Institute of Financial Planners of Hong Kong and holds a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting and Finance from Simon Fraser University in Canada. Mr. Chu is a licensed person to carry out type 1 (dealing in securities) regulated activities under the SFO. Mr. Chu has over 10 years of experience in financial planning and wealth management and is currently a responsible officer of privately-owned securities house.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, save as Mr. Chu held an interest in 1,800,000 Options which were granted by the Company, Mr. Chu does not have any interests in the Shares or underlying Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO. He does not have any relationship with the Directors, senior management, or substantial/controlling Shareholders nor does he hold any other position with the Company or any member company of the Group. Save as disclosed above, Mr. Chu has not held any other directorship in the last three years in public companies the securities of which are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas.

The term of appointment for Mr. Chu as an independent non-executive Director will be a fixed term of not more than three years, commencing on the date of his re-election (being the date of the AGM or any adjournment thereof, as the case may be) and ending on the earlier of (i) the day immediately preceding the third anniversary of his re-election or (ii) the time of his retirement by rotation pursuant to the Bye-laws.

Mr. Chu is entitled to receive a director's fee of HK\$120,000 per annum which is determined by the Board with reference to his duties and responsibilities, as well as the remuneration benchmark from other companies and prevailing market conditions. His remuneration is subject to review by the Remuneration Committee of the Company from time to time.

Save as disclosed above, there are no other matters concerning Mr. Chu that need to be brought to the attention of Shareholders not is there any information to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules.

### APPENDIX I BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF RETIRING DIRECTORS

### Mr. Liu Rongrui

Mr. Liu Rongrui ("Mr. Liu"), aged 39, has been appointed as an independent nonexecutive Director of the Company since April 2019. He is also the Chairman of the Remuneration Committee and a member of each of the Audit Committee and the Nomination Committee. Mr. Liu was graduated from the profession of law of China Central Radio and TV University (中央廣播電視大學)(in cooperation with China University of Political Science and Law (中國政法大學)) in January 2014. Since 2003, he has been working at the No. 6 Detachment of Chinese Armed Police in Shenzhen, the PRC as propagandist of the regulation and gained extensive knowledge in risk management and compliance.

Mr. Liu does not have any relationship with any Directors, senior management, substantial or controlling Shareholders nor has he held any other position with the Company or any member company of the Group. Save as disclosed above, Mr. Liu has not held any directorship in the last three years in public companies the securities of which are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Liu does not have any interests in the Shares or underlying Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Mr. Liu is entitled to receive a director's fee of HK\$96,000 per annum which is determined by the Remuneration Committee with reference to his duties and responsibilities, as well as the remuneration benchmark in the industry and prevailing market conditions. His remuneration is subject to review by the Remuneration Committee of the Company from time to time. The term of appointment for Mr. Liu as an independent non-executive Director will be a fixed term of not more than three years, commencing on the date of his re-election (being the date of the AGM or any adjournment thereof, as the case may be) and ending on the earlier of (i) the day immediately preceding the third anniversary of his re-election or (ii) the time of his retirement by rotation in accordance with the Bye-laws.

Save as disclosed above, there are no other matters concerning Mr. Liu that need to be brought to the attention of Shareholders nor is there any information to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules.

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

#### 1. LISTING RULES RELATING TO THE REPURCHASE OF SECURITIES

The Listing Rules permit companies whose primary listings are on the Stock Exchange to repurchase their securities (which shall include, where the context permits, shares of all classes and securities which carry a right to subscribe or purchase shares) on the Stock Exchange subject to certain restrictions amongst which the Listing Rules provide that the shares proposed to be repurchased by a company must be fully paid-up and all repurchases of shares by a company with a primary listing on the Stock Exchange must be approved in advance by an ordinary resolution of shareholders either by way of general mandate to the directors to make such repurchases or by specific approval of a particular transaction.

#### 2. SHARE CAPITAL

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the issued share capital of the Company comprised 225,622,110 Shares. Subject to the passing of the proposed resolution granting the Repurchase Mandate and on the basis that no Shares are allotted and issued or repurchased by the Company prior to the AGM, the Company would be allowed under the Repurchase Mandate to repurchase a maximum of 22,562,211 Shares, representing 10% of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing the proposed resolution on the Repurchase Mandate.

#### 3. REASONS FOR THE REPURCHASE

The Directors believe that the ability to repurchase Shares is in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole. Repurchases may, depending on the market conditions and funding arrangements of the Company at the time, result in an increase in net asset value and/or earnings per Share. The Directors are seeking a general mandate to repurchase Shares so as to give the Company flexibility to do so if and when appropriate. The number(s) of Shares to be repurchased on any occasion and the price and other terms upon which the same are repurchased will be decided by the Directors at the relevant time having regard to the circumstances then pertaining.

Whilst it is not possible to anticipate in advance any specific circumstance in which the Directors might think it appropriate to repurchase Shares, a repurchase would be effected where the resulting reduction in the issued capital of the Company was considered beneficial. The Directors believe that an ability to repurchase Shares gives the Company additional flexibility that would be beneficial. Shareholders can be assured that the Directors would only make such repurchases in circumstances where they consider them to be in the interest of the Company because they consider the Shares can be purchased on favourable terms.

#### 4. FUNDING OF REPURCHASES

Repurchases made pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate would be funded out of funds legally available for such purpose in accordance with the Company's memorandum of association and Bye-laws, the Listing Rules and the applicable laws of Bermuda. The Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda (as amended) provides that the amount of capital paid in connection with a share repurchase may only be paid out of either the capital paid up on the relevant shares, or from the proceeds of a fresh issue of shares made for the purpose. The Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda (as amended) further provides that the amount of premium payable on repurchase may only be paid out of either the funds that would otherwise be available for distribution or dividend or out of the share premium account of the Company. The Shares repurchased will be treated as cancelled and the amount of the Company's issued share capital will be diminished by the nominal value of such Shares, but the aggregate amount of the Company's authorised share capital will not be thereby reduced.

On the basis of the consolidated financial position of the Company as at 30 April 2022 (being the date to which the latest published audited consolidated financial statements of the Company have been made up) and in particular the working capital position of the Company at that time and the number of Shares in issue as at the Latest Practicable Date, the Directors consider that there would not be a material adverse impact on the working capital position and that there would not be a material adverse impact of the proposed mandate were to be carried out in full during the proposed mandate period. However, no repurchase would be made in circumstances that would have a material adverse impact on the working capital or gearing position of the Company (as compared with the financial position disclosed in its latest published audited financial statements) unless the Directors consider that such repurchases were in the best interests of the Company.

### 5. DIRECTORS' INTERESTS

To the best of the knowledge of the Directors having made all reasonable enquiries, there are no Directors or close associates of the Directors who have a present intention, in the event that the Repurchase Mandate is granted by the Shareholders, to sell any of the Shares to the Company.

#### 6. CORE CONNECTED PERSONS

No core connected persons of the Company have notified the Company that they have a present intention to sell any of the Shares to the Company and no such persons have undertaken not to sell any of the Shares held by them to the Company in the event that the Repurchase Mandate is granted by the Shareholders.

### 7. UNDERTAKING OF THE DIRECTORS

The Directors have undertaken to the Stock Exchange that, so far as the same may be applicable, they will exercise the power of the Company to make repurchases of the Shares pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate in accordance with the Listing Rules, the applicable laws of Bermuda and the regulations set out in the memorandum of association and Bye-laws of the Company.

### 8. SECURITIES REPURCHASES MADE BY THE COMPANY

During the six months preceding the Latest Practicable Date, the Company had not repurchased any of the Company's listed securities (whether on the Stock Exchange or otherwise).

### 9. SHARE PRICES

The highest and lowest prices at which the Shares were traded on the Stock Exchange in each of the previous twelve months immediately prior to the Latest Practicable Date were as follows:

Month	Highest	Lowest
	HK\$	HK\$
2021		
September	0.520	0.430
October	0.500	0.410
November	0.430	0.370
December	0.360	0.280
2022		
January	0.470	0.305
February	0.465	0.350
March	0.390	0.265
April	0.405	0.315
May	0.400	0.355
June	0.510	0.375
July	0.485	0.380
August	0.475	0.355
September (up to the Latest Practicable Date)	0.390	0.265

#### 10. TAKEOVERS CODE AND THE PUBLIC FLOAT REQUIREMENT

If as a result of a share repurchase, a shareholder's proportionate interest in the voting capital of the Company increases, such increase will be treated as an acquisition for the purposes of the Takeovers Code and, if such increase results in a change of control, may in certain circumstances give rise to an obligation to make a mandatory offer under Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, to the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors, Ms. Hui Sau King Florence is beneficially interested in an aggregate of approximately 16.7% of the issued share of the Company. In the event that the Repurchase Mandate is exercise in full, the shareholding in the Company held by her would be increased to approximately 18.5% of the issued share capital of the Company. Such increase is not expected to give rise to an obligation to make a mandatory offer under Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code. The Directors are not aware of any consequences which will arise under the Takeovers Code as a result of any repurchases to be made under the Repurchase Mandate. Furthermore, the Company and the Directors have no current intention to exercise the Repurchase Mandate, to such extent as would give rise to an obligation to make a mandatory offer under Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code.

Further, the Company may not repurchase its own Shares on the Stock Exchange if that repurchase would result in the number of Shares which are in the hands of the public falling below 25% of the Company's issued share capital.



# **QPL INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LIMITED**

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability) (Stock Code: 243)

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Annual General Meeting of QPL International Holdings Limited (the "**Company**") will be held on Friday, 28 October 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at Portion 2, 12/F, The Center, 99 Queen's Road Central, Central, Hong Kong for the following purposes:

- 1. To receive and consider the Audited Financial Statements of the Company for the year ended 30 April 2022 and the Reports of the Directors and the Auditors thereon.
- 2. To re-appoint McMillan Woods (Hong Kong) CPA Limited as auditor of the Company and to authorise the board of directors (the "**Board**" or "**Directors**") of the Company to fix their remuneration.
- 3. (A). To re-elect Ms. Chung Hoi Yan as an independent non-executive Director for a fixed term of not more than three years, commencing on the date of her re-election (being the date of this annual general meeting or date to which it is adjourned, as the case may be) and ending on the earlier of (i) the day immediately preceding the third anniversary of her re-election; or (ii) the time of her retirement by rotation pursuant to the Bye-laws of the Company.
  - (B). To re-elect Mr. Chu Chun On, Franco as an independent non-executive Director for a fixed term of not more than three years, commencing on the date of his reelection (being the date of this annual general meeting or date to which it is adjourned, as the case may be) and ending on the earlier of (i) the day immediately preceding the third anniversary of his re-election; or (ii) the time of his retirement by rotation pursuant to the Bye-laws of the Company.
  - (C). To re-elect Mr. Liu Rongrui as an independent non-executive Director for a fixed term of not more than three years, commencing on the date of his re-election (being the date of this annual general meeting or date to which it is adjourned, as the case may be) and ending on the earlier of (i) the day immediately preceding the third anniversary of his re-election; or (ii) the time of his retirement by rotation pursuant to the Bye-laws of the Company.
  - (D). To authorise the Board to fix the Directors' remuneration.

As special business, to consider and, if thought fit, pass with or without modifications, the following resolutions as Ordinary Resolutions:

### **ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS**

### 4(A). "**THAT**:

- (i) subject to paragraph (iii), the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with additional ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each in the capital of the Company ("Shares") 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;
- (ii) the approval in paragraph (i) 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;
- (iii) the total 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 paragraph (i), otherwise than pursuant to:
  - (a) a Rights Issue (as hereinafter defined); or
  - (b) the exercise of rights of subscription or conversion under the terms of any warrants issued by the Company or any securities which are convertible into Shares; or
  - (c) an issue of Shares upon the exercise of subscription rights under any option scheme or similar arrangement for the time being adopted for the grant or issue to officers and/or employees and/or business associates of the Company or any subsidiaries and/or any other persons of Shares or rights to acquire Shares.

shall not exceed 20% of the total number of existing share capital of the Company in issue as at the date hereof and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and

(iv) for the purpose of this resolution:

"**Relevant Period**" means the period from the passing of the resolution until whichever is the earlier of:

(a) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company; or

- (b) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by law or the Company's Bye-laws to be held; or
- (c) 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 to holders of ordinary shares on the register of members of the Company 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, or the requirements of, any recognized regulatory body or any stock exchange in any relevant jurisdiction."

### 4(B). "**THAT**:

- (i) the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period of all powers of the Company to repurchase its Shares on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange"), subject to and in accordance with all applicable laws and requirements of the Stock Exchange as amended from time to time be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (ii) the total number of securities of the Company repurchased by the Company pursuant to paragraph (i) during the Relevant Period, shall be no more than 10% of the total number of existing issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing of this resolution and the authority pursuant to paragraph (i) shall be limited accordingly; and
- (iii) for the purpose of this resolution:

"**Relevant Period**" means the period from the date of passing of this resolution until whichever is the earlier of:

- (a) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company; or
- (b) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by law or the Company's Bye-laws to be held; or
- (c) the revocation or variation of this resolution by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting."

4(C). "**THAT** conditional upon the resolutions set out in paragraphs 4(A) and 4(B) contained in the notice convening the meeting of which this resolution forms part (the "**Notice**") being passed, the total number of Shares repurchased by the Company after the date of passing this resolution (up to a maximum of 10% of the total number of share capital of the Company in issue as at the date of this resolution) shall be added to the total number of share capital that may be 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 resolution set out in paragraph 4(A) contained in the Notice."

By Order of the Board QPL International Holdings Limited Tung Siu Ching Executive Director

Hong Kong, 21 September 2022

Head Office and Principal Place of Business in Hong Kong:
8th Floor, Hale Weal Industrial Building
22-28 Tai Chung Road
Tsuen Wan, New Territories
Hong Kong

Notes:

- At the date of this notice, the Board comprises four Executive Directors, namely Mr. Li Tung Lok (Executive Chairman and Chief Executive), Mr. Phen Hoi Ping, Patrick, Mr. Lai Sau Him and Ms. Tung Siu Ching, and three Independent Non-executive Directors, namely Ms. Chung Hoi Yan, Mr. Liu Rongrui and Mr. Chu Chun On, Franco.
- 2. In order to be valid, the form of proxy, together with the power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which it is signed or a notarially certified copy of that power or authority, must be deposited with the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Standard Limited, at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harbour Road, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding of the Annual General Meeting or any adjournment meeting (as the case may be). A form of proxy for use at the Annual General Meeting is enclosed herewith.
- 3. The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing under the hand of the appointor or of his attorney authorised in writing, or if the appointor is a corporation, either under seal or under the hand of an officer or attorney duly authorised.

- 4. A member entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting (or at any adjournment thereof) is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend the meeting and vote in his stead. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.
- 5. Where there are joint registered holders of any share, any one of such persons may vote at the Annual General Meeting (or at any adjournment thereof), either personally 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 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. At the Annual General Meeting (or at any adjournment thereof), the chairman will put each of the above resolutions to the vote by way of a poll as required under the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited. The poll results will be published on the website of the Company at www.qpl.com and the website of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited at www.hkexnews.hk.
- 7. The register of members of the Company will be closed from 25 October 2022 to 28 October 2022 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares in the Company shall be registered. In order to qualify for the proposed Annual General Meeting, all transfers, accompanied by the relevant share certificates, have to be lodged with the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Standard Limited, at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harbour Road, Hong Kong, not later than 4:30 p.m. on 24 October 2022.
- 8. The Chinese translation of this notice is for reference only. In case of any inconsistency, the English version shall prevail.