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WEST CHINA CEMENT LIMITED

中 國 西 部 水 泥 有 限 公 司

(Incorporated in Jersey with limited liability, with registered number 94796) (Stock Code: 2233)

# PROPOSED DECLARATION OF FINAL DIVIDEND, RENEWAL OF GENERAL MANDATE TO ISSUE SHARES AND TO REPURCHASE SHARES, RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A notice convening the Annual General Meeting to be held at Chamber Theatre A, 22/F, United Centre, 95 Queensway, Admiralty, Hong Kong on 27 May 2022 at 11:00 a.m. is set out on pages 19 to 23 of this circular. Whether or not you intend to be present and vote at the Annual General Meeting, you are requested to complete the enclosed form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return it to the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited at Shops 1712–1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong as soon as possible and in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the Annual General Meeting or any adjourned meeting. The completion of a form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting at the Annual General Meeting in person should you so wish. If you attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting, the authority of your proxy will be revoked.

#### PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please see page 2 of this circular for details of the measures to be taken to help prevent and control the spread of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) at the Annual General Meeting, including:

- compulsory body temperature checks and health declarations
- compulsory wearing of a surgical face mask for each attendee
- no distribution of corporate gift or refreshment

Any person who does not comply with the precautionary measures or is subject to any compulsory quarantine imposed by the Hong Kong Government prescribed quarantine may be denied entry into the meeting venue. It is also possible that Shareholders and/or their representatives may not be able to attend in person at the Annual General Meeting venue depending on prevailing requirements or guidelines published by the Hong Kong Government and/or regulatory authorities at the time of the Annual General Meeting. The Company strongly encourages Shareholders that they may appoint the chairman of the meeting as their proxy to vote on the relevant resolution(s) at the meeting as an alternative to attending the meeting in person.

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## PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The health of our Shareholders, staff and stakeholders is of paramount importance to us. In view of the ongoing Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the Company will implement the following precautionary measures at the Annual General Meeting to protect attending Shareholders, staff and stakeholders from the risk of infection:

- (i) Compulsory body temperature checks will be conducted for every shareholder, proxy or other attendee at each entrance of the meeting venue. Any person with a body temperature of over 37.4 degrees Celsius may be denied entry into the meeting venue or be required to leave the meeting venue.
- (ii) The Company requires each attendee to wear a surgical face mask throughout the meeting and inside the meeting venue, and to maintain a safe distance between seats.
- (iii) No refreshment will be served, and there will be no corporate gift.
- (iv) Each attendee may be asked whether (a) he/she travels outside Hong Kong within the 14-day period immediately before the Annual General Meeting; and (b) he/she is subject to any compulsory quarantine imposed by the Hong Kong Government. Anyone who responds positively to any of these questions may be denied entry into the meeting venue or be required to leave the meeting venue.

In addition, the Company reminds all Shareholders that physical attendance in person at the meeting is not necessary for the purpose of exercising voting rights. Any person who does not comply with the precautionary measures or is subject to any compulsory quarantine imposed by the Hong Kong Government prescribed quarantine may be denied entry into the meeting venue. It is also possible that Shareholders and/or their representatives may not be able to attend in person at the Annual General Meeting venue depending on prevailing requirements or guidelines published by the Hong Kong Government and/or regulatory authorities at the time of the Annual General Meeting. The Company strongly encourages Shareholders that they may appoint the chairman of the meeting as their proxy to vote on the relevant resolution(s) at the meeting as an alternative to attending the meeting in person.

Due to the constantly evolving COVID-19 pandemic situation in Hong Kong, the Company may be required to implement and/or adjust the precautionary measures for the Annual General Meeting or change the Annual General Meeting arrangements at short notice. Shareholders are advised to check the Company's website at http://www.westchinacement.com and the Stock Exchange's website at www.hkexnews.hk for further announcements and updates on the Annual General Meeting arrangements.

If any shareholder chooses not to attend the meeting in person but has any question about any resolution or about the Company, or has any matter for communication with the board of directors of the Company, he/she is welcome to send such question or matter in writing to our registered office or to our email at ir@westchinacement.com.

# PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

If any shareholder has any question relating to the meeting, please contact Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar as follows:

Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre 183 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai, Hong Kong Email: hkinfo@computershare.com.hk Tel: 2862 8555 Fax: 2865 0990

## DEFINITIONS

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

"2021 Annual Report"	the annual report of the Company for the financial year ended 31 December 2021
"Annual General Meeting"	the annual general meeting of the Company to be held at Chamber Theatre A, 22/F, United Centre, 95 Queensway, Admiralty, Hong Kong on 27 May 2022 at 11:00 a.m., for the purpose of considering and if thought fit, approving the resolutions proposed in this circular
"Articles of Association"	the articles of association of the Company as amended from time to time
"Board"	the board of Directors
"close associate(s)"	has the same meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules
"Company"	West China Cement Limited (中國西部水泥有限公司), a company incorporated in Jersey with limited liability, with registered number 94796, and the Shares of which are listed on the Stock Exchange
"core connected person(s)"	has the same meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules
"Director(s)"	the director(s) of the Company
"Group"	the Company and its subsidiaries
"HK\$"	Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong
"Hong Kong"	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China
"Issuance Mandate"	a general and unconditional mandate proposed to be granted to the Directors to allot, issue or deal with additional Shares not exceeding 20% of the total number of issued shares of the Company as at the date of passing of the proposed ordinary resolution at the Annual General Meeting
"Latest Practicable Date"	19 April 2022, being the latest practicable date prior to the printing of this circular for ascertaining certain information in this circular
"Listing Rules"	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange

# DEFINITIONS

"Repurchase Mandate"	a general and unconditional mandate to be granted to the Directors to exercise the power of the Company to repurchase Shares in the capital of the Company up to a maximum of 10% of the total number of issued shares of the Company as at the date of passing of the proposed ordinary resolution at the Annual General Meeting
"RMB"	Renminbi, the lawful currency of the PRC
"SFO"	the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong)
"Share(s)"	ordinary share(s) with a nominal value of $\pounds 0.002$ each in the share capital of the Company
"Shareholder(s)"	holder(s) of the Share(s)
"Stock Exchange"	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
"substantial shareholder(s)"	has the same meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules
"Takeovers Code"	The Hong Kong Code on Takeovers and Mergers
" <i>%</i> "	per cent.
"£"	pound sterling, the legal currency of the United Kingdom



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Executive Directors: Mr. Zhang Jimin (Chairman) Dr. Ma Weiping

Non-executive Directors: Mr. Ma Zhaoyang Mr. Wang Jingqian Mr. Fan Changhong

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26 April 2022

To: the Shareholders of the Company

Dear Sir or Madam

# PROPOSED DECLARATION OF FINAL DIVIDEND, RENEWAL OF GENERAL MANDATE TO ISSUE SHARES AND TO REPURCHASE SHARES, RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this circular is to give you notice of the Annual General Meeting and to provide you with information regarding resolutions to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting relating to enable you to make an informed decision on whether to vote for or against those resolutions.

At the Annual General Meeting, resolutions, amongst others, will be proposed for the Shareholders to approve (i) proposed declaration of final dividend; (ii) the renewal of the Issuance Mandate and the Repurchase Mandate; (iii) the extension of the Issuance Mandate to include Shares repurchased pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate; and (iv) the re-election of Directors.

# DECLARATION OF FINAL DIVIDEND AND CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

According to the announcement of the annual results of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2021 dated 27 March 2022, the Board recommended the payment of final dividend for the year ended 31 December 2021 of RMB0.087 per Share which is subject to the approval of Shareholders at the Annual General Meeting. The final dividend, if approved by the Shareholders at the Annual General Meeting, will be paid on or around 29 July 2022 to Shareholders whose names appear on the register of members of the Company at the close of business on 7 June 2022.

The register of members of the Company will be closed from 6 June 2022 to 7 June 2022, both dates inclusive. In order to qualify for the proposed final dividend, all transfers, accompanied by the relevant share certificates, must be lodged with the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, Shops 1712–16, 17/F, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong, not later than 4:30 p.m. on 2 June 2022.

#### RENEWAL OF GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE AND REPURCHASE SHARES

At the annual general meeting of the Company held on 28 May 2021, a resolution was passed granting general mandates to the Directors to (i) repurchase shares in the capital of the Company up to 10% of the total number of issued shares of the Company as at the date of passing of the relevant resolution; and (ii) allot, issue or deal with additional Shares not exceeding 20% of the total number of issued shares of the Company as at the date of passing of the relevant resolution. Such general mandates will expire at the conclusion of the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

At the Annual General Meeting, separate ordinary resolutions will be proposed:

(a) to approve the grant of the Issuance Mandate to the Directors to exercise the powers of the Company to allot, issue or deal with additional Shares not exceeding 20% of the total number of issued Shares of the Company as at the date of passing of the proposed resolution at the Annual General Meeting. The Issuance Mandate will end on the earliest of the date of the next annual general meeting, the date by which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required to be held by the Articles of Association or the date upon which such authority is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders at a general meeting of the Company. Based on 5,438,882,820 Shares in issue as at the Latest Practicable Date and subject to the passing of the proposed resolution granting the Issuance Mandate to the Directors and on the basis that no further Shares are issued or repurchased prior to the Annual General Meeting, the Directors will be authorised to issue up to 1,087,776,564 Shares under the Issuance Mandate;

- (b) to approve the grant of the Repurchase Mandate to the Directors to exercise all powers of the Company to repurchase issued Shares subject to the criteria set out in this circular. Under such Repurchase Mandate, the maximum number of Shares that the Company may repurchase shall not exceed 10% of the total number of issued Shares of the Company as at the date of passing of the proposed resolution at the Annual General Meeting. As at the Latest Practicable Date, the number of Shares in issue is 5,438,882,820 Shares. Subject to the passing of the proposed resolution approving the granting of the Repurchase Mandate and if no further Shares are issued or repurchased prior to the Annual General Meeting, the Company would be allowed under the Repurchase Mandate to repurchase a maximum of 543,888,282 Shares. The Repurchase Mandate will end on the earliest of the date of the next annual general meeting, the date by which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required to be held by the Articles of Association or the date upon which such authority is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders at a general meeting of the Company; and
- (c) subject to the passing of the aforesaid ordinary resolutions of the Issuance Mandate and the Repurchase Mandate, to extend the number of Shares to be issued and allotted under the Issuance Mandate by an additional number representing such number of Shares repurchased under the Repurchase Mandate.

In accordance with the Listing Rules, an explanatory statement is set out in Appendix I to this circular to provide you with requisite information reasonably necessary to enable you to make an informed decision on whether to vote for or against the proposed resolution to renew the grant of the Repurchase Mandate at the Annual General Meeting.

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

Mr. Wang Jingqian was appointed as a non-executive Director with effect from 19 April 2022. Article 23.2 of the Articles of Association stipulates that any Director appointed by the Board to fill a casual vacancy of the Board shall hold office until the next following annual general meeting of the Company and shall then be eligible for re-election at such meeting. Mr. Wang Jingqian has offered himself for re-election at the Annual General Meeting.

Pursuant to 24.2 of the Articles of Association, Mr. Ma Zhaoyang, Mr. Zhu Dong and Mr. Tam King Ching Kenny will retire from office of Directors at the Annual General Meeting and, being eligible, will offer themselves for re-election as Directors at the Annual General Meeting.

At the Annual General Meeting, ordinary resolutions will be proposed to re-elect Mr. Wang Jingqian and Mr. Ma Zhaoyang as non-executive Directors and Mr. Zhu Dong and Mr. Tam King Ching Kenny as independent non-executive Directors. The biographical details of such Directors proposed to be re-elected as required to be disclosed under the Listing Rules are set out in Appendix II to this circular.

The nomination committee of the Board (the "Nomination Committee") had considered the background, skills, knowledge and experience of the nominated independent non-executive Directors and non-executive Director, having regard to the Company's board diversity policy. The board diversity policy sets out that appointments of members of the Board are based on a range of diversity perspectives, including but not limited to gender, age, cultural and educational background, experience (professional or otherwise), skills and knowledge. The particulars in Appendix II describe how each such Director contributes to the diversity of the Board. The Board notes that these Directors have extensive experience in different fields and professions that are relevant to the Company's business development. In addition, their respective education, background, experience and practice allow them to provide valuable and relevant insights and contribute to the diversity of the Board.

#### Recommendation of the Nomination Committee with respect to the independent nonexecutive Director who has served more than nine years and is proposed to be re-elected at the Annual General Meeting

Pursuant to Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules, further re-appointment of Mr. Tam King Ching Kenny, who has served the Company as an independent non-executive director for more than nine years, should be subject to a separate resolution to be approved by shareholders as service for more than nine years could be relevant to the determination of a non-executive director's independence.

The Nomination Committee had assessed and reviewed the written confirmation of independence of Mr. Tam King Ching Kenny based on the independence criteria as set out in Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules and is satisfied that he remains independent in accordance with Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules. In addition, having evaluated the performance of Mr. Tam, the Nomination Committee was of the view that he has provided valuable contributions to the Company and has demonstrated his abilities to provide independent, balanced and objective view to the Company's affairs. Mr. Tam has also brought to the Board his own perspective, skills and experience, as further described in Appendix II to this circular.

Based on the board diversity policy adopted by the Company, the Nomination Committee considered that Mr. Tam can contribute to the diversity of the Board in view of his experience in financial audit, corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions, as well as his past contributions to the Board.

Although Mr. Tam holds directorships in more than seven listed companies, all such directorships are non-executive in nature and Mr. Tam is not involved in overseeing or managing the operations of such companies on a daily basis. Mr. Tam has maintained his professionalism in various directorships of listed companies he served (to the best of the information and knowledge of the Board), and has actively participated in the meetings of the Board and the audit committee of the Board during his tenure as independent non-executive Director. Accordingly, the Board is of the view that he is able to devote sufficient time and attention to perform the duties as an independent non-executive Director.

The participation and attendance records of the retiring Directors (including Mr. Tam) at the meetings of the Board and/or its committees and the general meeting of the Company in 2021 are disclosed in the sections headed "Board Meetings and Attendances", "Audit Committee", "Remuneration Committee" and "Nomination Committee" under the corporate governance report in the 2021 Annual Report.

Having considered the above-mentioned factors, the Directors (excluding Mr. Tam for the present purpose) are of the opinion that Mr. Tam still maintains an independent view of the Company's affairs and is able to carry out his duties as independent non-executive Director in an impartial manner. His relevant professional experience will also continue to be beneficial to the Board and protect the interest of minority Shareholders.

Therefore, the Board, with the recommendation of the Nomination Committee, is of the view that the re-election of Mr. Tam as an independent non-executive Director is in the interest of the Company and Shareholders as a whole and recommends his re-election at the Annual General Meeting.

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Company will convene the Annual General Meeting at Chamber Theatre A, 22/F, United Centre, 95 Queensway, Admiralty, Hong Kong on 27 May 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at which resolutions will be proposed for the purpose of considering and if thought fit, approving the resolutions set out in the notice of the Annual General Meeting as set out on pages 19 to 23 of this circular.

A form of proxy for use in connection with the Annual General Meeting is enclosed herewith. Whether or not you intend to be present and vote at the Annual General Meeting, you are requested to complete the enclosed form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return it to the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited at Shops 1712–1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong as soon as possible and in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the Annual General Meeting or any adjournment thereof. The completion and delivery of a form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting at the Annual General Meeting in person should you so wish. If you attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting, the authority of your proxy will be revoked. Pursuant to Rule 13.39(4) of the Listing Rules, voting by the Shareholders at the Annual General Meeting will be by poll.

#### **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 Group. 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 (including all the independent non-executive Directors) consider that the resolutions to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting regarding (i) the proposed declaration of final dividends; (ii) the renewal of the Issuance Mandate and the Repurchase Mandate; (iii) the extension of the Issuance Mandate to include Shares repurchased pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate; and (iv) the re-election of Directors are in the best interests of the Company as well as the Shareholders as a whole. Accordingly, the Directors recommend the Shareholders to vote in favour of all the resolutions to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

Yours faithfully By Order of the Board **Mr. ZHANG Jimin** *Chairman* 

## APPENDIX I EXPLANATORY STATEMENT ON THE REPURCHASE MANDATE

This is an explanatory statement given to all Shareholders relating to a resolution to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting for approving the Repurchase Mandate. This explanatory statement contains all the information required pursuant to Rule 10.06(1)(b) and other relevant provisions of the Listing Rules which is set out as follows:

#### **1. SHARE CAPITAL**

As at the Latest Practicable Date, there was a total of 5,438,882,820 Shares in issue. Subject to the passing of the resolution granting the Repurchase Mandate and on the basis that no further Shares are issued or repurchased during the period from the Latest Practicable Date to the Annual General Meeting, the Company will be allowed under the Repurchase Mandate to repurchase a maximum of 543,888,282 Shares, being 10% of the total number of issued Shares of the Company as at the date of the passing of the relevant resolution at the Annual General Meeting.

#### 2. REASONS FOR SHARE REPURCHASE

The Directors consider that a general authority from the Shareholders to repurchase Shares on the market would give the Company additional flexibility that would be beneficial to the Company and the Shareholders as such repurchase may, depending on market conditions and funding arrangements at the time, lead to an enhancement of the net assets value of the Company and/or its earning per Share and will only be made when the Directors believe that such a repurchase will benefit the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

As compared with the financial position of the Company as at 31 December 2021 (as disclosed in its latest audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021), the Directors consider that there would not be any material adverse impact on the working capital and on the gearing position of the Company in the event that the proposed repurchase were to be carried out in full during the proposed repurchase period. In the circumstances, the Directors do not propose to exercise the Repurchase Mandate to such an extent as would have a material adverse impact on the working capital or gearing ratio of the Company.

#### **3.** FUNDING OF REPURCHASE

The Company is empowered by its memorandum and articles of association to repurchase its Shares. In repurchasing Shares, the Company may only apply funds legally available for such purpose in accordance with its memorandum and articles of association and laws of Jersey. Under the laws of Jersey, payment for a share repurchase by the Company can be made out of any source as provided for under the Companies (Jersey) Law 1991 provided the Shares are fully paid up. However, the articles of association of the Company require that whilst the Company is listed on the Stock Exchange, any such purchase must also comply with the requirements of the Companies Ordinance (Cap.622 of the laws of Hong Kong). Therefore the payment for a share repurchase by the Company may only be made out of profits or the proceeds of a new issue of Shares made for such purpose or out of capital of the Company. The amount of premium payable on a repurchase of Shares may only be paid out of either the profits or out of the share premium of the Company or out of capital of the Company.

# APPENDIX I EXPLANATORY STATEMENT ON THE REPURCHASE MANDATE

In addition, under the laws of Jersey, the purchase by a company of its own shares is unlawful unless the directors of the company who authorize the purchase have formed the opinion that immediately following the date on which the payment is proposed to be made, the company shall be able to discharge its liabilities as they fall due and that, having regard to the prospects of the company and the intentions of the directors with respect to the management of the company's business and the amount and character of the financial resources that will in their view be available to the company, the company will be able to continue to carry on business and discharge its liabilities as they fall due for 12 months following the date the payment is made. In accordance with the laws of Jersey, the shares so repurchased would be treated as cancelled but the aggregate amount of authorised share capital would not be reduced.

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

None of the Directors nor, to the best of their knowledge and belief having made all reasonable enquiries, any of their close associates, has any present intention to sell any Shares to the Company in the event that the Repurchase Mandate is granted by the Shareholders.

No core connected person of the Company (as defined in the Listing Rules) has notified the Company that he/she/it has a present intention to sell 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 granted by the Shareholders.

#### 5. 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 powers of the Company to make repurchases pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate and in accordance with the Listing Rules, the Articles of Association and the laws of Jersey.

#### 6. EFFECT OF TAKEOVERS CODE

A repurchase of Shares by the Company may result in an increase in the proportionate interests of a substantial shareholder of the Company in the voting rights of the Company, which could give rise to an obligation to make a mandatory offer in accordance with Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, to the best of the knowledge and belief of the Company, Asia Gain Investments Limited, a substantial shareholder of the Company, was beneficially interested in approximately 32.3% of the issued share capital of the Company. In the event that the Directors exercise in full the power to repurchase the Shares which is proposed to be granted pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate, the shareholding of Asia Gain Investments Limited would be increased to approximately 35.9% of the then issued share capital of the Company and such increase would give rise to an obligation to make a mandatory general offer under Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code. The Company currently has no intention to exercise the Repurchase Mandate to such extent that it would give rise to an obligation to make a mandatory offer under the Takeovers Code or result in the amount of shares held by the public being reduced to less than 25% of the issued share capital of the Company.

# APPENDIX I EXPLANATORY STATEMENT ON THE REPURCHASE MANDATE

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

The Company had not repurchased any Shares (whether on the Stock Exchange or otherwise) during the six months preceding the Latest Practicable Date.

#### 8. SHARE PRICES

During each of the previous 12 months up to the Latest Practicable Date, the highest and lowest traded prices for Shares on the Stock Exchange were as follows:

	Highest	Lowest
	HK\$	HK\$
2021		
April	1.40	1.28
May	1.44	1.30
June	1.37	1.11
July	1.21	1.11
August	1.28	1.14
September	1.50	1.23
October	1.50	1.32
November	1.39	1.29
December	1.40	1.31
2022		
January	1.45	1.29
February	1.40	1.28
March	1.37	1.13
April (up to the Latest Practicable Date)	1.33	1.22

The biographical details of the Directors proposed to be re-elected at the Annual General Meeting are set out as follows:

#### Mr. Wang Jingqian (王敬謙)

Mr. Wang, aged 39, graduated from Xi'an Polytechnic University, the PRC in July 2004. Mr. Wang has extensive experience in financial management. He is currently a deputy director (work assignment) of the finance department and the secretary of the mission committee of Anhui Conch Cement Company Limited ("**Anhui Couch**"). Prior to that, from September 2005 to June 2013, Mr. Wang has served as a financial director of the finance department, an assistant to the head of the finance department and a deputy director of the financial department of Anhui Conch. From July 2013 to April 2014, he has also served as a regional member of the Northern Anhui Regional Committee and the chief accountant of Anhui Tongling Conch Cement Co., Ltd.. From May 2015 to December 2015, he was a regional member of the Zhejiang Regional Committee and the chief accountant of Jiande Conch Cement Co., Ltd..

Mr. Wang has entered into a letter of appointment with the Company for a term of one year commencing from 19 April 2022 subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the general meeting of the Company in accordance with the articles of association of the Company. He will be entitled to a Director remuneration of HK\$400,000 per annum for his appointment as a non-executive Director, which was determined based on the recommendation of the remuneration committee of the Company with reference to the duties and responsibilities of a non-executive Director, and the prevailing market terms for similar roles for comparable companies.

Saved as disclosed herein, Mr. Wang held no other directorships in any listed public companies in the last three years. Mr. Wang does not have any relationship with any directors, senior management, substantial shareholders or controlling shareholders of the Company. Saved as disclosed, Mr. Wang has no other interest in the Company which is discloseable under Part XV of the SFO.

#### Mr. Ma Zhaoyang (馬朝陽)

Mr. Ma, aged 53, was appointed as a non-executive Director of the Company on 29 July 2010. Mr. Ma received a master's degree in management from Northwestern Polytechnic University, the PRC in May 1998. Mr. Ma has been a professor of management at Northwestern Polytechnic University in Shaanxi, China since 1996. In view of his academic knowledge and extensive experience in strategic planning, Mr. Ma was appointed a non-executive Director of the Company and assumes an advisory role with the Company in respect of the overall strategic planning and operation of its business. Mr. Ma has been the chairman and director of International Cement Group Ltd., a company listed on the main board of the Singapore Exchange since November 2015.

Saved as disclosed herein, Mr. Ma held no other directorships in any listed public companies in the last three years. Mr. Ma does not have any relationship with any directors, senior management, substantial shareholders or controlling shareholders of the Company. As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Ma was interested in share options of 1,775,000 granted under the share option scheme of the Company adopted on 31 March 2010, within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO. Saved as disclosed, Mr. Ma has no other interest in the Company which is discloseable under Part XV of the SFO.

Mr. Ma has entered into a service contract with the Company for a term of one year, subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association. Mr. Ma is receiving a Director's emolument of HK\$400,000 per annum for her directorship in the Company, which was determined by reference to her duties and responsibilities with the Company.

#### Mr. Zhu Dong (朱東)

Mr. Zhu, aged 60, was appointed as an independent non-executive Director of the Company on 15 July 2019. Mr. Zhu graduated in 1982 from Guangxi University, the PRC with a bachelor degree in mechanical engineering and he finished a program of Master of Business Administration held by Tsinghua University, the PRC in 1996. Mr. Zhu has approximately 30 years of experience in capital markets and corporate financing involving securities origination, underwriting and placing of equities and equity-linked products, mergers and acquisitions, corporate restructuring and reorganizations and other general corporate advisory activities. From August 1982 to November 1992, Mr. Zhu worked at various departments in the PRC government. He served as a senior manager at the Peregrine Investment Group form May 1994 to May 1998. He was a managing director at the BMP Paribas Capital (Asia Pacific) Limited form May 1998 to July 2011. Form September 2011 to May 2016, he was a managing director of Nomura International (Hong Kong) Limited. Mr. Zhu is currently an independent non-executive director of HPC Holdings Limited, a company listed on the Stock Exchange.

Saved as disclosed herein, Mr. Zhu held no other directorships in any listed public companies in the last three years. Mr. Zhu does not have any relationship with any directors, senior management, substantial shareholders or controlling shareholders of the Company. Saved as disclosed, Mr. Zhu has no other interest in the Company which is discloseable under Part XV of the SFO.

Mr. Zhu has entered into a service contract with the Company for a term of one year, subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association. Mr. Zhu is receiving a Director's emolument of HK\$400,000 per annum for his directorship in the Company, which was determined by reference to his duties and responsibilities with the Company.

#### Mr. Tam King Ching Kenny (譚競正)

Mr. Tam, aged 72, was appointed as an independent non-executive Director of the Company on 29 July 2010. Mr. Tam serves as chairman of remuneration committee of the Board and also the members of the audit committee and nomination committee of the Board. He is mainly responsible for overseeing the policy and structure of the remuneration for Directors and senior management of the Company. He is also responsible for monitoring the Company's performance in achieving agreed corporate goals and objectives, and taking the lead where potential conflicts of interest arise.

Mr. Tam received a bachelor's degree in commerce from the Concordia University, Canada in November 1975. He is a practising Certified Public Accountant in Hong Kong. He is a fellow member of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and a member of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario, Canada. Mr. Tam is a member of the Restructuring and Insolvency Faculty Executive Committee in the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He is also a past president of The Society of Chinese Accountants and Auditors. Mr. Tam has also served as an independent non-executive director of eight other listed companies on the main board of the Stock Exchange, namely, Kingmaker Footwear Holdings Limited, CCT Fortis Holdings Limited, Shougang Concord Grand (Group) Limited, Starlite Holdings Limited, Hong Kong Shanghai Alliance Holdings Limited, BeijingWest Industries International Limited, Greater Bay Area Investments Group Holdings Limited and Wisdom Education International Holdings Company Limited, since May 1994, December 1999, February 1996, July 2004, September 2004, January 2014, February 2016 and January 2017, respectively.

Saved as disclosed herein, Mr. Tam held no other directorships in any listed public companies in the last three years. Mr. Tam does not have any relationship with any directors, senior management, substantial shareholders or controlling shareholders of the Company. As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Tam was interested in share options of 1,775,000 granted under the share option scheme of the Company adopted on 31 March 2010, within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO. Saved as disclosed, Mr. Tam has no other interest in the Company which is discloseable under Part XV of the SFO.

Mr. Tam has entered into a letter of appointment with the Company for a term of one year, subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association. Mr. Tam is receiving a Director's emolument of HK\$400,000 per annum for his directorship in the Company, which was determined by reference to his duties and responsibilities with the Company.

#### Others

There is no other information relating to the above Directors that is required to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.51(2) sub-paragraphs (h) to (v) of the Listing Rules, and there is no other matter which needs to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.



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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Annual General Meeting of West China Cement Limited (the "**Company**") will be held at Chamber Theatre A, 22/F, United Centre, 95 Queensway, Admiralty, Hong Kong on Friday, 27 May 2022 at 11:00 a.m. for the following purposes:

### **ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS**

To consider and, if thought fit, pass the resolutions (with or without modifications) as ordinary resolutions of the Company.

- 1. To receive, consider and adopt the audited consolidated financial statements and the reports of the directors of the Company (the "**Directors**") and the auditors of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2021.
- 2. To declare a final dividend of RMB0.087 per ordinary share for the year ended 31 December 2021 to the shareholders of the Company which shall be paid out of the distributable reserve of the Company.
- 3. To re-elect the following Directors:
  - (a) Mr. Wang Jingqian as a non-executive Director;
  - (b) Mr. Ma Zhaoyang as a non-executive Director;
  - (c) Mr. Zhu Dong as an independent non-executive Director; and
  - (d) Mr. Tam King Ching Kenny as an independent non-executive Director.
- 4. To authorise the board of Directors to fix the Directors' remuneration.
- 5. To re-appoint Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu as auditors of the Company and authorise the board of Directors to fix their remuneration.

6. To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as an ordinary resolution of the Company:

### "THAT:

- (a) subject to paragraph (c) below, 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 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 (a) 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, options and rights of exchange or conversion which might require the exercise of such powers 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 paragraph (a), otherwise than pursuant to (i) a Rights Issue (as hereinafter defined); (ii) the share option scheme of the Company approved by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange"); or (iii) any scrip dividend or similar arrangement providing for the allotment of shares in lieu of the whole or part of a dividend on shares of the Company in accordance with the articles of association of the Company, shall not exceed 20% of the total number of issued Shares of the Company as at the date of passing of this resolution, and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and
- (d) for the purposes of this resolution:

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

- (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
- (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the articles of association of the Company or any applicable laws to be held; and
- (iii) the date upon which the authority set out in this resolution is revoked or varied by way of ordinary resolution of the Company in general meeting; and

"**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 exclusion or other arrangements as the Directors may deem necessary or expedient in relation to fractional entitlements or having regard to any restrictions or obligations under the laws of, or the requirements of any regulatory body or any stock exchange in, any territory outside Hong Kong).";

7. To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as a special resolution of the Company:

#### "THAT:

- (a) subject to paragraphs (c)-(e) below, the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to repurchase (or agree to repurchase) shares in the capital of the Company on the Stock Exchange or any other stock exchange on which the Shares may be listed and recognized for this purpose by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong and the Stock Exchange, subject to and in accordance with all applicable laws and the requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange as amended from time to time, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the approval in paragraph (a) 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 purchase its shares at a price determined by the Directors;
- (c) the aggregate number of Shares to be repurchased or agreed to be repurchased pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above shall not exceed 10% of the total number of issued Shares of the Company as at the date of passing of this resolution, and the said approval shall be limited accordingly;
- (d) the minimum price, exclusive of any expenses, which may be paid for a share in the share capital of the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above is £0.002 each, being the nominal value of the shares;
- (e) the maximum price, exclusive of any expenses, which may be paid for an ordinary share of the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above shall be the higher of:
  - (i) an amount equal to 110% of the average middle market quotation for ordinary shares of the Company taken from the Hong Kong Stock Exchange Daily Official List for five business days immediately preceding the day on which such shares are to be contracted to be purchased; and

- (ii) the higher of the price of the last independent trade and the highest current independent bid on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange Daily Official List at the time the purchase is carried out; and
- (f) for the purposes of this resolution:

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

- (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
- (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the articles of association of the Company or any applicable laws to be held; and
- (iii) the date on which the authority set out in this resolution is revoked or varied by way of special resolution of the Company in general meeting.";
- 8. To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as an ordinary resolution of the Company:

"THAT conditional upon the passing of resolutions nos. 6 above and 7 above, the general mandate to the Directors pursuant to resolution no. 6 be and is hereby extended by the addition thereto of an amount representing the aggregate nominal amount of share capital of the Company purchased by the Company under the authority granted pursuant to the resolution no. 7, provided that such amount shall not exceed 10% of the total number of issued Shares of the Company as at the date of passing of this resolution."

Yours faithfully By Order of the Board **Mr. ZHANG Jimin** *Chairman* 

Hong Kong, 26 April 2022

Notes:

- (1) A member entitled to attend and vote at the above meeting may appoint one or, if he holds two or more shares, more proxies to attend and vote instead of him. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.
- (2) In the case of joint holders of any Shares such persons shall not have the right of voting individually in respect of such shares but shall elect one of their number to represent them and to vote whether personally or by proxy in their name. In default of such election the person whose name appears first in order in the register of members of the Company in respect of such share shall be the only person entitled to vote in respect thereof.
- (3) In order to be valid, a form of proxy together with the power of attorney (if any) or other authority (if any) under which it is signed or a certified copy thereof shall be deposited at the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited at Shops 1712–1716, 17th Floor,

Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the meeting or any adjournment thereof. The proxy form will be published on the website of the Stock Exchange.

(4) The register of members of the Company will be closed from 24 May 2022 to 27 May 2022 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares will be registered. In order to qualify for the entitlement to attend and vote at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting, all transfers accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at Shops 1712–1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong for registration not later than 4:30 p.m. on 23 May 2022.

The register of members of the Company will be closed from 6 June 2022 to 7 June 2022, both dates inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be registered. In order to qualify for the final dividend, all transfers, accompanied by the relevant share certificates, must be lodged with the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, Shops 1712–16, 17/F, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong, not later than 4:30 p.m. on 2 June 2022.