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## **ORIENTAL METALS (HOLDINGS) COMPANY LIMITED**

*(incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)*

**(Stock Code: 1208)**

### **NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Annual General Meeting of Oriental Metals (Holdings) Company Limited (the “Company”) will be held at Kowloon Room I, M/F, Kowloon Shangri-La Hotel, 64 Mody Road, Tsimshatsui East, Kowloon, Hong Kong on 28th May, 2004 at 3:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

1. To receive and consider the Audited Consolidated Accounts and the Reports of the Directors and Auditors for the year ended 31st December, 2003;
2. To re-elect the retiring Directors and to authorise the Directors of the Company to fix the remuneration of directors;
3. To re-appoint Auditors and to authorise the Directors of the Company to fix their remuneration;
4. As special business, to consider and, if thought fit, pass with or without amendments, the following resolution as an Ordinary Resolution:

**“THAT**

subject to and conditional upon the Listing Committee of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited granting listing of, and permission to deal in, the shares in the capital of the Company to be issued pursuant to the exercise of options which may be granted under the new share option scheme, a copy of which is produced to this Meeting and signed by the Chairman of this Meeting for the purpose of identification (the “New Scheme”), the terms of the New Scheme be and are hereby approved and adopted and that the Directors of the Company be and are hereby authorised:

- (a) to administer the New Scheme under which the options will be granted to eligible persons under the New Scheme to subscribe for shares in the Company;
- (b) to modify and/or amend the terms of the New Scheme from time to time provided that such modification(s) and/or amendment(s) is/are effected in accordance with the provisions of the New Scheme relating to modification(s) and/or amendment(s);

- (c) to issue and allot from time to time such number of the shares in the Company as may be required to be issued pursuant to the exercise of the options under the New Scheme and subject to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited; and
  - (d) to do all such things and acts as may be necessary or desirable to implement the New Scheme.”
5. As special business, to consider and, if thought fit, pass with or without amendments, the following resolution as an Ordinary Resolution:

**“THAT**

- (a) subject to paragraph (c) below, pursuant to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited as amended from time to time, the exercise by the Directors of the Company during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with additional shares in the capital of the Company and to make or grant offers, agreements and options which would or might require the exercise of such power be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the approval in paragraph (a) shall authorise the Directors of the Company during the Relevant Period to make or grant offers, agreements and options which would or might require the exercise of such power after the end of the Relevant Period;
- (c) the aggregate nominal amount of share capital allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted (whether pursuant to an option or otherwise) by the Directors of the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above, otherwise than pursuant to (i) a Rights Issue (as hereinafter defined) or (ii) an issue of shares upon the exercise of the subscription rights under any option scheme or similar arrangement for the time being adopted for the grant or issue to officers and/or employees of the Company and/or any of its subsidiaries of shares or rights to acquire shares of the Company or (iii) 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 of the Company or (iv) any script 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 pursuant to the Articles of Association of the Company from time to time, 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 this Resolution and the said approval 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 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 Hong Kong law or the Articles of Association of the Company to be held; and

- (iii) the passing of an ordinary resolution by shareholders of the Company in general meeting revoking or varying the authority given to the Directors of the Company by this Resolution; and

“Rights Issue” means an offer of shares open for a period fixed by the Directors of the Company to holders of shares whose names appear 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 of the Company 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 applicable to the Company).”

6. As special business, to consider and, if thought fit, pass with or without amendments, the following resolution as an Ordinary Resolution:

**“THAT**

- (a) subject to paragraph (b) below, the exercise by the Directors of the Company during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all powers of the Company to repurchase securities of the Company on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited or on any other stock exchange on which the securities of the Company may be listed and is recognised by the Securities and Futures Commission and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited for this purpose, subject to and in accordance with all applicable laws and/or the requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited or of any other stock exchange as amended from time to time, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the aggregate nominal amount of securities of the Company repurchased by the Company pursuant to paragraph (a) above during the Relevant Period shall not exceed 10 per cent. of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue as at the date of this Resolution and the authority pursuant to paragraph (a) above shall be limited accordingly; and
- (c) for the purpose 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 Hong Kong law or the Articles of Association of the Company to be held; and
  - (iii) the passing of an ordinary resolution by shareholders of the Company in general meeting revoking or varying the authority given to the Directors of the Company by this Resolution.”

7. As special business, to consider and, if thought fit, pass with or without amendments the following resolution as an Ordinary Resolution:

“**THAT** power be given to the Directors to add the number of shares purchased by the Company pursuant to the general mandate referred to in Resolution 6 set out in this notice to the 20 per cent. general mandate to issue new shares referred to in Resolution 5 set out in this notice.”

8. As special business, to consider and, if thought fit, pass with or without amendments, the following resolution as a Special Resolution:

“**THAT** the Articles of Association of the Company be amended as follows:

- (a) by adding the following definitions in Article 2:

“**“associate”** shall have the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules;

“**Listing Rules”** shall mean the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange;”

- (b) by deleting the sub-heading “Share Capital and Modification of Rights” immediately before Article 3 and substituting therefor the sub-heading “Modification of Rights”;

- (c) by deleting Article 3 in its entirety;

- (d) by adding the words “Subject to the rules prescribed by the Stock Exchange from time to time,” in front of the first sentence of Article 65;

- (e) by adding the following new article as Article 71A immediately after Article 71:

“Where any member is, under the Listing Rules, required to abstain from voting on any particular resolution or restricted to voting only for or only against any particular resolution, any votes cast by or on behalf of such member in contravention of such requirement or restriction shall not be counted.”

- (f) by deleting the words “special resolution” in the first sentence of Article 86 and substituting therefor the words “ordinary resolution”;

- (g) by deleting Article 87 in its entirety and substituting therefor the following:

“No person other than a Director retiring at the meeting shall, unless recommended by the Board, be eligible for election to the office of Director at any general meeting unless there have been given to the Secretary notice in writing by some member (not being the person to be proposed) entitled to attend and vote at the meeting for which such notice is given of his intention to propose such person for election and also notice in writing signed by the person to be proposed of his willingness to be elected and the minimum length of the period, during which such notice(s) are given, shall be at least 7 days and that the period for lodgment of such notice(s) shall commence no earlier than the day after the despatch of the notice of the general meeting appointed for such election and end no later than 7 days prior to the date of such meeting.”

- (h) by deleting Article 96 in its entirety and substituting therefor the following:

“Notwithstanding that such disclosure is made as aforesaid, a Director shall not be entitled to vote on any resolution of the Board approving any contract or arrangement in which he or any of his associates is materially interested. 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 or be counted in the quorum and such question is not resolved by his voluntarily agreeing to abstain from voting or not to be counted in the quorum, 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 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 or his associate(s), such question shall be decided by a resolution of the Board (for which purpose such chairman shall not be counted in the quorum and 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 or his associate(s) as known to such chairman has not been fairly disclosed to the Board.”

- (i) by deleting Article 97 in its entirety and substituting therefor the following:

“Save as otherwise provided by these Articles, a Director shall not vote (nor be counted in the quorum) on any resolution of the Board approving any contract or arrangement in which he or any of his associates is to his knowledge materially interested, but this prohibition shall not apply to any of the following matters:

- (i) the giving of any security or indemnity either:
- (a) to the Director or his associate(s) in respect of money lent or obligations incurred or undertaken by him or any of them at the request of or for the benefit of the Company or any of its subsidiaries; or
  - (b) 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 and whether alone or jointly under a guarantee or indemnity or by the giving of security;
- (ii) any proposal 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;
- (iii) any proposal concerning any other company in which the Director or his associate(s) is/are interested only, whether, directly or indirectly, whether as an officer or shareholder in which the Director or his associate(s) is/are beneficially interested in shares of that company, provided that the Director and any of his associates are not in aggregate beneficially interested in 5% or more of the issued shares of any class of such company (or of any third company through which his interest or that of his associates is derived) or of the voting rights;
- (iv) any proposal concerning the benefit of employees of the Company or its subsidiaries

including:

- (a) the adoption, modification or operation of a share option scheme under which the Director or his associate(s) may benefit; or
  - (b) the adoption, modification or operation of a pension fund or retirement, death or disability benefits scheme which relates to Directors, his associates and employees of the Company or 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 scheme or fund relates; and
  - (v) 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.”
  - (j) by deleting the words “excepting those Directors in respect of whom the provisions of Articles 84 and 85 apply” in the bracket in the first sentence of Article 101 and substituting therefor the words “excepting those Directors in respect of whom the provision of Article 85 applies”.
9. To transact any other business.

By Order of the Board  
**Xu Huizhong**  
*Director and President*

Hong Kong, 16th April, 2004

*As at the date of this announcement, the Directors of the Company comprises six directors, including four executive directors (namely Mr. Lin Xizhong, Mr. Xu Huizhong, Mr. Qian Wenchao and Mr. Tang Xiaojin) and two independent non-executive directors (namely Mr. Chan Wai Dune and Mr. Ting Leung Huel, Stephen).*

*Notes:*

1. A member entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend and, on a poll, vote on his/her behalf. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.
2. To be valid, a form of proxy and the power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which it is signed or a notarially certified copy of such power of attorney or authority, must be deposited with the Share Registrars of the Company, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at Rooms 1901-5, 19th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen’s Road East, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the Meeting or any adjourned Meeting.
3. The Transfer Books and Register of Members will be closed from 24th May, 2004 to 28th 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 certificates must be lodged with the Share Registrars of the Company, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen’s Road East, Hong Kong not later than 4:00 p.m. on 21st May, 2004.
4. Concerning Resolutions No. 5 and 6, the Directors of the Company wish to state that they have no immediate plans to

issue any new shares or to repurchase any shares of the Company. The general mandates are being sought from members in compliance with the provisions of the Companies Ordinance and the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities (the “Listing Rules”) on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Stock Exchange”).

5. The Companies (Amendment) Ordinance 2003 became effective on 13 February 2004 and the Stock Exchange revised the Listing Rules including, among other things, amendments to the Appendix 3 came into effect on 31 March 2004. Appendix 3 of the Listing Rules sets out the provisions with which a listed company’s articles of association should conform.
6. A circular containing information on Resolutions No. 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 will be sent to members together with the Annual Report 2003 of the Company.

“Please also refer to the published version of this announcement in The Standard”.