



ALLIED GROUP LIMITED

(聯合集團有限公司)

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 373)

Notice of Annual General Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting (“Meeting”) of Allied Group Limited (聯合集團有限公司) (“Company”) will be held at Plaza 4, Lower Lobby, Novotel Century Hong Kong, 238 Jaffe Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong on Friday, 3rd June, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. for the following purposes:

1. To receive and adopt the Audited Financial Statements and the Reports of the Directors and Auditors for the year ended 31st December, 2004.
2. To declare a final dividend.
3. To re-elect Directors who are subject to retirement by rotation.
4. To re-appoint Messrs. Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu as Auditors and authorise the Board of Directors to fix their remuneration.
5. To consider as special business and, if thought fit, pass with or without amendments, the following resolutions as Ordinary Resolutions:

ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS

(A) “**THAT:**

- (a) subject to paragraph (c) of this Resolution, the exercise by the directors of the Company (“Directors”) during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue or otherwise deal with additional shares of the Company (“Shares”) or securities convertible into Shares, or options, warrants or similar rights to subscribe for any 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;
- (b) the approval given in paragraph (a) of this Resolution shall authorise the Directors during the Relevant Period to make or grant offers, agreements and options which might require the exercise of such powers after the end of the Relevant Period;

(c) the aggregate nominal amount of share capital allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted (whether pursuant to an option or otherwise) and issued by the Directors pursuant to the approval given in paragraph (a) of this Resolution, otherwise than pursuant to:

- (i) a Rights Issue (as hereinafter defined);
- (ii) the exercise of any option scheme or similar arrangement for the time being adopted for the grant or issue to employees of the Company and/or any of its subsidiaries of Shares or rights to acquire Shares; 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 pursuant to the articles of association of the Company from time to time,

shall not exceed 20% of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue at the date of passing 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 earlier of:

- (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
- (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the articles of association of the Company or any applicable laws to be held; and
- (iii) the revocation or variation of the authority given under this Resolution by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting; and

“Rights Issue” means the allotment, issue or grant of Shares pursuant to an offer of Shares open for a period fixed by the Directors to holders of Shares whose names stand on the register of members of the Company on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of such Shares at that date (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 recognised regulatory body or any stock exchange in, any territory applicable to the Company).”

(B) **“THAT:**

- (a) subject to paragraph (b) of this Resolution, the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to repurchase Shares on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (“Stock Exchange”) or on any other stock exchange on which the Shares may be listed and recognised for this purpose by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong and the Stock Exchange under the Hong Kong Code on Share Repurchases, subject to and in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the aggregate nominal amount of the Share which may be repurchased by the Company pursuant to paragraph (a) of this Resolution during the Relevant Period shall not exceed 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue at the date of the passing of this Resolution, and the approval granted under paragraph (a) of this Resolution 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 earlier of:

- (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
- (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the articles of association of the Company or any applicable laws to be held; and
- (iii) the revocation or variation of the authority given under this Resolution by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting.”

- (C) **“THAT** conditional upon the passing of Resolutions 5(A) and 5(B) as set out in the notice convening the Meeting, the general mandate granted to the Directors to exercise the powers of the Company to allot, issue or otherwise deal with additional securities of the Company pursuant to Resolution 5(A) as set out in the notice convening the Meeting be and is hereby extended by the addition thereto an amount representing the aggregate nominal amount of the Shares repurchased by the Company under the authority granted pursuant to Resolution 5(B) as set out in the notice convening the Meeting, provided that such amount shall not exceed 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue at the date of the passing of this Resolution.”

6. By way of special business, to consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution, with or without amendments, as a special resolution:

SPECIAL RESOLUTION

“**THAT** the articles of association of the Company (“Articles”) be and is hereby amended in the following manner:

- (a) the existing Article 96 be amended by:

- (i) deleting the following sentence at the end of Article 96:

‘Any Director so appointed shall hold office only until the next following annual general meeting of the Company and shall then be eligible for re-election, but shall not be taken into account in determining the Directors who are to retire by rotation at such meeting.’; and

- (ii) replacing therewith the following sentence:

‘Any Director so appointed shall hold office only until the next following general meeting of the Company (in the case of filling a casual vacancy) or until the next following annual general meeting of the Company (in the case of an addition to the Board), and shall then be eligible for re-election.’

- (b) the existing Article 105(A) be amended by:

- (i) deleting the following sentence at the beginning of Article 105(A):

‘At each annual general meeting one-third of the Directors for the time being or, if their number is not three or a multiple of three, then the number nearest one-third, shall retire from office, provided that no Director holding office as executive chairman or as a managing director or as a chief executive shall be subject to retirement by rotation or taken into account in determining the number of Directors to retire.’; and

- (ii) replacing therewith the following sentence:

‘Notwithstanding any other provisions in these Articles, at each annual general meeting, one-third of the Directors for the time being (or, if their number is not a multiple of three, the number nearest to but not less than one-third) shall retire from office such that each Director (including those appointed for a specific term) will be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years at the annual general meeting, provided always that any Director appointed pursuant to Article 96 shall not be taken into account in determining the Directors who are to retire by rotation at such meeting.’

- (c) the existing Article 120 be amended by deleting the words ‘the proviso to Article 105(A) and’ on the third line.’

By Order of the Board
Allied Group Limited
Phoebe Lau Mei Yi
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 28th April, 2005

Registered Office:

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Hong Kong

Notes:

1. *A member entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting is entitled to appoint more than one proxy to attend and, on a poll, vote in his stead. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.*
2. *A form of proxy in respect of the Meeting is enclosed. Whether or not you intend to attend the Meeting in person, you are urged to complete and return the form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon.*
3. *To be valid, the form of proxy, together with any power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed or a notarially certified copy of such power or authority, must be deposited at the Company's registered office at 22nd Floor, Allied Kajima Building, 138 Gloucester Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong, not less than 48 hours before the time fixed for the Meeting or any adjournment thereof.*
4. *Where there are joint holders of any Share, any one of such joint holders may vote at the Meeting either personally or by proxy in respect of such Share as if he/she was solely entitled thereto, but if more than one of such joint holders are present at the Meeting personally or by proxy, that one of such joint holders so present whose name stands first on the register of members of the Company shall alone be entitled to vote in respect of such Share.*
5. *The register of members of the Company will be closed from 30th May, 2005 to 3rd June, 2005, both days inclusive, during which period no share transfers will be registered. In order to qualify for the proposed final dividend, all transfers accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's share registrar, COMPUTERSHARE HONG KONG INVESTOR SERVICES LIMITED, Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong, not later than 4:00 p.m. on 27th May, 2005.*
6. *In respect of Resolution 5(A) above, the Directors wish to state that they have no immediate plans to issue any new securities of the Company under this mandate. Approval is being sought from members as a general mandate, in compliance with the Companies Ordinance and the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange, in order to ensure flexibility and discretion to the Directors in the event that it becomes desirable to issue any securities of the Company up to 20% of the existing issued share capital at the date of the passing of the resolution.*

7. *The general purpose of the authority to be conferred on the Directors by Resolution 5(B) above is to increase flexibility and to provide discretion to the Directors in the event that it becomes desirable to repurchase Shares representing up to a maximum of 10% of the issued share capital of the Company at the date of the passing of the resolution on the Stock Exchange.*
8. *As at the date of this notice, the Board of Directors of the Company comprises Messrs. Lee Seng Hui (Chief Executive) and Edwin Lo King Yau being the Executive Directors, Ms. Lee Su Hwei and Mr. Arthur George Dew being the Non-Executive Directors, Sir Gordon Macwhinnie (Non-Executive Chairman), Messrs. Wong Po Yan, David Craig Bartlett and John Douglas Mackie being the Independent Non-Executive Directors.*