



CHINA GAS HOLDINGS LIMITED

中國燃氣控股有限公司*

(incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 384)

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual general meeting of China Gas Holdings Limited (the “Company”) will be held at 16th Floor, AXA Centre, 151 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong on Thursday, 12 August 2004 at 10:00 a.m. for the following purposes:

1. To receive and consider the audited financial statements and the reports of the directors and of the auditors for the year ended 31 March 2004;
2. To re-elect directors and to fix the directors’ remuneration;
3. To re-appoint auditors and to authorise the board of directors of the Company to fix the auditors’ remuneration;

As special business, to consider and, if thought fit, pass with or without amendments, each of the following resolutions 4, 5, 6 and 7 as an Ordinary Resolution:

4. **“THAT:**

- (a) subject to paragraph (b) below, the exercise by the directors of the Company during the Relevant Period (defined as below) of all powers of the Company to repurchase shares of the Company on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (“Stock Exchange”) or on any other stock exchange recognised, for this purpose by the Securities and Futures Commission and the Stock Exchange, subject to and in accordance with all applicable laws and requirements, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the aggregate nominal amount of shares of the Company which the Company is authorised to repurchase pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above shall not exceed 10 per cent. of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue at the date of passing this Resolution and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and
- (c) for the purpose of this Resolution:

“Relevant Period” means the period from the time of 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 laws to be held; and
- (iii) the revocation or variation of this Resolution by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting.”

5. **“THAT:**

- (a) subject to paragraph (c) below, the exercise by the directors of the Company during the Relevant Period (as defined below) of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with additional shares in the share capital of the Company and to make or grant offers, agreements and options which would or might require the exercise of such powers during or after the end of the Relevant Period, subject to and in accordance with all applicable laws, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the approval in paragraph (a) above shall authorise the directors of the Company during the Relevant Period (as defined below) 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 of the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above, otherwise than pursuant to (i) a Rights Issue (as defined below); (ii) an issue of shares upon the exercise of subscription rights or conversion rights under any warrants of the Company or any securities of the Company which are convertible into shares of the Company; (iii) an issue of shares as scrip dividends pursuant to the Bye-laws of the Company from time to time; or (iv) an issue of shares under any option scheme or similar arrangement for the time being adopted for the grant or issue to employees or directors of the Company and/or any of its subsidiaries of shares in the capital of the Company or rights, to acquire shares in the capital of the Company shall not exceed aggregate of (i) 20 per cent. of the nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue as at the date of this Resolution; plus (ii) in addition, subject to the passing of Resolution No. 6 below, all those number of shares which may from time to time be purchased by the Company pursuant to the general mandate granted under Resolution No. 4 above, and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and

(d) for the purpose of this Resolution:

“Relevant Period” means the period from the time of 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 laws to be held; and
- (iii) the revocation or variation of this Resolution by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting.

“Rights Issue” means the allotment, issue or grant of shares pursuant to an offer open for a period fixed by the directors of the Company to holders of shares or any class thereof on the register of members of the Company on a fixed record date pro rata to their then holdings of such shares or class thereof (subject to such exclusions 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 of any stock exchange in, any territory outside Hong Kong).

6. **“THAT** conditional upon the passing of Resolution Nos. 4 and 5 above set out in the notice of the meeting of which this resolution forms part, the aggregate nominal amount of the shares which are repurchased by the Company pursuant to and in accordance with Resolution No. 4 above shall be added to the aggregate nominal amount of the shares which may be allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted by the directors of the Company pursuant to and in accordance with Resolution No. 5 above, provided that such additional amount 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 passing this Resolution.”

7. **“THAT** conditional upon the Listing Committee of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Stock Exchange”), granting listing of, and permission to deal in, the shares of HK\$0.01 each in the share capital of the Company (the “Shares”) to be issued pursuant to the exercise of options which may be granted under the New Scheme Limit (as defined below), the refreshment of the scheme limit of the Company’s share option scheme adopted on 6 February 2003, up to 10 per cent. of the number of Shares in issue as at the date of passing this resolution (the “New Scheme Limit”) be and is hereby approved and any director of the Company be and is hereby authorized to do such act and execute such document to effect the New Scheme Limit.”

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

8. **“THAT** the existing Bye-laws of the Company be and are hereby amended in the following manners:

(a) by inserting the following new definition after the definition of “Act” in bye-law 1:

““associate” the meaning attributed to it in the rules of the Designated Stock Exchange.”

(b) by deleting from the definition of “clearing house” in bye-law 1, the words “a recognized clearing house within the meaning of Section 2 of the Securities and Futures (Clearing House) Ordinance of Hong Kong or”;

- (c) by substituting the existing bye-law 2(e) with the following new bye-law 2(e):–
- “expressions referring to writing shall, unless the contrary intention appears, be construed as including printing, lithography, photography and other modes of representing words or figures in a visible form, and including where the representation takes the form of electronic display, provided that both the mode of service of the relevant document or notice and the Member’s election comply with all applicable Statutes, rules and regulations;”;
- (d) by replacing the full stop “.” appearing at the end of bye-law 2(j) with a semi-colon “;”, by inserting the word “and” immediately after the semi-colon and by inserting the following new bye-law 2(k):–
- “(k) references to a document being executed include references to it being executed under hand or under seal or by electronic signature or by any other method and references to a notice or document include a notice or document recorded or stored in any digital, electronic, electrical, magnetic or other retrievable form or medium and information in visible form whether having physical substance or not.”;
- (e) by substituting the existing bye-law 3(1) with the following new bye-law 3(1):–
- “(1) The share capital of the Company at the date on which these Bye-laws come into effect shall be divided into shares of \$0.01 each.”;
- (f) by substituting the existing bye-law 6 with the following new bye-law 6:–
- “The Company may from time to time by special resolution, subject to any confirmation or consent required by law, reduce its authorised or issued share capital or, save for the use of share premium as expressly permitted by the Act, any share premium account or other undistributable reserve.”;
- (g) by substituting the existing bye-law 9 with the following new bye-law 9:–
- “9. Subject to Sections 42 and 43 of the Act, these Bye-laws, and to any special rights conferred on the holders of any shares or attaching to any class of shares, any preference shares may be issued or converted into shares that, at a determinable date or at the option of the Company or the holder if so authorised by its memorandum of association, are liable to be redeemed on such terms and in such manner as the Company before the issue or conversion may by ordinary resolution of the Members determine. Where the Company purchases for redemption a redeemable share, purchases not made through the market or by tender shall be limited to a maximum price as may from time to time be determined by the Company in general meeting, either generally or with regard to specific purchases. If purchases are by tender, tenders shall be available to all Members alike.”
- (h) by substituting the existing bye-law 10(a) with the following new bye-law 10(a):–
- “(a) the necessary quorum (other than at an adjourned meeting) shall be two persons (or in the case of a Member being a corporation, its duly authorised representative) holding or representing by proxy not less than one-third in nominal value of the issued shares of that class and at any adjourned meeting of such holders, two holders present in person (or in the case of a Member being a corporation, its duly authorised representative) or by proxy (whatever the number of shares held by them) shall be a quorum;”
- (i) by substituting in bye-law 12(1), the words “Subject to the Act and these Bye-laws” with the following words:–
- “Subject to the Act, these Bye-laws, any direction that may be given by the Company in general meeting and, where applicable, the rules of any Designated Stock Exchange”;
- (j) by substituting the existing bye-law 19 with the following new bye-law 19:–
- “19. Share certificates shall be issued within the relevant time limit as prescribed in the Act or as the Designated Stock Exchange may from time to time determine, whichever is the shorter, after allotment or, except in the case of a transfer which the Company is for the time being entitled to refuse to register and does not register, after lodgment of a transfer with the Company.”
- (k) by inserting the words “, in respect of any shares that are not fully paid,” after the word “and” in the second line of bye-law 43(1)(a);

- (l) by inserting, in bye-law 44, after the words “any other newspapers in accordance with the requirements of any Designated Stock Exchange”, the following words:–
- “or by any means and in such manner as may be accepted by the Designated Stock Exchange”;
- (m) by substituting the existing bye-law 46 with the following new bye-law 46:
- “46. Subject to these Bye-laws, any Member may transfer all or any of his shares by an instrument of transfer in the usual or common form or in a form prescribed by the Designated Stock Exchange or in any other form approved by the Board and may be under hand or, if the transferor or transferee is a clearing house or its nominee(s), by hand or by machine imprinted signature or by such other manner of execution as the Board may approve from time to time.”;
- (n) by deleting the word “the Board” in the third line of bye-law 47 and substituting therewith the words “Without prejudice to Bye-law 46, the Board”;
- (o) by inserting, in bye-law 51, after the words “by advertisement in an appointed newspaper and in the Newspapers”, the following words:–
- “or by any means and in such manner as may be accepted by the Designated Stock Exchange”;
- (p) by re-numbering the existing bye-law 76 as bye-law 76(1) and by inserting the following new bye-law 76(2):
- “(2) Where the Company has knowledge that any Member is, under the rules of the Designated Stock Exchange, required to abstain from voting on any particular resolution of the Company or restricted to voting only for or only against any particular resolution of the Company, any votes cast by or on behalf of such Member in contravention of such requirement or restriction shall not be counted.”
- (q) by deleting the last two sentences in bye-law 78 and replacing therewith the following sentences:
- “A Member who is the holder of two or more shares may appoint more than one proxy to represent him and vote on his behalf at a general meeting of the Company or at a class meeting. A proxy need not be a Member. In addition, a proxy or proxies representing either a Member who is an individual or a Member which is a corporation shall be entitled to exercise the same powers on behalf of the Member which he or they represent as such Member could exercise.”
- (r) by substituting the existing bye-law 84(2) with the following new bye-law 84(2):–
- “Where a Member is a clearing house (or its nominee(s) and, in each case, being a corporation), it may authorise such persons as it thinks fit to act as its representatives at any meeting of the Company or at any meeting of any class of Members provided that the authorisation shall specify the number and class of shares in respect of which each such representative is so authorised. Each person so authorised under the provisions of this Bye-law shall be deemed to have been duly authorised without further evidence of the facts and be entitled to exercise the same rights and powers on behalf of the clearing house (or its nominee(s)) as if such person was the registered holder of the shares of the Company held by the clearing house (or its nominee(s)) in respect of the number and class of shares specified in the relevant authorisation including the right to vote individually on a show of hands.”
- (s) by substituting the words “Unless otherwise determined by the Company in general meeting, the number of Directors shall not be less than two (2). There shall be no maximum number of Directors.” with the words “Unless otherwise determined by the Company in general meeting, the number of Directors shall not be less than two (2) and there shall be no maximum number of Directors.” in bye-law 86(1);
- (t) by substituting the words “special resolution” with the words “ordinary resolution” appearing in bye-law 86(4);

(u) by substituting the existing bye-law 88 with the following new bye-law 88:–

“88. No person other than a Director retiring at the meeting shall, unless recommended by the Directors for election, be eligible for election as a Director at any general meeting unless a Notice signed by a Member (other than the person to be proposed) duly qualified to attend and vote at the meeting for which such notice is given of his intention to propose such person for election and also a Notice signed by the person to be proposed of his willingness to be elected shall have been lodged at the head office or at the Registration Office provided that the minimum length of the period, during which such Notice(s) are given, shall be at least seven (7) days and that (if the Notices are submitted after the dispatch of the notice of the general meeting appointed for such election) the period for lodgment of such Notice(s) shall commence on the day after the dispatch of the notice of the general meeting appointed for such election and end no later than seven (7) days prior to the date of such general meeting.”;

(v) by deleting the words “whereupon the Board resolves to accept such resignation” from bye-law 89(1);

(w) by substituting the existing bye-law 103 with the following new bye-law 103:–

“103. (1) A Director shall not vote (nor be counted in the quorum) on any resolution of the Board approving any contract or arrangement or any other proposal in which he or any of his associates is materially interested, but this prohibition shall not apply to any of the following matters namely:

- (i) any contract or arrangement for the giving to such Director or his associate(s) any security or indemnity in respect of money lent by him or any of his associates or obligations incurred or undertaken by him or any of his associates at the request of or for the benefit of the Company or any of its subsidiaries;
- (ii) any contract or arrangement for the giving of any security or indemnity to a third party in respect of a debt or obligation of the Company or any of its subsidiaries for which the Director or his associate(s) has himself/themselves assumed responsibility in whole or in part whether alone or jointly under a guarantee or indemnity or by the giving of security;
- (iii) any contract or arrangement concerning an offer of shares or debentures or other securities of or by the Company or any other company which the Company may promote or be interested in for subscription or purchase, where the Director or his associate(s) is/are or is/are to be interested as a participant in the underwriting or sub-underwriting of the offer;
- (iv) any contract or arrangement in which the Director or his associate(s) is/are interested in the same manner as other holders of shares or debentures or other securities of the Company by virtue only of his/their interest in shares or debentures or other securities of the Company;
- (v) any contract or arrangement concerning any other company in which the Director or his associate(s) is/are interested only, whether directly or indirectly, as an officer or executive or a shareholder or in which the Director and any of his associates are not in aggregate beneficially interested in five (5) per cent. or more of the issued shares or of the voting rights of any class of shares of such company (or of any third company through which his interest or that of any of his associates is derived); or
- (vi) any proposal or arrangement concerning the adoption, modification or operation of a share option scheme, a pension fund or retirement, death or disability benefits scheme or other arrangement which relates both to directors, his associates and employees of the Company or of any of its subsidiaries and does not provide in respect of any Director, or his associate(s), as such any privilege or advantage not accorded generally to the class of persons to which such scheme or fund relates.

- (2) A company shall be deemed to be a company in which a Director and/or his associate(s) owns five (5) per cent. or more if and so long as (but only if and so long as) he and/or his associates, (either directly or indirectly) are the holders of or beneficially interested in five (5) per cent. or more of any class of the equity share capital of such company or of the voting rights available to members of such company (or of any third company through which his interest or that of any of his associates is derived). For the purpose of this paragraph there shall be disregarded any shares held by a Director or his associate(s) as bare or custodian trustee and in which he or any of them has no beneficial interest, any shares comprised in a trust in which the interest of the Director or his associate(s) is/are in reversion or remainder if and so long as some other person is entitled to receive the income thereof, and any shares comprised in an authorised unit trust scheme in which the Director or his associate(s) is/are interested only as a unit holder.
- (3) Where a company in which a Director and/or his associate(s) holds five (5) per cent. or more is materially interested in a transaction, then that Director and/or his associate(s) shall also be deemed materially interested in such transaction.
- (4) If any question shall arise at any meeting of the Board as to the materiality of the interest of a Director (other than the chairman of the meeting) or as to the entitlement of any Director (other than such chairman) to vote and such question is not resolved by his voluntarily agreeing to abstain from voting, such question shall be referred to the chairman of the meeting and his ruling in relation to such other Director shall be final and conclusive except in a case where the nature or extent of the interest of the Director concerned as known to such Director has not been fairly disclosed to the Board. If any question as aforesaid shall arise in respect of the chairman of the meeting such question shall be decided by a resolution of the Board (for which purpose such chairman shall not vote thereon) and such resolution shall be final and conclusive except in a case where the nature or extent of the interest of such chairman as known to such chairman has not been fairly disclosed to the Board.”
- (x) by re-numbering the existing bye-law 136 as bye-law 136(1) and by inserting the following paragraph as new bye-law 136(2):
- “(2) Notwithstanding any provision contained in these Bye-laws, the Directors may, if permitted by applicable law, authorise the destruction of documents set out in sub-paragraphs (a) to (e) of paragraph (1) of this Bye-law and any other documents in relation to share registration which have been microfilmed or electronically stored by the Company or by the share registrar on its behalf provided always that this Bye-law shall apply only to the destruction of a document in good faith and without express notice to the Company and its share registrar that the preservation of such document was relevant to a claim.”
- (y) by inserting in bye-law 153 after the words “Subject to Section 88 of the Act”, the following words:–
- “and Bye-law 153A”;
- (z) by inserting the following as new bye-law 153A:–
- “153A. To the extent permitted by and subject to due compliance with all applicable Statutes, rules and regulations, including, without limitation, the rules of the Designated Stock Exchange, and to obtaining all necessary consents, if any, required thereunder, the requirements of Bye-law 153 shall be deemed satisfied in relation to any person by sending to the person in any manner not prohibited by the Statutes, a summary financial statement derived from the Company’s annual accounts and the directors’ report which shall be in the form and containing the information required by applicable laws and regulations, provided that any person who is otherwise entitled to the annual financial statements of the Company and the directors’ report thereon may, if he so requires by notice in writing served on the Company, demand that the Company sends to him, in addition to a summary financial statement, a complete printed copy of the Company’s annual financial statement and the directors’ report thereon.”

(aa) by inserting the following as new bye-law 153B:–

“The requirement to send to a person referred to in Bye-law 153 the documents referred to in that provision or a summary financial report in accordance with Bye-law 153A shall be deemed satisfied where, in accordance with all applicable Statutes, rules and regulations, including, without limitation, the rules of the Designated Stock Exchange, the Company publishes copies of the documents referred to in Bye-law 153 and, if applicable, a summary financial report complying with Bye-law 153A, on the Company’s computer network or in any other permitted manner (including by sending any form of electronic communication), and that person has agreed or is deemed to have agreed to treat the publication or receipt of such documents in such manner as discharging the Company’s obligation to send to him a copy of such documents.”

(bb) by deleting the words “fourteen (14) days” in bye-law 154(2) and substituting therewith the words “twenty-one (21) days”;

(cc) by replacing the existing bye-law 160 with the following new bye-law 160:–

“160. Any Notice or document (including any “corporate communication” within the meaning ascribed thereto under the rules of the Designated Stock Exchange), whether or not, to be given or issued under these Bye-laws from the Company to a Member shall be in writing or by cable, telex or facsimile transmission message or other form of electronic transmission or communication and any such Notice and document may be served or delivered by the Company on or to any Member either personally or by sending it through the post in a prepaid envelope addressed to such Member at his registered address as appearing in the Register or at any other address supplied by him to the Company for the purpose or, as the case may be, by transmitting it to any such address or transmitting it to any telex or facsimile transmission number or electronic number or address or website supplied by him to the Company for the giving of Notice to him or which the person transmitting the notice reasonably and bona fide believes at the relevant time will result in the Notice being duly received by the Member or may also be served by advertisement in appointed newspapers (as defined in the Act) or in newspapers published daily and circulating generally in the territory of and in accordance with the requirements of the Designated Stock Exchange or, to the extent permitted by the applicable laws, by placing it on the Company’s website or the website of the Designated Stock Exchange, and giving to the member a notice stating that the notice or other document is available there (a “notice of availability”). The notice of availability may be given to the Member by any of the means set out above. In the case of joint holders of a share all notices shall be given to that one of the joint holders whose name stands first in the Register and notice so given shall be deemed a sufficient service on or delivery to all the joint holders.”

(dd) by replacing the existing bye-law 161 with the following new bye-law 161:

“161. Any Notice or other document:

- (a) if served or delivered by post, shall where appropriate be sent by airmail and shall be deemed to have been served or delivered on the day following that on which the envelope containing the same, properly prepaid and addressed, is put into the post; in proving such service or delivery it shall be sufficient to prove that the envelope or wrapper containing the notice or document was properly addressed and put into the post and a certificate in writing signed by the Secretary or other officer of the Company or other person appointed by the Board that the envelope or wrapper containing the notice or other document was so addressed and put into the post shall be conclusive evidence thereof;
- (b) if sent by electronic communication, shall be deemed to be given on the day on which it is transmitted from the server of the Company or its agent. A notice placed on the Company’s website or the website of the Designated Stock Exchange, is deemed given by the Company to a Member on the day following that on which a notice of availability is deemed served on the Member;
- (c) if served or delivered in any other manner contemplated by these Bye-laws, shall be deemed to have been served or delivered at the time of personal service or delivery or, as the case may be, at the time of the relevant despatch, transmission or publication; and in proving such service or delivery a certificate in writing signed by the Secretary or other officer of the Company or other person appointed by the Board as to the fact and time of such service, delivery, despatch, transmission or publication shall be conclusive evidence thereof; and
- (d) may be given to a Member either in the English language or the Chinese language, subject to due compliance with all applicable Statutes, rules and regulations.”

- (ee) by inserting the words “or electronic” immediately after the words “a cable or telex or facsimile” in bye-law 163.
- (ff) by deleting the words “willful negligence, willful default,” from bye-laws 166(1) and (2).
- (gg) by substituting the word “respecting” appearing in bye-law 167 with the words “in respect of”.

By Order of the Board of
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Hong Kong, 25 June 2004

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Notes:

1. Any member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend and vote instead of him. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.
2. A form of proxy for use in connection with the annual general meeting is enclosed with the Company's 2004 annual report. 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 certified copy of that power of attorney or authority must be deposited at the Hong Kong Branch Share Registrars of the Company, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, Rooms 1901-1905, 19th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting.
3. Details of the directors proposed to be re-elected and further information on the repurchase mandate, amendments of Bye-laws and the mandate for the issue of shares under the share option scheme are set out in the circular and the notice of annual general meeting which will be dispatched to the members together with the Company's 2004 annual report.
4. As of the date hereof, Messrs. Li Xiaoyun, Xu Ying, Liu Ming Hui, Zhu Wei Wei and Ma Jin Long are the executive directors, Mr. Wu Bangjie is the non-executive director and Mr. Zhao Yuhua, Dr. Mao Er-wan and Ms. Wong Sin Yue, Cynthia are the independent non-executive directors.

* *for identification purpose only*

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