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# SINO GOLF HOLDINGS LIMITED

# 順龍控股有限公司#

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

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To the shareholders

Dear Sir or Madam,

# GENERAL MANDATE FOR ISSUE OF SHARES AND REPURCHASE BY THE COMPANY OF ITS OWN SHARES

At the forthcoming annual general meeting ("Annual General Meeting") of the shareholders ("Shareholders") of Sino Golf Holdings Limited (the "Company") to be held on 19 May, 2003, an ordinary resolution will be proposed to grant to the directors of the Company ("Directors") a general mandate (the "General Mandate") to allot, issue and deal with the additional share (the "Shares") of HK\$0.1 each in the capital of the Company up to a maximum of 20% of the aggregate nominal amount of issued share capital of the Company at the time of passing of this resolution and a repurchase mandate ("Repurchase Mandate") to

exercise the powers of the Company to undertake repurchases of the Shares on the Stock Exchange up to a maximum of 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of issued share capital of the Company at the time of passing of this resolution.

In addition, this resolution will be proposed to increase the number of Shares to be allotted and issued under the General Mandate by an additional number representing such number of Shares repurchased under the Repurchase Mandate.

The Rules (the "Listing Rules") Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange contain provisions (the "Shares Buyback Rules") to regulate the repurchase by companies with primary listings on the Stock Exchange of their own securities on the Stock Exchange.

#### SHARES BUYBACK RULES

Under the Shares Buyback Rules, any securities buyback by a company with a primary listing on the Stock Exchange has to comply with the following provisions:

### (a) Shareholders' Approval

All on-market share repurchases by a company must be approved in advance by an ordinary resolution, either by way of a general mandate or by a specific approval in relation to specific transactions.

#### (b) Source of Funds

Repurchases must be funded out of funds which are legally available for the purpose in accordance with the memorandum of association and the bye-laws of the Company, the laws of Bermuda and the relevant instrument creating the warrants.

#### **SHARE CAPITAL**

As at 15 April 2003 ("**Latest Practicable Date**"), the number of Shares in issue was 302,200,000. On the basis of such figure and that no further Shares will be issued or repurchased prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting, the Directors would be authorised to repurchase up to a maximum of 30,220,000 Shares.

#### REASONS FOR SHARE BUYBACK

The Directors believe that the ability to repurchase Shares is in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders. Repurchases may, depending on the circumstances, result in an increase in net assets and/or earnings per Share. The Directors are seeking the Repurchase Mandate to give the Company the flexibility to do so if and when appropriate. The number(s) and class(es) of shares to be repurchased on any occasion and the price and other terms upon which the same are repurchased will be decided by the Directors at the relevant time having regard to the circumstances then pertaining.

## FUNDING OF REPURCHASES

Repurchases must be made out of funds which are legally available for such purpose in accordance with the memorandum of association and the bye-laws of the Company and the laws of Bermuda. It is envisaged that the funds required for any repurchase would be derived from the distributable profits of the Company.

There may be an adverse impact on the working capital or gearing position of the Company (as compared with the position disclosed in the audited accounts contained in the annual report of the Company for the nine months ended 31st December 2002) in the event that the proposed share repurchases were to be carried out in full at any time during the proposed repurchase period. However, the Directors do not propose to exercise the Repurchase Mandate to such extent as would, in the circumstances, have a material adverse effect on the working capital of the Company or its gearing level which in the opinion of the Directors is from time to time appropriate for the Company.

#### **DIRECTORS' DEALINGS**

There are no Directors or (to the best of the knowledge of the Directors, having made all reasonable enquiries) any associates (as defined in the Listing Rules) of the Directors who have a present intention, in the event that the general mandate is granted by the Shareholders, to sell Shares to the Company.

#### DIRECTORS' UNDERTAKING

The Directors will undertake to the Stock Exchange to exercise the power of the Company to make purchases pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate only in accordance with the Listing Rules and the laws of Bermuda.

#### EFFECT OF THE CODE

As at the Latest Practicable Date, CM Investment Company Limited was beneficially interested in approximately 200,249,775 Shares representing 66.26% in the issued share capital of the Company. A full exercise of the Repurchase Manadate would increase CM Investment Co. Ltd.'s interest in the issue share capital of the Company from 66.26% to 73.62% and would, not give rise to any implication in that regard under the Hong Kong Code on Takeovers and Merger.

#### SHARE REPURCHASE MADE BY THE COMPANY

No purchase has been made by the Company of Shares in the six months prior to the date of this circular.

#### CONNECTED PERSONS

No connected person (as defined in the Listing Rules) of the Company has notified it of a present intention to sell Shares to the Company and no such person has undertaken not to sell any such Shares to the Company in the event that the General Mandate is granted by the Shareholders.

#### MARKET PRICES

The highest and lowest prices at which Shares have traded on the Stock Exchange in each of the 12 months preceding the Latest Practicable Date are as follows:

	Highest	Lowest
	(HK\$)	(HK\$)
April 2002	0.82	0.70
May 2002	0.97	0.81
June 2002	0.87	0.66
July 2002	0.93	0.70
August 2002	0.76	0.69
September 2002	0.76	0.70
October 2002	0.88	0.74
November 2002	0.90	0.77
December 2002	0.90	0.76
January 2003	0.90	0.80
February 2003	1.08	0.86
March 2003	1.08	0.89

#### RESOLUTIONS TO BE PROPOSED AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Ordinary resolution No. 7 to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting relates to the granting of a general mandate to the Directors of the Company to repurchase, on the Stock Exchange, Shares up to a maximum of 10% of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of the resolution.

Ordinary resolution No. 6 to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting relates to the granting of a general mandate to the Directors of the Company to issue new shares up to a maximum of 20% of the issued share capital of the Company of the date of the resolution; in addition, subject to a separate approval of shareholders of ordinary resolution No. 8, the number of Shares repurchased by the Company under the Repurchase Mandate will also be added to the 20% general mandate as mentioned above.

#### **ACTION TO BE TAKEN**

Whether or not you intend to attend the Annual General Meeting, you are requested to complete and return the form of proxy accompanying the notice of the Annual General Meeting in accordance with the instructions printed thereon not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the Annual General Meeting. The return of a form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting in person if you so wish.

#### RECOMMENDATION

The Directors consider that the General Mandate and the Repurchase Mandate are in the best interests of the Company and its Shareholders. The Repurchase Mandate may, depending on market conditions and funding arrangement at the time, lead to an enhancement of the net value of the Company and its net assets and/or earnings per Share and will only be made when the Directors believe that a repurchase of Shares will benefit the Company and its shareholders.

The Directors consider that an exercise of the General Mandate to allot and issue new Shares will enable the Company to take advantage of market conditions to raise additional capital for the Company.

Accordingly, the Directors recommend that all shareholders should vote in favour of the resolution to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

Yours faithfully,

For and on behalf of the board of directors
of Sino Golf Holdings Limited
Chu Chun Man, Augustine
Chairman