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(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability under the Companies Ordinance)
(Stock Code: 0440)

# PROPOSALS FOR GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE AND REPURCHASE SHARES, RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A notice convening an annual general meeting of Dah Sing Financial Holdings Limited to be held at 36th Floor, Dah Sing Financial Centre, 108 Gloucester Road, Hong Kong at 4:30 p.m. on 19 May 2006 is set out on pages 12 to 16 of this circular. Whether or not you are able to attend the meeting, you are requested to complete the enclosed form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return the same to the registered office of Dah Sing Financial Holdings Limited at 36th Floor, Dah Sing Financial Centre, 108 Gloucester Road, Hong Kong as soon as possible and in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the relevant annual general meeting or any adjournments thereof. Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting at the relevant annual general meeting or any adjournments thereof should you so desire.

# **DEFINITIONS**

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

"AGM" the annual general meeting of the Company to be held at 36th Floor,

Dah Sing Financial Centre, 108 Gloucester Road, Hong Kong on 19 May 2006 at 4:30 p.m., notice of which is set out on pages 12 to 16 of

this circular;

"Articles of Association" the articles of association of the Company;

"Board" board of Directors of the Company;

"Chairman" the chairman of the Company;

"Companies Ordinance" the Companies Ordinance, Chapter 32 of the Laws of Hong Kong, as

amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time;

"Company" Dah Sing Financial Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in Hong

Kong with limited liability under the Companies Ordinance, the shares

of which are listed on the main board of the Stock Exchange;

"Directors" the directors of the Company;

"Group" the Company and its subsidiaries;

"HK\$" Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong;

"Latest Practicable Date" 20 April 2006, being the latest practicable date prior to the printing of

this circular for ascertaining certain information contained herein;

"Listing Rules" the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange;

"Shareholders" shareholders of the Company;

"Shares" shares of HK\$2.00 each in the capital of the Company; and

"Stock Exchange" The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

# 大新金融集團有限公司 DahSingFinancialHoldingsLimited

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability under the Companies Ordinance)
(Stock Code: 0440)

Directors:

David Shou-Yeh Wong (Chairman)

Chung-Kai Chow O.B.E. J.P. (Vice Chairman)

Kunio Suzuki

Peter G. Birch C.B.E.\*

Robert Tsai-To Sze\*

Tai-Lun Sun (Dennis Sun) B.B.S. J.P.\*

Kwok-Hung Yue (Justin Yue)\*

Sohei Sasaki

Kosuke Furukawa

John Wai-Wai Chow

Yiu-Ming Ng

Hon-Hing Wong (Derek Wong)

Roderick S. Anderson

Gary Pak-Ling Wang

Nicholas J. Mayhew

Toshifumi Kato (alternate to Kunio Suzuki)

\* Independent non-executive Director

Registered office:

36th Floor

Dah Sing Financial Centre

108 Gloucester Road

Hong Kong

26 April 2006

To Shareholders

Dear Sir or Madam,

# PROPOSALS FOR GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE AND REPURCHASE SHARES, RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this circular is to provide Shareholders with information reasonably necessary to enable them to make an informed decision in respect of the resolutions to be proposed at the AGM relating to, inter alia, (i) the proposed general mandates to issue and repurchase shares in the capital of the Company; and (ii) the re-election of retiring Directors.

#### 2. GENERAL MANDATE TO ISSUE SHARES IN THE CAPITAL OF THE COMPANY

Approval is being sought from Shareholders at the AGM by way of an ordinary resolution for a general mandate to allot and issue shares in the capital of the Company, under section 57B of the Companies Ordinance and pursuant to the Listing Rules, in order to ensure flexibility and discretion to the Directors of the Company in the event it becomes desirable to issue any shares of the Company, representing up to 20 per cent of the aggregate nominal amount of share capital of the Company in issue as at the date of the passing of the resolution in relation to such general mandate, during the course of the period up to the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company or the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the Companies Ordinance to be held or the revocation or variation of the authority by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders in general meeting of the Company, whichever occurs first. The Board wishes to state that it has no present intention to issue shares in the Company pursuant to such mandate.

#### 3. GENERAL MANDATE TO REPURCHASE SHARES

The Directors propose to seek your approval at the AGM by way of an ordinary resolution for the general mandate to repurchase, on the Stock Exchange, the issued and fully paid shares. Under such mandate, the number of Shares that the Company may repurchase 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 the passing of the resolution and shall cover purchases, made during the course of the period up to the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company or the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the Companies Ordinance to be held or the revocation or variation of the authority by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders in general meeting of the Company, whichever occurs first. An explanatory statement as required under the Listing Rules giving further information about such mandate is set out in Appendix A hereto.

#### 4. ADDITION TO GENERAL MANDATE

Conditional upon the resolutions in relation to the general mandate to issue Shares and the general mandate to repurchase Shares being duly passed, approval is being sought from the members by way of a separate ordinary resolution to extend the general mandate to issue shares by the addition to the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital which may be allotted, issued and dealt with or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted, issued and dealt with pursuant to such general mandate of an amount representing the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company repurchased by the Company under the repurchase mandate provided that such an amount shall not exceed 10 per cent of the aggregate nominal value of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of the passing of the relevant resolution.

#### 5. RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS

At the AGM to be held on 19 May 2006, Messrs Chung-Kai Chow, Robert Tsai-to Sze, John Wai-Wai Chow and Yiu-Ming Ng retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election in accordance with Article 110 of the Company's Articles of Association. Particulars of Messrs Chung-Kai Chow, Robert Tsai-To Sze, John Wai-Wai Chow and Yiu-Ming Ng are set out in Appendix B.

#### 6. CLOSURE OF THE REGISTER OF SHAREHOLDERS

The register of Shareholders of the Company is closed from Monday, 15 May 2006 to Friday, 19 May 2006, both days inclusive, in order to determine entitlements to the proposed final dividend for the year ended 31 December 2005. To qualify for the proposed final dividend, all transfers of Shares accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged for registration with the Company's registrars, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited of 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong not later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, 12 May 2006. Notice of the foregoing was given in the Company's final results announcement published in the Standard and Hong Kong Economic Times dated 27 March 2006 (Monday).

#### 7. FORM OF PROXY

A form of proxy for use at the AGM is enclosed. Whether or not you intend to be present at the AGM, you are requested to complete the form of proxy and return it to the registered office of the Company in accordance with the instructions printed thereon not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the Meeting.

#### 8. PROCEDURES BY WHICH A POLL MAY BE DEMANDED

Pursuant to article 60 of the Articles of Association, a resolution put to the vote of the general meeting shall be decided on a show of hands, unless a poll is (before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands) demanded by (i) the Chairman; or (ii) not less than five Shareholders present in person or by proxy and having the right to vote at the meeting; or (iii) a Shareholder or Shareholders present in person or by proxy representing not less than one-tenth of the total voting rights of all the Shareholders having the rights to vote at the meeting; or (iv) a Shareholder or Shareholders present in person or by proxy holding shares of the Company conferring a right to vote at the meeting being shares on which an aggregate sum has been paid up equal to not less than one-tenth of the total sum paid up on all the shares conferring that right.

#### 9. RECOMMENDATION

The Directors believe that proposals referred to above are in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders. Accordingly the Directors (including the independent non-executive Directors) recommend the Shareholders to vote in favour of all of these resolutions to be proposed at the AGM.

#### 10. GENERAL INFORMATION

Your attention is drawn to the additional information set out in Appendix A (the explanatory statement in respect of the general mandate to repurchase Shares) and Appendix B (particulars of Directors to be re-elected) to this circular.

Yours faithfully, **David Shou-Yeh Wong** *Chairman* 

This is an explanatory statement and memorandum of the terms of the proposed repurchases given to all the Shareholders relating to a resolution to approve the exercise by the Directors of the powers of the Company to repurchase its own Shares ("Repurchase Mandate") to be proposed at the AGM of the Company to be held on 19 May 2006.

This explanatory statement contains the information required pursuant to Rule 10.06(1)(b) of the Listing Rules. Its purpose is to provide Shareholders with all the information reasonably necessary to enable them to make an informed decision as to whether or not to vote in favour of the resolution approving the Repurchase Mandate and it also forms the memorandum of the terms of the proposed repurchases given under section 49BA(3)(b) of the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 32).

# (i) Exercise of the Repurchase Mandate

Exercise in full of the Repurchase Mandate, on the basis of 250,088,234 Shares in issue as at the Latest Practicable Date and assuming no issue and repurchase of Shares before the AGM, could accordingly result in up to 25,008,823 Shares being repurchased by the Company during the course of the period up to the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company or the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the Companies Ordinance to be held or the revocation or variation of the authority by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders in general meeting of the Company, whichever occurs first.

#### (ii) Reasons for Repurchases

The Directors believe that it is in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders to seek a general authority from Shareholders to enable the Directors to repurchase Shares on the market. Repurchases of Shares will only be made when the Directors believe that such a repurchase will benefit the Company and the Shareholders. Such repurchases may, depending on market conditions and funding arrangements at the time, lead to an enhancement of the value of the net assets and/or earnings per Share.

# (iii) Funding of Repurchases

Repurchases must be funded out of funds legally available for the purpose in accordance with Hong Kong law and the Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association, being profits available for distribution and the proceeds of a new issue of shares made for the purpose of the repurchase and it is envisaged that the funds required for any repurchase would be derived from such sources.

There might be a material adverse impact on the working capital or gearing position of the Company (as compared with the position disclosed in the audited financial statements as at 31 December 2005) in the event that the Repurchase Mandate is exercised in full. However, the Directors do not propose to exercise the Repurchase Mandate to such an extent as would, in the circumstances, have a material adverse effect on the working capital requirements of the Company or the gearing levels which in the opinion of the Directors are from time to time appropriate for the Company.

## (iv) Share Prices

The highest and lowest prices at which the Shares were traded on the Stock Exchange in each of the previous twelve months up to the Latest Practicable Date were as follows:—

	Highest	Lowest
	HK\$	HK\$
April 2005	54.00	49.00
May 2005	51.50	49.00
June 2005	52.75	50.25
July 2005	58.25	51.35
August 2005	58.50	50.50
September 2005	54.55	51.00
October 2005	52.20	46.80
November 2005	53.75	47.50
December 2005	54.40	51.55
January 2006	57.55	53.65
February 2006	57.00	52.00
March 2006	61.95	54.30
1 April 2006 — Latest Practicable Date	65.50	60.15

#### (v) General

None of the Directors and, to the best of their knowledge having made all reasonable enquiries, their associates (as defined in the Listing Rules) has any present intention, if the Repurchase Mandate is exercised, to sell any Shares to the Company or its subsidiaries.

No connected persons (as defined in the Listing Rules) of the Company have notified the Company that they have a present intention to sell Shares to the Company, or have undertaken not to do so, in the event that the Company is authorised to make repurchases of Shares.

The Directors have undertaken to the Stock Exchange that they will exercise the power of the Company to make repurchases pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate in accordance with the Listing Rules and the laws of Hong Kong.

If as a result of a repurchase of Shares a Shareholder's proportionate interest in the voting rights of the Company increases, such increase will be treated as an acquisition for the purposes of the Hong Kong Code on Takeovers and Mergers ("Takeover Code"). Under this circumstance, a Shareholder, or group of Shareholders acting in concert, depending on the level of increase of Shareholders' interest, could obtain or consolidate control of the Company and become obliged to make a mandatory offer in accordance with Rule 26 of the Takeover Code. The Directors are not aware of any Shareholder or group of Shareholders acting in concert who will become obliged to make a mandatory offer under the Takeover Code as a result of a repurchase pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate, except that Mr. David Shou-Yeh Wong ("Mr. Wong") may be required to make a general offer if as a result of repurchases the percentage interest of Mr. Wong in the Company over a 12-month period is increased by more than two per cent. As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Wong is beneficially interested in 98,001,068 shares, representing 39.19% in the entire share capital of the Company; if the Repurchase Mandate is exercised in full, the percentage interest of Mr. Wong in the Company will be increased by 4.35% to 43.54%.

The Directors confirmed that they have no present intention to repurchase any Shares under the Repurchase Mandate to such an extent which will result in an obligation to make a mandatory offer under Rule 26 of the Takeover Code, if the Repurchase Mandate is approved by Shareholders at the AGM.

There have been no repurchases of Shares by the Company in the previous six months (whether on the Stock Exchange or otherwise).

# APPENDIX B PARTICULARS OF DIRECTORS SUBJECT TO RE-ELECTION

Pursuant to the Listing Rules, the particulars of the Directors who will retire at the AGM according to the Articles of Association and who are proposed to be re-elected at the AGM are provided below.

# 1. Mr. Chung-Kai Chow O.B.E. J.P.

Vice Chairman and Non-executive Director

Aged 81. Appointed as a Director and Vice Chairman of the Company in 1987. Currently the Managing Director of Winsor Industrial Corporation Limited. Over 40 years of experience in property, textile and garment business. Has played an active role in various trade associations and served as member of the Cotton Advisory Board, the Textile Advisory Board, the Industry Advisory Board, the Hong Kong Export Credit Insurance Corporation Advisory Board, and the Securities Commission. Father of Mr. John Wai-Wai Chow, a non-executive Director of the Company.

Mr. Chow has not entered into any service contract with the Company, and was appointed for a specific term for three years but still subject to retirement by rotation, and eligible for re-election at the annual general meetings of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association prevailing in time. Currently, Mr. Chow receives a director's fee of HK\$150,000 per annum, which was determined with reference to the remuneration policy of the Company and peer institutions in banking and financial related businesses, as well as time involved in carrying out duties and responsibilities for the Group.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Chow is not related to any Directors, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company. As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Chow was interested in 9,185,734 shares of the Company and 1,807,189 shares in Dah Sing Banking Group Limited, being an associated corporation of the Company (as defined under Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance of Hong Kong).

#### 2. Mr. Robert Tsai-To Sze

*Independent non-executive Director* 

Aged 65. Independent non-executive Director of the Company, Dah Sing Banking Group Limited ("DSBG"), Dah Sing Bank, Limited, MEVAS Bank Limited and Dah Sing Life Assurance Company Limited. Currently the Chairman of Audit Committees and Remuneration Committees of both the Company and DSBG and a non-executive Director to a number of Hong Kong listed companies\*. Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Also a former partner of an international firm of accountants with which he practised over 20 years. Member of the Shanghai Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference in the PRC.

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(Remark (\*): The list of Hong Kong listed companies refer to Asia Satellite Telecommunications Holdings Limited, China Travel International Investment Hong Kong Limited, First Mobile Group Holdings Limited (resigned in July 2005), Hop Hing Holdings Limited, Min Xin Holdings Limited, Nanyang Holdings Limited, QPL International Holdings Limited, SW Kingsway Capital Holdings Limited and Television Broadcasts Limited.)

Mr. Sze has not entered into any service contract with the Company, and was appointed for a specific term for three years but still subject to retirement by rotation, and eligible for re-election at the annual general meetings of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association prevailing in time. Currently, Mr. Sze receives a director's fee of HK\$250,000 per annum, which was determined with reference to the remuneration policy of the Company and peer institutions in banking and financial related businesses, as well as time involved in carrying out duties and responsibilities for the Group.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Sze is not related to any Directors, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company. As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Sze was not interested in any shares of the Company, nor its associated corporation within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance of Hong Kong.

#### 3. Mr. John Wai-Wai Chow

Non-executive Director

Aged 56. Appointed as a Director of the Company in 1994. Deputy Managing Director of Winsor Industrial Corporation Limited and Managing Director of Winsor Properties Holdings Limited. Over 20 years of experience in textile, garment and property business. Son of Mr. Chung-Kai Chow O.B.E. J.P., the Vice Chairman and a non-executive Director of the Company.

Mr. Chow has not entered into any service contract with the Company, and was appointed for a specific term for three years but still subject to retirement by rotation, and eligible for re-election at the annual general meetings of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association prevailing in time. Currently, Mr. Chow receives a director's fee of HK\$120,000 per annum, which was determined with reference to the remuneration policy of the Company and peer institutions in banking and financial related businesses, as well as time involved in carrying out duties and responsibilities for the Group.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Chow is not related to any Directors, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company. As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Chow was interested in 821,370 shares of the Company and 162,970 shares in Dah Sing Banking Group Limited, being an associated corporation of the Company (as defined under Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance of Hong Kong).

## APPENDIX B PARTICULARS OF DIRECTORS SUBJECT TO RE-ELECTION

#### 4. Mr. Yiu-Ming Ng

Non-executive Director

Aged 69. Appointed as a Director of the Company in 1997. Joined Dah Sing Bank, a key operating subsidiary of the Company's Banking Group, in 1985 and was promoted as a Director in 1991. Retired in June 2002 but continued to serve the Boards of the Company and Dah Sing Bank in a non-executive role. Over 40 years of experience in hire purchase and leasing finance.

Mr. Ng has not entered into any service contract with the Company, and was appointed for a specific term for three years but still subject to retirement by rotation, and eligible for re-election at the annual general meetings of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association prevailing in time. Currently, Mr. Ng receives a director's fee of HK\$120,000 per annum, which was determined with reference to the remuneration policy of the Company and peer institutions in banking and financial related businesses, as well as time involved in carrying out duties and responsibilities for the Group.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Ng is not related to any Directors, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company. As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Ng was not interested in any shares of the Company, nor its associated corporation within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance of Hong Kong.

None of the retiring Directors to be re-elected have any information which is required to be disclosed under Rules 13.51(2)(h)-(v) of the Listing Rules, nor are there any other matters relating to the re-election of the retiring Directors that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders of the Company.

# 大新金融集團有限公司 DahSingFinancialHoldingsLimited

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability under the Companies Ordinance)
(Stock Code: 0440)

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that an annual general meeting of Dah Sing Financial Holdings Limited (the "**Company**") will be held at 36th Floor, Dah Sing Financial Centre, 108 Gloucester Road, Hong Kong on 19 May 2006 at 4:30 p.m. for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing (with or without modifications) the following resolutions as ordinary resolutions of the Company:

# As ordinary businesses:

- 1. To receive and consider the audited financial statements together with the Reports of the Directors and Auditors for the year ended 31 December 2005.
- 2. To declare a final dividend.
- 3. To elect Directors.
- 4. To fix the fees of the Directors for the year ended 31 December 2005.
- 5. To appoint PricewaterhouseCoopers as auditors and to authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration.

#### As special businesses:

To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolutions as ordinary resolutions:

#### 6. "THAT:—

- (a) subject to the following provisions of this resolution and pursuant to section 57B of the Companies Ordinance, 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 might require the exercise of such power be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the approval in paragraph (a) of this resolution shall authorise the Directors of the Company during the Relevant Period to make or grant offers, agreements and options, which might require the exercise of such power after the end of the Relevant Period;

- (c) the aggregate nominal amount of share capital allotted, issued and dealt with or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted, issued and dealt with (whether pursuant to an option or otherwise) by the Directors of the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) of this resolution, otherwise than pursuant to a Rights Issue (as hereinafter defined) or pursuant to any existing specific authority 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 the 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 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 Companies Ordinance 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 an offer of shares open for a period fixed by the Directors of the Company to the holders of 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 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 or any stock exchange in any territory outside Hong Kong)."

#### 7. "**THAT**:—

- (a) subject to paragraph (b) of this resolution, the exercise by the Directors of the Company during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to repurchase shares in the capital of the Company ("Shares") on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("Stock Exchange") or on any other stock exchange on which the securities of the Company may be listed and recognised by the Securities and Futures Commission and the Stock Exchange for this purpose, subject to and in accordance with all applicable laws and the requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange or any other applicable stock exchange as amended from time to time, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the aggregate nominal amount of the securities of the Company which the Company is authorised to repurchase pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) of this resolution shall not exceed 10 per cent of the Shares of the Company in issue as at the date of the passing of this resolution and the authority pursuant to 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 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 Companies Ordinance 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."

8. "THAT conditional upon resolutions numbered 6 and 7 set out in this notice of annual general meeting being duly passed, the general mandate granted to the Directors of the Company to exercise the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with additional shares in the capital of the Company pursuant to resolution numbered 6 set out in this notice of annual general meeting be and is hereby extended by the addition to the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital which may be allotted, issued and dealt with or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted, issued and dealt with by the Directors of the Company pursuant to such general mandate of an amount representing the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company repurchased by the Company under the authority granted pursuant to resolution numbered 7 set out in this notice of annual general meeting, provided that such an amount shall not exceed 10 per cent of the aggregate nominal value of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of the passing of this resolution."

By Order of the Board

Dah Sing Financial Holdings Limited

Hoi-Lun Soo

Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 26 April 2006

Registered Office:

36th Floor, Dah Sing Financial Centre 108 Gloucester Road Hong Kong

#### Notes:

- (a) A member entitled to attend and vote at the AGM is entitled to appoint one or, under particular case, more proxies to attend and vote on his behalf. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.
- (b) Where there are joint registered holders of any share, any one of such persons may vote at the AGM, either personally or by proxy, in respect of such share as if he were solely entitled thereto, but if more than one of such joint holders is present at the AGM personally or by proxy, that one of the said persons so present whose name stands first on the register of members of the Company shall, in respect of such share, be entitled alone to vote in respect thereof.
- (c) A form of proxy for use at the AGM is enclosed.
- (d) In order to be valid, the instrument appointing a proxy and the power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which it is signed must be lodged at the registered office of the Company, 36th Floor, Dah Sing Financial Centre, 108 Gloucester Road, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the AGM (or the adjourned meeting as the case may be).
- (e) Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude a member from attending and voting in person at the AGM, if he so wishes. If such member attends the AGM, his form of proxy will be deemed to have been revoked.
- (f) The translation into Chinese language of this notice is for reference only. In case of any inconsistency, the English version shall prevail.



#### FORM OF PROXY FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2006

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HKS	\$2 each in the share capital of Dah Sing Financial Holdings Limited hereby appoint	* the Chairman o	of the Meeting, or
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	ny/our proxy to vote for me/us and on my/our behalf at the Nineteenth Annual General Meeting of Sing Financial Centre, 108 Gloucester Road, Hong Kong on Friday, 19th May 2006 at 4:30 p.m.		
	e wish this proxy to be used in connection with the undermentioned resolutions in the manner set en, as my/our proxy thinks fit.	out below, and if n	o such indication is
(Ple	e: Signature:  ase indicate with a "\section" in the spaces below how you wish the proxy to vote. Unless so instructed hinks fit or abstain from voting.)		
RI	ESOLUTIONS	FOR	AGAINST
1.	To adopt the reports and accounts for 2005		
2.	To declare a final dividend		
3.	To elect Directors		
	(a) To re-elect Mr. Chung-Kai Chow as a Director		
	(b) To re-elect Mr. Robert Tsai-To Sze as a Director		
	(c) To re-elect Mr. John Wai-Wai Chow as a Director		
	(d) To elect Mr. Yiu-Ming Ng as a Director		
4.	To fix the fees payable to Directors		
5.	To appoint PricewaterhouseCoopers as auditors and to authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration		
6.	To approve a general mandate to issue shares		
7.	To approve a general mandate to repurchase shares		
8.	To extend the general mandate to issue shares by adding repurchased shares thereto		

#### Notes:

- A member entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting (the "AGM") is entitled to appoint one or, under particular case, more proxies to attend and vote on his behalf. A proxy need not also be a member of the Company.
- (b) Where there are joint registered holders of any share, any one of such persons may vote at the AGM, either personally or by proxy, in respect of such share as if he were solely entitled thereto, but if more than one of such joint holders is present at the AGM personally or by proxy, that one of the said persons so present whose name stands first on the register of members of the Company shall, in respect of such share, be entitled alone to vote in respect thereof.
- (c) In the case of a corporation, this form of proxy must be executed either under its common seal or under the hand of some officer or attorney duly authorised in that behalf.
- The instrument appointing a proxy and the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed must be lodged at the Registered Office of the Company, 36th Floor, Dah Sing Financial Centre, 108 Gloucester Road, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding
- Completion and delivery of this form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting at the AGM if you so wish.
- Delete as appropriate