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EXCEL TECHNOLOGY INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LIMITED

(志鴻科技國際控股有限公司)*

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of Excel Technology International Holdings Limited (the "Company") will be held at Coral Room 2, 3rd floor, Furama Hotel, One Connaught Road Central, Hong Kong on 18th April, 2001 (Thursday) at 3:30 p.m. for the following purposes:

- 1. To receive and consider the Audited Financial Statements of the Company and the Reports of the Directors and Auditors for the year ended 31st December, 2000;
- 2. To re-elect retiring Directors;
- 3. To authorise the Board of Directors to fix their remuneration;
- 4. To re-appoint Auditors and authorise the Board of Directors to fix their remuneration; and
- 5. By way of special business, to consider and, if thought fit, pass with or without amendments, the following resolution as ordinary resolution:

ORDINARY RESOLUTION

"THAT:

- (a) subject to paragraph (c) below, the exercise by the Directors of the Company during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined in this Resolution) of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue or deal with unissued 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) above 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 powers after the end of the Relevant Period;
- (c) the aggregate nominal amount of share capital allotted, issued or dealt with or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted, issued or dealt with (whether pursuant to options 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 in this Resolution); or (ii) any share option scheme or similar arrangement of the Company 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) any scrip 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 in accordance with the bye-laws of the Company in force from time to time; or (iv) the exercise of rights of subscription or conversion under the terms of any warrants or convertible bonds issued by the Company or any securities which are convertible into shares of the Company, shall not exceed 20 per cent. of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue on the date of passing this Resolution; and
- (d) for the purpose of this Resolution:
 - "Relevant Period" means the period from the date of passing 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 bye-laws of the Company, the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda (as amended) or any other applicable law to be held; and
 - (iii) the passing of an ordinary resolution by the members of the Company in general meeting revoking or varying the authority given to the Directors of the Company by this Resolution;

"Rights Issue" means an offer of shares in the Company, or offer or issue of warrant, options or other securities giving rights to subscribe for shares open for a period fixed by the Directors of the Company to holders of shares in the Company on the register of members of the Company on a fixed record date in proportion to

their then holdings of shares as at that date (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 or the requirements of any recognized regulatory body or any stock exchange in any territory outside Hong Kong)."

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

ORDINARY RESOLUTION

"THAT:

- (a) the exercise by the Directors of the Company during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined in this Resolution) of all powers of the Company to purchase its own shares, subject to paragraph (b) below, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the aggregate nominal amount of shares of the Company which may be purchased by the Company on the Growth Enterprise Market of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") or any other stock exchange recognized for this purpose by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong and the Stock Exchange under the Hong Kong Code on Share Repurchase pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above shall not exceed 10 per cent. of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing this Resolution and the authority pursuant to paragraph (a) of this Resolution shall be limited accordingly; and
- (c) for the purpose of this Resolutions, "Relevant Period" means the period from the date of passing 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 bye-laws of the Company, the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda (as amended) or any other applicable law to be held; and
 - (iii) the passing of an ordinary resolution by the members of the Company in general meeting revoking or varying the authority given to the Directors of the Company by this Resolutions."
- 7. By way of special business, to consider and, if thought fit, pass with or without amendments, the following resolution as ordinary resolution:

ORDINARY RESOLUTION

"THAT the general mandate granted to the Directors of the Company pursuant to the Resolution 5 above and for the time being in force to exercise the powers of the Company to allot, issue or deal with unissued shares 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 extended by the aggregate nominal amount of shares in the

share capital of the Company purchased by the share capital of the Company repurchased by the Company since the granting of such general mandate pursuant to the exercise by the Directors of the Company of the powers of the Company to purchase such shares, provided that such amount 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."

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

ORDINARY RESOLUTION

"THAT the deletion of the definition of "Participant" as set out in Clause 1.01 of the share option scheme of the Company adopted on 16th June, 2000 in its entirety and, in substitution thereof, the insertion of the following revised definition of "Participant" to the said Clause 1.01 be and are hereby approved and adopted:

"Participant" means any full-time employee or director of the Company or any Subsidiary who satisfies the following requirements:

- i. in the case of a director, any executive director of the Company or any Subsidiary;
- ii. in the case of a full-time employee, the aggregate number of hours spent and/or to be spent by that employee in providing services to the Company or any Subsidiary is not less than 25 hours per week, determined by averaging out the total number of hours so spent and/or to be so spent since the employee commenced working for the Company or any Subsidiary;"

By Order of the Board **Zee Chan Mei Chu, Peggy**Chairman

Hong Kong, 15th March, 2001

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Notes:

- 1. A member entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting convened by the above notice is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend and vote on his behalf. A proxy need not 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 or authority must be deposited with the Company's branch share registrar and transfer office in Hong Kong, Central Registration Hong Kong Limited, Rooms 1712–1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the Annual General Meeting or any adjournment thereof. Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude a member from attending and voting in person.
- 3. In relation to proposed Resolution 5 above, approval is being sought from the members for the grant to the Directors of a general mandate to authorise the allotment and issue of shares pursuant to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Growth Enterprise Market of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "GEM Listing Rules"). The directors have no immediate plans to issue any new securities of the Company pursuant to the said general mandate other than shares which may fall to be issued upon the exercise of any options granted under the share option scheme of the Company or any scrip dividend scheme.
- 4. If two or more persons are joint holders of a share of the Company, the vote of the senior who tenders a vote, whether in person or by proxy, will be accepted to the exclusion of the other joint holder(s). For this purpose, seniority shall be determined by the order in which the names stand in the register of members of the Company in respect of the joint holding.

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