



**大眾金融控股有限公司\***

**PUBLIC FINANCIAL HOLDINGS LIMITED**

*(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)*

**(Stock Code: 626)**

## **NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the annual general meeting of shareholders of Public Financial Holdings Limited (the “Company”) will be held at Shek O Room, Lower Level I, Kowloon Shangri-La Hotel, 64 Mody Road, Tsimshatsui East, Kowloon, Hong Kong on Tuesday, 13 March 2007 at 10:00 a.m. for the following purposes:

### **As Ordinary Business:**

1. To receive and consider the audited financial statements and the reports of the directors and the auditors for the year ended 31 December 2006.
2. To re-elect directors and to authorise the Board of Directors to fix directors’ remuneration.
3. To re-appoint Messrs. Ernst & Young as auditors and to authorise the Board of Directors to fix their remuneration.

### **As Special Business:**

#### **Ordinary Resolutions**

4. To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as an Ordinary Resolution:

**“THAT:**

- (a) subject to the following provisions of this Resolution, 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 capital of the Company, and to make or grant offers, agreements or options which would or might require the exercise of such powers, subject to and in accordance with all applicable laws, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved to the exclusion of any existing specific authority;
- (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 or 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 or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted (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 (i) a Rights Issue; (ii) the exercise of warrants, if any, to subscribe for shares of the Company or the exercise of options granted under any share option scheme adopted by the Company; (iii) an issue of shares of the Company in lieu of the whole or part of a dividend on shares of the Company in accordance with the Company’s bye-laws; or (iv) an issue of shares made pro rata to holders of shares in the Company on a fixed record date, shall not exceed 20% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company 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 date of 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 any applicable law or the bye-laws of the Company to be held; or
- (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.

“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 restriction or obligation under the laws of, or the requirements of any recognised regulatory body or any stock exchange in, any territory outside Hong Kong).”

5. To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as an Ordinary Resolution:

**“THAT:**

- (a) the exercise by the directors of the Company during the Relevant Period (as defined below) of all the powers of the Company to repurchase shares of HK\$0.10 each in the capital of the Company on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Stock Exchange”), subject to and in accordance with all applicable laws and the requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange as amended from time to time, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the aggregate nominal amount of shares to be repurchased pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) of this Resolution shall not exceed 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of the passing of 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 date of 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 any applicable law or the bye-laws of the Company to be held; or
- (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.”

6. To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as an Ordinary Resolution:

“**THAT**, subject to the passing of Ordinary Resolutions Nos. 4 and 5 as set out in this notice of annual general meeting, the general mandate granted to the directors of the Company to exercise the powers of the Company to allot shares be and is hereby extended by the additions to the aggregate nominal amount of share capital which may be allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted by the directors of the Company pursuant to such general mandate of an amount representing the aggregate nominal amount of shares in the Company repurchased by the Company under the authority granted pursuant to Ordinary Resolution No. 5 set out in this notice of annual general meeting, provided that such amount shall not exceed 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of the passing of this Resolution.”

7. To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as an Ordinary Resolution:

“**THAT** subject to and conditional upon the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange granting listing of and permission to deal in the shares of HK\$0.10 each in the capital of the Company (representing 10% of the shares of the Company in issue as at the date of passing this resolution) which may be issued pursuant to the exercise of options granted under the Company’s share option scheme adopted on 28 February 2002 (the “Scheme”), the refreshment of the scheme limit in respect of the grant of options to subscribe for ordinary shares in the Company under the Scheme provided that the total number of ordinary shares which may be allotted or issued pursuant to the grant or exercise of options under the Scheme (excluding options previously granted, outstanding, cancelled, lapsed or exercised under the Scheme) shall not exceed 10% of the shares of the Company in issue as at the date of passing this resolution (the “Refreshed Mandate Limit”) be and is hereby approved and the directors of the Company be and are hereby authorised to grant options under the Scheme up to the Refreshed Mandate Limit, to exercise all powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with the shares of the Company pursuant to the exercise of such options and to do such acts and execute such documents for or incidental to such purpose.”

By Order of the Board  
**Tan Yoke Kong**  
*Company Secretary*

Hong Kong, 16 February 2007

*Notes:*

1. The register of members will be closed from Thursday, 8 March 2007 to Tuesday, 13 March 2007, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be registered. In order to be entitled to attend and vote at the forthcoming annual general meeting, all transfers accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company’s branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Tengis Limited at 26/F, Tesbury Centre, 28 Queen’s Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong for registration no later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, 7 March 2007.
2. A member entitled to attend and vote at the above meeting is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend and vote on his behalf. A proxy need not be a member of the Company. In order to be valid, proxies in the prescribed form must be lodged with the Company’s branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Tengis Limited at 26/F, Tesbury Centre, 28 Queen’s Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong, no later than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting.
3. Concerning Resolution No. 4 of this notice, approval is being sought from members for a general mandate to authorise allotment of shares in the capital of the Company in order to give flexibility to the directors in the event it becomes desirable to issue any additional shares of the Company. The directors have no immediate plan to issue any new shares of the Company pursuant to such approval.

4. Concerning Resolution No. 5 of this notice, approval is being sought from members for a general mandate to be given to the directors to repurchase shares.
5. Concerning Resolution No. 6 of this notice, approval is being sought from members for an extension of the general mandate sought to be granted to the directors of the Company to allot shares by adding to it the number of shares which shall have been repurchased under the authority granted pursuant to Resolution No. 5 of this notice.
6. An explanatory statement containing the information regarding Resolution No. 5 of this notice is contained in the circular accompanying this notice.

*As at the date of this announcement, the Board of Directors of the Company comprises Tan Sri Dato' Sri Dr. Teh Hong Piow, Dato' Sri Tay Ah Lek, Dato' Chang Kat Kiam and Mr. Wong Kong Ming as Non-executive Directors, Mr. Tan Yoke Kong and Mr. Lee Huat Oon as Executive Directors, and Tan Sri Dato' Thong Yaw Hong, Dato' Yeoh Chin Kee and Mr. Lee Chin Guan as Independent Non-executive Directors.*

*\* For identification purpose only*

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