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# **Biostime International Holdings Limited**

# 合生元國際控股有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability) (Stock Code: 1112)

## PROPOSALS FOR DECLARATION OF FINAL AND SPECIAL DIVIDENDS, GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE SHARES AND TO REPURCHASE SHARES, RE-ELECTION AND RE-APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A notice convening the Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held at Kellett Room IV, 3/F., The Excelsior, Hong Kong, 281 Gloucester Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong on Thursday, 9 May 2013 at 10:00 a.m. is set out on pages 19 to 23 of this circular.

A letter from the Board is set out on pages 3 to 6 of this circular.

Whether or not you intend to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting in person, you are requested to complete the enclosed form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return it to the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong as soon as possible and in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the Annual General Meeting or any adjournment thereof. Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting in person at the Annual General Meeting or any adjournment thereof should you so wish. If you attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting, the authority of your proxy will be revoked.

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## DEFINITIONS

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

"Annual General Meeting"	the annual general meeting of the Company to be held at Kellett Room IV, 3/F., The Excelsior, Hong Kong, 281 Gloucester Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong on Thursday, 9 May 2013 at 10:00 a.m. and notice of which is set out on pages 19 to 23 of this circular, or where the context so admits, any adjournment thereof
"Annual Report"	the annual report of the Company, which comprises, inter alia, the Directors' report, the auditors' report and the financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2012
"Articles of Association"	the articles of association of the Company, as amended from time to time
"associate(s)"	has the same meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules
"Board"	the board of Directors
"Companies Law"	the Companies Law, Chapter 22 (Law 3 of 1961, as consolidated and revised) of the Cayman Islands
"Company"	Biostime International Holdings Limited 合生元國際控股有限 公司, an exempted company incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability on 30 April 2010 and the Shares of which are listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange
"connected person(s)"	has the same meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules
"Controlling Shareholder(s)"	has the same meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules
"Director(s)"	the director(s) of the Company
"Group"	the Company and its subsidiaries
"HK\$"	Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong
"Hong Kong"	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China

## DEFINITIONS

"Issue Mandate"	a general unconditional mandate to be granted to the Directors to allot, issue, and otherwise deal with new Shares and other securities with an aggregate nominal amount not exceeding the sum of 20% of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing of the relevant resolutions, and the aggregate nominal value of the share capital of the Company repurchased by the Company (if any)
"Latest Practicable Date"	25 March 2013, being the latest practicable date prior to the printing of this circular for ascertaining certain information contained in this circular
"Listing Rules"	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange, as amended from time to time
"PRC"	The People's Republic of China excluding Hong Kong and the Macau Special Administrative Region of the PRC and Taiwan for the purpose of this circular
"Repurchase Mandate"	a general unconditional mandate to the Directors to exercise the power of the Company to repurchase Shares in the capital of the Company up to a maximum of 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing the relevant resolutions
"RMB"	Renminbi, the lawful currency of the PRC
"SFO"	the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong)
"Share(s)"	share(s) of HK\$0.01 each in the share capital of the Company
"Shareholder(s)"	holder(s) of the Share(s)
"Stock Exchange"	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
"substantial shareholder(s)"	has the same meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules
"Takeovers Code"	the Hong Kong Code on Takeovers and Mergers, as amended from time to time
"%"	per cent

## LETTER FROM THE BOARD



# **Biostime International Holdings Limited**

合生元國際控股有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability) (Stock Code: 1112)

Executive Directors: Mr. Luo Fei (Chairman and Chief Executive Officer) Ms. Kong Qingjuan

Non-executive Directors: Dr. Zhang Wenhui Mr. Wu Xiong Mr. Luo Yun Mr. Chen Fufang

Independent non-executive Directors: Dr. Ngai Wai Fung Mr. Tan Wee Seng Professor Xiao Baichun Registered Office: Cricket Square Hutchins Drive P.O. Box 2681 Grand Cayman KY1-1111 Cayman Islands

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28 March 2013

To: the Shareholders of the Company

Dear Sir or Madam

## PROPOSALS FOR DECLARATION OF FINAL AND SPECIAL DIVIDENDS, GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE SHARES AND TO REPURCHASE SHARES, RE-ELECTION AND RE-APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this circular is to provide you with information regarding resolutions to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting relating to (i) the declaration of final and special dividends; (ii) the granting to the Directors the Issue Mandate; (iii) the granting to the Directors the Repurchase Mandate; (iv) the extension of the Issue Mandate to include Shares repurchased pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate; and (v) the re-election and re-appointment of Directors.

## LETTER FROM THE BOARD

#### DECLARATION OF FINAL DIVIDEND AND SPECIAL DIVIDEND

According to the announcement of the Company dated 19 March 2013, the Board recommended the payment of a final dividend of HK\$0.39 per ordinary Share and a special dividend of HK\$0.46 per ordinary Share for the year ended 31 December 2012, to be paid on or about 27 May 2013 to the Shareholders whose names appear on the register of members of the Company on 20 May 2013.

The recommended final dividend of HK\$0.39 per ordinary Share and special dividend of HK\$0.46 per ordinary Share are subject to approval by the Shareholders at the Annual General Meeting. Such dividends will be distributed from the share premium of the Company. In the opinion of the Directors, such distribution is in compliance with the Articles of Association, which states that dividend may be declared and paid out of the profits of the Company, realised or unrealised, or from any reserve set aside from profits which the Directors determine is no longer needed. With the sanction of an ordinary resolution dividends may also be declared and paid out of the share premium account or any other fund of account which can be authorised for this purpose in accordance with the Companies Law of the Cayman Islands.

#### **GENERAL MANDATES**

At the annual general meeting of the Company held on 30 April 2012, general mandates were granted to the Directors to issue and repurchase Shares respectively. Such mandates will lapse at the conclusion of the forthcoming Annual General Meeting. In order to give the Company the flexibility to issue and repurchase Shares if and when appropriate, the following ordinary resolutions will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting to approve:

- (a) the granting of the Issue Mandate to the Directors to allot, issue or deal with additional Shares of not exceeding 20% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing of proposed ordinary resolution contained in item 5 of the Notice of Annual General Meeting as set out on pages 19 to 23 of this circular (i.e. an aggregate nominal amount of a maximum of 120,458,800 Shares on the basis that the 602,294,000 issued share capital of the Company as at the Latest Practicable Date remains unchanged on the date of/no further Shares are issued or repurchased before the Annual General Meeting);
- (b) the granting of the Repurchase Mandate to the Directors to purchase Shares on the Stock Exchange of not exceeding 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing of proposed ordinary resolution contained in item 6 of the Notice of Annual General Meeting as set out on pages 19 to 23 of this circular (i.e. an aggregate nominal amount of a maximum of 60,229,400 Shares on the basis that the 602,294,000 issued share capital of the Company as at the Latest Practicable Date remains unchanged on the date of/no further Shares are issued or repurchased before the Annual General Meeting); and
- (c) the extension of the Issue Mandate by adding the aggregate nominal amount of Shares repurchased by the Company pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate.

With reference to the Issue Mandate and the Repurchase Mandate, the Directors wish to state that they have no immediate plan to issue any new Shares or repurchase any Shares pursuant thereto.

## LETTER FROM THE BOARD

#### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

An explanatory statement containing all relevant information relating to the proposed Repurchase Mandate is set out in the Appendix I to this circular. The explanatory statement is to provide you with information reasonably necessary to enable you to make an informed decision on whether to vote for or against the resolution to grant to the Directors the Repurchase Mandate at the Annual General Meeting.

#### **RE-ELECTION AND RE-APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS**

In accordance with Articles 84(1) and 84(2) of the Company's Articles of Association, Mr. Luo Fei and Ms. Kong Qingjuan, both executive Directors and Dr. Zhang Wenhui, a non-executive Director, shall retire from office by rotation and being eligible, offer themselves for re-election at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 9 May 2013.

The service terms of the non-executive Directors of the Company, namely Mr. Wu Xiong, Mr. Luo Yun and Mr. Chen Fufang will expire on 17 December 2013. Pursuant to the respective letters of appointment, they are all eligible for election and re-appointment at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 9 May 2013 with their new service terms starting from 17 December 2013.

The Nomination Committee recommended the re-election of Mr. Luo Fei and Ms. Kong Qingjuan as executive Directors, the re-election of Dr. Zhang Wenhui as a non-executive Director and the re-appointment of Mr. Wu Xiong, Mr. Luo Yun and Mr. Chen Fufang as non-executive Directors at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 9 May 2013.

Details of the above-mentioned Directors proposed to be re-elected and re-appointed at the Annual General Meeting are set out in Appendix II to this circular.

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Company will convene the Annual General Meeting at Kellett Room IV, 3/F., The Excelsior, Hong Kong, 281 Gloucester Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong on Thursday, 9 May 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at which resolutions will be proposed for the purpose of considering and if thought fit, approving the resolutions proposed in the Notice of Annual General Meeting as set out on pages 19 to 23 of this circular.

A form of proxy for use at the Annual General Meeting is enclosed with this circular. Whether or not you intend to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting in person, you are requested to complete the enclosed form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return it to the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong as soon as possible and in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the Annual General Meeting or any adjournment thereof. Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting in person at the Annual General Meeting or any adjournment thereof should you so wish. If you attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting, the authority of your proxy will be revoked.

Pursuant to Rule 13.39(4) of the Listing Rules and Article 66 of the Articles of Association, all the resolutions set out in the Notice of Annual General Meeting will be voted by poll. An announcement on the poll vote results will be published by the Company after the Annual General Meeting in the manner prescribed under Rule 13.39(5) of the Listing Rules.

#### **RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT**

This circular includes particulars given in compliance with the Listing Rules for the purpose of giving information with regard to the Company. The Directors collectively and individually accept full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in this circular and confirm, having made all reasonable enquires, that to the best of their knowledge and belief, there are no other facts the omission of which would make any statement herein misleading.

#### VOTING BY POLL AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Pursuant to Rule 13.39(4) of the Listing Rules and Article 66 of the Articles of Association, all votes of the Shareholders at the general meetings must be taken by poll.

#### RECOMMENDATION

The Directors consider that the proposed declaration of final and special dividends, the granting of the Issue Mandate and the Repurchase Mandate to the Directors, the extension of the Issue Mandate and the re-election and re-appointment of Directors are in the best interests of the Company as well as its Shareholders as a whole. Accordingly, the Directors recommend the Shareholders to vote in favour of all the resolutions to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting as set out in the Notice of the Annual General Meeting.

#### **CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS**

For determining the entitlement to attend and vote at the above meeting, the register of members of the Company will be closed from 7 May 2013 to 9 May 2013, both dates inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be registered. In order to be eligible to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting, all transfer documents accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at Shops 1712–1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong for registration not later than 4:30 p.m. on 6 May 2013.

For determining the entitlement to the proposed final dividend and special dividend, the register of members of the Company will be closed from 15 May 2013 to 20 May 2013, both dates inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be registered. In order to qualify for the proposed final dividend and special dividend, all transfer documents accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at Shops 1712–1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong for registration not later than 4:30 p.m. on 14 May 2013.

Shareholders of the Company whose names appear on the register of members on 9 May 2013 are entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting or any adjourned meetings, and shareholders whose names appear on the register of members on 20 May 2013 are entitled to the final dividend and special dividend.

Yours faithfully By Order of the Board Biostime International Holdings Limited Mr. Luo Fei Chairman

## APPENDIX I EXPLANATORY STATEMENT ON THE REPURCHASE MANDATE

This is an explanatory statement given to all Shareholders relating to a resolution to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting for approving the Repurchase Mandate. This explanatory statement contains all the information required pursuant to Rule 10.06(1)(b) and other relevant provisions of the Listing Rules which is set out as follows:

#### 1. LISTING RULES RELATING TO THE REPURCHASE OF SHARES

The Listing Rules permit companies whose primary listing is on the Stock Exchange to repurchase their shares on the Stock Exchange and any other stock exchange on which the securities of the company are listed and such exchange is recognised by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong and the Stock Exchange subject to certain restrictions. Among such restrictions, the Listing Rules provide that the shares of such company must be fully paid up and all repurchase of shares by such company must be approved in advance by an ordinary resolution of shareholders, either by way of a general repurchase mandate or by specific approval of a particular transaction.

#### 2. SHARE CAPITAL

As at the Latest Practicable Date, there was a total of 602,294,000 Shares in issue. Subject to the passing of the resolution granting the Repurchase Mandate and on the basis that no further Shares are issued or repurchased during the period from the Latest Practicable Date to the Annual General Meeting, the Company will be allowed under the Repurchase Mandate to repurchase a maximum of 60,229,400 Shares, being 10% of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of the passing of the relevant resolution.

#### 3. REASONS FOR SHARE REPURCHASE

The Directors have no present intention to repurchase any Shares but consider that the ability to do so would give the Company additional flexibility that would be beneficial to the Company and the Shareholders as such repurchase may, depending on market conditions and funding arrangements at the time, lead to an enhancement of the net asset value of the Company and/or its earnings per Share and will only be made when the Directors believe that such a repurchase will benefit the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

#### 4. FUNDING OF REPURCHASE

The Company is empowered by its Memorandum and Articles of Association to repurchase its Shares. In repurchasing Shares, the Company may only apply funds legally available for such purpose in accordance with its Memorandum and Articles of Association and laws of the Cayman Islands. The laws of the Cayman Islands and the Articles of Association provide that payment for a share repurchase may only be made out of profits or the proceeds of a new issue of Shares made for such purpose or subject to the Companies Law, out of capital of the Company. The amount of premium payable on repurchase of Shares may only be paid out of either the profits or out of the share premium of the Company or subject to the Companies Law, out of capital of the Company.

## APPENDIX I EXPLANATORY STATEMENT ON THE REPURCHASE MANDATE

In addition, under the laws of the Cayman Islands, payment out of capital by a company for the purchase by a company of its own shares is unlawful unless immediately following the date on which the payment is proposed to be made, the Company shall be able to pay its debts as they fall due in the ordinary course of business. In accordance with the laws of the Cayman Islands, the shares so repurchased would be treated as cancelled but the aggregate amount of authorised share capital would not be reduced.

#### 5. IMPACT OF REPURCHASE

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 contained in the Annual Report of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2012) in the event that the Repurchase Mandate was to be carried out in full at any time during the proposed repurchase period. However, the Directors do not intend to exercise the Repurchase Mandate to such 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.

#### 6. DIRECTORS, THEIR ASSOCIATES AND CONNECTED PERSONS

None of the Directors nor, to the best of their knowledge and belief having made all reasonable enquiries, any of their associates, has any present intention to sell any Shares to the Company in the event that the Repurchase Mandate is granted by the Shareholders.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, no connected person of the Company (as defined in the Listing Rules) has notified the Company that he/she/it has a present intention to sell Shares to the Company nor has he/she/it undertaken not to sell any of the Shares held by him/her/it to the Company in the event that the Repurchase Mandate is granted by the Shareholders.

#### 7. UNDERTAKING OF THE DIRECTORS

The Directors have undertaken to the Stock Exchange that, so far as the same may be applicable, they will exercise the powers of the Company to make repurchases pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate and in accordance with the Listing Rules, the Articles of Association and the applicable laws of the Cayman Islands.

#### 8. EFFECT OF TAKEOVERS CODE

A repurchase of Shares by the Company may result in an increase in the proportionate interests of a substantial shareholder of the Company in the voting rights of the Company, which could give rise to an obligation to make a mandatory offer in accordance with Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, to the best of the knowledge and belief of the Company, Biostime Pharmaceuticals (China) Limited ("**Biostime Pharmaceuticals**"), being the Controlling Shareholder of the Company, held 450,000,000 Shares representing approximately 74.71% of the issued share capital of the Company. In the event that the Directors exercise in full the power to repurchase the Shares which is proposed to be granted pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate, the shareholding of Biostime Pharmaceuticals, together with its associates, in the Company would be increased to approximately

## APPENDIX I EXPLANATORY STATEMENT ON THE REPURCHASE MANDATE

83.02% of the issued share capital of the Company and such increase would not give rise to an obligation to make a mandatory offer under the Takeovers Code. The Directors are not aware of any consequences which will arise under the Takeovers Code as a result of any repurchases to be made under the Repurchase Mandate.

The Listing Rules prohibit a company from making repurchase of its shares on the Stock Exchange if the result of the repurchase would be less than 25% (or such or prescribed minimum percentage as determined by the Stock Exchange) of the Company's issued share capital would be in public hands. The Company will not repurchase Shares if that repurchase would result in the number of Shares which are in the hands of the public falling below 25% of the Company's issued share capital.

#### 9. SHARE REPURCHASES BY THE COMPANY

During the 6 months prior to the Latest Practicable Date, the Company had not repurchased any Shares (whether on the Stock Exchange or otherwise).

#### **10. SHARE PRICES**

The highest and lowest prices per Share at which Shares have traded on the Stock Exchange during each of the previous 12 months were as follows:

	Highest	Lowest
	HK\$	HK\$
2012		
March	20.75	14.16
April	22.60	19.00
May	23.20	18.00
June	20.40	18.44
July	21.40	16.00
August	19.50	17.10
September	21.70	18.74
October	21.25	18.90
November	24.90	19.80
December	25.40	22.30
2013		
January	33.20	24.45
February	35.70	32.00
March (up to the Latest Practicable Date)	40.50	33.05

#### DETAILS OF DIRECTORS PROPOSED TO BE RE-ELECTED AND RE-APPOINTED

The biographical details of the Directors proposed to be re-elected and re-appointed at the Annual General Meeting are set out as follows:

#### LUO FEI (羅飛), Executive Director

Mr. Luo Fei, aged 49, was appointed as an executive Director of the Company on 30 April 2010 and is the Chairman and chief executive officer of the Company and the chairman of the Nomination Committee of the Company. He is also a director of the Company's subsidiaries Biostime, Inc. (Guangzhou) ("Biostime Guangzhou"), Biostime (Guangzhou) Health Products Limited ("Biostime Health"), BMcare Baby Products Inc. (Guangzhou) ("BMcare Guangzhou"), Biostime (Guangzhou) Education Management Inc. ("Biostime Education"), Biostime International Investment Limited ("Biostime Investment") and Biostime Hong Kong Limited ("Biostime Hong Kong"). He is primarily responsible for the overall strategies, planning and business development of the Group. He has approximately 19 years of experience in the industry of products of biotechnology. From June 1989 to October 1990, he was in the full time employ of Kanghai Enterprise Development Company of Guangzhou Economic and Technological Development Zone (廣州經濟技術開發區康海企業發展公司) as an assistant engineer. In February 1993, he established Guangzhou Baixing Bioengineering Co., Ltd. (廣州百星生物工程有限公司) and acted as the legal representative and general manager. In December 1994, he established Guangzhou Biohope Co., Ltd. ("Guangzhou Biohope"), a company engaged in import and distribution of raw materials for personal care products and household cleaning products, and he was the legal representative of this company from December 1994 to June 2010, and a director from December 1994 to date. In August 1999, he established Biostime Guangzhou and has served as the general manager in Biostime Guangzhou since then. Mr. Luo's current social undertakings include vice-chairman of the Mommy Baby Products Association of Guangdong (廣東省孕嬰童用品協會) and chairman of the management committee of Biostime China Foundation for Mothers and Children. Mr. Luo received a bachelor's degree in microbiological engineering in July 1985 and a master's degree in industrial fermentation in June 1988 from South China University of Technology (華南理工大學), formerly known as South China Institute of Technology (華南工學院). He has also completed China Europe International Business School's (中歐國際工商學院) EMBA program and was awarded a master's degree in business administration in September 2008. He is also a director of the Company's Controlling Shareholder Biostime Pharmaceuticals since December 2003 with discloseable interests in the Shares of the Company under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO. As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Luo held a personal interest in Biostime Pharmaceuticals, which is 28.15% owned by Mr. Luo.

The details of Mr. Luo's interests in Shares of the Company or any of its associated corporations within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO are set out in the section headed "Directors' and Chief Executives' Interests and Short Positions in Shares, Underlying Shares and Debentures of the Company" of the Annual Report.

Mr. Luo is the younger brother of Mr. Luo Yun, a non-executive Director of the Company. Save as disclosed above, Mr. Luo (i) does not have any relationship with any other Director, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholder of the Company; and (ii) has not held any position with the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any directorship in other listed public companies in the last three years; and there is no other information that should be disclosed under Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules, nor any other matter that needs to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

Mr. Luo has entered into a service contract with the Company for a term of three years commencing from 17 December 2010 until terminated by not less than three months' notice in writing served by either party on the other or in accordance with the provisions set out in the service contract. He is subject to retirement and re-election at the annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association. Mr. Luo is entitled to a director's fee of RMB1,162,740 per annum, which is determined with reference to his experience, performance and the prevailing market conditions. In addition, Mr. Luo is entitled to a discretionary bonus, provided that the aggregate amount of the bonuses payable to all executive Directors of the Company in respect of any financial year of the Company may not exceed 5% of the audited consolidated or combined net profit (after taxation and minority interests and payment of such bonuses but excluding extraordinary and exceptional items) in respect of that financial year.

#### KONG QINGJUAN (孔慶娟), Executive Director

Ms. Kong Oingjuan, aged 51, was appointed as an executive Director of the Company on 12 May 2010 and is the chief operating officer of the Company. She is also a supervisor of the Company's subsidiaries Biostime Health, BMcare Guangzhou, Biostime Guangzhou and Biostime Education. She is also a general manager of the operation centre of Biostime Health. She has approximately 17 years of experience in the industry of products of biotechnology and is mainly responsible for the overall procurement, logistics, production, as well as internal compliance and control. She joined the Group in July 2000 and was appointed as a director of Biostime Guangzhou from December 2002 to December 2010, and she was the chief operating officer of that company from January 2006 to December 2010. Prior to joining the Group, she worked for Hospital of Traditional Chinese Medicine of Hebei Province (河北 省中醫院) from January 1983 to July 1995. From August 1995 to February 2000, she was employed by Dalian Sanzhu Bio-Cosmetic Co., Ltd. (大連三株生態化妝品有限公司). Ms. Kong graduated from Hebei Medical University (河北醫科大學), formerly known as Hebei Medical Institute (河北醫學院), with a bachelor's degree in clinical medicine in July 1985. She is also a director of the Company's Controlling Shareholder Biostime Pharmaceuticals since May 2010 with discloseable interests in the Shares of the Company under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO. As at the Latest Practicable Date, Ms. Kong held a personal interest in Biostime Pharmaceuticals, which is 4.4% owned by Ms. Kong.

The details of Ms. Kong's interests in Shares of the Company or any of its associated corporations within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO are set out in the section headed "Directors' and Chief Executives' Interests and Short Positions in Shares, Underlying Shares and Debentures of the Company" of the Annual Report.

Save as disclosed above, Ms. Kong (i) has no other relationship with any Director, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholder of the Company; and (ii) has not held any position with the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any directorship in other listed public companies in the last three years; and there is no other information that should be disclosed under Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules, nor any other matter that needs to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

Ms. Kong has entered into a service contract with the Company for a term of three years commencing from 17 December 2010 until terminated by not less than three months' notice in writing served by either party on the other or in accordance with the provisions set out in the service contract. She is subject to retirement and re-election at the annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association. Ms. Kong is entitled to a director's fee of RMB375,120 per annum, which is determined with reference to her experience, performance and the prevailing market conditions. In addition, Ms. Kong is entitled to a discretionary bonus, provided that the aggregate amount of the bonuses payable to all executive Directors of the Company in respect of any financial year of the Company may not exceed 5% of the audited consolidated or combined net profit (after taxation and minority interests and payment of such bonuses but excluding extraordinary and exceptional items) in respect of that financial year.

#### ZHANG WENHUI (張文會), Non-executive Director

Dr. Zhang Wenhui, aged 48, was re-designated to a non-executive Director on 25 June 2012. He was an executive Director of the Company from 12 May 2010 to 24 June 2012. He has been an independent director of Stoltze Specialty Processing, LLC in the United States since September 2012. He has almost 17 years of experience in the industry of biotechnology, through teaching in universities and working for several companies of this industry. He was a lecturer of bioengineering in South China University of Technology (華南理工大學) from August 1994 to August 1996. From December 2000 to August 2003, he was employed as a research assistant professor in the department of chemical engineering in University of Nebraska-Lincoln (內布拉斯加大學林肯分校) in the United States. After that, he served as a scientist for the process development department of Xoma (US) LLC in the United States from September 2003 to September 2005. He joined the Group in October 2005 as the chief technology officer of Biostime Guangzhou and then became a general manager of the technology center of Biostime Health in December 2010, primarily responsible for the research and development, product quality control and technology support, and held this position till 24 June 2012. He was also the chief technology officer and head of the Quality Assurance Department of the Company until 24 June 2012 and a director of the Company's subsidiaries Biostime Guangzhou, Biostime Health and BMcare Guangzhou until 2 September 2012. Dr. Zhang received a bachelor's degree in biochemical engineering from East China University of Science and Technology (華東理工大學), formerly known as East China College of Chemical Engineering (華東化工學院), in July 1985, a master's degree in industry fermentation and a doctorate in fermentation engineering from South China University of Technology (華南理工大學) in July 1988 and September 1994, respectively. From October 1996 to September 1997, he was engaged in international post graduate university course in microbiology in Osaka University (大阪大學). He conducted researches as a post-doctoral scientist in the department of food science and technology in the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (內布拉斯加大學林肯分校) in the United States from October 1997 to November 2000. He is also a director of the Company's Controlling Shareholder Biostime Pharmaceuticals since May 2010 with discloseable interests in the Shares of the Company under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO. As at the Latest Practicable Date, Dr. Zhang held a personal interest in Biostime Pharmaceuticals, which is 10% owned by Dr. Zhang.

The details of Dr. Zhang's interests in Shares of the Company or any of its associated corporations within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO are set out in the section headed "Directors' and Chief Executives' Interests and Short Positions in Shares, Underlying Shares and Debentures of the Company" of the Annual Report.

Save as disclosed above, Dr. Zhang (i) has no other relationship with any Director, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholder of the Company; and (ii) has not held any position with the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any directorship in other listed public companies in the last three years; and there is no other information that should be disclosed under Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules, nor any other matter that needs to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

Dr. Zhang has entered into a letter of appointment as a non-executive Director with the Company for an initial term of three years commencing on 25 June 2012 until terminated by not less than one month's notice in writing served by either party on the other or in accordance with the provisions set out in the letter of appointment. He is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association. According to the letter of appointment, Dr. Zhang does not receive any director's fee, but he has entered into a supplementary agreement with the Company that he is entitled to a director's fee of RMB120,000 per annum with effect from 1 January 2013, which is determined with reference to his experience, performance and the prevailing market conditions.

#### WU XIONG (吳雄), Non-executive Director

Mr. Wu Xiong, aged 57, was appointed as a non-executive Director of the Company on 12 May 2010. He has been the legal representative and general manager of Hainan Fangsheng Industry Development Co., Ltd. (海南方盛實業發展有限公司) since December 2009 and is responsible for the overall management of its business operation. Mr. Wu worked in the Administration for Industry and Commerce of Haikou City (海口市工商行政管理局) between December 1980 and December 1997. From December 1997 to December 2000, he worked for Haikou Market Properties Development Co., Ltd. (海 口市市場物業發展有限公司). From December 2000 to December 2009, he was the legal representative and general manager of Hainan Junjie Automobile Sale Co., Ltd. (海南駿捷汽車銷售有限公司) and was responsible for its overall business operations. He was a director of the Company's subsidiaries Biostime Guangzhou, Biostime Health and BMcare Guangzhou until 2 September 2012. Mr. Wu graduated from Haikou No.1 Middle School (海口市第一中學) in July 1975. He is also a director of the Company's Controlling Shareholder Biostime Pharmaceuticals since May 2010 with discloseable interests in the Shares of the Company under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO. As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Wu held a personal interest in Biostime Pharmaceuticals, which is 26% owned by Mr. Wu.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Wu did not have any interests in securities of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Wu (i) has no other relationship with any Director, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholder of the Company; and (ii) has not held any position with the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any directorship in other listed public companies in the last three years; and there is no other information that should be disclosed under Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules, nor any other matter that needs to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

Mr. Wu has signed a letter of appointment with the Company for a term of three years commencing from 17 December 2010 until terminated by not less than one month's notice in writing served by Mr. Wu on the Company or in accordance with the provisions set out in the letter of appointment. He is subject to retirement and re-election at the annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association. According to the letter of appointment, Mr. Wu does not receive any director's fee, but he has entered into a supplementary agreement with the Company that he is entitled to a director's fee of RMB120,000 per annum with effect from 1 January 2013, which is determined with reference to his experience, performance and the prevailing market conditions.

#### LUO YUN (羅雲), Non-executive Director

Mr. Luo Yun, aged 52, was appointed as a non-executive Director of the Company on 12 May 2010. He is also a director of the Company's subsidiaries Biostime Guangzhou, Biostime Health, BMcare Guangzhou, Biostime Education, Biostime Investment and Biostime Hong Kong, From 1980 to 1993, he was employed by Haikou Qiongshan Medical Co., Ltd. (海口瓊山醫藥公司). He then worked as a sales manager for Guangzhou Biohope from December 1994 to August 1999. From August 1999 to September 2009, he held various positions in Biostime Guangzhou including the sales director and the director in charge of Mama100 membership center. From September 2009 to December 2011, he was the general manager of a company formerly known as Biostime Health and Nutrition (Guangzhou) Limited (now known as Leseil Health and Nutrition (Guangzhou) Limited), where he was responsible for the overall strategies and business development, and he was also a director of this company since its establishment in September 2009 till December 2011. Mr. Luo graduated from Continuing Education School of Jinan University (暨南大學成人教育學院) in July 1987 with a certificate of graduation in business and economic management. He has completed the EMBA course of Fudan University (復旦大學) in Shanghai and was awarded an EMBA degree in 2012. He is also a director of the Company's Controlling shareholder Biostime Pharmaceuticals since May 2010 with discloseable interests in the Shares of the Company under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO. As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Luo held a personal interest in Biostime Pharmaceuticals, which is 19.55% owned by Mr. Luo.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Luo did not have any interests in securities of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Mr. Luo is the elder brother of Mr. Luo Fei, the Chairman of the Board and an executive Director of the Company. Save as disclosed above, Mr. Luo (i) does not have any relationship with any other director, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholder of the Company; and (ii) has not held any position with the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any directorship in other listed public companies in the last three years; and there is no other information that should be disclosed under Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules, nor any other matter that needs to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

Mr. Luo has signed a letter of appointment with the Company for a term of three years commencing from 17 December 2010 until terminated by not less than one month's notice in writing served by Mr. Luo on the Company or in accordance with the provisions set out in the letter of appointment. He is subject to retirement and re-election at the annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association. According to the letter of appointment, Mr. Luo does not receive any director's fee, but he has entered into a supplementary agreement with the Company that he is entitled to a director's fee of RMB120,000 per annum with effect from 1 January 2013, which is determined with reference to his experience, performance and the prevailing market conditions.

#### CHEN FUFANG (陳富芳), Non-executive Director

Mr. Chen Fufang, aged 49, was appointed as a non-executive Director of the Company on 12 May 2010. He is also a director of the Company's subsidiaries Biostime Guangzhou, Biostime Health, BMcare Guangzhou, Biostime Education, Biostime International and Biostime Hong Kong. He has been a director and the general manager of Guangzhou Biohope since March 1999, and its legal representative since June 2010, where he is in charge of the overall business operations and management. Prior to that, he worked for Guangdong Textile Industry Group Company (廣東省紡織工業總公司), a company engaged in the import and export of textile products and apparels, from 1988 to 1997, where he was recognized as chemical fiber assistant engineer (化纖助理工程師) and chemical fiber engineer (化纖工 程師) in March 1988 and November 1992, respectively. He graduated from South China University of Technology (華南理工大學), formerly known as South China Institute of Technology (華南工學院), with a bachelor's degree in chemical fiber in July 1985 and a master's degree in chemical fiber in June 1988. He is also a director of the Company's Controlling Shareholder Biostime Pharmaceuticals since May 2010 with discloseable interests in the Shares of the Company under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO. As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Chen held a personal interest in Biostime Pharmaceuticals, the Controlling Shareholder, which is 11.9% owned by Mr. Chen.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Chen did not have any interests in securities of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Chen (i) has no other relationship with any Director, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholder of the Company; and (ii) has not held any position with the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any directorship in other listed public companies in the last three years; and there is no other information that should be disclosed under Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules, nor any other matter that needs to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

Mr. Chen has signed a letter of appointment with the Company for a term of three years commencing from 17 December 2010 until terminated by not less than one month's notice in writing served by Mr. Chen on the Company or in accordance with the provisions set out in the letter of appointment. He is subject to retirement and re-election at the annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association. According to the letter of appointment, Mr. Chen does not receive any director's fee, but he has entered into a supplementary agreement with the Company that he is entitled to a director's fee of RMB120,000 per annum with effect from 1 January 2013, which is determined with reference to his experience, performance and the prevailing market conditions.

#### **Other Information**

There is no other information relating to the above Directors that is required to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.51(2) sub-paragraphs (h) to (v) of the Listing Rules, and there is no other matter which needs to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

#### NOMINATIONS BY SHAREHOLDERS

Shareholders are invited to elect up to six Directors at the Annual General Meeting to fill the vacancies available following the retirement by rotation of Mr. Luo Fei, Ms. Kong Qingjuan and Dr. Zhang Wenhui at the Annual General Meeting, as well as the expiration of the service terms of Mr. Wu Xiong, Mr. Luo Yun and Mr. Chen Fufang on 17 December 2013. The three newly elected Directors in relation to the expiration of the service terms of Mr. Wu Xiong, Mr. Luo Yun and Mr. Chen Fufang on Mr. Wu Xiong, Mr. Luo Yun and Mr. Chen Fufang on 17 December 2013. The three newly elected Directors in relation to the expiration of the service terms of Mr. Wu Xiong, Mr. Luo Yun and Mr. Chen Fufang at the Annual General Meeting will each have a term of three years starting from 17 December 2013.

Article 85 of the Company's Articles of Association provides that no person other than a Director retiring at the general 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 despatch 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 despatch 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.

Accordingly, if a Shareholder wishes to nominate a person to stand for election as a Director, the following documents must be validly served on the Company at Unit No. 2208 on 22/F of West Tower, Shun Tak Centre, Nos. 168–200 Connaught Road Central, Hong Kong, or via the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at Shops 1712–1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong, namely (i) his/her notice of intention to propose a resolution at the Annual General Meeting; and (ii) a notice executed by the nominated candidate of his/her willingness to be appointed together with (A) that candidate's information as required to be disclosed under Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules and such other information, as set out in the below heading "Required information of the candidate(s) nominated by Shareholders", and (B) the candidate's written consent to the publication of his/her personal data.

In order to ensure Shareholders have sufficient time to receive and consider the information of the nominated candidate(s), Shareholders are urged to submit their proposals as early as practicable, **preferably no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, 22 April 2013** so that an announcement can be issued on or about 22 April 2013 and a supplemental circular containing information of the candidate(s) proposed by the Shareholders can be dispatched to Shareholders as soon as practicable on or about 23 April 2013.

#### **Required information of the candidate(s) nominated by Shareholders**

In order to enable Shareholders to make an informed decision on their election of Directors, in addition to the above described notice of intention to propose a candidate for election by a Shareholder, the Shareholder or the nominated candidate should provide the following information of the nominated candidate:

- (a) full name and age;
- (b) positions held with the Company and/or other members of the Group (if any);
- (c) experience including (i) other directorships held in the past 3 years in public companies of which the securities are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas, and (ii) other major appointments and professional qualifications;
- (d) current employment and such other information (which may include business experience and academic qualifications) of which Shareholders should be aware of, pertaining to the ability or integrity of the candidate;
- (e) length or proposed length of service with the Company;
- (f) relationships with any Directors, senior management, substantial shareholders or Controlling Shareholders (as defined in the Listing Rules) of the Company, or an appropriate negative statement;
- (g) interests in Shares of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO, or an appropriate negative statement;
- (h) a declaration made by the nominated candidate in respect of the information required to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.51(2)(h) to (w) of the Listing Rules, or an appropriate negative statement to that effect where there is no information to be disclosed pursuant to any of such requirements nor any other matters relating to that nominated candidate's standing for election as a Director that should be brought to Shareholders' attention; and
- (i) contact details.

The Shareholder proposing the candidate will be required to read out aloud the proposed resolution, as set out under "Resolutions and Voting" below, at the Annual General Meeting.

#### **RESOLUTIONS AND VOTING**

In order to comply with code provision E.1.1 of the Corporate Governance Code contained in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules, there must be a separate resolution for the appointment of each candidate as a Director.

There will be six Director vacancies to be filled at the Annual General Meeting following the retirement by rotation of Mr. Luo Fei, Ms. Kong Qingjuan and Dr. Zhang Wenhui at the Annual General Meeting, as well as the expiration of the service terms of Mr. Wu Xiong, Mr. Luo Yun and Mr. Chen Fufang on 17 December 2013. If there are more than six candidates standing for election at the Annual General Meeting, each resolution proposing that a candidate be appointed as a Director will provide for a method to determine which six candidates shall be elected as Directors as follows:

"THAT subject to the number of net votes cast in relation to this resolution (net votes being votes cast in favour minus votes cast against this resolution) being among the six highest numbers of net votes cast on each of the resolutions for the appointment of a person as a Director of the Company at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 9 May 2013 or on the date of its adjournment (where applicable) (the "2013 Annual General Meeting"), [name of candidate] be and is hereby appointed as a Director of the Company with effect from the conclusion of the 2013 Annual General Meeting, provided that if any six or more of such resolutions record the same number of net votes (the "Tied Resolutions"), the ranking of the Tied Resolutions from highest to lowest number of net votes shall be determined by the drawing of lots by the chairman of the Meeting."

If a resolution is passed (ie, it has been carried by the majority of the votes cast on it), the candidate who is the subject of that resolution will be eligible to be elected a Director. On the other hand, if a resolution is not passed, the candidate who is the subject of that resolution will not be eligible to be elected a Director. If there are less than six resolutions passed by the majority of the votes cast, the Board may, pursuant to Article 83 of the Articles of Association, appoint any person to fill the relevant vacancy or vacancies (as the case may be).

Assuming a resolution is passed by the majority of the votes cast on it, the candidate who is the subject of that resolution will be elected to one of the six positions on the Board if the net votes cast in favour of his/her resolution is among within the top six resolutions passed in terms of net votes cast. Net votes cast are calculated by taking the votes cast in favour of a resolution and subtracting the votes cast against that resolution. In the event there is a tie in the net votes for two or more resolutions, the ranking of the Tied Resolutions from highest to lowest number of net votes cast shall be determined by the drawing of lots by the chairman of the meeting.

Therefore, if you wish to support a particular candidate, you should vote in favour of his/ her resolution. If you do not wish to support a candidate, you may vote against his/her resolution or abstain from voting. If you abstain from voting, you should note that your votes will not be counted when calculating the net votes cast in respect of the resolution for such candidate that you do not wish to support.



# **Biostime International Holdings Limited**

合生元國際控股有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability) (Stock Code: 1112)

#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Annual General Meeting of Biostime International Holdings Limited (the "**Company**") will be held at Kellett Room IV, 3/F., The Excelsior, Hong Kong, 281 Gloucester Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong on Thursday, 9 May 2013 at 10:00 a.m. (the "**Annual General Meeting**") for the following purposes:

- 1. To receive, consider and adopt the consolidated audited financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries and the reports of the Directors and auditors of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2012.
- 2. a. To declare a final dividend equivalent to HK\$0.39 per ordinary share for the year ended 31 December 2012 to the shareholders of the Company which shall be paid out of the share premium of the Company; and
  - b. To declare a special dividend equivalent to HK\$0.46 per ordinary share for the year ended 31 December 2012 to the shareholders of the Company which shall be paid out of the share premium of the Company.
- 3. a. (i) To re-elect Mr. Luo Fei as an executive Director of the Company;
  - (ii) To re-elect Ms. Kong Qingjuan as an executive Director of the Company;
  - (iii) To re-elect Dr. Zhang Wenhui as a non-executive Director of the Company;
  - (iv) To re-appoint Mr. Wu Xiong as a non-executive Director of the Company;
  - (v) To re-appoint Mr. Luo Yun as a non-executive Director of the Company; and
  - (vi) To re-appoint Mr. Chen Fufang as a non-executive Director of the Company.
  - b. To authorise the Board of Directors of the Company to fix the remuneration of the Directors of the Company.
- 4. To re-appoint Ernst & Young as auditors of the Company and to authorise the Board of Directors of the Company to fix their remuneration.

5. To consider as special business and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as an ordinary resolution of the Company:

#### "THAT:

- (a) subject to paragraph (c) below, the exercise by the Directors 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 powers be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the approval in paragraph (a) above shall be in addition to any other authorisation given to the Directors and shall authorise the Directors during the Relevant Period to make or grant offers, agreements, options and rights of exchange or conversion 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) by the Directors pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a), otherwise than pursuant to (i) a Rights Issue (as hereinafter defined); (ii) the share option scheme of the Company approved by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange"); 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 Articles of Association of the Company, shall not exceed 20% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing this resolution, and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and
- (d) for the purposes 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 Articles of Association of the Company or any applicable laws to be held; and
- (iii) the date upon which the authority set out in this resolution is revoked or varied by way of ordinary resolution of the Company in a general meeting; and

"**Rights Issue**" means an offer of shares open for a period fixed by the Directors to holders of ordinary 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 exclusion or other arrangements as the Directors 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 regulatory body or any stock exchange in, any territory outside Hong Kong).";

6. To consider as special business and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as an ordinary resolution of the Company:

#### "THAT:

- (a) subject to paragraph (c) below, the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to repurchase issued shares in the capital of the Company, subject to and in accordance with all applicable laws and the requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the "Listing Rules") as amended from time to time, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the approval in paragraph (a) above shall be in addition to any other authorisation given to the Directors and shall authorise the Directors on behalf of the Company during the Relevant Period to procure the Company to purchase its shares at a price determined by the Directors;
- (c) the aggregate nominal amount of shares of the Company which are authorised to be purchased by the Directors pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above shall not exceed 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing this resolution, and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and
- (d) for the purposes 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 Articles of Association of the Company or any applicable laws to be held; and
- (iii) the date on which the authority set out in this resolution is revoked or varied by way of ordinary resolution of the Company in a general meeting."; and

7. To consider as special business and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as an ordinary resolution of the Company:

"THAT conditional upon the passing of resolutions nos. 5 and 6 above, the general mandate to the Directors pursuant to resolution no. 5 be and is hereby extended by the addition thereto of an amount representing the aggregate nominal amount of share capital of the Company repurchased by the Company under the authority granted pursuant to the resolution no. 6, 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 passing this resolution."

By Order of the Board Biostime International Holdings Limited Mr. Luo Fei Chairman Hong Kong, 28 March 2013

Notes:

- (1) Pursuant to Rule 13.39(4) of the Listing Rules and Article 66 of the Articles of Association of the Company, all the resolutions set out in the Notice of Annual General Meeting will be voted by poll and the results of the poll will be published on the websites of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited and the Company in accordance with the Listing Rules. On a poll, votes may be given either personally or by proxy.
- (2) A member entitled to attend and vote at the above meeting may appoint one or, if he holds two or more shares, more proxies to attend and vote instead of him. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.
- (3) Where there are joint holders of any share, any one of such joint holders may vote, either in person or by proxy, in respect of such share as if he were solely entitled thereto, but if more than one of such joint holders be present at the meeting, the vote of the senior who tenders a vote, whether in person or by proxy, shall be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint holders, and 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.
- (4) In order to be valid, a form of proxy together with the power of attorney (if any) or other authority (if any) under which it is signed or a certified copy thereof shall be deposited at the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the meeting or any adjournment thereof. The proxy form will be published on the website of the Stock Exchange.
- (5) There will be six Director vacancies to be filled at the meeting following the retirement by rotation of Mr. Luo Fei, Ms. Kong Qingjuan and Dr. Zhang Wenhui at the Annual General Meeting, as well as the expiration of the service terms of Mr. Wu Xiong, Mr. Luo Yun and Mr. Chen Fufang on 17 December 2013. If a shareholder wishes to nominate a person to stand for election as a Director, the following documents must be validly served on the Company at Unit No. 2208 on 22/F of West Tower, Shun Tak Centre, Nos. 168–200 Connaught Road Central, Hong Kong, or via the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at Shops 1712–1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong, namely (i) his/her notice of intention to propose a resolution at the Annual General Meeting; and (ii) a notice executed by the nominated candidate of his/her willingness to be appointed together with (A) that candidate's information as required to be disclosed under Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules and such other information, as set out under the section headed "Required information of the candidate(s) nominated by Shareholders" in Appendix II "Re-election and Re-appointment of Directors" of the circular of the Company dated 28 March 2013, and (B) the candidate's written consent to the publication of his/her personal data.
- (6) For determining the entitlement to attend and vote at the above meeting, the register of members of the Company will be closed from 7 May 2013 to 9 May 2013, both dates inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be registered. In order to be eligible to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting, all transfer documents accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at Shops 1712–1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong for registration not later than 4:30 p.m. on 6 May 2013.

- (7) For determining the entitlement to the proposed final dividend and special dividend, the register of members of the Company will be closed from 15 May 2013 to 20 May 2013, both dates inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be registered. In order to qualify for the proposed final dividend and special dividend, all transfer documents accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at Shops 1712–1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong for registration not later than 4:30 p.m. on 14 May 2013.
- (8) Shareholders of the Company whose names appear on the register of members on 9 May 2013 are entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting or any adjourned meetings, and shareholders whose names appear on the register of members on 20 May 2013 are entitled to the final dividend and special dividend.

As at the date of this announcement, the executive Directors of the Company are Mr. Luo Fei and Ms. Kong Qingjuan; the non-executive Directors of the Company are Dr. Zhang Wenhui, Mr. Wu Xiong, Mr. Luo Yun and Mr. Chen Fufang; and the independent non-executive Directors of the Company are Dr. Ngai Wai Fung, Mr. Tan Wee Seng and Professor Xiao Baichun.