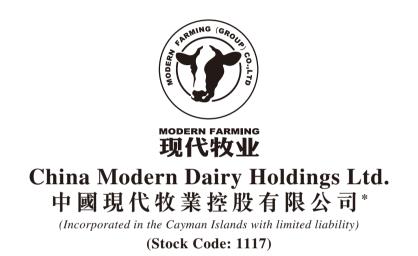
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# GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE SHARES AND TO REPURCHASE SHARES, RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A notice convening the Annual General Meeting of China Modern Dairy Holdings Ltd. to be held at Salon 1–3, 3/F., JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong, Pacific Place, 88 Queensway, Hong Kong on (Thursday) 6 June 2019 at 9:00 a.m. is set out on pages 13 to 16 of this circular. Whether or not you are able to attend the Annual General Meeting, you are requested to complete the enclosed form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and deliver it to the Company's 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 of the Annual General Meeting or any adjournment thereof (as the case may be). Completion and delivery of the form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting in person at the Annual General Meeting or any adjournment thereof (as the case may be) should you so wish.

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## **DEFINITIONS**

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

"Annual General Meeting"	the annual general meeting of the Company to be held at Salon 1–3, 3/F., JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong, Pacific Place, 88 Queensway, Hong Kong on (Thursday) 6 June 2019 at 9:00 a.m., the notice of which is set out on pages 13 to 16 of this circular, and any adjournment thereof
"Articles of Association"	the articles of association of the Company currently in force
"Associate(s)"	has the meaning set out in Chapter 1 of the Listing Rules
"Board"	the board of Directors
"Company"	China Modern Dairy Holdings Ltd., a company incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability, whose Shares are listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange
"Connected person(s)"	has the meaning set out in Chapter 1 of the Listing Rules
"Director(s)"	the director(s) of the Company
"Group"	the Company and its subsidiaries
"Hong Kong"	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC
"Latest Practicable Date"	18 April 2019, being the latest practicable date prior to the printing of this circular for the purpose of 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)
"Mengniu"	China Mengniu Dairy Company Limited (stock code: 2319), a company incorporated in the Cayman Islands whose shares are listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange, which is a substantial shareholder of the Company
"PRC"	the People's Republic of China and for the sole purpose of this circular shall exclude Hong Kong, Macau Special Administrative Region and Taiwan

# DEFINITIONS

"Proposed Extension Mandate"	a general and unconditional mandate proposed to be granted to the Directors to the effect that any Shares repurchased under the Proposed Repurchase Mandate will be added to the total number of Shares which may be allotted and issued under the Proposed General Mandate
"Proposed General Mandate"	a general and unconditional mandate proposed to be granted to the Directors to exercise all powers of the Company to allot, issue or otherwise deal with new Shares for up to a maximum of 20% of the aggregate number of Shares of the Company in issue as at the date of passing of the relevant resolution at the Annual General Meeting
"Proposed Repurchase Mandate"	a general and unconditional mandate proposed to be granted to the Directors to exercise all powers of the Company to repurchase the Shares not exceeding 10% of the aggregate number of Shares in issue as at the date of passing of the relevant resolution at the Annual General Meeting
"Remuneration Committee"	the remuneration committee of the Company
"RMB"	Renminbi, the lawful currency of the PRC
"Share(s)"	ordinary share(s) of nominal value of HK\$0.10 each in the share capital of the Company
"Shareholder(s)"	the holder(s) of the Share(s) from time to time
"Stock Exchange"	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
"substantial Shareholder(s)"	has the meaning set out in Chapter 1 of the Listing Rules
"Takeovers Code"	the Code on Takeovers and Mergers published by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong
"HK\$"	Hong Kong dollar, the lawful currency of Hong Kong
"%"	per cent

## LETTER FROM THE BOARD



China Modern Dairy Holdings Ltd. 中國現代牧業控股有限公司\*

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 1117)

Executive Directors: Ms. GAO Lina (Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer) Mr. HAN Chunlin (Chief Operation Officer)

Non-executive Directors: Mr. LU Minfang (Chairman of the Board) Mr. WOLHARDT Julian Juul Mr. ZHANG Ping Mr. ZHAO Jiejun

Independent Non-executive Directors: Mr. LI Shengli Mr. LEE Kong Wai, Conway Mr. KANG Yan Registered office: Maples Corporate Services Limited PO Box 309 Ugland House Grand Cayman KY1-1104 Cayman Islands

Principal place of business in Hong Kong: Room A, 32nd Floor, COFCO Tower 262 Gloucester Road Causeway Bay Hong Kong

26 April 2019

To the Shareholders

Dear Sir or Madam,

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

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this circular is to provide you with: (i) details of the Proposed General Mandate, the Proposed Repurchase Mandate and the Proposed Extension Mandate (collectively the "**Mandates**"); (ii) details of re-election of Directors; and (iii) the notice of the Annual General Meeting.

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### LETTER FROM THE BOARD

#### GENERAL MANDATE TO ISSUE SHARES AND ITS EXTENSION

At the Annual General Meeting, an ordinary resolution will be proposed to grant the Proposed General Mandate to the Directors to exercise all powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with new Shares in the share capital of the Company up to 20% of the aggregate number of issued Shares as at the date of passing of the resolution in relation to such general mandate. In addition, subject to approval of the ordinary resolutions in relation to the Proposed General Mandate and the Proposed Repurchase Mandate, the number of Shares re-purchased by the Company under the Proposed Repurchase Mandate will also be added to the aggregate number of Shares which may be allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted under the Proposed General Mandate.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the Company had 6,131,406,706 Shares in issue. Subject to the passing of the ordinary resolution approving the Proposed General Mandate and on the basis that no further Shares are issued or repurchased prior to the Annual General Meeting, the exercise of the Proposed General Mandate in full would enable the Company to issue a maximum of 1,226,281,341 Shares, representing 20% of the issued Shares as at the Latest Practicable Date. The grant of the Proposed General Mandate will provide the Directors with flexibility to issue Shares when it is in the interest of the Company to do so.

#### **GENERAL MANDATE TO REPURCHASE SHARES**

In addition, an ordinary resolution will be proposed to approve the granting of the Proposed Repurchase Mandate to the Directors to exercise the powers of the Company to repurchase Shares representing up to 10% of the aggregate number of the issued Shares as at the date of passing of the resolution in relation to such general mandate. On the basis that no further Shares are issued or repurchased before the Annual General Meeting, the Company will be allowed to repurchase a maximum of 613,140,670 Shares which are fully paid-up.

An explanatory statement as required by the Listing Rules to be sent to the Shareholders in connection with the Proposed Repurchase Mandate is set out in Appendix I to this circular. This explanatory statement contains all information reasonably necessary to enable the Shareholders to make an informed decision on whether to vote for or against the relevant resolution at the Annual General Meeting.

#### **RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

By virtue of Article 17.2 of the Articles of Association, the Board shall have power from time to time and at any time to appoint any person as a Director either to fill a casual vacancy or as an addition to the Board. Any Director so appointed shall hold office only until the next following annual general meeting of the Company and shall then be eligible for re-election at that meeting. Mr. Zhao Jiejun has been appointed by the Board as a non-executive Director on 15 January 2019. As such, Mr. Zhao Jiejun shall be eligible to offer himself for re-election at the Annual General Meeting.

By virtue of Article 17.18 of the Articles of Association, at every annual general meeting of the Company, one-third of the Directors for the time being (or, if their number is not three or a multiple of three, then the number nearest to, but no less than, one-third) shall retire from office by rotation provided that every Director (including those appointed for a specific term) shall be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years. As such, Mr. Han Chunlin, Mr. Li Shengli and Mr. Lee Kong Wai, Conway, shall retire and be eligible to offer themselves for re-election at the Annual General Meeting.

Despite Mr. Lee Kong Wai Conway holds directorships in more than seven listed companies, all such directorships are non-executive in nature. Mr. Lee has maintained his professionalism in various directorships of listed companies he served, and has actively participated in the Board meetings and the Audit Committee meetings of the Company during his tenure as independent non-executive Director. Accordingly, the Board is of the view that he is able to devote sufficient time and attention to perform the duties as independent non-executive Director.

### LETTER FROM THE BOARD

All of the above Directors, being eligible, will offer themselves for re-election at the Annual General Meeting. The particulars of these Directors which are required to be disclosed by the Listing Rules are set out in Appendix II to this circular.

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The notice convening the Annual General Meeting, which contains, inter alia, ordinary resolutions to approve the Proposed General Mandate, Proposed Repurchase Mandate, Proposed Extension Mandate and the re-election of Directors, is set out on pages 13 to 16 of this circular. Shareholders are advised to read the notice and to complete and deliver the accompanying form of proxy for use at the Annual General Meeting in accordance with the instructions printed thereon.

#### VOTING BY WAY OF POLL

Pursuant to Article 14.6 of the Articles of Association, a resolution put to the vote of a general meeting shall be decided by way of poll. It is also the requirement under the Listing Rules 13.39(4) that any vote of shareholders at a general meeting must be taken by poll. Therefore, the chairman of the meeting will demand a poll for every resolution put to the vote at the Annual General Meeting and the Company will announce the results of the poll in the manner prescribed under Rule 13.95(5) of the Listing Rules.

#### **RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT**

This circular, for which the Directors collectively and individually accept full responsibility, includes particulars given in compliance with the Listing Rules for the purpose of giving information with regard to the Company. The Directors, having made all reasonable enquiries, confirm that to the best of their knowledge and belief the information contained in this circular is accurate and complete in all material respects and not misleading or deceptive, and there are no other matters, the omission of which would make any statement herein or this circular misleading.

### RECOMMENDATION

The Directors consider that the proposed resolutions for the granting to the Directors of the Proposed General Mandate, Proposed Repurchase Mandate, Proposed Extension Mandate and the re-election of Directors are in the interests of the Group and the Shareholders as a whole. The Directors therefore recommend the Shareholders to vote in favour of all the resolutions to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

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

The register of members of the Company will be closed from Monday, 3 June 2019 to Thursday, 6 June 2019, both days inclusive, for the purpose of ascertaining shareholders' eligibility to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting. 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 for registration with the Company's 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 not later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, 31 May 2019.

Yours faithfully, By order of the Board of **China Modern Dairy Holdings Ltd.** LU Minfang *Chairman* 

The following is an explanatory statement required to be sent to the Shareholders under the Listing Rules in connection with the Proposed Repurchase Mandate.

#### SHARE CAPITAL

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the issued share capital of the Company comprised 6,131,406,706 Shares of nominal value of HK\$0.10 each.

Subject to the passing of the resolution granting the Proposed Repurchase Mandate and on the basis that no further Shares are issued or repurchased before the Annual General Meeting, the Company will be allowed to repurchase a maximum of 613,140,670 Shares, which are fully paid-up and represent 10% of the aggregate number of issued Shares of the Company as at the Annual General Meeting, during the period ending on the earliest of the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company or the date by which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required to be held by law or the date upon which such authority is revoked or varied by a resolution of the Shareholders in a general meeting.

### **REASONS FOR THE REPURCHASES**

The Directors believe that it is in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders to seek a general mandate from the Shareholders to enable the Company to repurchase its Shares on the Stock Exchange. Such repurchases may, depending on market conditions and funding arrangements at the time, lead to an enhancement of the net asset value per Share 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 at the Latest Practicable Date, the Directors have no present intention to repurchase any Shares.

#### FUNDING OF REPURCHASES

Repurchases of Shares will be financed out of funds legally available for the purpose and in accordance with the Articles of Association, the Listing Rules and the applicable laws of the Cayman Islands.

There could be an adverse impact on the working capital or gearing position of the Company (as compared with the position disclosed in the audited accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2018) in the event that the proposed share repurchases were to be carried out in full at any time during the proposed repurchase period. However, the Directors do not propose to exercise the mandate to repurchase Shares to such extent as would, in the circumstances, have a material adverse effect on the working capital of the Company or the gearing levels.

#### THE TAKEOVERS CODE AND MINIMUM PUBLIC HOLDING

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 Rule 32 of the Takeovers Code. Accordingly, a Shareholder, or a group of Shareholders acting in concert, depending on the level of increase in the Shareholder's interest, could obtain or consolidate control of the Company and become obliged to make a mandatory offer in accordance with Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code.

### **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

As at the Latest Practicable Date, to the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors, Mengniu, being the Company's controlling Shareholder, and its concert party Future Discovery Limited, held an aggregate of 3,725,769,412 Shares, representing approximately 60.76% of the entire issued share capital of the Company as at the Latest Practicable Date.

In the event that the Directors should exercise in full the power to repurchase Shares which is proposed to be granted pursuant to the Proposed Repurchase Mandate, the percentage of voting rights at a general meeting of the Company held by Mengniu and its concert party Future Discovery Limited would increase to approximately 67.52% of the issued share capital of the Company. The Directors anticipate that such proportionate increase will not give rise to an obligation to make a mandatory general offer under Rules 26 and 32 of the Takeovers Code.

The Directors have no intention to exercise the Repurchase Mandate to such an extent that will result in takeover obligations or the number of Shares in the hands of the public falling below the prescribed minimum requirement of 25% of the entire issued share capital of the Company.

### SHARE REPURCHASE MADE BY THE COMPANY

No repurchase of Shares (whether on the Stock Exchange or otherwise) has been made by the Company during the six months prior to the Latest Practicable Date.

#### SHARE PRICES

The Shares are trading on the Stock Exchange and the highest and lowest traded prices for Shares recorded on the Stock Exchange in each of the twelve months immediately preceding the Latest Practicable Date were as follows:

Month	Highest traded Prices HK\$	Lowest traded Prices HK\$
2018		
April	1.43	1.26
May	1.56	1.35
June	1.60	1.32
July	1.48	1.27
August	1.32	1.13
September	1.22	1.06
October	1.11	0.87
November	1.06	0.84
December	0.90	0.75
2019		
January	1.06	0.71
February	1.22	0.88
March	1.34	0.99
April (up to the Latest Practicable Date)	1.30	1.16

## **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

### UNDERTAKING

To the best of their knowledge, having made all reasonable enquiries, none of the Directors or any of their Associates currently intends to sell any Shares to the Company or its subsidiaries, if the Proposed Repurchase Mandate is exercised.

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

No Connected person has notified the Company that he has a present intention to sell any Shares to the Company, or has undertaken not to do so, if the Proposed Repurchase Mandate is exercised.

The particulars of Directors who are subject to re-election at the Annual General Meeting and which are required to be disclosed by the Listing Rules are set out below:

### Mr. Zhao Jiejun (趙傑軍) ("Mr. Zhao")

**Mr. Zhao**, aged 42, is currently the assistant vice president and the general manager of milk sources business department of Mengniu. Mr. Zhao joined Mengniu in 2000 as a sales personnel and has since served successively as regional manager, sales director, general manager of operation and general manager of planning and logistics. Mr. Zhao graduated from Beijing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics with a master degree in information engineering and management. Mr. Zhao has 18 years of experience in the dairy industry and specializes in both sales management and supply chain management. Mr. Zhao has in-depth knowledge of the dairy market of the People's Republic of China ("**PRC**") and great foresight in the PRC dairy industry.

Mr. Zhao entered into a letter of appointment with the Company as a non-executive Director for a term of three years commencing on 15 January 2019, subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the general meeting of the Shareholders of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association. According to Mr. Zhao's letter of appointment, he is not entitled to any remuneration.

As mentioned above, Mr. Zhao is the assistant vice president and the general manager of milk sources business department of Mengniu which is engaged in the dairy industry, and thus Mr. Zhao has interests in the business of Mengniu which are considered to compete or likely to compete, either directly or indirectly, with the businesses of the Group.

The above-mentioned competing business is managed by separate entities with independent management and administration. The Directors are of the view that the Group is capable of carrying on its businesses independently of, and at arm's length from, the businesses of these entities. When making decisions, Mr. Zhao, in performance of his duty as a Director, has acted and will continue to act in the best interests of the Group.

As far as the Directors are aware, within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Future Ordinance, as at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Zhao has beneficial interests of 3,240,562 shares of Mengniu, the associate of the Company.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Zhao (i) has not held any other positions in the Company and its subsidiaries, and does not have any relationships with any Directors, senior management members or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company or its subsidiaries; and (ii) has not held any other directorships in any listed public companies in the last three years; (iii) does not have any interest in the Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance; and (iv) there is no other information required to be disclosed in relation to him pursuant to any of the requirements under the provisions of Rules 13.51(2) (h) to 13.51(2)(w) of the Listing Rules.

### Mr. Han Chunlin (韓春林) ("Mr. Han")

**Mr. Han**, aged 46, is an executive Director and the Chief Operation Officer of the Company. Mr. Han is also a director of Modern Farming and Helingeer Modern Farming Co., Ltd. Mr. Han has more than 20 years of experience in food and beverage industry in the China. Prior to joining the Group in September 2008 and his appointment as an executive Director of the Company on 14 November 2008, Mr. Han worked as the marketing vice general manager of Nowara Shinnosuke (Fujian) Food Industry Company from February 2006 to July 2008. From January 1999 to September 2004, Mr. Han served at the liquid milk department of Inner Mongolia Mengniu as marketing manager. Prior to that, Mr. Han was a branch-plant manager at the Milk Powder Department of Inner Mongolia Yili Industrial Group Company Limited from July 1994 to January 1999. Mr. Han received a bachelor's degree in biology from Inner Mongolia University in China in July 1994.

Mr. Han entered into a service agreement with the Company for a term of three years commencing on 29 October 2016, which may be terminated in accordance with the provisions of the service agreement by either party by giving to the other party not less than three months' prior notice in writing at any time during the term of appointment. His term of office is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election in accordance with the Articles of Association. For the year ended 31 December 2018, Mr. Han is entitled to receive annual salary and retirement benefits scheme contributions of RMB1,699,598. Mr. Han is also entitled to participate in the share option schemes and share award scheme of the Company. The remuneration of Mr. Han has been approved by the Remuneration Committee, and is subject to review with reference to prevailing market conditions as well as her duties and responsibilities in the Company.

As far as the Directors are aware, within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Future Ordinance, as at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Han has beneficial interests of 24,726,826 Shares which represents 3,072,910 awarded Shares granted under the Company's share award scheme, and 21,653,916 share options in the underlying Shares of the pre-IPO management options of the Company.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Han (i) has not held any directorships in any other listed companies in the last three years immediately prior to the issue of this circular; (ii) does not have any relationships with any Directors, senior management members or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company or its subsidiaries; (iii) does not have or is not deemed to have any interests in the Shares or underlying Shares of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance; and (iv) there is no other information required to be disclosed in relation to her pursuant to any of the requirements under the provisions of Rules 13.51(2)(h) to 13.51(2)(w) of the Listing Rules.

### Mr. Li Shengli (李勝利) ("Mr. Li")

Mr. Li, aged 53, is an independent non-executive Director of the Company. Mr. Li obtained his doctorate degree in animal nutrition science from China Agricultural University in July 1996. Since 2003. Mr. Li has been with China Agricultural University, working at various times as an assistant professor and professor. Mr. Li is currently vice-director (Animal Nutrition) of the State Key Laboratories, director of the Sino-US Dairy Research Center of China Agricultural University, director of the Sino-Dutch Dairy Development Center, chief scientist in national dairy products industry technology system (國家奶牛產 業技術體系), a specialist to the China School Milk Programme (國家學生飲用奶計劃) and a specialist in the Cattle and Poultry Research Centre of Beijing Sanvuan Breeding Technology Co., Ltd. (北京三元種業 科技股份有限公司畜牧研究院). Mr, Li is a specialist to the Working Committee of National Dairy Herd Improvement Programme (DHI) (全國奶牛生產性能測定工作委員會) of the Dairy Association of China ( 中國奶業協會)) and the chairman of China Institute of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Cattle Chapter ( 中國畜牧獸醫學會養牛分會). In 2007, Mr. Li obtained a patent on Rubeili (乳倍利), a type of high-energy and high-protein supplementary feed for dairy cows. Mr. Li was awarded the second prize and a prize of the Beijing Science and Technology Award (北京市科學技術獎) in 2000 and 2007 respectively, and was recognized by the Beijing Municipal Government as "Top 10 Scientists with Contribution to the Economic Development in Rural Villages of Beijing" (對北京農村經濟發展作出貢獻的「十佳」科學家) in 2009 and received the first prize for advancement in science and technology awarded by the Education Department (教 育部科技進步一等獎) in 2012 and the first prize for Chinese Agricultural Science awarded by the Ministry of Agriculture (農業部中華農業科技獎一等獎) in 2013 and the second prize of National Scientific and Technological Progress Award (國家科技進步二等獎) in 2014. Mr. Li was appointed as an independent director of Modern Farming in October 2006 and resigned in June 2009. Mr Li has been appointed as an independent director of Xinjiang Western Animal Husbandry Co., Ltd. (新疆西部牧業股份有限公司) a company listed on China Venture Exchange (stock code: 300106) since July 2009.

Mr. Li entered into a letter of appointment with the Company for his appointment as an independent non-executive Director for a term of three years commencing on 27 November 2017, subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the general meeting of the Shareholders of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association. According to Mr. Li's letter of appointment, he is entitled to an annual remuneration of RMB200,000. The remuneration of Mr. Li is determined after considering the remuneration policy of the Company, his duties and the prevailing market remuneration of executives in similar positions.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Li (i) has not held any other positions in the Company and its subsidiaries, and does not have any relationships with any Directors, senior management members or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company or its subsidiaries; (ii) has not held any other directorships in any listed public companies in the last three years; (iii) does not have any interest in the Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance; and (iv) there is no other information required to be disclosed in relation to him pursuant to any of the requirements under the provisions of Rules 13.51(2) (h) to 13.51(2)(w) of the Listing Rules.

### Mr. Lee Kong Wai, Conway (李港衛) ("Mr. Lee")

Mr. Lee, aged 63, is an independent non-executive Director of the Company. Mr. Lee graduated from Kingston University (formerly known as Kingston Polytechnic) in London with a bachelor's degree in business studies in July 1980 and further obtained his post graduate diploma in business at Curtin University of Technology in Australia in February 1988. Mr. Lee has over 30 years of experience in public accounting and auditing, corporate finance, merger and acquisition and initial public offerings. From September 1980 to September 2009, Mr. Lee served as a partner of Ernst & Young and held key leadership positions in the development of his firm in China. Mr. Lee is currently an independent non-executive director of West China Cement Limited (stock code: 2233), Chaowei Power Holdings Limited (stock code: 951), GOME Electrical Appliances Holding Limited (stock code: 493), Tibet 5100 Water Resources Holdings Ltd (stock code: 1115), NVC Lighting Holding Limited (stock code: 2222), Yashili International Holdings Limited (stock code: 1230), GCL New Energy Holdings Limited (stock code: 451), WH Group Limited (stock code: 288), China Rundong Auto Group Limited (stock code: 1365), companies listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange, Guotai Junan Securities Limited Co., Ltd (stock code: 2611), a company listed on the Stock Exchange and Shanghai Stock Exchange. Mr. Lee was a non-executive director and the deputy chairman of Merry Garden Holdings Limited, a company listed on the Stock Exchange (stock code: 1237) until 30 September 2015. Mr. Lee was the independent non-executive director of CITIC Securities Company Limited, a company listed on the Stock Exchange (stock code: 6030) and Shanghai Stock Exchange (stock code: 600030) until May 2016. Mr. Lee is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, The Chartered Accountants, Australia and New Zealand, the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Macau Society of Certified Practising Accountants. Mr. Lee was a member of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference of Hunan Province from 2008 to 31 December 2017.

Mr. Lee entered into a letter of appointment with the Company for his appointment as an independent non-executive Director for a term of three years commencing on 27 November 2017, subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the general meeting of the Shareholders of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association. According to Mr. Lee's letter of appointment, he is entitled to an annual remuneration of RMB200,000. The remuneration of Mr. Lee is determined after considering the remuneration policy of the Company, his duties and the prevailing market remuneration of executives in similar positions.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Lee (i) has not held any other positions in the Company and its subsidiaries, and does not have any relationships with any Directors, senior management members or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company or its subsidiaries; (ii) has not held any other directorships in any listed public companies in the last three years; (iii) does not have any interest in the Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance; and (iv) there is no other information required to be disclosed in relation to him pursuant to any of the requirements under the provisions of Rules 13.51(2) (h) to 13.51(2)(w) of the Listing Rules.



China Modern Dairy Holdings Ltd. 中國現代牧業控股有限公司\*

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

### (Stock Code: 1117)

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** the Annual General Meeting of China Modern Dairy Holdings Ltd. (the "**Company**") will be held at Salon 1–3, 3/F., JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong, Pacific Place, 88 Queensway, Hong Kong on (Thursday) 6 June 2019 at 9:00 a.m. for the members to consider and, if thought fit, to pass with or without modification, the following resolutions as ordinary resolutions:

- 1. To receive and consider the audited consolidated 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 2018.
- 2. To re-elect the following directors of the Company ("**Directors**"):
  - (A) Mr. Zhao Jiejun as a non-executive Director and to authorize the board of directors of the Company to fix his remuneration.
  - (B) Mr. Han Chunlin as an executive Director and to authorize the board of directors of the Company to fix his remuneration.
  - (C) Mr. Li Shengli as an independent non-executive Director and to authorize the board of directors of the Company to fix his remuneration.
  - (D) Mr. Lee Kong Wai, Conway as an independent non-executive Director and to authorize the board of directors of the Company to fix his remuneration.
- 3. To re-appoint Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu as the Company's auditors and to authorize the board of directors of the Company to fix their remuneration.

<sup>\*</sup> for identification purpose only

As special business, to consider and, if thought fit, to pass with or without amendments the following ordinary resolutions:

### **ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS**

### 4. **"THAT**:

- (a) subject to paragraph 4(c) below, a general mandate be and is hereby unconditionally granted to the Directors to exercise during the Relevant Period (as defined in paragraph 4(d) below) all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with new shares in the Company and to make or grant offers, agreements, options or warrants which would or might require the exercise of such powers;
- (b) the mandate in paragraph 4(a) shall authorize the Directors during the Relevant Period (as defined in paragraph 4(d) below) 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 (as defined in paragraph 4(d) below);
- (c) the aggregate number of shares of the Company allotted and issued or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted and issued (whether pursuant to an option or otherwise) by the Directors pursuant to the mandate in paragraph 4(a), otherwise than pursuant to (i) a Rights Issue (as defined in paragraph 4(d) below); (ii) any option scheme or similar arrangement for the time being adopted by the Company for the purpose of granting or issuing shares or rights to acquire shares of the Company to the Directors, officers and/ or employees of the Company and/or any of its subsidiaries, or (iii) any scrip dividend or similar arrangement pursuant to the Articles of Association from time to time, shall not exceed 20% of the aggregate number of the share of the Company in issue as at the date of the passing of this resolution and the said mandate shall be limited accordingly;
- (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 Company's articles of association or any applicable law to be held; or
- (iii) the date on which authority set out in this resolution is revoked or varied 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 to holders of shares of the Company or any class thereof on the register on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of such shares or class thereof (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 recognized regulatory body or any stock exchange in, any territory applicable to the Company)."

### 5. **"THAT**:

- (a) a general mandate be and is hereby unconditionally given to the Directors to exercise during the Relevant Period (as defined in paragraph 5(b) below) all the powers of the Company to repurchase or otherwise acquire shares in the Company in accordance with all applicable laws and the requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, provided that the aggregate number of shares so repurchased or otherwise acquired shall not exceed 10% of the aggregate number of the share of the Company in issue as at the date of the passing of this resolution;
- (b) 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 Company's articles of association or any applicable law to be held; or
- (iii) the date on which the authority set out in this resolution is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in a general meeting."
- 6. "**THAT**, conditional upon the passing of resolutions numbered 4 and numbered 5 set out in this notice, the aggregate number of the shares in the Company which are repurchased or otherwise acquired by the Company pursuant to resolution numbered 5 shall be added to the aggregate number of the shares which may be issued pursuant to resolution numbered 4."

By order of the Board of China Modern Dairy Holdings Ltd. LI Kwok Fat Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 26 April 2019

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#### Notes:

- 1. Any member of the Company entitled to attend and vote at the meeting by the above notice is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend and, on a poll, vote instead of him/her. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.
- 2. In order to be valid, a proxy form and the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed, or a notarially certified copy of such power of attorney or authority, must be delivered at the Company's 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 (as the case may be).

Completion and delivery of the proxy form will not preclude any member from attending and voting in person at the meeting or any adjourned meeting (as the case may be) should he so wish.

- 3. In case of joint shareholding, the vote of the senior joint shareholder who tenders a vote, whether in person or by proxy, will be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint shareholder(s) and for this purpose seniority will be determined by the order in which the names stand in the register of members of the Company in respect of the joint shareholding.
- 4. Shareholders whose names appear on the register of members of the Company on Thursday, 6 June 2019 are entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting. The register of members of the Company will be closed from Monday, 3 June 2019 to Thursday, 6 June 2019, both days inclusive, and during such period no share transfer will be registered. In order to qualify for voting at the meeting convened by the above notice, properly completed transfer forms accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's 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, no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, 31 May 2019, for registration.
- 5. Concerning resolution numbered 4 above, the approval is being sought from members for a general mandate to authorize allotment of shares, in order to ensure flexibility and discretion to the Directors in the event that it becomes desirable to issue any shares of the Company up to 20% of the total issued shares of the Company. The Directors wish to state that they have no immediate plans to issue new shares in the Company other than shares which may fall to be allotted and issued upon the exercise of any options which may be granted under the share option scheme of the Company.
- 6. The translation into Chinese language of this notice is for reference only. In case of any discrepancies, the English version shall prevail.