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(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the annual general meeting of iSteelAsia.com Limited (the "Company") will be held at 52nd Floor, The Center, 99 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong on 9th August, 2002 at 4:00 p.m. to transact the following ordinary business:

- 1. To receive and consider the audited consolidated financial statements and reports of the directors and auditors for the year ended 31st March, 2002.
- 2. To re-elect directors and authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration and to appoint new Directors from time to time.
- 3. **THAT** PricewaterhouseCoopers be appointed auditors of the Company in place of the retiring auditors, to hold office until the conclusion of the next general meeting at which accounts are laid before the Company and their remuneration be fixed by the directors;

and, as special business, to consider and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions as ordinary resolutions:

## ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS

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

- (a) subject to paragraph (c) below, pursuant to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Growth Enterprise Market ("GEM") on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "GEM Listing Rules"), the exercise by the Directors of the Company during the Relevant Period of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with unissued 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 the same is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the approval in paragraph (a) above shall authorise the Directors of the Company during the Relevant Period to make or grant offers, agreements and options which 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 options or otherwise) by the Directors of the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above, otherwise than pursuant to (i) a Rights Issue (as hereinafter defined in this Resolution); or (ii) the exercise of subscription or conversion right under any warrants of the Company and under any securities which are convertible into shares in the capital of the Company; or (iii) the exercise of any option under the share option scheme of the Company; or (iv) any scrip dividend scheme or similar arrangements providing for the allotment of shares in lieu of the whole or a part of a dividend on shares of the Company in accordance with the bye-laws of the Company in force from time to time, shall not exceed the aggregate of:
  - (i) 20% of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue on the date of the passing of this Resolution; and
  - (ii) (if the Directors of the Company are so authorised by a separate ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company) the nominal amount of any share capital of the Company repurchased by the Company subsequent to the passing of this Resolution (up to a maximum equivalent to 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue on the date of the passing of this Resolution);

and the authority pursuant to paragraph (a) of this Resolution shall be limited accordingly; and

(d) for the purposes of this Resolution:

"Relevant Period" means the period from the date of the passing of this Resolution until whichever is the earliest of:

- (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
- (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the bye-laws of the Company, the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda or any other applicable laws of Bermuda to be held; and
- (iii) the passing of an ordinary resolution by the shareholders of the Company in general meeting revoking or varying the authority given to the Directors of the Company by this Resolution;

"Rights Issue" means an offer of shares in the Company, or offer or issue of warrants, options or other securities giving rights to subscribe for shares open for a period fixed by the Directors of the Company to holders of shares in the Company on the register on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of shares (subject to such exclusion or other arrangements as the Directors of the Company may deem necessary or expedient in relation to fractional entitlements, or having regard to any restrictions or obligations under the laws of, or the requirements of, or the expense or delay which may be involved in determining the existence or extent of any restrictions or obligations under the laws of, or the requirements of, any jurisdiction outside Hong Kong or any recognised regulatory body or any stock exchange outside Hong Kong).

## 5. **THAT:**

- (a) subject to paragraph (b) below, the exercise by the Directors of the Company during the Relevant Period of all powers of the Company to purchase its shares on GEM of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited or any other stock exchange on which the shares of the Company may be listed and recognised by the Securities and Futures Commission and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited for such purpose, and otherwise in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Securities and Futures Commission, The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda and all other applicable laws in this regard, be and the same is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the aggregate nominal amount of shares which may be purchased by the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) during the Relevant Period shall not exceed 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of the passing of this Resolution and the authority pursuant to paragraph (a) of this Resolution shall be limited accordingly; and

- (c) for the purposes of this Resolution, "Relevant Period" means the period from the date of the passing of this Resolution until whichever is the earliest of:
  - (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
  - (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the bye-laws of the Company, the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda or any other applicable laws of Bermuda to be held; and
  - (iii) the passing of an ordinary resolution by the shareholders of the Company in general meeting revoking or varying the authority given to the Directors of the Company by this Resolution.
- 6. **THAT** the Directors of the Company be and they are hereby authorised to exercise the authority referred to in paragraph (a) of Resolution no. 4 set out in the notice convening this meeting in respect of the share capital of the Company referred to in sub-paragraph (ii) of paragraph (c) of such Resolution.

By order of the Board Andrew Cho Fai Yao Chairman

Hong Kong, 20th June, 2002

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# Notes:

- 1. A member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting convened by the above notice is entitled to appoint one or more proxy to attend and, subject to the provisions of the bye-laws of the Company, vote in his stead. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.
- 2. In order to be valid, the form of proxy must be deposited together with a power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which it is signed or a notarially certified copy of that power or authority, with the Company Secretary at the head office and principal place of business of the Company at 52nd Floor, The Center, 99 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting.
- 3. In relation to proposed Resolution no. 3 above, the Directors wish to state that following the combining of the practice of Arthur Andersen & Co with PricewaterhouseCoopers, it is proposed that PricewaterhouseCoopers be appointed to succeed Arthur Andersen & Co.

- 4. In relation to proposed Resolutions nos. 4 and 6 above, approval is being sought from the shareholders for the grant to the Directors of the Company of a general mandate to authorise the allotment and issue of shares under the GEM Listing Rules. The Directors have no immediate plans to issue any new shares of the Company other than shares which may fall to be issued under the share option scheme or the exercise of warrants of the Company or any scrip dividend scheme which may be approved by shareholders.
- 5. In relation to proposed Resolution no. 5 above, the Directors wish to state that they will exercise the powers conferred thereby to repurchase shares in circumstances which they deem appropriate for the benefit of the shareholders of the Company. An explanatory statement containing the information necessary to enable the shareholders of the Company to make an informed decision to vote on the proposed resolution as required by the GEM Listing Rules is included in the circular which will be despatched to shareholders and warrantholders together with the annual report for the year ended 31st March, 2002 later.
- 6. The register of members of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, 7th August, 2002, to Friday, 9th August, 2002, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be effected. All transfer document accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's Registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong not later than 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 6th August, 2002.

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