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# **INTERIM DIVIDEND WITH SCRIP OPTION**

# FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2012

The purpose of this circular is to set out the procedures which apply in relation to the Scrip Dividend Scheme and the action which should be taken by the Shareholders in relation thereto.

The latest time for the Shareholders to lodge the enclosed Election Form in respect of the Scrip Dividend Scheme 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, Wan Chai, Hong Kong is 4:00 p.m. on 3 October 2012.

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# TIMETABLE OF EVENTS

Shares quoted ex-dividend
Latest time for lodging transfers of the Shares in order to be entitled to the Interim Dividend not later than 4:30 p.m. on 10 September 2012
Record date for the Interim Dividend
Latest time for receipt of the Election Forms by the Company's Branch Share Registrar not later than 4:00 p.m. on 3 October 2012
Expected payment date for dividend warrants and dispatch of share certificates for the Scrip Shareson or about 11 October 2012
Expected first day of dealings in the Scrip Shareson or about 12 October 2012
Notes:

1. All times quoted above refer to Hong Kong local time.

2. If there is a tropical cyclone warning signal number 8 or above, or a "black" rainstorm warning in force at any time prior to 4:00 p.m. on 3 October 2012, the deadline for return of the Election Form will be changed. Further information is set out in the section headed "Action to be taken" of the "Letter from the Board".

# **DEFINITIONS**

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

"Board"	the board of Directors;
"Company"	Shui On Land Limited, a company incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability and the Shares of which are listed on the Stock Exchange;
"Company's Branch Share Registrar"	Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited;
"Director(s)"	the director(s) of the Company;
"Election Form"	the form of election for the Shareholders to elect to receive the Interim Dividend wholly in the form of Scrip Shares or partly in cash dividend and partly in the form of Scrip Shares;
"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;
"Interim Dividend"	an interim dividend of HK\$0.025 per Share for the six months ended 30 June 2012;
"Listing Rules"	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange;
"Macau"	the Macao Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China;
"Market Value"	has the meaning ascribed to it in the section headed "Basis of allotment of the Scrip Shares" of this circular;
"Overseas Shareholder"	has the meaning ascribed to it in the section headed "Overseas Shareholders" of this circular;
"Record Date"	10 September 2012, being the record date for determining Shareholders' entitlements to the Interim Dividend;
"Scrip Dividend Scheme"	the scheme which provides the Shareholders with an option to receive the Interim Dividend in the form of Scrip Shares in lieu of cash;
"Scrip Share(s)"	new Share(s) to be issued under the Scrip Dividend Scheme and credited as fully paid;
"SFO"	The Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong);

# DEFINITIONS

"Share(s)"	ordinary share(s) of US\$0.0025 each in the share capital of the Company;
"Shareholder(s)"	holder(s) of the Shares;
"Stock Exchange"	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited;
"US\$"	United States dollars, the lawful currency of the United States of America; and
"%""	per cent.



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(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability) (Stock Code: 272)

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17 September 2012

To the Shareholders

Dear Sir or Madam,

# INTERIM DIVIDEND WITH SCRIP OPTION FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2012

### **INTRODUCTION**

On 23 August 2012, the Board declared the distribution of an interim dividend of HK\$0.025 per Share in the capital of the Company for the six months ended 30 June 2012. The Interim Dividend is payable on or about 11 October 2012 to the Shareholders whose names appeared on the register of members of the Company on the Record Date. Shareholders may elect to receive the Interim Dividend wholly or partly in the form of Scrip Shares in lieu of cash.

The purpose of this circular is to set out the procedures which apply in relation to the Scrip Dividend Scheme and the action which should be taken by Shareholders in relation thereto.

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#### DETAILS OF THE SCRIP DIVIDEND SCHEME

Under the Scrip Dividend Scheme, each Shareholder has the choice to receive:

- (i) a cash dividend of HK\$0.025 for each Share held on the Record Date; or
- (ii) Scrip Shares (the number of which is determined by methods set out hereunder), save for the adjustment for fractional entitlements, having a Market Value (as defined below) equal to the total amount of the respective Interim Dividend which such Shareholder would otherwise be entitled to receive in cash; or
- (iii) partly in cash dividend and partly in Scrip Shares.

The Scrip Shares to be issued in respect of the Interim Dividend will, when they are issued, rank pari passu in all respects with the existing issued Shares except that such Scrip Shares themselves will not rank for the Interim Dividend. The right to receive Scrip Shares in lieu of cash dividend is non-transferable.

Based on 5,967,934,190 Shares in issue on the Record Date, if no Shareholder elects to receive their entitlement in the form of Scrip Shares, the total cash dividend payable by the Company in respect of the Interim Dividend would be approximately HK\$149 million. If all Shareholders elect to receive their entitlement in the form of Scrip Shares, the maximum number of Scrip Shares to be issued would be about 50,886,205 Shares, representing approximately 0.853% of the existing issued share capital of the Company and approximately 0.845% of the then issued share capital of the Scrip Shares.

## **BASIS OF ALLOTMENT OF THE SCRIP SHARES**

For the purpose of calculating the number of Scrip Shares to be allotted to the Shareholders pursuant to the Scrip Dividend Scheme, the market value of the Scrip Shares has been determined at HK\$2.932 per Share (the "**Market Value**"), which is the average closing price of the Share as quoted on the Stock Exchange for the five consecutive trading days commencing on 7 September 2012, the first day of the Shares traded ex-dividend. Accordingly, the number of Scrip Shares which a Shareholder will receive under the Scrip Dividend Scheme will be calculated as follows:

Number of Scrip Shares to		Number of existing Shares		HK\$0.025 (Interim
be received (round down	=	held on Record Date for		Dividend per Share)
to the nearest whole		=	which the election for Scrip	Х
number)		Shares is made		each Scrip Share)

The number of Scrip Shares to be received by each Shareholder pursuant to his or her election will be rounded down to the nearest whole number. No Shareholder will be entitled to be issued any fraction of a Share under the Scrip Dividend Scheme. If you elect to receive the maximum number of Scrip Shares in lieu of your cash dividend, a residual cash dividend entitlement may arise,

representing the difference between the total cash equivalent of the Scrip Shares based on the Market Value to be issued to you and the maximum cash dividend available in respect of your shareholding. Fractional entitlements to Scrip Shares and the residual cash dividend will be disregarded and the benefit thereof will accrue to the Company.

Scrip Shares issued to a Shareholder pursuant to an election to receive some or all of his or her Interim Dividend in Scrip Shares may be allocated in odd lots (of fewer than a board lot of 500 Shares). No special dealing arrangements will be put in place by the Company to facilitate the trading or disposal of Scrip Shares issued in odd lots. Shareholders should be aware that odd lots usually trade at a discount to the price of board lots.

You may elect to receive Scrip Shares in respect of all or part of your holding of Shares. No fraction of a Share will be issued. If you choose to take only part of your dividend as Scrip Shares, you will receive the balance of your Interim Dividend in cash.

#### ACTION TO BE TAKEN

An Election Form is enclosed with this circular. Please read carefully the instructions below and the instructions printed on the Election Form.

# If you wish to receive the whole of the Interim Dividend in cash, you need not complete the Election Form.

If you wish to elect to receive an allotment of Scrip Shares, or partly in cash dividend and partly in Scrip Shares in respect of the Interim Dividend, you must COMPLETE, SIGN and RETURN the Election Form to the Company's Branch Share Registrar at Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai, Hong Kong not later than 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 3 October 2012.

No acknowledgement of receipt of the Election Form will be issued.

The latest time for submission of the Election Forms will not be valid if there is a tropical cyclone warning signal no. 8 or above, or a "black" rainstorm warning:

- (i) in force in Hong Kong at any local time before 12:00 noon and no longer in force after 12:00 noon on 3 October 2012. Instead, the deadline for the submission of the Election Forms will be 5:00 p.m. on the same business day;
- (ii) in force in Hong Kong at any local time between 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.m. on 3 October 2012. Instead, the deadline for the submission of the Election Forms will be rescheduled to 4:00 p.m. on the next business day which does not have either of those warnings in force at any time between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

No elections in respect of the Interim Dividend may, after the relevant Election Forms are signed and returned to the Company's Branch Share Registrar, be in any way withdrawn, revoked, superseded or altered.

If any Shareholder signs the Election Form but does not specify the number of Shares in respect of which such Shareholder wishes to receive his or her Interim Dividend in Scrip Shares, or if such Shareholder elects to receive his or her Interim Dividend in Scrip Shares in respect of a greater number of Shares than his or her registered holding, then in either case such Shareholder will be deemed to have exercised his or her election for Scrip Shares in respect of all the Shares registered in his or her name.

#### **OVERSEAS SHAREHOLDERS**

All Shareholders residing outside Hong Kong should consult their professional advisers as to whether any government or other consents are required or other formalities need to be observed to permit them to participate in the Scrip Dividend Scheme.

No Shareholder receiving a copy of this circular and/or an Election Form in any territory outside Hong Kong may treat it as an invitation to elect for Scrip Shares, unless in the relevant territory such invitation could lawfully be made to such person without the Company being required to comply with any registration or other legal requirements, governmental or regulatory procedures or any similar formalities. It is the responsibility of any Shareholder residing outside Hong Kong who wishes to receive Scrip Shares under the Scrip Dividend Scheme to comply with the laws of the relevant jurisdiction(s), including procedures or any other similar formalities. It is also the responsibility of any person who receives Scrip Shares in lieu of a cash dividend to comply with any restrictions on the resale of the Scrip Shares which may apply outside Hong Kong.

The Company has made legal enquiries in the relevant jurisdiction regarding the feasibility of extending the Scrip Dividend Scheme to the Shareholder with registered address in Macau on the Record Date (the "Overseas Shareholder"). Given that there is no legal restriction under the applicable legislation of Macau with respect to the issuance of Scrip Shares to the Overseas Shareholder and that to include the Overseas Shareholder in the Scrip Dividend Scheme, there is no regulatory requirement to carry out local approval and/or registration or filing or other formalities in relation to the Scrip Dividend Scheme so as to comply with the relevant securities legislation in Macau, the Election Form has also been sent to the Overseas Shareholder.

#### CONDITION OF THE SCRIP DIVIDEND SCHEME

The Scrip Dividend Scheme is conditional upon listing approval being granted by the Stock Exchange in respect of the Scrip Shares to be issued pursuant thereto. If this condition is not satisfied, the Scrip Dividend Scheme described in this circular will not become effective, the Election Forms will be void and the Interim Dividend will then be paid wholly in cash.

## LISTING AND DEALINGS

Application has been made to the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange for the grant of listing of, and permission to deal in, the Scrip Shares. Subject to the approval being granted by the Stock Exchange, it is expected that the dividend warrants for cash entitlements and/or share certificates for Scrip Shares will be dispatched to Shareholders by ordinary mail at their own risk on or about 11 October 2012.

Dealings in the Scrip Shares on the Stock Exchange are expected to commence on or about 12 October 2012. The Shares are only listed on the Stock Exchange. No part of the share capital of the Company is listed or dealt in on any other stock exchange and the Company is not currently seeking to list its Shares on any other stock exchange. Dealings in the Scrip Shares may be settled through the Central Clearing and Settlement System and you should seek the advice of your stockbroker or other professional adviser for details of these settlement arrangements and how such settlement arrangements will affect your rights and interests.

#### ADVANTAGES OF THE SCRIP DIVIDEND SCHEME

The Scrip Dividend Scheme will give Shareholders the opportunity to increase their investments in the Company at Market Value without incurring brokerage fees, stamp duty and related dealing costs. The Scrip Dividend Scheme will also be to the advantage of the Company because, to the extent that Shareholders elect to receive Scrip Shares in whole or in part in lieu of cash dividend, the cash which would otherwise have been paid to the Shareholders will be retained for use by the Company as general working capital.

#### **RECOMMENDATION AND ADVICE**

Whether or not it is to your advantage to elect to receive Scrip Shares in lieu of cash will depend upon your own individual circumstances and the decision in this regard, and all effects resulting therefrom must be solely the responsibility of each Shareholder. If any Shareholder is in any doubt as to any aspect of this circular, you should consult your licensed securities dealer or registered institution in securities, bank manager, solicitor, professional accountant or other professional adviser.

Shareholders should note that the Scrip Shares to be allotted under the Scrip Dividend Scheme may give rise to disclosure requirements under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO. If Shareholders are in any doubt as to how these provisions may affect them as a result of the allotment of Scrip Shares, they are recommended to seek their own professional advice. Shareholders who are in any doubt as to their taxation position are also recommended to seek their own professional advice.

In accordance with the terms of the share option scheme of the Company, the Scrip Dividend Scheme will not result in any adjustment to the options granted under the share option scheme of the Company.

The English version of this circular shall prevail over the Chinese text.

Yours faithfully, By Order of the Board Shui On Land Limited Vincent H. S. LO Chairman