## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Tenth Annual General Meeting ("10th AGM" or "Meeting") of GDB HOLDINGS BERHAD ("GDB" or "the Company") will be held at Ballroom V, Main Wing, Tropicana Golf & Country Resort, Jalan Kelab Tropicana, Off Jalan Tropicana Utama, 47410 Petaling Jaya, Selangor Darul Ehsan on Thursday, 8 June 2023 at 10:30 a.m. or at any adjournment thereof, to transact the following businesses:

#### AGFNDA

#### **AS ORDINARY BUSINESS:**

To receive the Audited Financial Statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 together with the reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon.

PLEASE REFER TO **EXPLANATORY NOTE 1** 

To approve the payment of Directors' fees and benefits of up to RM290,000 for the financial year ending 31 December 2023.

**ORDINARY RESOLUTION 1** 

- To re-elect the following Directors who retire by rotation in accordance with Clause 85 of the Company's Constitution:
  - i. Mr. Cheah Ham Cheia
  - ii. Datuk Sr. Chia Lui Meng
- To re-appoint Crowe Malaysia PLT as Auditors of the Company until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting ("AGM") and to authorise the Directors to fix

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**ORDINARY RESOLUTION 2** 

#### AS SPECIAL BUSINESS:

their remuneration.

To consider and if thought fit, to pass with or without any modifications, the following resolutions:

GENERAL AUTHORITY FOR THE DIRECTORS TO ISSUE AND ALLOT SHARES PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 75 AND 76 OF THE COMPANIES ACT 2016 ("ACT") **ORDINARY RESOLUTION 5** 

"THAT subject always to the Constitution of the Company, the Act, the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad ("Bursa Securities") and the approvals of the relevant governmental/regulatory authorities, where required, the Directors of the Company, be and are hereby authorised and empowered pursuant to Sections 75 and 76 of the Act, to issue and allot new ordinary shares in the Company ("Shares") to such persons, at any time, and upon such terms and conditions and for such purposes as the Directors may, in their absolute discretion, deem fit, provided that the aggregate number of shares to be issued does not exceed ten per centum (10%) of the total number of issued shares of the Company (excluding treasury shares, if any) at any point of time ("Mandate") AND THAT the Directors be and also empowered to obtain the approval for the listing of and quotation for the additional shares so issued on Bursa Securities AND THAT such authority shall continue in force until the conclusion of the next AGM of the Company held next after the approval was given or at the expiry of the period within which the next AGM is required to be held after the approval was given, whichever is the earlier.

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THAT pursuant to Section 85 of the Act read together with the Company's Constitution, approval be given to waive the statutory pre-emptive rights conferred upon the shareholders of the Company AND THAT the Board of Directors is exempted from the obligation to offer such new Shares first to the existing shareholders of the Company in respect of the issuance and allotment of new Shares pursuant to the Mandate.

AND FURTHER THAT the new Shares to be issued pursuant to the Mandate, shall, upon issuance and allotment, rank pari passu in all respects with the existing shares of the Company, save and except that they shall not be entitled to any dividends, rights, allotments and/or any other forms of distribution that which may be declared, made or paid before the date of allotment of such new Shares."

#### 6. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COMPANY

SPECIAL RESOLUTION

"THAT the proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Company as set out in "Appendix A", be approved and adopted with immediate effect AND THAT the Directors and/or Secretary of the Company be authorised to take all steps as are necessary and expedient in order to implement, finalise and give full effect to the said proposed amendments for and on behalf of the Company."

7. To transact any other business of which due notice shall have been given.

By order of the Board

TEA SOR HUA (MACS 01324) (SSM PC No.: 201908001272)

Company Secretary

Petaling Jaya, Selangor Darul Ehsan 28 April 2023

#### Notes:

- a) A member who is entitled to present, participate, speak and to vote at the Meeting shall be entitled to appoint more than one (1) proxy to attend and vote in his/her stead. Where a member appoints more than one (1) proxy, he/she shall specify the proportion of his/her shareholdings to be represented by each proxy.
- b) A proxy may, but need not, be a member of the Company. A proxy appointed to attend and vote at the Meeting shall have the same rights as the member to speak and vote at the Meeting.
- c) The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing under the hand of the appointor or of his attorney duly authorised in writing, or if the appointor is a corporation, either under its common seal or signed by an officer or attorney duly authorised.
- d) Where a member of the Company is an authorised nominee as defined under the Securities Industry (Central Depositories) Act 1991, it may appoint one (1) proxy in respect of each securities account it holds with ordinary shares of the Company standing to the credit of the said securities account.

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- e) Where a member of the Company is an exempt authorised nominee which holds ordinary shares in the Company for multiple beneficial owners in one (1) securities account ("omnibus account"), there is no limit to the number of proxies which the exempt authorised nominee may appoint in respect of each omnibus account it holds. The appointment of multiple proxies shall not be valid unless the proportion of its shareholdings represented by each proxy is specified.
- f) For the purpose of determining a member who shall be entitled to attend the Meeting, the Company will be requesting Bursa Malaysia Depository Sdn. Bhd. in accordance with Clause 63(b) of the Company's Constitution to issue a General Meeting Record of Depositors as at 31 May 2023. Only members whose names appear in the General Meeting Record of Depositors as at 31 May 2023 shall be regarded as members and entitled to attend, speak and vote at the Meeting.
- g) To be valid, the instrument appointing a proxy may be made in a hard copy form or by electronic means in the following manner and must be received by the Company not less than forty-eight (48) hours before the time for holding the Meeting or adjourned meeting:

#### (i) In hard copy form

In the case of an appointment made in hard copy form, the proxy form must be deposited at the Company's Share Registrars, Boardroom Share Registrars Sdn. Bhd. at 11th Floor, Menara Symphony, No. 5, Jalan Prof. Khoo Kay Kim, Seksyen 13, 46200 Petaling Jaya, Selangor Darul Ehsan, Malaysia.

#### (ii) By Electronic Form

The proxy form can be electronically lodged via the Boardroom Smart Investor Portal at https://investor.boardroomlimited.com. Please refer to the Administrative Notes on the procedures for electronic lodgement of proxy forms via the Boardroom Smart Investor Portal be valid, the instrument appointing a proxy and the power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which it is signed or a notarially certified copy of that power or authority shall be deposited at the office of the Share Registrar situated at 11th Floor, Menara Symphony, No. 5, Jalan Prof. Khoo Kay Kim, Seksyen 13, 46200 Petaling Jaya, Selangor Darul Ehsan, Malaysia not less than forty-eight (48) hours before the time for holding the Meeting or adjourned Meeting at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote.

- h) All the resolutions set out in this Notice of Meeting will be put to vote by poll.
- i) Kindly check Bursa Securities' website and the Company's website at https://www.gdbhb.com.my/ for the latest updates on the status of the Meeting.

#### **EXPLANATORY NOTES TO ORDINARY AND SPECIAL BUSINESS**

1. Item 1 of the Agenda - Audited Financial Statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2022

The Agenda is meant for discussion only as the provision of Section 340(1)(a) of the Act does not require a formal approval of members for the Audited Financial Statements. Hence, this Agenda is not put forward for voting.

#### 2. Item 2 of the Agenda – Directors' Fees and Benefits

The estimated Directors' fees and benefits proposed for the financial year ending 31 December 2023 were calculated based on the current Board size and the number of scheduled Board and Committee meetings to be held. This resolution is to facilitate payment of Directors' fees and benefits on a current financial year basis.

In the event the proposed amount is insufficient due to more meetings or an enlarged board size, approval will be sought at the next AGM for the shortfall.

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#### 3. Item 3 of the Agenda - Re-election of Directors

Clause 85 of the Company's Constitution provides that one-third (1/3) of the Directors of the Company for the time being or, if their number is not three or a multiple of three, then the number nearest to one-third (1/3) shall retire from office and be eligible for re-election PROVIDED ALWAYS that all Directors shall retire from office at least once every three (3) years but shall be eligible for re-election. Hence, two (2) out of six (6) Directors of the Company are to retire in accordance with Clause 85 of the Company's Constitution.

Mr. Cheah Ham Cheia and Datuk Sr. Chia Lui Meng ("Retiring Directors") who were appointed to the Board on 28 February 2013 and 18 September 2017 respectively, will retire and being eligible, have offered themselves for re-election at the 10th AGM in accordance with Clause 85 of the Company's Constitution.

The Board has endorsed the Nomination Committee's recommendation to seek for shareholders' approval to re-elect the Retiring Directors as they possess the required skill sets to facilitate and contribute to the Board's effectiveness and value.

The Retiring Directors had abstained from all deliberations and decisions on their own eligibility to stand for re-election at the Board meeting.

The details and profiles of the Retiring Directors are provided in the Directors' Profile on pages 8 and 11 of the Company's Annual Report 2022.

### 4. Item 5 of the Agenda – General Authority for the Directors to issue and allot shares pursuant to Sections 75 and 76 of the Act

The Ordinary Resolution 5 proposed under item 5 of the Agenda is a renewal of the general mandate for issuance and allotment of shares by the Company pursuant to Sections 75 and 76 of the Act. This Ordinary Resolution, if passed, will empower the Directors to issue and allot new Shares in the Company up to an amount not exceeding in total ten per centum (10%) of the total number of issued shares of the Company for such purposes as the Directors consider would be in the interest of the Company. This would avoid any delay and cost involved in convening a general meeting to approve the issuance and allotment of such new Shares. This authority, unless revoked or varied by the Company at a general meeting, will expire at the conclusion of the next AGM or the expiration of the period within which the next AGM is required by law to be held, whichever is earlier.

This general mandate will provide flexibility to the Company for issuance and allotment of new Shares for any possible fund raising activities, including but not limited to further placing of shares, for the purpose of funding future investment project(s), working capital and/or acquisition(s).

As at the date of this Notice, no new Shares were issued and allotted pursuant to the mandate granted to the Directors at the last AGM held on 9 June 2022 which will lapse at the conclusion of the Meeting.

Pursuant to Section 85 of the Act and the Company's Constitution, shareholders have pre-emptive rights to be offered any new Shares which rank equally to the existing issued shares in the Company. This Ordinary Resolution 5, if passed, will exclude the shareholders' pre-emptive right to be offered new Shares to be issued by the Company.

#### 5. Item 6 of the Agenda – Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the Company ("Proposed Amendments")

The Proposed Amendments are mainly to streamline the Constitution with the relevant regulatory requirements as well as to enhance administrative efficiency.

The Proposed Amendments shall take effect once the special resolution has been passed by a majority of not less than seventy-five per centum (75%) of such members who are entitled to vote and do vote in person or by proxy at the Meeting.

### APPENDIX A

### PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF GDB HOLDINGS BERHAD ("THE COMPANY")

This is Appendix A referred to in Agenda 6 of the Notice of Tenth Annual General Meeting ("10th AGM") of the Company dated 28 April 2023.

Day, Date and time of the 10th AGM Venue of the 10th AGM : Thursday, 8 June 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

: Ballroom V, Main Wing, Tropicana Golf & Country Resort,

Jalan Kelab Tropicana, Off Jalan Tropicana Utama,

47410 Petaling Jaya, Selangor Darul Ehsan.

## Clause No. Existing Clause Proposed Clause 54 Subject to any direction to the contrary that may Subject to any Subject t

Offer of new Shares be given by the Company in general meeting, any new shares or other convertible Securities from time to time to be created shall, before they are issued, be offered to such persons as at the date of the offer are entitled to receive notices from the Company of general meetings in proportion, as nearly as the circumstances admit, to the amount of the existing shares or Securities to which they are entitled. The offer shall be made by notice specifying the number of shares or Securities offered, limiting a time within which the offer, if not accepted, will be deemed to be declined, and, after the expiration of that time, or on the receipt of any intimation from the person to whom the offer is made that he declines to accept the shares or Securities offered, the Directors may dispose of those shares and/or Securities in such manner as they think most beneficial to the Company. The Directors may likewise so dispose of any new shares and/or Securities which (by reason of the ratio which the new shares or Securities bear to shares or Securities held by persons entitled to any offer of new shares or Securities) cannot, in the opinion of the Directors be conveniently offered under this Constitution. Notwithstanding the above, the Directors shall not be required to offer any new ordinary shares for the time being unissued and not allotted and any new shares or other convertible securities from time to time to be created to the holders of the existing shares where the said shares or securities are to be issued as consideration or part consideration for the acquisition of shares or assets by the Company.

Subject to any direction to the contrary that may be given by the Company in general meeting, any new shares or other convertible Securities from time to time to be created shall, before they are issued, be offered to such persons as at the date of the offer are entitled to receive notices from the Company of general meetings in proportion, as nearly as the circumstances admit, to the amount of the existing shares or Securities to which they are entitled. The offer shall be made by notice specifying the number of shares or Securities offered, limiting a time within which the offer, if not accepted, will be deemed to be declined, and, after the expiration of that time, or on the receipt of any intimation from the person to whom the offer is made that he declines to accept the shares or Securities offered, the Directors may dispose of those shares and/or Securities in such manner as they think most beneficial to the Company. The Directors may likewise so dispose of any new shares and/or Securities which (by reason of the ratio which the new shares or Securities bear to shares or Securities held by persons entitled to any offer of new shares or Securities) cannot, in the opinion of the Directors be conveniently offered under this Constitution. Notwithstanding the above, the Directors shall not be required to offer any new ordinary shares for the time being unissued and not allotted and any new shares or other convertible securities from time to time to be created to the holders of the existing shares where the said shares or securities are to be issued as consideration or part consideration for the acquisition of shares or assets by the Company.

# APPENDIX A (CONT'D)

Clause No.	Existing Clause	Proposed Clause
Offer of new Shares (cont'd)		For the avoidance of doubt, where the approval of Members is obtained in a general meeting for any issuance of shares or convertible securities, including approvals obtained for implementation of a scheme that involves a new issuance of shares or other convertible securities to employees of the Company and its subsidiaries and approval obtained under Sections 75 and 76 of the Act, such approval shall be deemed to be a direction to the contrary given in general meeting which will render the pre-emptive rights above inapplicable. In any case and in respect of any issuance of shares or convertible securities, the pre-emptive rights of Members are strictly as contained in the Constitution and accordingly, the provisions of Section 85 of the Act in respect of pre-emptive rights to new shares, shall not apply and the Company is not required to offer new shares or convertible securities in proportion to the shareholdings of the existing Members.
Validity of Electronic / Digital Signature	New provision	For the avoidance of doubt, any document or instrument transmitted by any technology purporting to include a signature and/or electronic or digital signature of any of the following persons:  (a) a holder of Shares; (b) a Director (including Alternate Director); (c) a committee member; (d) in the case of a corporation, which is a holder of shares, its director or secretary or a duly appointed attorney or duly authorised representative,  shall in the absence of express evidence to the contrary available to the person relying on such document or instrument at the relevant time, be deemed to be a document or instrument signed by such person in the terms in which it is received.