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## 中国南方航空股份有限公司 CHINA SOUTHERN AIRLINES COMPANY LIMITED

(a joint stock limited company incorporated in the People's Republic of China with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 1055)

# (1) GENERAL MANDATE TO ISSUE SHARES (2) GENERAL MANDATE TO ISSUE DEBT FINANCING INSTRUMENTS AND (3) NOTICE OF AGM

A notice convening the AGM to be held at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, 26 June 2014 at No. 1 Conference Room, 4th Floor, Pearl Hotel CSN, No. 5 Road, Southern Work District, Baiyun International Airport, Guangzhou, Guangdong Province, the PRC, a form of proxy to be used at the AGM and a reply slip are despatched by the Company together with this circular and are also published on the websites of the Stock Exchange (http://www.hkexnews.hk) and the Company (http://www.csair.com).

If you are not able to attend and/or vote at the general meeting, you are strongly urged to complete the accompanying form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return it to the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Hong Kong Registrars Limited, at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong as soon as possible and in any event not later than 24 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the general meeting or any adjournment thereof. Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting at the meeting or any adjourned meeting should you so wish.

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#### **DEFINITIONS**

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

"A Share(s)" A Share(s) of RMB1.00 each in the capital of the

Company

"AGM" an annual general meeting of the Company to be

convened at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, 26 June 2014

"Articles of Association" the articles of association of the Company, as amended

from time to time

"Board" the board of the Directors

"China" or "PRC" the People's Republic of China and, for the purpose of

this circular, excludes Hong Kong, the Macau Special

Administrative Region and Taiwan

"Company" China Southern Airlines Company Limited, a company

incorporated under the laws of the PRC whose H Shares, A Shares and American depositary receipts are listed on the Stock Exchange, the Shanghai Stock Exchange and the New York Stock Exchange, Inc.,

respectively

"CSAHC" China Southern Air Holding Company, a state-owned

enterprise established under the laws of the PRC and

the controlling shareholder of the Company

"CSRC" the China Securities Regulatory Commission

"Debt Financing Instruments" the debt financing instruments to be issued by the

Company and/or its controlled or wholly-owned subsidiary in one or multiple tranches, including but not limited to corporate bonds, ultra short-term financing bills, short-term financing bills, mid-term

notes

"Directors" the directors of the Company

"Group" the Company and its subsidiaries (as defined in the

Listing Rules)

"H Share(s)" H Share(s) of RMB1.00 each in the capital of the

Company

"Hong Kong" the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the

**PRC** 

	DEFINITIONS
"Latest Practicable Date"	17 April 2014, being the latest practicable date prior to the printing of this circular for ascertaining certain information contained herein
"Listing Rules"	The Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange
"Proposed Issuance"	the proposed issuance of the Debt Financing Instruments by the Company
"RMB"	Renminbi, the lawful currency of the PRC
"SASAC"	the State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the State Council of the PRC
"Shareholder(s)"	the holders of the Shares
"Share(s)"	the shares of RMB 1.00 each in the capital of the Company
"Stock Exchange"	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited



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#### **Directors:**

#### Non-Executive Directors:

Si Xian Min (Chairman of the Board) Wang Quan Hua Yuan Xin An Yang Li Hua

#### **Executive Directors:**

Tan Wan Geng Zhang Zi Fang Xu Jie Bo Li Shao Bin

#### Independent Non-Executive Directors:

Wei Jin Cai Ning Xiang Dong Liu Chang Le Tan Jin Song

#### **Supervisors:**

Pan Fu (Chairman of the Supervisory Committee) Li Jia Shi Zhang Wei Yang Yi Hua Wu De Ming **Registered address:** 278 Ji Chang Road

Guangzhou PRC 510405

23 April 2014

#### To the Shareholders

Dear Sir or Madam,

# (1) GENERAL MANDATE TO ISSUE SHARES (2) GENERAL MANDATE TO ISSUE DEBT FINANCING INSTRUMENTS AND

#### (3) NOTICE OF AGM

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Reference is made to the Company's announcement dated 28 March 2014 in relation to the proposed grant of the general mandate to issue Shares and the Proposed Issuance.

The purposes of this circular are, among other things, (1) to provide you with further information in relation to the proposed grant of general mandate to the Directors to issue Shares and the Proposed Issuance; and (2) to give you notice of the AGM, to enable you to make an informed decision on whether to vote for or against the resolutions at the AGM.

#### 2. GENERAL MANDATE TO ISSUE SHARES

In order to ensure flexibility and to give discretion to the Directors in the event that it becomes desirable to issue any Shares, a special resolution will be proposed at the AGM to give an unconditional general mandate to the Directors, to separately or concurrently, allot, issue, and deal with additional A Shares and H Shares of the Company and to make or grant offers, agreements or options in respect thereof, with an aggregate nominal value of not exceeding 20% of the aggregate nominal amount of each of the existing A Shares and H Shares issue as at the date of the relevant resolution to be proposed and passed at the AGM (the "General Mandate").

The General Mandate will lapse until the earlier of:

- (a) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
- (b) the expiration of the 12 months period following the passing of this resolution; and
- (c) the revocation or variation of the authority given to the Board under this resolution by a special resolution of the Shareholders in general meetings.

The Company shall obtain the approval of the CSRC and other relevant authorities for any issue of new Shares under the General Mandate. Pursuant to the relevant laws and regulations of the PRC, any further issuance of A Shares would still require the approval of the Shareholders at a general meeting even if the General Mandate were approved at the AGM.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the Company had in issue 9,817,567,000 Shares including 7,022,650,000 A Shares and 2,794,917,000 H Shares. Subject to the passing of the proposed resolution for the approval of the General Mandate and in accordance with the terms therein, the Company would be allowed to allot, issue and deal with up to a maximum of 1,404,530,000 A Shares and 558,983,400 H Shares, respectively, representing 20% of the number of A Shares and H Shares in issue, respectively on the basis that no further A Shares and H Shares will be issued by the Company prior to the AGM.

A separate special resolution will be proposed at the AGM to give a conditional general mandate to the Directors to increase the registered capital of the Company to reflect the issuance of Shares authorised under the General Mandate, and to make such appropriate and necessary amendments to the Articles of Association as they think fit to reflect such increase in the registered capital of the Company and to take any other action and complete any formality required to effect such increase of the registered capital of the Company.

#### GENERAL MANDATE TO ISSUE DEBT FINANCING INSTRUMENTS 3.

#### General

In order to meet the demand of the operation of the Company, optimize and adjust its debt structure and lower its financing costs, the Company proposes to issue one or a portfolio of Debt Financing Instruments in one or multiple tranches. In order to seize the market opportunity and improve the financing flexibility and efficiency, the Board has resolved to obtain the general mandate to issue the Debt Financing Instruments, which shall be subject to the Shareholders' approval by way of a special resolution at the AGM.

#### Particulars of Proposed Issuance

Particulars regarding the Proposed Issuance are as follows:

the Company and/or its wholly-owned or controlled Issuer:

subsidiary, and the specific issuer shall be determined

by the Board according to the needs of issuance

(ii) Issue size: the total balance of the Debt Financing Instruments

> outstanding will be within the permissible size for debt issuance in accordance with the provisions of the applicable laws, and the specific issue size shall be determined by the Board according to the capital needs

and the market situations

(iii) Term and type: not more than 15 years for one single-term instrument

> or a portfolio of instruments with various terms, and the specific term composition and the issue size of instruments with various terms shall be determined by the Board according to the relevant regulations and

market situations

(iv) Use of proceeds: the proceeds to be raised from the Proposed Issuance

> are intended to be used towards meeting the demand of the Company's operations, adjusting its debt structure, replenishing its working capital and/or funding its capital investments, among others, and the specific use of proceeds shall be determined by the Board according

to the capital needs

(v) Term of validity from the date of the passing of the resolution at the of the resolution:

AGM to the date of the annual general meeting of the

Company for the year 2014

If the Board and/or its authorised person has resolved to issue the Debt Financing Instruments within the term of the above general mandate and the Company has obtained the approval, permission or registration for the issuance from the relevant regulatory authorities within the term of the mandate, the Company may complete the issuance within the validity period of such approval, permission or registration.

#### Authorisation to the Board

It is proposed to the Shareholders at the AGM to authorise the Board, generally and unconditionally, to deal with the following in accordance with the specific needs of the Company and market conditions:

- (i) to determine the issuer, type, specific instruments, detailed terms, conditions and other matters relating to the Proposed Issuance (including, but not limited to, the issue size, principal amount, currency, issue price, interest rate or mechanism for determining the interest rate, issue place, issue timing, term, whether or not to issue in multiple tranches and number of tranches, whether or not to set repurchase or redemption terms, credit rating, guarantee, repayment term, use of proceeds, underwriting arrangements and all other matters relating to the Proposed Issuance);
- (ii) to carry out all necessary and ancillary actions and procedures (including, but not limited to, select and engage intermediary institutions, handle all approval, registration and filing procedures with the relevant regulatory authorities in connection with the Proposed Issuance on behalf of the Company, execute all necessary documents for the Proposed Issuance and handle any other matters relating to the issuance, repayment arrangement and trading of the Proposed Issuance);
- (iii) to approve, confirm and ratify any action or procedure relating to the Proposed Issuance as mentioned above already taken by the Company;
- (iv) to make adjustments to the specific proposals for the Proposed Issuance in accordance with the comments from the relevant regulatory authorities or the market conditions within the authority of the Board, in the case of any change in policies of regulatory bodies in relation to the Proposed Issuance, or any change of market conditions, except where voting at a general meeting is required by any relevant laws and regulations and the Articles of Association;
- (v) to determine and handle all relevant matters relating to the listing of the Debt Financing Instruments upon the completion of the Proposed Issuance;
   and
- (vi) to approve, execute and despatch any announcements or circulars relating to the Proposed Issuance and make any related disclosure in accordance with the listing rules of the relevant jurisdictions where the Shares are listed.

#### 4. AGM

A notice convening the AGM to be held at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, 26 June 2014 at No. 1 Conference Room, 4th Floor, Pearl Hotel CSN, No. 5 Road, Southern Work District, Baiyun International Airport, Guangzhou, Guangdong Province, the PRC, a form of proxy to be used at the AGM and a reply slip are despatched by the Company together with this circular and are also published on the websites of the Stock Exchange (http://www.hkexnews.hk) and the Company (http://www.csair.com).

In order to determine the list of Shareholders who are entitled to attend the AGM, the Company's register of members will be closed from Tuesday, 27 May 2014 to Thursday, 26 June 2014, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of H Shares will be effected. In order to attend and vote at the AGM, holders of H Shares whose transfers have not been registered shall deposit the transfer documents together with the relevant share certificates at the registrar of the Company in Hong Kong, Hong Kong Registrars Limited, at or before 4:30 p.m. on Monday, 26 May 2014, at Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong.

Whether or not you intend to attend the AGM, you are requested to complete and return (i) the reply slip in accordance with the instructions printed thereon not later than Thursday, 5 June 2014 and (ii) the form of proxy enclosed in the notice of AGM in accordance with the instructions printed thereon not less than 24 hours before the time fixed for holding the AGM or any adjournment thereof (as the case may be). Completion and return of the proxy form will not preclude you from attending the AGM and voting in person if you so wish.

#### 5. RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD

The Directors consider that all the resolutions proposed for consideration and approval by the Shareholders at the AGM are in the interests of the Group and the Shareholders as a whole. Accordingly, the Directors recommend the Shareholders to vote in favour of the resolutions to be proposed at the AGM as set out in the notice of AGM.

#### 6. 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.

By Order of the Board
Si Xian Min
Chairman



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#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the annual general meeting (the "**AGM**") of China Southern Airlines Company Limited (the "**Company**") will be held at No. 1 Conference Room, 4th Floor, Pearl Hotel CSN, No. 5 Road, Southern Work District, Baiyun International Airport, Guangzhou, Guangdong Province, the PRC on Thursday, 26 June 2014 at 2:30 p.m. for the purpose of considering, if thought fit, to approve the following resolutions. Unless otherwise indicated, capitalised terms used herein have the same meanings as those defined in the circular of the Company dated 23 April 2014 (the "**Circular**"):

#### AS ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS

To consider and, if thought fit, approve the following resolutions as ordinary resolutions:

- 1. to consider and approve the Report of the Directors of the Company for the year 2013;
- 2. to consider and approve the Report of the Supervisory Committee of the Company for the year 2013;
- 3. to consider and approve the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company for the year 2013;
- 4. to consider and approve the profit distribution proposal for the year 2013;

Under the PRC accounting standards, as at 31 December 2013, the Company realised the net profit of RMB1,128 million (excluding the undistributed revenue of the subsidiaries). According to the PRC Company Law, after withdrawing 10% of the net profits of the Company as the statutory surplus reserve amounting to RMB113 million, the remaining distributable profits of the Company amounted to RMB1,015 million. Under the IFRSs, the Company realised the net profit of RMB945 million (excluding the undistributed revenue of the investment entities), and after withdrawing the statutory surplus reserve amounting to RMB113 million, the distributable profits of the Company amounted to RMB832 million.

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The Board hereby proposed to declare a cash dividend of RMB393 million, or RMB0.4 per 10 shares (inclusive of applicable tax) based on the 9,817,567,000 issued shares of the Company. The cash dividend is denominated and declared in RMB and payable in RMB to holders of A shares, and in HKD to holders of H shares.

5. to consider and approve re-appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers Zhong Tian LLP to provide professional services to the Company for its domestic financial reporting, U.S. financial reporting and internal control of financial reporting for the year 2014 and PricewaterhouseCoopers to provide professional services to the Company for its Hong Kong financial reporting for the year 2014, and the authorize the Board to determine their remuneration.

#### AS SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

To consider and, if thought fit, approve the following resolutions as special resolutions:

- 6. "THAT the authorisation of the Board of the Company to allot, issue and deal with additional shares of the Company be and is hereby approved.
  - (1) subject to paragraph (3) of this resolution, the exercise by the Board of the Company during the Relevant Period (as defined in paragraph (4) of this resolution) of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with additional A Shares and/or H Shares of the Company (hereinafter referred to as "Shares") 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;
  - (2) this approval shall authorise the Board 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;
  - (3) the amount of additional A Shares and H Shares (as the case may be) allotted, issued and dealt with or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted, issued and dealt with either separately or concurrently by the Board of the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (1) of this resolution shall not exceed 20% of each of the Company's existing A Shares and H Shares (as the case may be) in issue at the date of passing this resolution; and
  - (4) for the purpose of this resolution:
    - "Relevant Period" means the period from the passing of this resolution until the earlier of:
    - (a) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;

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- (b) the expiration of the 12 months period following the passing of this resolution; and
- (c) the revocation or variation of the authority given to the Board of the Company under this resolution by a special resolution of the Company's shareholders in general meetings."
- 7. "THAT the Board of the Company be and is hereby authorised to increase the registered capital of the Company to reflect the issue of Shares authorised pursuant to the above resolution "to authorise the Board to allot issue, and deal with additional shares", and to make such appropriate and necessary amendments to the Articles of Association of the Company as they think fit to reflect such increase in the registered capital of the Company and to take any other action and complete any formality required to effect such increase of the registered capital of the Company."
- 8. "THAT the Board be and is hereby authorised, generally and unconditionally, to determine the specific debt financing instruments and issuance plan, and to issue, in one or multiple tranche(s), debt financing instruments within the permissible size for debt issuance in accordance with the provisions of the applicable laws and regulations."

# By Order of the Board of CHINA SOUTHERN AIRLINES COMPANY LIMITED Xie Bing and Liu Wei

Joint Company Secretaries

Guangzhou, the People's Republic of China

23 April 2014

As at the date of this notice, the Directors include Si Xian Min, Wang Quan Hua, Yuan Xin An and Yang Li Hua as non-executive Directors, Tan Wan Geng, Zhang Zi Fang, Xu Jie Bo and Li Shao Bin as executive Directors; and Wei Jin Cai, Ning Xiang Dong, Liu Chang Le and Tan Jin Song as independent non-executive Directors.

Notes:

#### 1. Persons who are entitled to attend the AGM

- a. Holders of the H Shares and A Shares whose names appear on the register of holders of H Shares and register of holders of A Shares of the Company respectively, at the close of trading in the afternoon of Monday, 26 May 2014 ("Eligible Shareholders") or their representatives are entitled to attend the AGM after completion of the required registration procedures in accordance with Note 2 "Registration procedures for attending the AGM". Holders of A Shares shall receive a notice separately.
- b. The directors, supervisors and senior management of the Company.
- Representatives of the professional advisers hired by the Company and special guests invited by the Board.

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#### 2. Registration procedures for attending the AGM

- a. Eligible Shareholders who intend to attend the AGM either in person or by proxy must deliver to the Company on or before Monday, 26 May 2014, in person or by post at the registration address of the Company, or by fax at (+86) 20-8665 9040, the reply slip, which is attached to the notices of the AGM as Attachment A.
- b. When attending the AGM, individual Eligible Shareholder or his/her proxy shall bring along his/her identity card. The legal representative of a corporate Eligible Shareholder attending the AGM shall bring along his/her identity card, together with a notarised copy of the resolution or power of attorney issued by the board of directors or other governing body of the corporate Eligible Shareholder to appoint such legal representative to attend the meeting.
- c. Holders of H Shares who intend to attend the AGM must deliver their instruments of transfer together with the relevant share certificates to Hong Kong Registrars Limited, the registrar of H Shares, at Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong, at or before 4:30 p.m. on Monday, 26 May 2014.
- d. 27 May 2014 to 26 June 2014 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of H Shares will be registered.

#### 3. Proxies

- a. An Eligible Shareholder has the right to appoint one or more proxies to attend the AGM and vote on his/her behalf. A proxy does not need to be a Shareholder. A proxy of a shareholder who has appointed more than one proxy may only vote on a poll.
- b. A proxy must be appointed by an Eligible Shareholder or his/her attorney by way of a form of proxy for the AGM, which is attached to the notice of AGM as Attachment B. If the proxy is appointed by the attorney of an Eligible Shareholder, the power of attorney or other authorisation document(s) authorizing such attorney to appoint the proxy must be notarised.
- c. To be valid, for holders of A Shares, the notarially certified power of attorney, or other document of authorisation, and the form of proxy must be delivered to the registered address of the Company no later than 24 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the AGM. To be valid, for holders of H Shares, the notarised power of attorney or other authorisation document(s), together with the completed form of proxy for the AGM, must be lodged with Hong Kong Registrars Limited within the same period of time.

#### 4. Miscellaneous

- a. The AGM is expected to last for not more than one day. Eligible Shareholders (or their proxies) who attend shall bear their own travelling and accommodation expenses.
- b. The address of the headquarter of the Company is:

1st Floor, No. 278 Ji Chang Road

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People's Republic of China

Telephone No.: (+86) 20-8612 4462 Facsimile No.: (+86) 20-8665 9040

Website: www.csair.com Contact person: Mao Lixing

c. Pursuant to Rule 13.39(4) of the Listing Rules, any vote of the shareholders at a general meeting must be taken by poll. Therefore, all resolutions proposed at the AGM shall be voted by poll.