



**SAIGON PORT  
JOINT STOCK COMPANY**

No: 03/BB-DHDCD-CSG

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*Ho Chi Minh City, April 24th, 2026*

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**2026 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS**  
**SAIGON PORT JOINT STOCK COMPANY**

**Name of company** : SAIGON PORT JOINT STOCK COMPANY  
**Business registration no** : 0300479714  
**Head office** : No. 03 Nguyen Tat Thanh, Xom Chieu Ward, Ho Chi Minh City  
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**Meeting time** : 08 hour 30, April 24th, 2026  
**Meeting Venue** : Head office of Saigon Port Joint Stock Company - No. 03 Nguyen Tat Thanh, Xom Chieu Ward, Ho Chi Minh City

**PART 1**  
**INTRODUCTION – OPENING OF THE MEETING**

**1.1 REPORT OF SHAREHOLDER ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION**

Members of the Shareholder Eligibility Verification Committee

- Mr. Nguyen Thanh Tuan, Deputy Head of General Affairs Department - Head of the Committee
- Ms. Nguyen Thi Thu Trang, Human Resources Department Specialist - Member of the Committee

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- Total number of shareholders invited to the General Meeting: All shareholders named in the list of shareholders as of March 23rd, 2026, owning **216,278,461** shares with voting rights of Saigon Port Joint Stock Company.
- The number of delegates attending the General Meeting includes **33** shareholders and shareholders' representatives, owning and representing **207,336,489** shares with voting rights, accounting for **95.8655%** of the total shares with voting rights of the Company.
- According to the Law on Enterprises and the Charter of Saigon Port, the 2026 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of Saigon Port Joint Stock Company is eligible to be conducted.

**1.2 APPROVAL OF THE WORKING REGULATIONS**

The General Meeting unanimously approved the Working Regulations.

**1.3 INTRODUCTION OF THE PRESIDIUM, SECRETARY OF THE GENERAL MEETING, AND VOTE COUNTING COMMITTEES**

**Presidium**

- Mr. Huynh Van Cuong                      Chairman of the BOD                      - Chairperson of the Meeting

- Mr. Nguyen Le Chon Tam      General Director      - Member of the Presidium
- Mr. Ly Quang Thai      Member of the BOD      - Member of the Presidium

#### Secretary

- Mr. To Thanh Tra      Corporate Governance Officer
- Mr. Nguyen Minh Huy      Internal Audit Department Specialist

#### Voting Ballot Counting Committee

- Mr. Nguyen Thanh Tuan      Deputy Head of General Affairs Department      - Head of the Committee
- Ms. Ta Hong Nguyen      Human Resources Department Specialist      - Member of the Committee
- Ms. Tran Thi Thanh Truc      Human Resources Department Specialist      - Member of the Committee
- Ms. Nguyen Thi Thu Trang      Human Resources Department Specialist      - Member of the Committee

#### Election Ballot Counting Committee

- Mr. Le Duc Nghia      Head of Human Resources Department      - Head of the Committee
- Ms. Ta Hong Nguyen      Human Resources Department Specialist      - Member of the Committee
- Ms. Tran Thi Thanh Truc      Human Resources Department Specialist      - Member of the Committee
- Ms. Pham Lam Minh Trang      Finance and Accounting Department Specialist      - Member of the Committee

The General Meeting unanimously approved the list of the Presidium, Secretary of the General Meeting, and the Vote Counting Committees as presented above.

#### 1.4 INTRODUCTION OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Huynh Van Cuong – Chairperson of the Meeting presented the agenda of the General Meeting. The General Meeting unanimously approved the agenda.

### PART 2 AGENDA OF THE GENERAL MEETING

The General Meeting reviewed the following presentations:

- **Report of the Board of Directors of Saigon Port Joint Stock Company submitted to the 2026 Annual General Meeting of shareholders**

Presenter: Mr. Vu Phuoc Long - Position: Member of the BOD

- **Report of the Board of Supervisors submitted to the 2026 Annual General Meeting of shareholders**

Presenter: Ms. Vu Thi Thanh Duyen - Position: Head of the Supervisory Board

- **Proposal regarding the 2025 business performance results and 2026 plan of Saigon Port Joint Stock Company**

Presenter: Mr. Nguyen Le Chon Tam - Position: General Director

- **Proposal regarding the investment, procurement, and repair plan for equipment and construction in 2026**

Presenter: Mr. Tran Ngoc Thach - Position: Deputy General Director

- **Proposal regarding the approval of the 2025 Separate Financial Statements and Consolidated Financial Statements of Saigon Port Joint Stock Company (Audited)**

Presenter: Ms. Tran Thu Giang - Position: Chief Accountant

- **Proposal regarding the appropriation of funds from the 2025 profit after tax**

Presenter: Ms. Tran Thu Giang - Position: Chief Accountant

- **Proposal regarding the approval of the implementation results of the Salary and Remuneration Fund for 2025 and the Salary and Remuneration Fund plan for 2026 for managers of Saigon Port Joint Stock Company**

Presenter: Mr. Le Duc Nghia - Position: Head of Human Resources Department

- **Proposal regarding the approval of amendments and supplementation to the Charter, the Regulations on Corporate Governance, and the Regulations on Operation of the Board of Directors of Saigon Port Joint Stock Company**

Presenter: Mr. Nguyen Thanh Nam - Position: Member of the Board of Directors

- **Proposal regarding the approval of the policy of not divesting the capital of Saigon Port Joint Stock Company in enterprises with controlling capital contributions**

Presenter: Mr. Nguyen Uyen Minh - Position: Deputy General Director

- **Proposal regarding the request for approval of the in-principle capital contribution to establish a joint venture company to invest in the Can Gio International Transshipment Port Project in Thanh An Commune, HCMC**

Presenter: Mr. Pham Truong Giang - Position: Deputy General Director

- **Proposal regarding the approval of the list of audit firms for the 2026 Financial Statements**

Presenter: Ms. Vu Thi Phuong Thao - Position: Member of the Board of Supervisors

- **Proposal regarding the approval of the Personnel to Participate in the Board of Directors and Supervisory Board of Saigon Port Joint Stock Company, Term 2026 - 2031.**

Presenter: Mr. Huynh Van Cuong - Position: Chairman of the BOD

### **PART 3 DISCUSSION**

Mr. Huynh Van Cuong – Chairman of the meeting, along with the Presidium, presided over the Discussion Session and addressed questions from shareholders.

**\* Question from a shareholder attending the meeting:** Recently, the People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh City issued Decision No. 2155/QĐ-UBND dated April 11, 2026, approving the investors for the Can Gio International Transshipment Port Project, including: Vietnam Maritime Corporation - JSC, Saigon Port Joint Stock Company, and a foreign partner from the international shipping line MSC. I request the Leadership of Saigon Port Joint Stock Company to clarify the orientation and cooperation potential with MSC to bring cargo to Can Gio International Transshipment Port.

Furthermore, as MSC is a major shipping line with cooperative relationships with numerous port entities worldwide, I request the representative of Saigon Port Joint Stock Company to present

the basis for ensuring the vessel throughput that MSC has committed to distributing to Can Gio International Transshipment Port.

- **Response: Mr. Nguyen Le Chon Tam - General Director:** Regarding the Can Gio International Transshipment Port, before and throughout the process of negotiation and collaborative research for the Project's implementation, Saigon Port and MSC have discussed and agreed upon the volume of container cargo that Can Gio International Transshipment Port will receive upon completion of construction and commencement of operations. This is the key factor for Saigon Port to cooperate in the research and investment of the project.

MSC is the world's largest shipping line, with a container cargo volume accounting for over 20% of the global market share; the allocation of cargo volume will depend on various factors such as efficiency, cost, and connectivity. Currently, Vietnam holds many advantages in labor costs and investment to receive regional container volumes. On the other hand, the Can Gio International Transshipment Port project is on the State's list of strategic investment projects, prioritized for attracting investors. These serve as solid foundations for the Can Gio International Transshipment Port to be researched, invested in, and constructed.

\* For questions that were not addressed at the General Meeting, the Secretariat will receive, compile, and report them to the Board of Directors and the Executive Board to respond to shareholders after the General Meeting concludes.

**PART 4  
SHAREHOLDER VOTING**

Total ballots distributed:	34 ballots	Total shares attending the Meeting:	<b>207,336,489</b> shares
Total ballots collected and counted:	<b>31</b> ballots	Total shares counted:	<b>207,332,377</b> shares, equivalent to <b>99.9980%</b> of distributed shares
Total ballots not collected:	03 ballots	Total shares not collected:	4,112 shares, equivalent to <b>0.0020%</b> of distributed shares

**Item 1: Report of the Board of Directors of Saigon Port Joint Stock Company submitted to the 2026 Annual General Meeting of shareholders.**

➤ **Voting results**

- + The number of shares agree: 207,332,377 - Rate: 100%
- + The number of shares disagree: 0 - Rate: 0%
- + The number of shares does not have opinion: 0 - Rate: 0%
- + Invalid shares: 0 - Rate: 0%

As the result, the Report of the Board of Directors of Saigon Port Joint Stock Company presented to the 2026 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders was approved with **100%** of shares with attending and voting rights.

**Item 2: Report of the Board of Supervisors submitted to the 2026 Annual General Meeting of shareholders.**

➤ **Voting results**

- + The number of shares agree: 207,332,377 - Rate: 100%
- + The number of shares disagree: 0 - Rate: 0%
- + The number of shares does not have opinion: 0 - Rate: 0%

+ Invalid shares: 0 - Rate: 0%

As the result, the Report of the Supervisory Board of Saigon Port Joint Stock Company presented to the 2026 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders was approved with **100%** of shares with attending and voting rights.

**Item 3: Proposal regarding the 2025 business performance results and 2026 plan of Saigon Port Joint Stock Company.**

➤ **Voting results**

+ The number of shares agree: 207,332,377	- Rate: 100%
+ The number of shares disagree: 0	- Rate: 0%
+ The number of shares does not have opinion: 0	- Rate: 0%
+ Invalid shares: 0	- Rate: 0%

As the result, the Proposal for the 2025 Business Results and the 2026 Business Plan of Saigon Port Joint Stock Company was approved with **100%** of shares with attending and voting rights.

**Item 4: Proposal regarding the investment, procurement, and repair plan for equipment and construction in 2026.**

➤ **Voting results**

+ The number of shares agree: 185,660,657	- Rate: 89.5474%
+ The number of shares disagree: 0	- Rate: 0%
+ The number of shares does not have opinion: 21,671,720	- Rate: 10.4526%
+ Invalid shares: 0	- Rate: 0%

As the result, the Proposal for the 2026 Investment Plan for Procurement, Equipment Repairs, and Construction was approved with **89.5474%** of shares with attending and voting rights.

**Item 5: Proposal regarding the approval of the 2025 Separate Financial Statements and Consolidated Financial Statements of Saigon Port Joint Stock Company (Audited).**

➤ **Voting results**

+ The number of shares agree: 207,330,977	- Rate: 99.9993%
+ The number of shares disagree: 0	- Rate: 0%
+ The number of shares does not have opinion: 1,400	- Rate: 0.0007%
+ Invalid shares: 0	- Rate: 0%

As the result, the Proposal on the Separate and Consolidated Financial Statements for 2025 of Saigon Port Joint Stock Company (Audited) was approved with **99.9993%** of shares with attending and voting rights.

**Item 6: Proposal regarding the appropriation of funds from the 2025 profit after tax.**

➤ **Voting results**

+ The number of shares agree: 190,049,477	- Rate: 91.6642%
+ The number of shares disagree: 16,090,000	- Rate: 7.7605%
+ The number of shares does not have opinion: 1,192,900	- Rate: 0.5754%
+ Invalid shares: 0	- Rate: 0%

As the result, the Proposal for the Allocation of Funds from the 2025 Profit After Tax was approved with **91.6642%** of shares with attending and voting rights.

*Note: Regarding this proposal, one shareholder has suggested a dividend payout ratio of 6% of the charter capital.*

**Item 7: Proposal regarding the approval of the implementation results of the Salary and Remuneration Fund for 2025 and the Salary and Remuneration Fund plan for 2026 for managers of Saigon Port Joint Stock Company.**

➤ **Voting results**

+ The number of shares agree: 207,330,977	- Rate: 99.9993%
+ The number of shares disagree: 0	- Rate: 0%
+ The number of shares does not have opinion: 1,400	- Rate: 0.0007%
+ Invalid shares: 0	- Rate: 0%

Thus, the Proposal for the approval of the 2025 Salary Fund and Remuneration Fund, and the 2026 Salary Fund plan of the Board of Directors, was approved by the General Meeting of Shareholders with a 99.9993% majority of participating and voting shares.

However, regarding the 2026 Remuneration Fund plan: Following the opinion of the shareholders of Vietnam Maritime Corporation, the Presidium requested the General Meeting of Shareholders not to approve the 2026 Remuneration Fund plan of the Board of Directors and the Supervisory Board of the Company as proposed in Proposal No. 496/TTr-HĐQT dated April 23, 2026, of the Board of Directors of Saigon Port Joint Stock Company. The General Shareholders' Meeting has instructed the Board of Directors of Saigon Port Joint Stock Company to review the planned remuneration for 2026 for the non-executive members of the Board of Directors and the Supervisory Board to determine a payment level that is appropriate for each position and responsibility of the members of the Board of Directors and the Supervisory Board, and to report this at the next annual General Shareholders' Meeting. Specifically, no remuneration will be paid to the position of Chairman of the Board of Directors of Saigon Port Joint Stock Company in 2026, as proposed by the Chairman of the Board of Directors personally.

❖ **Voting results by show of voting cards**

**Content:** The General Meeting of Shareholders did not approve the 2026 remuneration plan for the Board of Directors and Supervisory Board of Saigon Port Joint Stock Company as proposed in Report No. 496/TTr-HĐQT dated April 23, 2026, from the Board of Directors of Saigon Port Joint Stock Company. The General Meeting of Shareholders assigned the Board of Directors of Saigon Port Joint Stock Company to review the planned remuneration levels for 2026 for the non-executive members of the Board of Directors and Supervisory Board to determine appropriate payment levels for each position and responsibility of the Board members and report at the following year's annual General Meeting of Shareholders. Specifically, no remuneration will be paid to the position of Chairman of the Board of Directors of Saigon Port Joint Stock Company in 2026, as proposed by the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

+ <b>In favor:</b> 207,332,377 shares	- <b>Percentage:</b> 100%
+ <b>Against:</b> 0 shares	- <b>Percentage:</b> 0%
+ <b>Abstentions:</b> 0 shares	- <b>Percentage:</b> 0%
+ <b>Invalid:</b> 0 shares	- <b>Percentage:</b> 0%

**Item 8: Proposal regarding the approval of amendments and supplementation to the Charter, the Regulations on Corporate Governance, and the Regulations on Operation of the Board of Directors of Saigon Port Joint Stock Company.**

➤ **Voting results**

+ The number of shares agree: 207,332,377	- Rate: 100%
+ The number of shares disagree: 0	- Rate: 0%
+ The number of shares does not have opinion: 0	- Rate: 0%
+ Invalid shares: 0	- Rate: 0%

As the result, the Proposal for the Amendment and Supplement of the Charter, the Internal Corporate Governance Regulations, and the Operating Regulations of the Board of Directors of Saigon Port Joint Stock Company was approved with **100%** of shares with attending and voting rights.

**Item 9: Proposal regarding the approval of the policy of not divesting the capital of Saigon Port Joint Stock Company in enterprises with controlling capital contributions.**

➤ **Voting results**

+ The number of shares agree: 185,660,657	- Rate: 89.5474%
+ The number of shares disagree: 0	- Rate: 0%
+ The number of shares does not have opinion: 21,671,720	- Rate: 10.4526%
+ Invalid shares: 0	- Rate: 0%

As the result, the Proposal for the Approval of the Policy Not to Divest the Capital Contributed by Saigon Port Joint Stock Company at Enterprises with Controlling Capital Contributions was approved with **89.5474%** of shares with attending and voting rights.

**Item 10: Proposal regarding the request for approval of the in-principle capital contribution to establish a joint venture company to invest in the Can Gio International Transshipment Port Project in Thanh An Commune, HCMC.**

➤ **Voting results**

+ The number of shares agree: 171,919,550	- Rate: 82.9198%
+ The number of shares disagree: 16,090,000	- Rate: 7.605%
+ The number of shares does not have opinion: 19,322,327	- Rate: 9.3195%
+ Invalid shares: 500	- Rate: 0.0002%

As the result, the Proposal for Consideration and Approval of the Policy to Contribute Capital to Establish a Joint Venture Company to Invest in the Can Gio International Transshipment Port Project at Thanh An Commune, Ho Chi Minh City was approved with **82.9198%** of shares with attending and voting rights.

**Item 11: Proposal regarding the approval of the list of audit firms for the 2026 Financial Statements.**

➤ **Voting results**

+ The number of shares agree: 207,330,477	- Rate: 99.9991%
+ The number of shares disagree: 0	- Rate: 0%
+ The number of shares does not have opinion: 1,400	- Rate: 0.0007%
+ Invalid shares: 500	- Rate: 0.0002%

As the result, the Proposal for Approval of the List of Auditing Firms for the 2026 Financial Statements was approved with **99.9991%** of shares with attending and voting rights.

**Item 12: Proposal regarding the approval of the Personnel to Participate in the Board of Directors and Supervisory Board of Saigon Port Joint Stock Company, Term 2026 - 2031**

➤ **Voting results**

+ The number of shares agree: 206,132,677	- Rate: 99.4214%
+ The number of shares disagree: 0	- Rate: 0%
+ The number of shares does not have opinion: 1,199,200	- Rate: 0.5784%
+ Invalid shares: 500	- Rate: 0.0002%

As the result, the Proposal regarding the Personnel to Participate in the Board of Directors and Supervisory Board of Saigon Port Joint Stock Company, Term 2026 – 2031 was approved with **99.4214%** of shares with attending and voting rights.

#### ❖ Results of the vote by raising voting cards

**Item No. 1:** Dismissal of the following individuals from their positions as members of the Board of Directors of Saigon Port Joint Stock Company for the term 2021-2026: Huynh Van Cuong, Vu Phuoc Long, Nguyen Van Phuong, Nguyen Thanh Nam, Ly Quang Thai, Trinh Thi Ngoc Bien, Do Thi Thanh Thuy, Ho Thi Thu Hien, and Le Van Chien.

+ The number of shares agree: 207,332,377	- Rate: 100%
+ The number of shares disagree: 0	- Rate: 0%
+ The number of shares does not have opinion: 0	- Rate: 0%
+ Invalid shares: 0	- Rate: 0%

**Item No. 2:** Approval of the number of Board of Directors members to be elected for the 2026-2031 term is 7.

+ The number of shares agree: 207,332,377	- Rate: 100%
+ The number of shares disagree: 0	- Rate: 0%
+ The number of shares does not have opinion: 0	- Rate: 0%
+ Invalid shares: 0	- Rate: 0%

**Item No. 3:** Approval of the list of candidates for election to the Board of Directors for the 2026-2031 term, including Mr./Mrs.: Nguyen Canh Tinh, Nguyen Le Chon Tam, Nguyen Thanh Nam, Ly Quang Thai, Nguyen Uyen Minh, Le Van Chien, Ho Thi Thu Hien.

+ The number of shares agree: 207,332,377	- Rate: 100%
+ The number of shares disagree: 0	- Rate: 0%
+ The number of shares does not have opinion: 0	- Rate: 0%
+ Invalid shares: 0	- Rate: 0%

**Item No. 4:** Dismissal of the following individuals from their positions as members of the Board of Supervisors of Saigon Port for the 2021-2026 term: Vu Thi Thanh Duyen, Vu Thi Phuong Thao, and Chu Thi Nga.

+ The number of shares agree: 207,332,377	- Rate: 100%
+ The number of shares disagree: 0	- Rate: 0%
+ The number of shares does not have opinion: 0	- Rate: 0%
+ Invalid shares: 0	- Rate: 0%

**Item No. 5:** Approval of the number of Board of Supervisors members to be elected for the 2026-2031 term is 3.

+ The number of shares agree: 207,332,377	- Rate: 100%
+ The number of shares disagree: 0	- Rate: 0%
+ The number of shares does not have opinion: 0	- Rate: 0%
+ Invalid shares: 0	- Rate: 0%

**Item No. 6:** Approval of the list of candidates for election to the Board of Supervisors for the term 2026 – 2031, including Mr./Mrs.: Hoang Viet, Nguyen Thi Hang, Nguyen Thi My Hanh

+ The number of shares agree: 207,332,377	- Rate: 100%
+ The number of shares disagree: 0	- Rate: 0%

+ The number of shares does not have opinion: 0 - Rate: 0%

+ Invalid shares: 0 - Rate: 0%

❖ **Results of the Election of Members of the Board of Directors for the Term 2026 - 2031:**

Total candidates: 07 persons

Number of BOD members elected for the term 2026 – 2031: 07 persons

Total ballots issued: 34 ballots, corresponding to 207,336,489 shares, accounting for 100% of distributed shares.

Total ballots collected: 31 ballots, corresponding to 207,332,377 shares, accounting for 99.998% of distributed shares.

Total ballots not collected: 3 ballots, corresponding to 4,112 shares, accounting for 0.002% of distributed shares.

Total valid ballots: 31 ballots, corresponding to 207,332,377 shares, accounting for 99.998% of distributed shares.

Total invalid ballots: 0 ballots, corresponding to 0 shares, accounting for 0% of distributed shares.

No	Candidate	Total Votes	Rate %	Result
1	Mr. Nguyen Canh Tinh	387,422,578	186.8569%	Elected to the BOD
2	Mr. Nguyen Le Chon Tam	153,498,596	74.0336%	Elected to the BOD
3	Mr. Nguyen Thanh Nam	153,500,596	74.0345%	Elected to the BOD
4	Mr. Ly Quang Thai	153,498,196	74.0334%	Elected to the BOD
5	Mr. Nguyen Uyen Minh	153,498,596	74.0336%	Elected to the BOD
6	Mr. Le Van Chien	199,983,964	96.4538%	Elected to the BOD
7	Mrs. Ho Thi Thu Hien	249,924,113	120.5403%	Elected to the BOD

❖ **Results of the Election of Members of the Supervisory Board for the Term 2026 - 2031:**

Total candidates: 03 persons

Number of Supervisory Board members elected for the term 2026 – 2031: 03 persons

Total ballots issued: 34 ballots, corresponding to 207,336,489 shares, accounting for 100% of distributed shares.

Total ballots collected: 31 ballots, corresponding to 207,332,377 shares, accounting for 99.998% of distributed shares.

Total ballots not collected: 3 ballots, corresponding to 4,112 shares, accounting for 0.002% of distributed shares.

Total valid ballots: 31 ballots, corresponding to 207,332,377 shares, accounting for 99.998% of distributed shares.

Total invalid ballots: 0 ballots, corresponding to 0 shares, accounting for 0% of distributed shares.

<b>No</b>	<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Total Votes</b>	<b>Rate %</b>	<b>Result</b>
1	Mr. Hoang Viet	171,927,750	82.9221%	Elected to the BOS
2	Mrs. Nguyen Thi Hang	171,927,750	82.9221%	Elected to the BOS
3	Mrs. Nguyen Thi My Hanh	278,141,631	134.1499%	Elected to the BOS

**PART 5**  
**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MEETING AND RESOLUTIONS**

On behalf of the Secretariat of the General Meeting, Mr. To Thanh Tra read the Draft Minutes of the 2026 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of Saigon Port Joint Stock Company. The General Meeting voted and unanimously approved the full text of the Minutes with 100% of votes in agreement.

On behalf of the Secretariat of the General Meeting, Mr. To Thanh Tra read the Draft Resolution of the 2026 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of Saigon Port Joint Stock Company. The General Meeting voted and unanimously approved the full text of the Resolution with 100% of votes in agreement.

These Minutes of Meeting shall be archived at Saigon Port Joint Stock Company.

The 2026 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of Saigon Port Joint Stock Company concluded at 11 hours 45 minutes on April 24th, 2026./.

**SECRETARY OF THE  
GENERAL MEETING**

**CHAIRPERSON OF THE  
GENERAL MEETING**

**TO THANH TRA**

**CHAIRMAN OF THE BOD  
HUYNH VAN CUONG**